

Muskellunge Lake Association, Inc.

Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE – Mark Fouts, mark@markfouts.com 715-828-2127

Hello MLA, friends and family,

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying everything that "summer at the lake" brings. Although it's been wet and windy, the water is clear and the "good" aquatic vegetation is coming in nicely.

Our BOD and committees have been busy working on several things for us since the last newsletter in November. We are working on website maintenance, boat landing items, lake level issues, aerator, maintenance, and our annual meeting.

Thanks to all of you who are so willing to jump in and help when called upon!

Please save the dates for:

July 4 boat party tie-up - out on the water

August 10th annual meeting - Saint Germain Park pavilion

Thanks, Mark Fouts

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lori Hubers, Wilderness3hb@aol.com 920-738-7049

Description (03/23/2024)	Amount
48-month CD	-
Current checking balance	7,279.34
Allocated to Lake Improvement	26,124.30
Current savings balance	3,198.43
Money Market balance	50,816.48
Total of all accounts as of 11/16/23	87,418.55
Lake Owners Paying Dues	Out of 121 property owners 106 paid



WELCOME COMMITTEE – Deb Fouts,

Since our November 2024 Newsletter the following new property owner(s) have been sent a Welcome Packet with their Membership & Dues invoice:

1/7/24 Jonathan Jakusz Lot #458 6408 Evergreen Lane (Bohlman)

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Bonnie Duffee larnbonn@gmail.com 715-477-0792

Cards sent since the last newsletter:

- Sympathy card sent to Cameron & Dawn Giese on the death of Dawn's mother
- Sympathy card sent to Mark Gritzmacher on the death of his mother
- Get Well card sent to Roxy Forsythe after a medical procedure
- Get Well card sent to Peggy Dosemagen after she had a fall and broke her wrist
- Sympathy card sent to Tim and Kim Finch on the death of Tim's mother.

Please remember to give me a call or send an email if you feel I should send a card to someone. Thank you.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – OPEN POSITION with Cheryl Breitenfeldt and Peggy Dosemagen.

We had a successful winter social gathering at the VFW this year. There were 63 people that signed up and 59 in attendance. Thanks to all those that brought baskets and other items for our raffle we were able to profit \$1400 for the Association. The winner of the coveted muskellunge lake mug was Danzl/Rumsfeld, Joe & Alma.

We will be having our annual general membership meeting at St. Germain park pavilion on August 10, beginning at 9 AM. We will provide coffee, water and pastries at the meeting for those in attendance. Hope to see you there!

WEBMASTER – Mike Wallner, mikewallner@hotmail.com 715-423-1673

We are trying to do some maintenance on the MLA website. It is coded in a program called "WordPress" which we have only a limited knowledge of the operation.

If any of our members have used this program in the past, please contact Mike.

FACEBOOK - Cheryl Breitenfeldt, breitenfeldts@gmail.com

We have 110 members on our private site. Members continue to share pictures and communications pertaining to our lake and properties. Remember; the Files tab houses documents related to lake use, board meetings, etc.



BOAT LANDING – John Kurhajec, jwk42247@gmail.com 715-479-1703

The Forestry Department has decided we need a larger parking lot at the landing and have removed a large number of trees. We were not given the opportunity for our input regarding their reasoning behind such a move.

Wake Boat Restriction. The Town of Cloverland recently passed an ordinance restricting the use of "wake boats" on any town lake. Operating boats in a stern down manner can disturb lake sediment as deep as 20 feet. This would only increase the fertility and turbidity in our shallow lake. See this town ordinance. <https://www.townofcloverland.wi.gov/ordinances#drw>

Finally, a friendly reminder that there is a Town of Cloverland Ordinance in place which designates the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:00 AM as slow/no wake on the entire lake. Please be courteous to our lake community and visitors.

FISHERIES – Wayne Breitenfeldt, breitenfeldtw@gmail.com 920-684-5459

Discussions around the lake about the overharvesting of fish this winter. We have yet to see the official results of the activities this winter but a pan fish survey may be done in 2025. In April 8 there is a county meeting to discuss regulations. Also, the WI DNR spring meetings are held online.

AERATOR – Joe Hubers, jozo49@aol.com 920-850-8733

This was a strange year with the weather affecting the ice. We discussed new perimeters but agreed this was not needed. New augers were purchased. We approved an expenditure of no more than \$350 to purchase 2 new hand drills and 2 lithium batteries. New rope and a spool will need to be purchased before next winter (From March, 2024 meeting).

