

MANITOU MESSENGER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- ✦ **5/2, 9am - MEMBERSHIP INFO SESSION, Moose Lodge ***
- ✦ **6/13, NOON - OPENING OF THE LAKE PARADE, Moose Lodge**
- ✦ **6/27, 9am - ANNUAL MEETING/OFFICER ELECTION, Moose Lodge**
- ✦ **7/18, NOON - LMA POKER RUN, start at Moose Lodge**
- ✦ **8/15, LMA ANNUAL PARTY, details to come**
- ✦ **9/5, 9am - MEMBERSHIP INFO SESSION, Moose Lodge**

MEMBERSHIP

DIAMOND - \$1,000

PLATINUM - \$500

GOLD - \$250

SILVER - \$100

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

**3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 PM, ROCHESTER CITY HALL**

MEMBER INVITATION

Who is ready to kick off the season on Lake Manitou? We look forward to cruising in the pontoon, riding the waves on jet-skis and making wonderful memories with family and friends! We know you do, too!

This year, we are looking to expand our annual membership and get the word out to those who may not know about our organization or understand its purpose. We are grateful for our faithful members who support our mission to implement long-term sustainable efforts to protect and preserve the ecosystem of Lake Manitou and its watershed. Each carefully-planned project is funded by your annual membership donations as well as various grants that we may be fortunate to receive.

Are you new to the Lake Manitou community? Do you have a new neighbor this year? We invite you to learn about our organization. **We will conduct our first Information Session on May 2nd, 9am at the Moose Lodge*.** Join us for answers to your questions about membership and upcoming projects.

A Membership Form is located on the back of this newsletter. You may clip it and mail it in with your payment. Or, you can **visit our website at lakemanitou.org and select "Become a Member" to pay your membership dues online.**

We look forward to a fun and memorable year on the lake and thank you for being a vital part of our mission!

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*** Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, please continue to monitor our website or facebook page in the event this meeting must be rescheduled for a later date.**

DREDGING PROGRAM

Public notices have been sent out as part of the permitting process for our upcoming dredging projects over the next several years. Removal of sediment will allow for better navigation in the proposed areas. Additional data is being collected over the next several weeks and will be submitted to the State for final approval. We will have additional information available on our website once we have received final permits. Dredging projects are expected to begin this Fall.



3rd Channel Dredging Project, 2018

BEAVER DAM REMOVAL

We have been working with the County to clean up areas of Graham Ditch that are blocked by beaver dams. We are also targeting a cleaning of the system upstream of this area in 2022.



TURBIDITY CURTAIN EXPERIMENT

Last year, we installed turbidity curtains on White Creek to experiment with the re-direction of sediment to be cleaned out. We are currently working with the State and providing results of this experiment to hopefully gain permission to re-install these curtains for future management of sediment in this area and possibly others.

2020 ASSOCIATION BOARD

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| David Heyde, President | Steve Hearn |
| Wayne Holleman, Vice President | Mary Ellen Lowe |
| Jim Ewen, Secretary | Joe Martin |
| Nickie McBee, Treasurer | Abby Renie |
| Kenny Anderson | Greg Robinson |
| Nick Bokan | Cathy Simmons |
| Gary Bryant | Jennifer Wilcox, Administrator |



FISHERMAN, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have contracted to work with Herman Brothers Lake and Land Management to conduct an electro-fishing survey of our lake. This survey will give us a great snapshot of our current fish populations, allowing Herman Brothers to create the best management plan for Lake Manitou. They will conduct 2 surveys this year, once in Spring, and again in Fall.

In addition to the electro-fishing survey, **we have a brief questionnaire for our local fisherman, and encourage participation.** The information submitted will assist us in documenting the history of the fishing quality on the lake. **Please visit our website at www.lakemanitou.org/fish-survey to answer 3 important questions regarding your experiences with fishing on Lake Manitou. We thank you for your time!**



Migrating American White Pelicans
on Lake Manitou, Spring 2020

AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM

Aquatic Weed Control will be handling our chemical treatment program for 2020. This is the company that the state used when treating the hydrilla problem. AWC has an established relationship with the state, which will assist with the permitting process. The testing AWC utilizes will replace the bio-mapping process we have utilized in the past. This testing is viewed more favorably with the state and is the same testing used during the hydrilla treatment years. Not only will we gain the benefit of 10 years worth of data, AWC has already applied for a LARE (Lake & River Enhancement) funding program for the 2-tier testing that could potentially save us money. We have also applied for a grant from the Community Foundation to assist us with some of the costs of this program.

The individual “Lake Paks” for personal aquatic plant control are available for order through May.

See our website for pricing information and order form.

OUR GOALS

- Monitor and manage healthy plant life.
- Keep invasive species from establishing.
- Maintain dredging programs that monitor and clean out sediment basins; explore opening up navigable waterways.
- Educate residents on how to minimize man-made contributions to water quality, such as boat traffic, lawn treatments, and sea wall construction.
- Pursue sustainable sediment collection systems for Rain Creek.
- Support the Soil & Water Conservation District as they work with LARE to study our watershed south of the lake, and utilize recommendations for sediment collection basins upstream.
- Monitor our fish health and population and implement programs to improve the fishing quality.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Silver Member - \$100
- Gold Member - \$250
- Platinum Member - \$500
- Diamond Member - \$1,000



Thank You for your SUPPORT!

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Lake Ph: _____ Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Your support is the heartbeat of Lake Manitou. To become a member, complete the information above, select your membership category, and submit the corresponding dues along with this postcard. **Please make checks out to: Lake Manitou Association. Mail to: P.O. Box 376, Rochester, IN 46975.** Dues are for current calendar year. EMAIL US with any questions: info@lakemanitou.org -- Visit our website: lakemanitou.org