



School Section Lake POA Crier

Spring 2023 Issue

From Our President...

by Gabe Sheppard

Spring is here! The signs of Spring are all around us, the temperature is starting to warm, the flowers are blooming and the wildlife returning. Our lake is home to Loons, Bald Eagles and now Swans. Soon, the lake will be bustling with activity.

I would like to remind everyone of the Mission Statement of the SSLPOA:

"Through education and commitment, we dedicate ourselves to maintain, protect and preserve for future generations, our beautiful lake."

We strive to protect our lake and shoreline through overseeing weed control, fish management and water quality programs.

We also strive to build our lake community by organizing social events such as 4th of July Parade, Annual Poker Run, Meet Your Neighbor Picnic, and Labor Day Lighted Boat Parade. I would encourage everyone to participate in these events.

Our lake is a special place to all of us from the Newcomers to those who have been here for generations. Let's all do our part to uphold our Mission Statement.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

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

Morton Township Hall

Saturday, Jun 10

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Please come to vote for your

**Board of Directors and
Area Representatives**

**Information about the annual
Meet Your Neighbor
location change**

Coffee and donuts will be served



Meet Your Neighbor Picnic

A change is being made to the venue of our annual "Meet Your Neighbor Picnic". Over the years we have increased our participants and last year we had a very full tent. The board discussed ways to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend in a comfortable manner and it was decided to address this function with the park. In several conversations with Jeff Abel, Supervisor of Mecosta County Parks, we were able to secure a Pavilion for our Picnic, The Parks Board has waived the rental for the Pavilion plus all attendees to the function will be admitted in the park free for the day. The date of the Picnic will be Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 11:00-1:00 PM. Everyone is allowed to stay in the park as long as they like and enjoy the activities the park has to offer.

If you choose to go over by boat you must have a Park Docking Permit and because of the shortage of boat slips, it is first come/first serve.

We look forward to a great turnout this year. For many years this has been a great way to get to know your neighbors and develop friendships. Tableware, Allan Morrison's delicious Beef Brisket and Drinks are provided. Side dishes and dessert are provided by those who wish to bring a dish to pass. Laurie Kanouse will be coordinating this event.

Maxine Murdoch, our Prize coordinator, does an amazing job collecting prizes from local merchants. It's a great way to promote buying local and it's always fun to win something! If you are interested in helping Maxine with this project, please call or text her.

This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on June 10, 2023 at the Morton Township Hall.



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.

Delores St. Clair passed away on Jan 10, 2023

Roger Markle passed away on Jan 25, 2023

John Roland passed away on Mar 29, 2023

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.

Andrew Bradway

David Cotton

Darrel & Sandra Crandall

Destyni Edwards

Rod & Lisa Harter

Kelsie Kortman

Mitchell & Kimberly Lawens

Adam Ott

Ben & Annie Schneider



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.

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

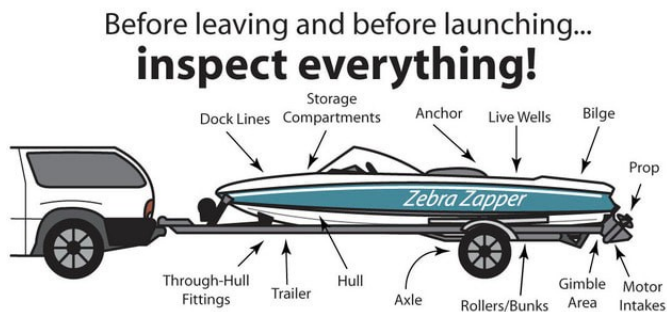
Boat Launch Gate

By Don Swanson

Note that the code has changed this year.

If you get to the gate and have forgotten the #, call Don Swanson at the phone number on the gate. Please be responsible with the code and not give it out to others.

To keep our lake free from an influx of noxious weeds and disease, please wash all watercraft coming from other lakes and waters.



7th Annual Poker Run

by Kris Karcher and Christy Ishraidi



If you're interested in hosting one of the locations or helping in any way, please contact Kris Karcher or Christi Ishraidi.

Watch for more details on the website and in an email mailed in July.

July 4th Boat Parade, TBD Independence Day

by Marlene Schalm and Kurt Cotter

The Boat Parade will again be lead by the Cotter Family in July around the 4th at 7:30 PM. The date is yet to be determined and will be posted. As many property owners who gather to watch the parade are disappointed that they do not get to see all of the decorated boats, the changes made last year will be implemented again 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.

Fish Management Committee

by Jerry King

It's great to see folks come out to watch the release of these great fish. Our fish planting program is only possible because of your generous contributions and we encourage your continued support.



Weed Control Committee

Michigan Lakefront Solutions confirms that our lake is very healthy and in excellent condition. 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.