WATER QUALITY – Jeff Rappold, musky.board@gmail.com 920-585-9133

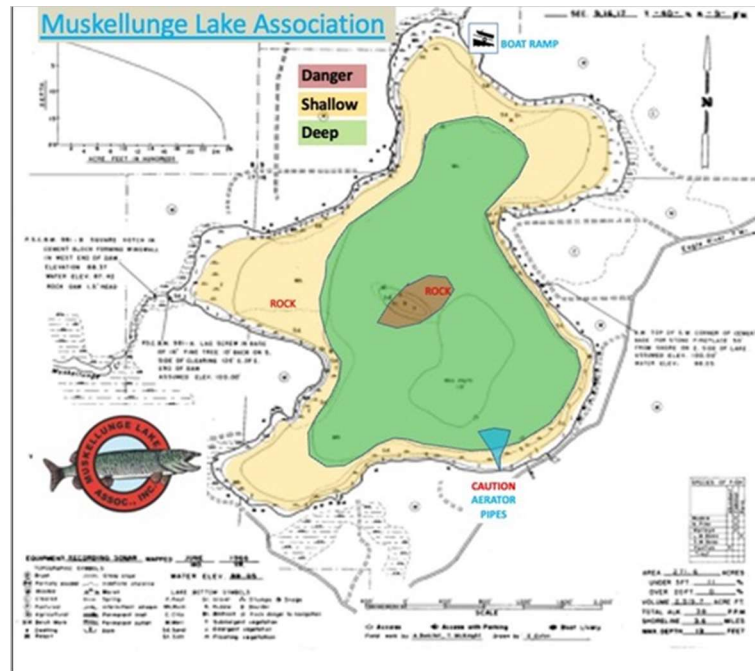
Spring 2024 Water Quality Report

Not much new to report yet this year. As you know we had a very mild winter. An unusually early Ice Out meant that our oxygen levels likely stayed in good shape all winter. I'm sure our fishery enjoyed that. We had a brief time the lake refroze over but clear ice and spring sunshine kept the weed growth going helping the oxygen levels as well. You can always check our entire history of water quality indicators at this DNR site. <https://dnr-wisconsin.shinyapps.io/WaterExplorer/?stationid=643137>

As always, be mindful of not using fertilizers near the lake, keep your septic in good order and minimize stirring up the bottom muck. All of these add to the nutrients in the lake.



Vacation time is upon us and most are ready for some recreating on Muskellunge Lake. A simple reminder is to be courteous to your neighbors with whom you share these waters. Be kind to the lake with your recreating so it continues to be the place we all can enjoy for many years.



Muskellunge Lake Association

The Muskellunge Lake Association welcomes you to the lake. Your neighbors/our members would like to share some common courtesies to consider while visiting our neighborhood. Its fishery, wildlife and people will all appreciate it.

Boating and No Wake

- This is a public lake, and all Wisconsin boating, fishing and game laws apply here.
- Slow no wake is necessary when within 200' of shore, pier, other watercraft, and people in the water.
- By town ordinance, please observe a slow/no wake hours between 6:00 PM and 9:00 AM. Please respect these quiet times by limiting your boating speeds during the times.

Boat landing

- Minimize Power Loading at the boat ramp. Too much power in the shallow water is pushing sediment out past the pier and digging out the bottom supporting the concrete ramp pieces. Use your winch please.
- Invasive Species. Please follow all the Clean Boats Clean Water's guidelines when entering or leaving the lake. We have had to deal with an invasion of Eurasian Water Milfoil. Controlling it is very expensive, preventing it is your obligation.

For More Information
 Check our website for more details of the Muskellunge Lake Area and some history of the lake.
www.muskellungelake.com
 Email - musky.board@gmail.com

In Case of Emergency
 Fire, Medical, Police - 911
 Vilas Co. Sheriff - 715.479.4441
 DNR Warden, Tim Price - 715.892.0054, 800.847.9367
 Vilas County Forestry - 715.479.6190

Courtesy while boating in shallow waters

- Muskellunge Lake is a very fertile and a hallow lake. Phosphorus is the primary nutrient in this lake. Much of this phosphorus is contained in the sediment that comes from the decaying plants and algae in the lake. When your prop wash stirs up the sediment, you are re-mixing the fertilizer back into the water column.
- Reduce your speeds in the shallow water to limit the disturbance of the lake bottom. Watch how deep your stern is a quarter and look behind you if you are stirring up the muck, slow down.
- Reduce your speeds to minimize the cutting of plants. Native plants are an indicator of a healthy lake and will help control invasives like Eurasian Water Milfoil. No one appreciates the mess on their shore line or the time it takes to clean up after others.
- Muskellunge lake is naturally quite cloudy, and our aquatic plants normally only grow out to only 8' to 10' of depth. Please keep your high-speed water sports out in the deeper waters. Use your locator or a lake map as your guide. See the map on the reverse as a general guide.

Muskellunge Lake Thanks You!



INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL – Jeff Rappold, musky.board@gmail.com 920-585-9133

Keep Our Lake Invasive Free

As a reminder to most of you, Muskellunge Lake is currently free of Eurasian Water Milfoil an invasive species. This is in large part due the efforts of the MLA Board, lots of money and thousands of hours of volunteer time over the last 7+ years. While we will continue to regularly monitor the lake, all of our cost share control grants are now exhausted. We are on our own going forward preventing and controlling any future invasive discovery.

Our single largest threat is a new invasion likely coming in from the boat landing. How can you HELP?



Many of you rarely get to the boat landing. We have erected this sign and painted various reminders on the pavement at the landing. Please remind your family and visitors how important it is to practice Clean Boats / Clean Waters (CBCW) tactics by removing any foreign material when entering and when leaving Muskellunge Lake. Do your part. This is vitally important.



CALENDAR and SPECIAL EVENTS

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2. August 10th annual meeting - Saint Germain Park pavilion

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