



# School Section Lake POA Crier

Spring 2022 Issue

## From Our President...

by Dan Karcher

To me spring has always been synonymous with optimism and change. While I look forward to warmer weather and good times at the lake, I also want to announce that my term as President is coming to an end.

Since serving as President, I have gained an understanding of how big of an impact the association has on protecting our lake and shoreline and building of community. SSLPOA is responsible for overseeing the weed control, fish management and water quality programs as well as organizing social events such as 4th of July parade and the Meet Your Neighbor Picnic.

I want to thank our secretary Marlene Schalm, Treasurer Jerry Ambrose and Vice President Gabe Shepard for comprising the best executive board a President could ask for. These individuals are the secret sauce that makes SSLPOA successful.

I have enjoyed my time on the board and meeting so many new people. It's been an absolute pleasure serving and protecting our lake.

Have a great summer!!

On behalf of the association, we thank you for your time serving as President. Now you can relax a bit!

## Local Summer Events

To support our local community, check out:

Mecosta Days, Morton Township Library summer programs for children and adults, Music by the River, Remus Heritage Days and Canadian Lakes.

*You are encouraged to attend the*

**SSLPOA ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sat, Jun11 at 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

*Please come to vote for your*

**Area Representatives**

**Coffee and donuts will be served**

*Morton Township Hall*

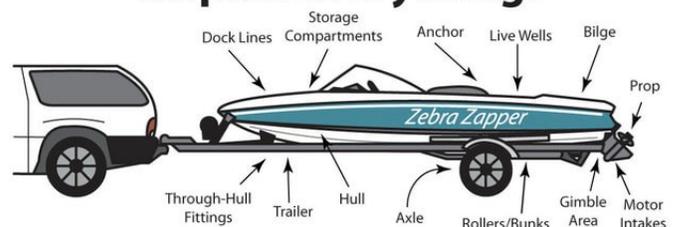
## Boat Launch Gate

By Don Swanson

The 2021 combination to the Launch Gate is 1901.

Before leaving and before launching...

**inspect everything!**



## SSL Website and Facebook

by Kris Karcher and Christy Ishraidi

Our Facebook page continues to grow and be a great resource to our lake family. Recently we have seen a number of scam postings. We delete them and the offending member as soon as we see it or they are reported. This has forced us to be more restrictive in who we let join our group. If you know of someone who has been denied, or you refer someone to our page, please let them know they must answer the questions in a legitimate way and agree to the rules. You can also message one of the administrators.

Check our [website](http://www.schoolsectionlake.com) at [www.schoolsectionlake.com](http://www.schoolsectionlake.com) where you can find information on upcoming events and SSL information as well as helpful articles and important information.

## Meet Your Neighbor

Saturday, August 13 11:00 - 1:00 PM

**This year's picnic (Covid canceled for two years) is on again! There is no charge and, although it isn't necessary, we encourage you to bring a dish to pass. Hot Dogs, Brats, Buns, drinks and paper goods are furnished.**

To continue having this picnic, a co-chair is desperately needed. We also need volunteers who can help grill the brats, set-up the tables and chairs, work with the prize coordinator and help wherever needed.

In case you haven't attended this event which originated in 2006, you don't know what you are missing....Great Food, Lots of Wonderful Prizes, Music, Great Fellowship and a chance to get acquainted with neighbors. In 2019, 26 area businesses generously donated 44 prizes along with Food & Pop.

**To volunteer to help, please contact:  
Laurie Kanouse, 8591 Wood Street, the current coordinator or Maxine Murdoch, 8660 W. SSL. the current prize coordinator.  
Many hands make everything easier, & fun!!!**

## In Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to the families of our dear School Section Lake friends.

If you know of anyone we have missed, please contact Dorothy Metcalf or Maxine Murdoch.

Gary Ford passed away on September 10, 2021

Todd Finch passed away on Dec 18, 2021

Doug Penner passed away on Dec 19, 2021

Mary Jane Holmes passed away on April 8, 2022

Cecil DuMott passed away on April 19, 2022

Leroy Payne passed away on Mar 11, 2022

Sue Cozak passed away on April 20, 2022

## Welcome New Property Owners

The School Section Lake Property Owners Association welcomes all those who have purchased property on the lake in the past year.

Diane Snyder, 9638 W SSL Dr.

Paul Twydell, 9444 W SSL Dr.

David Funk, 8740 Wood St.

Michael Marek, Oak Park #4 Subdivision

Gene Olsen, Pleasant View Subdivision

Chad Kik, Pangborn Park #1 Subdivision

Tiffany Shutes, Pangborn Park #1 Subdivision



No Wake  
7:30 PM – 11:00 AM

## 6th Annual Poker Run

by Dan Karcher

Saturday, July 16 is a date you'll want to put on your calendars. The non-motorized Poker Run is a popular annual event. Each year we have more participants and a higher "pot". Contact Dan Karcher if you would like to be one of the 6-7 host houses. The hosts can participate in the event as well. Watch for details.

