

THE Klinger Lake Association



Klinger Lake Fireworks

The annual Klinger Lake Fireworks will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at approximately 10:15 p.m. with a rain date on the 4th. Flares should be lit at 9:45 p.m. The flares will be delivered to those who have donated by your beach representative, and if you wish to help distribute them, please call your representative.

Dates to Remember:

- **Boat Safety Classes** – White Pigeon Library – Saturday, June 24, 2018 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
- **Klinger Lake 4th of July Parade** – Wednesday, July 4 at 1:00 pm
- **Klinger Lake Fireworks** – Tuesday, July 3 at 10:15 pm
- **Walk the Shore** – Taking a year off in 2018 to regroup / refocus
- **Aquatic Invasive Species Blitz** – Join the DNR to learn more on June 30 at Public Access (Noon – 3:00 pm)
- **KLA Annual Meeting** – Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 10:00 am at KLCC

From the President

On behalf of the Klinger Lake Association (KLA) Board, thank you for supporting your lake association and assisting in the protection and preservation of our beautiful Klinger Lake. As a reminder, you can always check out the latest Klinger Lake news at our website at www.klinger-lakeassociation.org, and you can follow us on Facebook at the Klinger Lake Association page.

Please find below a few highlights of what's new and/or changing in 2018:

Directory – In 2018 we did our first cover picture competition. It was a huge success with two \$50 gift card winners. This year's winner of the cover picture for the KLA Directory was Elaine Galvin with a beautiful picture of the Fireworks and 2nd place was Cindy Trout with a great photo of a sailboat. Thank you to all the residents who participating in the contest, there were so many great photos of life on Klinger. We encourage Klinger Lakers and photo takers to capture your best shots, we'll continue the contest in 2019.



Annual Meeting – We are changing our Annual Meeting from Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm to a Saturday morning at 10:00 am. Please join us this year for coffee and donuts at KLCC on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 10:00 am.

Water Testing – In addition to our current water quality monitoring program, the KLA will be doing additional water testing upstream in 2018. And in May this year, the KLA provided assistance with well-water testing. Please know that we are committed to monitoring and protecting our most

important resource – Klinger Lake.

Fireworks – We received very positive feedback on the 2017 fireworks show. One of the things that was done differently last year was the use of barges where multiple fireworks were shot at the same time. With this technique the fireworks were a bit more impressive; however, our duration was slightly impacted. For the 2018 show, we are planning to keep the barges as well

as slightly increase the duration. With an increased cost for this year's show, we are asking our residents to increase their average donations from \$35 to \$50, although all donations both smaller and larger are welcome and appreciated. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday night July 3, 2017 for this year's fireworks show. We have a rain date planned for Wednesday, July 4th.

As a reminder, the KLA is a 12-member board of volunteers. Our key priority is protecting Klinger Lake. The KLA board is supported by an amazing team of Beach Representatives. These volunteers that play a very important role in communicating with our residents. I'd personally like to thank the many volunteers for their time and devotion to making Klinger Lake a great place to enjoy/live. And, if you are interested in volunteering, please give us a call.

Please enjoy your summer, treasure the special memories spent with family and friends. And, together let's Keep Klinger clean and safe.

Barbara Montgomery Nelson
269.369.5842

KLA Sponsored Fourth of July Parade

This year's parade will be on July 4, 2018 at 1:00pm starting in front of the Klinger Lake Marina. For safety reasons, please keep your spacing of 75 to 100 feet between boats and do not over run any boat in front of you. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



If you have a "Woody", Chris Craft, Century, Hacker Craft etc. and would like to join in the lead for the parade please contact Doug Van Meter at 269-651-8320. Looking forward to seeing you on the lake!



Communications Committee

Pay your dues or contribute to the Klinger Lake Fireworks online!

The KLA website offers you the ability to pay your dues online, or make a fireworks contribution for any amount. All payments are securely processed by PayPal--we do not keep any of your personal information. You can pay with a major credit card and do not need a PayPal account. However, if you have one, you can use it. Also, don't forget that our advertisers are all in the online directory. When you are shopping, please check their offerings first. You can also use the search function to help find what you need.

