Save the Lake Coalition Introduces Website with Information About Chippewa Lake

The Coalition's new website is officially live to persons interested in Chippewa Lake and Medina County Park District's (MCPD) involvement. It can be found at <u>www.savethelakecoalition.com</u>. It includes information about the lake, frequently asked questions and links to useful information about harmful algal blooms (HAB). A portal is available for individuals wanting to donate to the mitigation plan and supporting actions.

Chippewa Lake, a part of MCPD, is a recreational and ecological resource of historic and environmental significance to citizens of Medina County. As detailed in recent newspaper articles, the lake has been experiencing HAB posing public health risks and threats to the recreational use of the lake.

For the past two years, Chippewa Lake has been closed to boaters and swimmers on numerous occasions. This issue cannot be reversed quickly. Nutrient-laden sediment combines with nutrients washing into the lake with stormwater to produce harmful algal blooms that limit the use of the lake for villagers and other park users.

But the problem is farther reaching than just Chippewa Lake. The conditions of the lake are a result of the stormwater pollution from the entire Upper Chippewa Lake Watershed. This is a problem we can solve only if we work together. That's why the Save the Lake Coalition was formed — to be a driving force to find creative solutions to the situation.

For more information about the Save the Lake Coalition, visit the website or write <u>info@savethelakecoalition.com</u>.

ODNR AND BOATING RULES UPDATE

ODNR just published for public comments a final proposed MCPD boating rules, jointly drafted with MCPD

See rule here http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/pdfs/1501/47/7/1501\$47-7-21 PH OF N RU 20181024 1226.pdf The purpose is to enable enforcement of MCPD lake rules by other law enforcement agencies such as ODNR rangers, Sheriff, etc.

Per the ODNR notice, the formal public hearing on the proposed amendments, adoptions, and rescission of these rules will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 in the Poverty Room on the first floor of building C at the Department of Natural Resources located at 2045 Morse Road in Columbus, Ohio.

Also, ODNR will host an informal local hearing <u>tentatively</u> Wednesday Nov 14th, 7PM at MCPD's Buffalo Creek facility.

Citizens may also submit written comments by email to watercraft@dnr.state.oh.us

SUPPORT THE LIONS CLUB

Our mighty local Lions Club provides many services to the community over the course of the year. There are many requests for help, as families encounter unexpected emergencies, and the Lions Club is able to step up. They also sponsor the annual Fourth of July parade for everyone. As the holidays approach, there are families struggling to provide food and holiday cheer for their loved ones. The Lions Club provides many food baskets to give these families some help.

Fundraising efforts help them to provide all of these services. We all know that the Polar Bear event is a big fundraiser, but there is also a holiday wreath program which is very popular, providing high quality greenery – it is also a way to send a gift to someone far away.

Many of you have been contacted by a Lion's Club member to purchase a Holiday decoration. If you missed the deadline for ordering from a local club member, you can order on line. BE SURE TO USE THE FUNDRAISER CODE WHEN YOU ORDER......

<u>www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com</u> We hope you enjoyed your fresh Holiday Evergreens and thank you for supporting that organization!

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