



# JOIN US!

**Fill out the form and mail it in today!  
We need your support.**

Your dues will go directly to our efforts in promoting and protecting the environmental integrity of Lake Missaukee.

Our association also needs volunteer leadership. Please indicate an area in which you would be willing to help:

- ☐ Serve as officer or director
- ☐ Help distribute literature
- ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Other (please describe)

**Your membership support is most appreciated and serves to insure the future of the environmental quality of the lake and watershed area.**

Dues in Missaukee Lake Association, Inc. are not deductible as a charitable contribution, but may qualify for a business deduction. Please consult your tax advisor.



## What Can You Do? *To Keep Missaukee Healthy*

**Overall, for a fairly shallow lake, our water quality is quite good. The best advice to keep it that way is to:**

- Keep leaves and other plant materials out of the lake.
- Do not use fertilizers where runoff could reach the lake or use no phosphorous and slow-release nitrogen. One pound of phosphates can produce over 10,000 lbs. of weeds and algae.
- Keep a greenbelt of vegetation between lawn and lake with plants that don't drop leaves.
- Remove dog, goose, and duck droppings.
- Do not feed the ducks and geese.
- Prevent any soil erosion into the lake.
- **Join the MLA** to help us keep Missaukee Lake safe and clean!



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## Helping Your Lake

The Missaukee Lake Association, Inc. (MLA), formed in 1997, is a nonprofit voluntary dues organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan. Membership comes from property owners and other interested parties surrounding

the lake. The purpose of the MLA is to promote and protect the environmental integrity of the lake through education, safety and quality initiatives, and public awareness. The focus of MLA is on the global issues impacting the lake: water quality, wetland protection, weed control, environmental protection, and safety initiatives.

[www.missaukeelake.org](http://www.missaukeelake.org)







## What Does the MLA Do?

**Our objective is simple: To maintain and/or improve the overall water quality of Lake Missaukee.**

MLA is a member of **Michigan Lake & Stream Associations, Inc.**, an organization committed to supporting the ideals of education, preservation, and conservation of Michigan's lakes and streams. They remain a tremendous educational and legal resource for us, networked throughout the entire state.

MLA has been testing the water quality of Lake Missaukee three times a year since 1997. We have hired **Professional Lake Management (PLM)** to perform this testing. This information serves as our benchmark to track the health of our lake.

From 2000–2004 we paid for the treatment in the boat launch at the County Park in an attempt to eradicate the Eurasian milfoil. While we had been somewhat successful, in the spring of 2004 we found the milfoil in the main body of the lake. We realized the scope of the problem was now beyond our resources. At the urging of MLA, the **Lake Missaukee Improvement Board** was formed in the fall of 2004 to address this threat to our lake.

## MILFOIL! SCOURGE OF MISSAUKEE

This is the **Eurasian water-milfoil**. It is an invasive plant species that has been found in Missaukee Lake and grows in long, ropey strands up to two feet per week in the summer. Milfoil forms dense mats which make it difficult or impossible—even dangerous—to boat, swim or fish. Please help the MLA as we attempt to eradicate this menace from our lake:

*Avoid boating through heavy milfoil surface beds.*

*ALWAYS remove plant fragments from your boat, propeller, motor, anchor and trailer before launching and after leaving the water.*

*Dispose of plant fragments on high, dry ground.*

*Pay particular attention to cleaning your boat if you use any other lakes with known infestations.*

*Clean fishing tackle and any other equipment that have contacted weed beds.*

Read more about the milfoil at our website:  
[www.missaukeelake.org](http://www.missaukeelake.org).



application form  
**Fill out and mail today!**

Please enroll the following as an active member of the  
**Missaukee Lake Association, Inc.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Lake City address if not the same as above:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Association dues: \$25**

☐ Individual, Corporate, Non-profit Corporation

Please make check payable to  
**“Missaukee Lake Association, Inc.”**

Mail check and application to:

Missaukee Lake Association, Inc.

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