

MANITOU MESSENGER

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2024 EVENTS

Board meetings:

Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks to the board committee and all members who put these events together and then make them happen. Here is what they have so far ... stay tuned!

See more events on page 3



Summer is right around the corner!

Membership Support

As we reflect on our past accomplishments and look to the future, we are grateful for the support we obtain from our members and local entities that fund what we do.

In the last few years, we have grown our membership because residents see value in what we do. Thanks to the board who debates and processes stakeholder input and makes reality out of that input.

We sent reminders in January and February to all residents to pay your 2024 membership dues. As of this date, we are hovering around \$65,000. Thanks to those who have sent their memberships in — getting these funds early in the year makes our budgeting and spending much easier to manage. For those who have not paid, a reminder — we still need your support.

What membership pays for?

1. Perimeter buoys and ecosystem buoys and the maintenance of them
2. Aquatic plant monitoring
3. Aquatic plant control in main navigable areas (see map on next page)
4. Signs by boat ramps, newsletters and safety information
5. Water quality monitoring
6. Fishery monitoring
7. Dredging projects and sediment collection projects
8. Fishing clinics
9. DNR classes for boating
10. Fireworks
11. Poker run and other social events
12. Historical boat tours
13. We support the clubs and businesses that make our lake great. We promote the lifestyle of lake living and do what we can to protect the ecosystem that makes Manitou the jewel of Fulton County. Through our combined efforts and your financial support, we promote the lake and help protect your investment.

AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL

We continue to monitor our vital plant life through the Tier 2 testing program to ensure the necessary plant life needed for our fishery and ecosystem is viable. Each year, based on that data, we apply for permitting so we can control plant growth in main navigable areas for easy access. Each year, we treat these areas based on the previous year experience and the input from our contractor. Below is a map showing the 2024 areas to be treated. LMA only funds the green areas. The blue areas are considered channels by the state. Channel residences receive a mailer from our contractor providing them the opportunity to privately fund plant control of each individual property. We apply for permitting each January so the permitting is already in place for the blue channel areas and the green areas of the main lake. Treatments could start as early as May and as late as September depending on growth rates.



Events calendar

May 18: Question and answer session, starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose. Bring your family and friends, suggestions and questions to keep our momentum moving forward. Let us know how the fishing is.

June 15: Opening of the lake parade. Enter your boat float and win some prizes as we celebrate the upcoming summer fun. Starts and ends at the Moose. Details pending.

June 15: In conjunction with the lake parade, check out our Rubber Ducky Race. Details pending.

June 22: Lake Manitou Association annual meeting and election of board. Starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose.

July 4: City fireworks

July 5: Fireworks over Lake Manitou

July 27: Annual Poker Run. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get your score card at the Moose and travel to our clubs and businesses around the lake to get your card stamped and win some cash!

Aug. 17: 9:30 a.m. at the Elks, LMA hosts another Q&A session to field questions, discuss our accomplishments and talk about our future endeavors. We love fishing input.

Golf Cart Rules and Registration

Happy spring! Here is a reminder regarding the Rochester Golf Cart Ordinance. To operate a golf cart, they must be inspected and registered with the city. To obtain registration, the golf cart must meet several requirements.

Golf carts must have the following safety equipment:

- Rearview and side mirrors
- Bright orange flag affixed to the rear of the golf cart
- Slow moving sign affixed to the rear of the golf cart
- Flashing light affixed to the top of the golf cart
- headlights, taillights and turn signals if operated after dark

Golf carts may never be operated on state highways, except to cross at a perpendicular angle. It is important to note, golf carts are subject to all local and state traffic laws. The maximum occupancy of a golf cart is one person per bucket seat and three persons per bench seat. All passengers must always be seated. No one shall operate a golf cart without a valid driver's license. Everyone must carry state minimum insurance on the golf cart, as well. Golf carts must be registered every year. The annual registration fee is \$75.00. The City of Rochester Police Department will come to your residence to inspect your golf cart for registration.

Please, let's all work together to keep our streets safe and follow the rules so we may all enjoy the use of our golf carts!

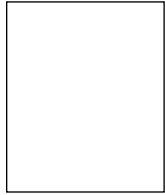


Thanks to all members who helped make this ordinance happen!

Traveling with Deep-Haul Boats on Manitou

We all know deep water produces the best wake, so please travel through the depths of Manitou while pulling surfers and boarders. Stirring up our shallow lake bottom mixes up phosphorous from nutrient-rich soil which creates algae blooms and cloudy water. Propellers can also chop off important native plants when traveling through shallow waters before a boat is fully planed. For a map of the various depths of Lake Manitou, check on our website at www.lakemanitou.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!

-LMA Board

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: _____

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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