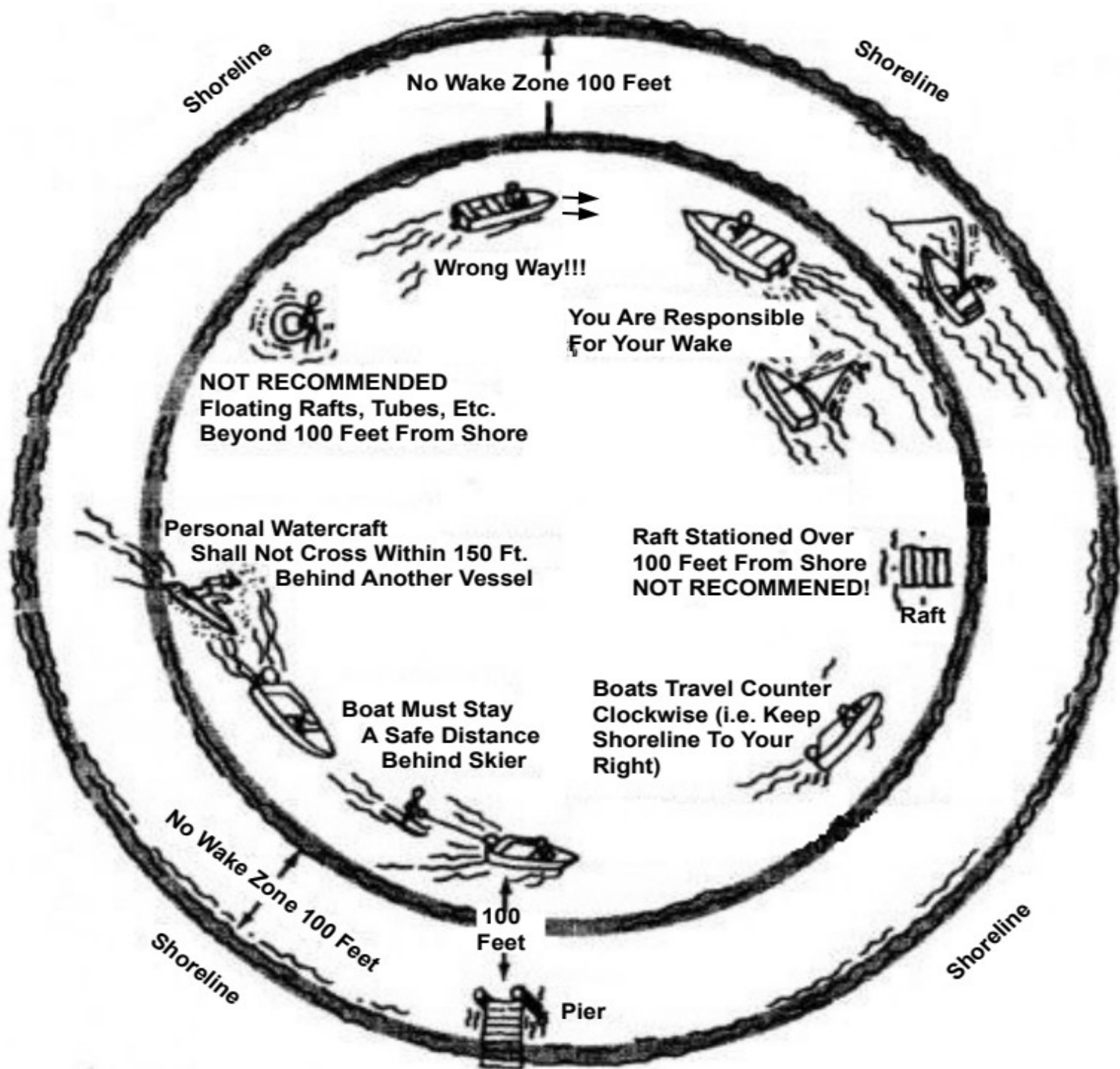
Periodically "Lakefront Solutions" circles our entire lake looking for areas that need to be treated.

If your lakefront area will be sprayed, you will be notified a day ahead of time by signage on your front lawn. Please follow the instructions on the yellow signs posted by the treatment crew. Scheduling depends on the weather and will avoid the weekends.

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!



No Wake 7:30 PM – 11:00 AM



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.

“Through education and commitment we dedicate ourselves to maintain, protect, and preserve for future generations, our beautiful lake”

Please support your School Section Lake Property Owners Association with your 2023 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 2023 dues for SSLPOA, as it has been for the past many years, is \$20. Donations are also sought for fish planting activities. More information on SSLPOA activities and financing can be found on the SSLPOA website (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, or contact any Board member of the SSLPOA.

2023 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: \$ _____

Spring 2023 Newsletter

TENTATIVE DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2023:

Annual Meeting: Sat, June 10, 2023, 9:00 AM, Twp. Hall

Independence Day/July 4th Boat Parade TBD

Poker Run: Sat, July 29, 2023

Meet Your Neighbor: Sat, Aug 12, 2023, 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

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