## Weed Control Committee

by Dan Karcher

Michigan Lakefront Solutions confirms that our lake is very healthy and in excellent condition and that no additional treatments are needed at this time.

The reason our lake is so healthy is the routine maintenance program started years ago that still continues.

We can expect the quality of our lake to remain unchanged as long as we continue with our annual program and guard against invasive species entering our lake. This is great news.

By the way, the quality and health of the lake is top notch because of our weed control program.

You will be notified a day ahead of time by signage on your front lawns. If we have enough advance notice Marlene will send out an email to everyone.

Scheduling depends on the weather and will avoid the weekend to minimize disruption to weekend fun. If you have questions feel free to call me any time.

Let's all do our part to keep our lake beautiful, safe and a great place to fish. We are blessed to have one of the best lakes in Michigan!

## Boat Parade Sun, July 3rd

by Marlene Schalm and Kal Cotter

The Boat Parade will again be lead by The Cotter Family on July 3rd at 7:30 PM. As many property owners who gather to watch the parade have complained that they do not get to see all of the decorated boats, the following changes will be implemented this year.

If you are going to be a part of the parade, join in on the first time around the lake and continue in line for another complete turn around the lake. On the third time around as you approach your cottage or home, drop out of line. The Cotters will make 3 trips around in total.

Please share this change with your family, neighbors and friends as they prepare to join the parade. This will provide a chance for all spectators to see all of the participating boats.



Polar Dive, Saturday, April 9, 2022

37 degrees, felt like 31!

Miriam Metcalf, oh to be 13!

Please send us pictures and articles of interesting, fun and even crazy things your family has done throughout the year so we can share them with our neighbors in the newsletters.

## Fish Management Committee

by Jerry King

This will be our 15th year of planting Walleye. Last year the planting was canceled do to the quality of the fish. We plan on moving forward this fall and ask for your financial support to continue this great program.



Gary and Rosemary Wade caught a few sunfish and 35 bluegills between the two of them right here on SSL! It's the first mess of bluegills they've seen since 1983 when Rosemary's Dad and Uncle fished by the campground.



As the story goes, one was giving up, wanting to raise the anchor and head back home since they'd been out fishing a quite awhile and not getting anything. The other replied, "I want to stay", only to be told that the anchor would be plowing all the way through the lake because the motor was starting. Just then, they spotted the mess of bluegills. Perseverance prevails and, like dedicated anglers, the location remains undisclosed.

## Spongy (Gypsy) Moth

Marlene Schalm

Tri-Lakes Association passed their Tax Assessment Spongy Moth Spraying Program and will be completing the process this spring. When their area was evaluated, it was determined many more areas than first thought would need to be sprayed this year as the infestation was greater. School Section Lake did not gather enough signatures to have Morton Township consider taxation for spraying our area.

We have not had a problem for over 15 years. Spongy Moths are cyclical and depend on the environment and weather for an outbreak. When brought before the SSLPOA Board it was decided to wait and see what the Township, County and Conservation Dept. decided what they were going to do. They all determined that the Township and County would wait it out. Product is available for homeowners to purchase from local stores that can be used to cut down on your problem if you choose to use them. It will need to be done when the worms are very small and the products work up to 60-90 days. You would only need to spray your base of trees, deck, foundations, etc. once for control of the cycle.

James Wierich, forest health specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, says the state agency is seeing smaller egg masses from the spongy moth, [previously known as the gypsy moth](#). He says that's a sign the virus and fungus that typically end spongy moth outbreaks are taking hold.



# 2022 SSLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES and FISH FUND PLANTING

by Jerry Ambrose, Treasurer

Please support your SSLPOA with your 2022 dues and donations!

The mission of your SSLPOA is to maintain, protect and preserve our beautiful lake for future generations, through education and commitment. For many years the SSLPOA has been actively involved in efforts to assure that our lake remains clean and vibrant and that property owners have a voice in matters affecting life on and along the lake, something which in the long term will enhance our enjoyment of this wonderful area, not to mention enhancing the values of the properties on and near the lake.

To this end, your SSLPOA oversees weed control activities, tests water quality, monitors the lake's water level, oversees the boat launch, and works to assure that the lake remains a premier fishing area by monitoring the amount and quality of the fish in the lake and by annually planting fish in the lake. SSLPOA also promotes community building with events such as the Meet Your Neighbor Picnic, the lighted boat parade, and the recently established Poker Run.

Membership is open to all property owners whose special assessment finances the weed control activities overseen by the SSLPOA. As the use of the special assessment funds is limited strictly to actual weed control activities, other financial support is necessary for the other activities of the SSLPOA.

The 2022 dues for SSLPOA, as it has been for the past many years, is just \$20. Donations are also sought for fish planting activities. More information on SSLPOA activities and financing can be found on the SSLPOA website ([www.schoolsection.com](http://www.schoolsection.com)).

