

Lake Manitou

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The number 1792 on W. Manitou Dr. is a new address in our community. Reiner and Coletta Wedel purchased the vacant lot about two years ago. In just the past few months, to the amazement of neighbors, Reiner has single handedly laid the basement foundation one block at a time and he continues their home construction by himself.

Say Hello To Our New Neighbors

More homes and property have changed hands since last November.

Last December the Acton's home at 4941 Chippewa Ct. sold and our new family is Justina and Mike Miller. They have a daughter Leah (11) and a son Kai (8). Mike grew up in Corunna and while serving in the Army (1993-97) and stationed in Darmstadt Germany, he met Justina who is of German decent. Mike is employed at Precision Electric Motors in Owosso. Justina owned Courtside Café in

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Owosso and Corunna, which she has sold. The family purchased a pontoon boat and is looking to have a great lake experience.

The address of 4670 Waugh Rd., previously owned by Thom Skym is now owned by Sandy Bulemore. Sandy has spent greater than 25 years in the Owosso area and has worked at Memorial Health Care and Shiawassee Medical Care Facility. After obtaining her Masters degree in 2009 she took a position at MSU in the Department of Surgery. She had been looking for a home in the area for about 8 months and found the perfect place on Waugh Rd. Sandy has one grown daughter and a yellow lab named Molly.

The house at 1890 Lake Ct. had been vacant for several months but is now a home again. Michelle and Ralph Irish purchased the property in January. They too are very familiar with Owosso and the area as they previously lived on Lake Dr. which runs south off Garrison across the street from Lake Manitou. Four years ago, employment took them to Indiana but having an opportunity to return to Owosso, they wanted to reside here.

Alicia and Art Williams are now the owners of a vacant lake lot on W. Mohican Tr. which was previously owned by Penny and Bob Rinn. Alicia is a cardiologist now working in East Lansing and Art is a retired educator. Their goal was to relocate to waterfront property as they currently reside at Lake Doster, located in Plainwell Michigan. They will soon begin construction of their new home and are looking

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forward to a new chapter in their lives.

Our neighbors Donna and Dave List at 1879 W. Manitou Dr. made a quiet exit from the community in late March. The home is now owned by our neighbors Cara and Rory Keay along with their children Molly and William.

The address at 4929 Chippewa Ct. (recently owned by Cara and Rory Keay), is now home to Kathy and Bill Duso. Previously from Grand Blanc, they both are retired educators who had been looking for lakefront property. When their realtor directed them to our area they found the lake attractive and appreciate the lot sizes. As this is their first change of households in 46 years, moving has been a challenge.

As of this writing, there are at least two more homes in the process of changing ownership.

Farewell to our long time neighbors and friends who have helped make the lake community such a pleasant and peaceful atmosphere to call home, and hello to all of the new families who are making Lake Manitou their home setting. It's an exciting time to be residing here.

Family Outing

Have you ever been to the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing? It's only a 35 minute drive and it will surround you with Michigan's history from prehistoric times, including a copper mine, 1920's street scene, 1957 Detroit auto show and more. 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517 373-3559. www.michigan.gov/museum

Spring Cleanup

Free (kind of), meaning that it's already paid for through our township tax dollars. Drop off accumulated junk, Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 8am-12pm. More information can be found at the Bennington Township website located on our Lake Manitou home page.

February Water Skiing

Ice departed from our lake February 22, and on the 24th our neighbor Dan Cody was

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in-tow, waterskiing with his family cheering him on. I wouldn't have believed it if I didn't witness it myself. A friend of Dan's, Greg Tyler, pictured below, also made a lap around the lake without a wet suit. The water temperature was 34 degrees.



Most times in February, Dan and family would spend time snow skiing but there was a challenge in the making as according to Dan, "February was the only month that I hadn't been water skiing on the lake". Now he can check that off his bucket list.

Summer Employment

The Association is looking to hire a few good hands for summer lakeshore clean up around the lake. Must be at least 18 years old, willing to get wet, dirty and able to do some lifting. The work schedule is flexible. 10-12 hours a week depending on needs and the weather. May- Sept. \$11.00/hour. Contact Fred at 734 417-1276.

Lake Manitou Community Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 17. It's an annual fun event for many of us in and around the community that attracts folks from all over the county. Sales are brisk. All the information you need to participate is located on our website home page under EVENTS.

Manitou Neighbors

There are folks around our lake community who are struggling with the loss of family members, illness, aging or emotional distress. To those who are, remember that “faith is hope holding out its hand in the dark”.

