



2020 MLA NEWS

LETTER FROM MLA PRESIDENT

As we try to comprehend the current pandemic virus we must also keep in mind our boating season is upon us. Just a few reminders, boating our lake is going in a counterclockwise direction. The 100 foot rule is to just stay 100 feet away from shore, docks and other structures and water crafts that are anchored in or drifting except when moving at a slow no-wake speed. Life jackets are required for everyone on any boat, kayak, canoe, etc. Children 6 and under must have a life jacket **ON** (the parents or caretakers are responsible for this).

Our lake is contracted to have weed treatment this summer.

The village weed boat operated by Maple Lake Association volunteers will be operating again this summer. If you would like to become a volunteer, let me know.

Remember to check your boat stickers to see if they are current.

Please consider joining our Maple Lake Association, we can all work together to keep our lake beautiful.

Please boat safely and responsibly. Thank you.

Frank Walters, Association President

FROM THE DESK OF PAW PAW VILLAGE MANAGER

Greetings to the Maple Lake Association!

Although we all have a lot on our minds right now, the Village of Paw Paw is continuing to provide services to the best of our ability including the care of Maple Lake. We have reinstalled the universally accessible canoe/kayak. The launch has gotten a lot of positive feedback from users and we are hopeful that it will continue to be an asset to our community. We are also planning future improvements around the park area and hope to be able to present those ideas in the near future. The Department of Public Services has been busy removing dead trees from Maple Island. We will be planting a variety of new trees on the island. Maple Island also has a new informational sign that displays information about the benefits of natural shorelines. We plan to continue installing the native plants around the shoreline this year as well as work with volunteer teams to remove invasive plants.

2020 MLA CALENDAR

Sep 6, Maple Island, Potluck, 5:30 on Maple Island, meat is furnished, bring a dish to pass

Oct 15, Open Board Meeting, 7:00 Township Hall

Nov 19, Open Board Meeting, 7:00 Township Hall

Dec 6, Christmas Dinner Party, 5:30 at LaCantina

Dec 17, Open Board Meeting, 7:00 Township Hall

As you may be aware, the Village has rescinded its application to EGLE for future drawdown permits. This was done for several reasons, but essentially the overall cost of continuing drawdowns had become greater than the benefit. This is in part because of the expanded testing procedures required by the state as well as consideration of new information that was received. However, the drawdown was only one tool in the toolbox toward preserving and improving Maple Lake. We will continue to be dedicated to preserving the beauty and recreational opportunities that the lake provides. The Maple Lake Preservation and Improvement Committee presented their report to council last year with a variety of recommendations for improving the navigability of the south basin, reducing weeds and algae, improving lakeshore stability, and leveraging natural resources toward economic development. Some of these recommendations will be implemented in the years to come.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions about the lake or village operations, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish everyone a happy and healthy year.

Sarah Moyer-Cale, Village Manager, Phone: (269) 657-3148 x243

COLLECTING AND DISPOSING OF FLOATING LAKE DEBRIS

Thanks to everyone for helping keep our lake free from floating logs, pier planks, timbers, tree limbs, etc. These items may be deposited at the white lift located at the north end of the lake near the power plant.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

MLA is a nonprofit organization and your membership dues and donations are tax deductible.

\$30 ___ \$40___ \$50___ \$Other_____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Lake Address: _____

Alternate Address: _____

Dues may be paid online at www.maplelakepawpaw.com or by mail:

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