Please support your SSLPOA by sending your \$20 dues payment and your donations to the Fish Planting Fund to SSLPOA, PO Box 115, Mecosta MI 49332. Any questions, please email [schoolsectionlake@gmail.com](mailto:schoolsectionlake@gmail.com), or contact any Board member of the SSLPOA.

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## 2022 SSLPOA Dues and Donations

Mail to: SSLPOA, PO Box 115 Mecosta Mi 49332

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of Lake properties: \_\_\_\_\_

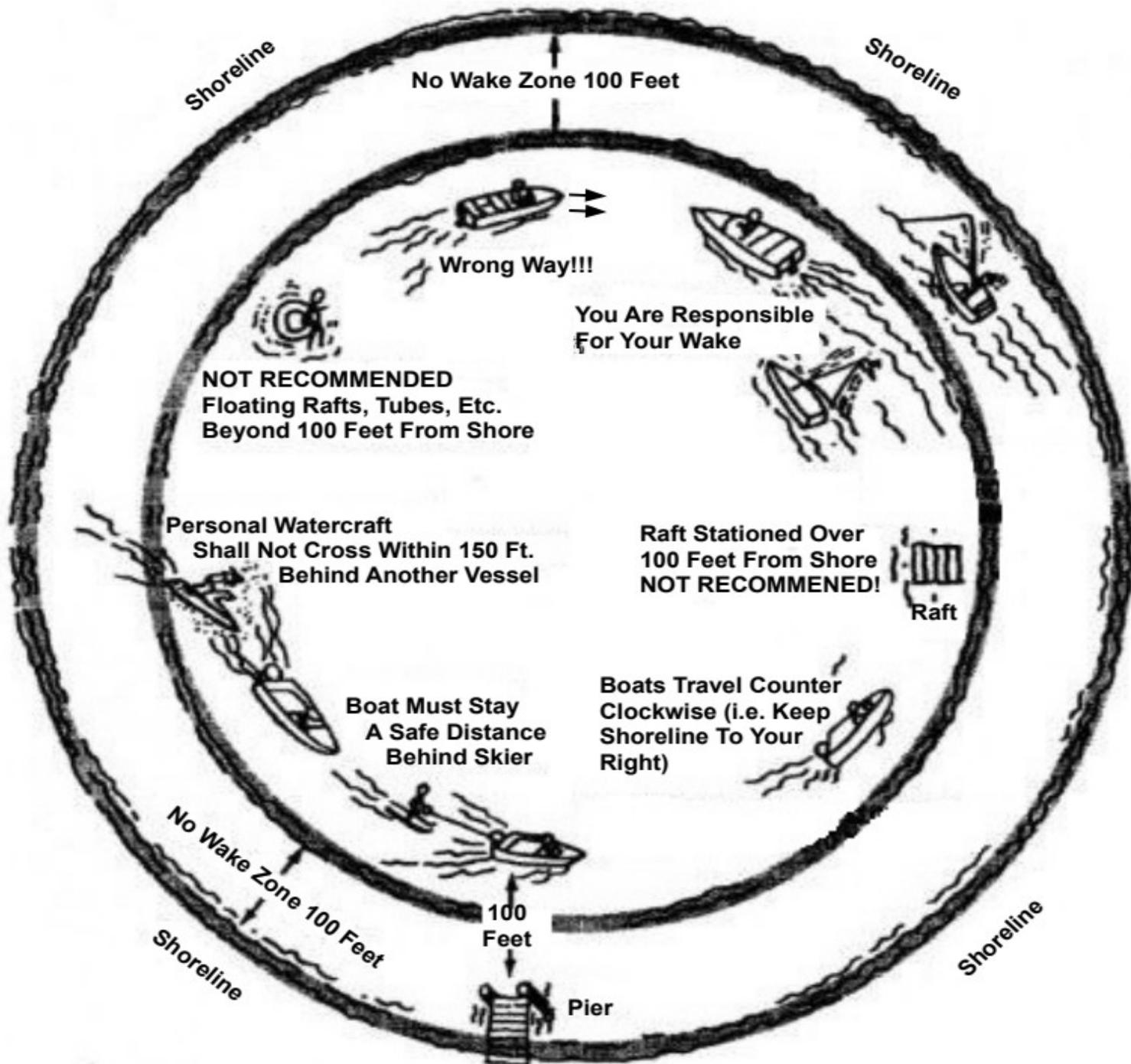
Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different from Lake address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: Dues: \$20 Fish Planting donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**No wake hours: 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**It is very important for property owners, their friends and renters to follow these State of Michigan Rules for everyone's safety.**

# **Spring 2022 Newsletter**

## **TENTATIVE DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2022:**

**Annual Meeting: Sat, June 11, 2022, 9:00 AM, Twp. Hall**

**Independence Day, Sun, July 3, Boat Parade**

**Poker Run: Sat, July 16 , 2022**

**Meet Your Neighbor: Sat, Aug 13, 2022, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Labor Day Lighted Boat Parade: TBA**

**Recycle Wednesdays & Saturday from 9:00 AM - Noon**

**Located in the Morton Township Business Park on 9 Mile Road**