We also have neighbors who quietly keep watch and care for those in our neighborhood who are having difficulty. To all of you, “The aroma of your sweetness enhances the atmosphere”.

It’s a friendly gesture when neighbors take a moment to extend a hand, give a friendly wave, smile or say hello to one another.

An old Indian prayer: “Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in their moccasins”.

Fireworks

Plan for Monday night July 3rd. Ace Pyro will again provide the pyrotechnic display for the enjoyment of all who attend. The event is funded by donations. Please help us reach our goal of \$5,400. Our neighbor Roy Thelen is our fund raising chairman; 989 277-6627, or contact any board member. Thank you to all who help make this annual Lake Manitou Association event a highlight of our Independence Day weekend.

More Fireworks

If you like fireworks displays, Nash Nurseries has an open invitation for everyone to attend their fireworks extravaganza. Jon Nash is associated with ACE PYRO and they host a gathering of commercial pyrotechnic companies demonstrating the latest and greatest in fireworks. The gathering is free. Bring a chair, bug spray and lawn chairs. Saturday, July 22, 2017, 7:45p – 11:45p. (The best view of fireworks is closer to dark). The nursery is about 6 miles south of Lake Manitou. 4975 W. Grand River Ave., Owosso. 517 651-5278.

Nature's Corner

On a calm and quiet Sunday evening April 9th our neighbor Joe Ross landed a whopper of

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a Large Mouth Bass. A measurement by Katie put this one at 22 inches. According to Joe, “I think it may be the biggest Bass I’ve caught at Lake Manitou”. A quick photo of the fish and back into the water it went.



Bass season opens May 27. They can be caught and released all year. The purpose of a limited catch and keep season is to assure a sustainable fishery and to give fish time to spawn in April and early May. During the fishing season the minimum keeper length for Bass is 14 inches as Michigan fishing regulations do apply to Lake Manitou. Responsible use and care of the lake resources has benefits for the entire community. Our State fishing regulations can be found on our website homepage.

CPR is most frequently referred to as Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. For the folks who fish at Lake Manitou, CPR could also be Catch Photograph Release which will help build a vibrant recreational sport fishery. Send me a photo of your big catch and it might show up in a web page posting or this newsletter.

As The Lake Turns

Water quality testing is a priority for the health of it. Humans, pets, fish and all other living things that come into contact with it can be adversely affected by poor water quality. Illness, aesthetics, algal blooms, lower

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property values and limited use are very real consequences when water becomes the repository of excessive nutrients, pathogens and chemicals. The Association will keep you informed about what is being learned and the steps that are being taken to address the concerns.

Reducing the Carp population is a priority in our lake management plan as they eat massive quantities of other fish eggs, destroy fish spawning beds and stir up lake bottom sediment, all of which can greatly impact other fish populations in the lake.



We've had success in allowing responsible people to harvest carp using specially designed sport carp bow fishing boats.

Lake Manitou Board Positions

This summer several association board positions will be available. It is important to have a turnover and transition of "fresh thinking" and it is not a difficult job or time consuming. It's a great way to interact with neighbors and learn more about our lake and community. Contact any board member to express an interest. Names will go on the election ballot by the end of July for the election to be held this August, just prior to the summer membership meeting. There are several committees in need of persons as well.

Essential To Our Environment

The Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*) has been added to the endangered species list this year by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These friendly workaholics are responsible for pollination of farm and garden crops, ornamental plants, trees and shrubs. In the 1990's populations began a dramatic decline which is directly linked to large increases in use of household and commercial pesticides and herbicides. Bees pick up the pesticides in their daily work and bring the contamination back to the hive where it affects the others. Chemicals can also disorient the bee which then cannot find its way back to the hive.

It's a reminder for all of us that the type of outdoor chemicals used, how they are used and where they are used many times have detrimental and unintended negative consequences to wildlife and humans which may take years before the effects are realized. It's best to think twice before using chemicals. For more information:

<https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/rpbb/>

Thank you to the younger Dave Denard and Emily for sending along this information for the newsletter.

Do You Know?

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain. It is privately funded and not an official publication of the Lake Manitou Association.

Your thoughts, opinions and suggestions are very much appreciated. Contact Fred Farkas at 734 417-1276. Director-5@lake-manitou.org.

As a courtesy from the Association, you can find this newsletter in color on the Lake Manitou Association website <http://lake-manitou.org> Click on "About Us" then click on "Newsletter".

"For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness". Ralph Waldo Emerson

Until next time, happy trails to you.