Our website has been updated with new information on water quality in the Klinger Lake Environment section. We will be sharing more information about our activities in the weeks and months ahead. We'll also post reminders on our Facebook page when there's something interesting or important to see.

Later this summer, we plan to update the site to make it more visually appealing. Look for some exciting improvements once we get through the busy summer season.



Klinger Lake Country Club has many wonderful changes for 2018!

After a long winter, Klinger Lake Country Club is looking forward to a wonderful 2018 season.

This year we have kept our membership offerings in order to accommodate the needs of many different types of members. Memberships start at just \$500 and EVERY membership includes golf* (Social membership includes Monday-Wednesday golf privileges), pool and social privileges. We are offering

NEW member discounts and membership upgrade discounts for this season. Please email Megan at myoder.klcc@gmail.com if you are interested in more information or in joining KLCC this season.

A new season also brings many events to KLCC, some of which include: trivia, Wine Wednesdays, wine dinners, movie night, brunches, chalk board art, outdoor concert, art on the green, ladies shopping and wine event, theme parties, Geno's night, weekly entertainment, and much more. Any member can partake in these events; join today so that you don't miss out! Be sure to mark your

calendar for July 14, we are hosting our outdoor concert again. Drop 35, a popular area band, will be playing and we will be hosting a new food truck this year. This event is open to all KLA members.

In the Clubhouse this year we will continue to change our menus throughout the season and run specials to keep our food fresh and exciting. Our goal is to have high quality food and service. Thinking about joining, but unsure if you would like our menu? Come dine as our guest, just call ahead and speak to Megan.

Lastly, please don't forget about KLCC when you are getting ready to host your next event. We have a beautiful facility and non-members can book events for a nominal fee. We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2018 season; we strive each year to improve the experience for all members and patrons at KLCC. If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above events, memberships, or to book an event please contact Megan at myoder.klcc@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Klinger Lake - Legal Notice

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Klinger Lake will be spot treated for invasive weeds in June or July 2018. Please note that herbicide treatments are performed in accordance with a permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

We will be using one or more of the listed chemicals below. If treatments are within 100 yards of the shoreline, a yellow sign will be posted in yards adjacent to treatment area(s) after application has been performed.

Copper Based Algaecide, Endothall, Glyphosate

No water use restrictions

Triclopyr

120 day irrigation restriction

Diquat Dibromide

3 days drinking, 1 day animal consumption,

5 days irrigation restriction

Flumioxazin

5 day turfgrass irrigation restriction

Imazapry

24 hour irrigation restriction within 500 feed of intake

Information provided by:

Aquatic Weed Control

PO Box 325 Syracuse, Indiana 46567

574-53-2597

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Beach Representatives

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<u>Beach</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Benham Beach	Mark Kirsch	659.2443
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Cedar Bluff	Bob Morrow	651.8850
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Midway & Mineral Springs	Shelley Connors	659.0818
Mound Springs & Spring St.	Vi Schuler	651.1875
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Sandy Beach South	Ashley Vecler	535.2026
Saunders Shore	Libby Hagberg	651.5247
Sunnyside	Shelley Cartwright	464.1010

Walk the Shore helps Biancardi achieve goal



A big thanks to the Klinger Lake community for helping Peggy Biancardi's dreams and hopes a reality. In 2017, our residents raised \$5,200 towards Peggy's goal of \$60,000 for her stem cell treatment (insurance will not cover). This was nearly double anything accomplished in the past years for the Walk the Shore. And with the help and support of Peggy's family and friends, the rest of the money was raised through a variety of creative fundraisers to achieve her ultimate goal by the end of 2017.

On April 1, 2018, Peggy arrived in Puebla, Mexico to undergo her stem cell transplant. Over the next 26 days, she endured 5 long sessions of chemo, the removal of her own stem cells and the transplantation of millions of stem cells back into her body. Her journey was under the supervision of Dr. Guillermo Ruiz who is a Mayo distinguished alumnus and is one of the top 50 doctors named by Mayo Clinic. We are grateful that there were no complications during this process.

