

**Hello Lake, friends, and neighbors,
Well, fall is setting in with some absolutely gorgeous days in October.
Soon it will be hard water season again.**

**We have had a busy summer on the lake, and I hope that all of you
have been able to enjoy the waterfront memories that you invested in.**

**I am encouraging all of you to reach out and ask how your unique
talents can be used as a volunteer for the Muskellunge Lake
Association that you belong to. We can always use more help with
lake activities. From physical labor, like the aerator fence and buoys,
to social planning.....Who doesn't like a good party :-) We want to get
to know all of the neighbors that form our MLA community.**

**Please “save the date” for the winter social on January 31, 2025 and
aerator fence installation on January 10, 2025 ice conditions
permitting.**

**And to those who have helped the lake continue to be an enjoyable
vibrant place, I offer a big personal thank you!**

"See you on the lake :-)"

MLA Boat Landing Report-2025

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What can you do? Take the CBCW training. John (262-930-0368) can help. It is easy and all online. Nearly all boaters are aware at this point so just being there and meeting people raises compliance. Remind your visitors and guests. Spend a couple hours at the landing next summer and feel good about helping Muskellunge Lake while maybe meeting a few of your neighbors.

Other items of note: The blacktop at the entrance to the lake reminding boaters to check their equipment for weeds, has been repainted. In addition, the MLA has installed signage and tools to assist our visitors in the removal of any unwanted weeds.

Fisheries , Wayne Breitenfeldt - The DNR plan for Muskellunge Lake stocking this year was to plant large fingerling muskies this fall.

However, I recently received this message from our Fisheries Biologist, Eric Wegleitner:

"No muskies were stocked in Muskellunge Lake. Art Oehmcke Fish Hatchery had some serious production issues. Survival of muskies was very low this year and so very few lakes were stocked."
Hopefully next summer things will go better at the hatchery.

Jeff

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EWM

Sad to say it is back. Seven years of hard work culminated in complete eradication. After nearly 3 years of not finding any EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) it was again discovered late this summer. At this point it is only several plants in multiple locations. We are monitoring the situation and developing plans to deal with it. We don't know if this is a new invasion or a return of some remnants, in any case it is back and as we've learned, it likes Muskellunge Lake.

What can you do? Learn to identify EWM, check out our web site or a simple google search will show you lots of examples. EWM spreads by fragmentation, so motoring through it is bad. Fishermen should

consider putting a bucket in their boat to collect weed fragments rather than throwing it back into the lake. If you think you have found a new group of EWM, advise a MLA Board member as we are continuing to catalog the various locations.

Water Quality

For over 25 years we have regularly taken water quality measures and samples. We sample phosphorous (nutrients). chlorophyll (algae), clarity, color, dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles. While any individual sampling can vary significantly as the seasons progress the trends over time are the target of our monitoring. A composite measure called the Trophic State Index shows a very slight good decline over the last 5 years. This is good news about the overall health of the lake.

What can you do? As we have shared in the past; Don't use fertilizers any where near the lake, Keep your shoreline natural to filter inflow, and Maintain your septic in good order. Minimize stirring up sediments when boating in shallow water. That remixed sediment is just adding nutrients back into the water.

Welcome Committee

2025 Fall Report

The Welcome committee mails new property owners materials pertaining to Muskellunge Lake. If you know of new property owners please share this info with Deb Fouts, deb@markfouts.com, and she will follow-up with sending the welcome packet. Also, we welcome new committee people at any time and would appreciate input to any materials that should be included in this packet. We would love your input and help in making this info pertinent to new owners.

Following are the 2025 new property owner(s) who have been sent a Welcome Packet with their Membership and Dues invoice. If any of these new owners are your neighbors please personally welcome them to our beautiful lake community, and encourage them to become members of the Muskellunge Lake Association (MLA).

Date Mailed New Owners Lake Lot # Property Address Previous Owners

7/05/25 Joseph & Linda Ingrelli Lot #191 2225 Balsam Lane *Samb's*

7/08/25 Todd & Ellen Brinkman Lot #424.03 2033 Musky Road *Grever*

7/11/25 Brian & Linda Augustiniak Lot #3 Timbering Haven Drive *GPS Inc.*

8/13/25 James & Stephanie Cavandreas Lot #471.01 Balsam Lane *Hendrickson*

9/12/25 Joe & Eileen McHugh's Lot #482.50 2335 Balsam Lane *Zeek*

Reported by: Deb Fouts

Aerator report

Over the summer, we have purchased new rope as the other was very old and knots Every 10 feet or so

Volunteers also got together and painted all of the fence posts that needed it.

There also is an ongoing repair being made for the air pipe coming out of the shed.

So everything being said, we should be ready for the installation, which is generally the second Saturday in January (1-10-2026) with ice conditions permitting.

Treasurer's report

Savings balance-\$3,197.61

Money Market-\$77,739.50

Lake Improvement Fund-\$12,237.94

Checking-\$4,969.59



Current EWM locations