

2024-25 MLA SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

July 4 - Boat Parade
Aug 8 - August Board Meeting
Aug 24 - Summer Picnic @ Park A
Sept 29 - Sunday, 2 pm - Annual Association Meeting - Vote new Board Officers
Oct 10 - October Board Meeting - Announce New Board Positions
Dec 10 - December Board Meeting

ANNUL MLA PICNIC AT PARK A – AUGUST 24

LAKE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Biochar reminder: it's a good idea to make sure the socks are not touching or rubbing metal posts. We are being told the socks could wear through creating a hole. Seasonal members, if I tied your socks to the dock/boat lift they are between posts so you should be fine. If you have questions please text me. I do spot check biochar socks that I installed just to check there efficiency.

Also, if you have a sock that pulls the swim noodle underwater please text Doug and we'll trade you one that will float at the surface. So far we found one that is very heavy and sank. It's OK if this happens but the socks are more beneficial if they are at/near the surface.

Welcome Summer!

Here is a funny video about [Larry the Frog \(click here\)](#) (about 30 seconds) and please watch **Sebastian the Goose** (it's about 2:16 minutes) right after Larry's video.

If a commercial pops up just skip it, like the lawn fertilizer.



[Open Burning Regulations In Michigan](#)



**BOAT
PARADE
1 pm**

When & where can you light

fireworks in Michigan? Every day through Friday of this week, Michiganders can set off fireworks between 11 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. State law prohibits municipalities from banning fireworks during these times from June 29 to July 4, and the state law extends to July 5 if it falls on a Friday or Sunday.

Residents can use fireworks on private property but lighting them on public property including sidewalks, streets, at schools and churches is illegal. Violators can be fined up to \$500.

It is legal for individuals to use consumer-grade fireworks and pyrotechnics you buy from a store to take home, like sparklers and smoke bombs, on personal property.

Notice about the upcoming lake spray for SSW (starry stonewort). There should not be a swimming delay but check the posted sign to be sure. It is scheduled for July 10th.

BMP (best management practice) for good lake stewardship: The normal lake spray guideline apply please: Restricted boat movement for at least 5 hours - preferred 24 hour period. Turn off Muck Blaster/Bubbler for 24 hours, all aquatic chemicals are contact chemicals which work best if the lake is as still as possible while they work. If bubblers are running it is as if the we are not spraying at all.

If possible pull SSW out of the lake prior to spray. The spray will then kill the small shoots that break off and create new growth.

Be mindful that every time we spray there is a potential for fish die off due to reduced oxygen as the algae dies for falls to the bottom of the lake using all the oxygen. The lake could be cloudy for a while afterward due to the decomposition of algae. Most of all, if possible allow Native Aquatic Plants to grow near the shoreline they help provide oxygen to the lake for the aquatic animals, i.e. Lily pads, banana leaf plant.

As always, please text or email me direct if you questions. I would be happy to explain in greater detail. See you on the lake!

Doug
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PS we have a new lakeshore cleaning company available to us, please text them with your name, number, and what service you want. He is very good and reasonably priced.

Rocci Cross Landscaping
517-416-5050

NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT BOARD

Are you interested in joining the Board in September? The MLA Board has 2 spots opening in September and we are looking for members who would like to join. If you are interested, please email secretary@mirrorlakemi.org

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Sunday – Sept 29 @ 2 pm, Doors open at 1:45 pm

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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- Voting for 2 new board members