

MANITOU MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 11th, Noon - Moose
Opening of the Lake Parade**

**June 18th, 9am - Annual
Meeting & Election of the
Board, Moose Lodge**

(Must be a member to vote)

July 2nd - Fireworks over Lake
Manitou

July 23rd - Fishing Clinic

July 30th - Poker Run on Lake
Manitou

August 27th, 11am - Q&A
Session with LMA Board / Meet
& Greet for new residents at
The Elks Lodge

**JOIN US FOR
MONTHLY BOARD
MEETINGS**

**3rd THURSDAY EACH MONTH
6:30 PM
AT ROCHESTER ELKS**

Summer is almost here!



The Lake Manitou Association has been working diligently to prepare the lake for another great season! We want to thank all of the members and donors who have contributed to our mission so far this year. Your annual contributions assist in covering the costs of projects implemented to protect our ecosystem, recreational activities and ultimately our collective investment and enjoyment of the lake.

We encourage all residents to be a part of the mission to keep Lake Manitou a great place to live and play! Annual membership dues letters were mailed out in January to all lake residents and businesses. If you are new to the community or you did not receive your membership letter, please fill out the form on the back and return to us along with your membership dues. We thank you for your support!

We also want to thank our local businesses, clubs and service providers for making our community so special. Don't forget to support them this summer!



AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL

We continue to contract for Tier 2 testing to ensure the necessary plant life needed for our fishery and ecosystem is viable. With that assurance in mind, we have applied for aquatic plant control treatments designed to access areas most susceptible to plant affecting public navigation. The state allows us two (2) permits, one for the main portion of the lake, and one for what the state considers channel areas. In the map below, the "main" lake areas to be treated are highlighted in yellow. The "channel" areas are highlighted in blue. All areas in yellow are paid from the Association general fund. (Please note that if plants are not present, no treatment will occur in the particular area). All blue areas will require individual residents to apply and pay for treatments if residents in those areas wish to do so. If you are located in a blue area and have not received a treatment sign-up notification, please contact Jim at Aquatic Weed Control at 574-533-2597 or via email jim@aquaticweedcontrol.com

Aquatic Plant Treatment Map



NEW SIGNS



We are installing a new 4x8 informational sign at the boat ramp just north of the Elks Golf Course. We are also updating the sign at the north boat ramp on State Road 14 to remind everyone of the basic navigation and safety rules while enjoying the lake.

PRAIRIE / ECO ZONE

Now that the Prairie has been reduced in size, we need to add additional protection to the area. We will be installing dusk to dawn lights on the Prairie buoys for safer nighttime navigation. This area is marked off and registered with the state so they can enforce the no navigation rule. If you notice watercraft motoring through the Prairie/Eco Zone, please report it to the DNR.

PERIMETER BUOYS

Based on Member input and concerns, we are adding nine (9) new lighted buoys along the perimeter of the lake.

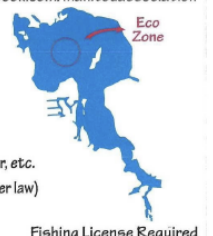
Please remember that when navigating within the areas between the buoys and the shoreline, you must travel at idle speed and perpendicular to the shoreline (Navigating parallel to the shoreline poses a significant safety risk to swimmers).

If you notice a light not working on a buoy, please contact us so we can resolve the issue.

THE LAKE MANITOU ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU

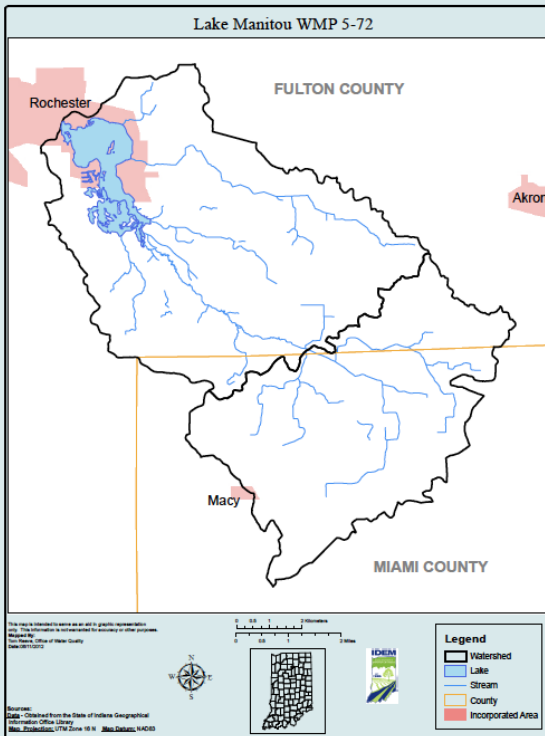
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- All motorized boats must be registered
- A US Coast Guard approved life jacket / vest is required for each person on board
- Navigation lights must be displayed sunset to sunrise
- The maximum speed is 10 mph between sunset and sunrise
- Operators of boats over 10 horsepower must have a valid drivers license or be certified through a boaters course
- An observer must accompany the driver when pulling a skier, tuber, etc.
- Idle inside perimeter buoys perpendicular to shoreline (200 feet per law)
- No boats under power allowed in the Eco Zone (marked with white buoys in the center of the lake)



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COLLABORATION

We are in the early stages of collaboration with the Fulton County Soil & Water Conservation District to create a more aggressive plan to reduce the amount of run-off into our massive 28,000 acre watershed. (See Map). Water testing, dredging projects to collect sediment and ongoing conservancy practices upstream are being considered as we move forward. As a resident, there are some simple ways in which you can help:



WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Pick up your pet's waste
2. Use phosphorous free fertilizer
3. Dispose of yard waste (leaves, grass clippings) properly - NEVER blow them into the lake
4. Install glacial stone along your concrete seawall - this will reduce wave activity which helps to prevent erosion
5. Avoid feeding the ducks, geese and swans
6. Remove invasive plant species from your property
7. Don't use the lake as a bath - soaps, detergents and shampoos are harmful to aquatic life
8. When operating your boat at high speeds, distance yourself from the shoreline, islands and shallow areas to avoid stirring up the lake bottom and causing harmful erosion

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Community response to the establishment of the **Lake Manitou Maintenance and Sustainability Fund** has been tremendous! We are so appreciative and thankful for these individuals and businesses for supporting this endowment fund. The Fund was created to provide long-term conservation, support and protection efforts of Lake Manitou. We recognize and thank our 2021 founding donors:

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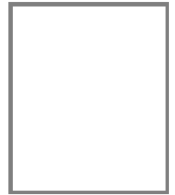
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If you are interested in learning more about this endowment fund, please contact Brian Johnson, Director of Development at Northern Indiana Community Foundation, at 574-224-3223 or nicf.org



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It's not too late to get your membership dues in! Simply return the form below along with your check or pay online at <https://www.lakemanitou.org/join>

We look forward to seeing you out enjoying time with family and friends on the water this year!

Cheers to another great summer on Lake Manitou!

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: _____

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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