During Peggy's stay in a very sterile and controlled environment, her sisters and her daughter had the privilege

of being Peggy's caregiver. They were able to observe the professionalism and care of the staff and witnessed this medical miracle firsthand.

Peggy, along with 11 other patients from all over the world, went through this process to stop the devastating effects of their MS. Hopes are that not only will this transplant stop her MS but that she will regain some skills she has lost over the last 23 years.

Peggy arrived back home at the end of April and began Physical Therapy (PT), then transition to outpatient PT and soon back to her regular workouts at ANYTIME FITNESS. ANYTIME FITNESS even donated a treadmill to her to add to her workouts in her home.

Peggy would truly like to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers. This opportunity for restored health has only become a reality because of generous people like you. The entire Biancardi family knows ... dreams can come true! If you are interested in knowing more about this treatment, please contact the Biancardi's as they would welcome sharing their amazing story to stop MS.

Real Estate at Klinger Lake

Spring is upon us and Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner. Docks and boats around the lake have begun to be put in and Klinger Lakers are wasting no time when it comes to enjoying lake life. 2017 was a wonderful year for sales around the lake. There were 9 waterfront homes that sold and one home with lake access that sold within the last year. There are currently three homes sales pending around the lake on various beaches. The inventory of available homes for sale is low now. There are four waterfront homes on the market at the moment, one channel access, and one with lake access. The price ranges of waterfront homes that are available for sale range from \$325,000 to \$825,000. The homes that are just off the lake, with lake access, range in price

from \$249,000 to \$395,000. The average days on market for homes around the lake is about 155 days. Properties around the lake in the past year have sold on average for about 92% of the list price. The average price per square foot is about \$224 per square foot above grade. The price per square foot is based on above grade square footage which is used by both the multiple listing service and home appraisers. The range in price per square foot varies immensely from \$152 to \$331 on the homes that have sold within the last year. There are many factors that affect the price per square foot of a home, for example finished amenities, location, size of lot, and square feet above grade. The board wishes everyone a happy and safe 2018 on Klinger Lake.

Water Quality

Normally in this section, the member of the KLA board responsible for water quality testing provides a report on Klinger Lake water quality generated by the Michigan Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. This organization documents information gathered by volunteers around the state during the previous year. This year, we're using this space for other updates. The information for Klinger Lake, as well as other participating lakes around the state is available at:

<https://data.micorps.net/view/>. (If you have difficulty in accessing the information or questions about what you're reading, please contact me via email at needham.mike@gmail.com).

Beginning in 2018, we're adding some additional tests. One of the new water quality parameters we'll be measuring is dissolved oxygen and temperature. Dissolved oxygen is required for a healthy fish habitat. We'll be measuring the amount of dissolved oxygen and the water temperature in the



Photo by Cindy Trout

deepest part of Klinger Lake every 2 weeks during the summer of 2018. Like many of our measurements, change over time is more significant than the absolute value of any parameter, so we'll learn more as we compare month-to-month and year-to-year information.

In addition to measuring dissolved oxygen and temperature, we plan to add some more water testing locations and parameters in 2018. While we know that some of the water in Klinger Lake comes from underground springs, much of the water flows into the lake at the inlet on the north end of Sandy Beach. The water flows into the lake via Sherman Mills Creek, which originates about 4.5 miles northeast of the lake. The creek eventually flows into Thompson Lake, then into Tamarack (Middle) Lake and eventually into Klinger Lake. Our plan is to sample water in upstream locations so we can see how water quality changes over time. By doing so, we hope to learn more about how environmental changes might impact long-term Klinger Lake water quality.

St. Joseph County Conservation District – River Clean Up

The St. Joseph County Conservation District was established in 1948 to assist farmers in creating soil & water conservation plans. Since then the Conservation District has grown to include all stakeholders within the county. The focus is still agriculture & working with farmers to create conservation plans, but we also work with partner organizations to ensure the county's largest natural resource, water, remains a viable resource.

<http://www.stjoecountycd.com>

If you are interested in volunteering for a river clean up, please contact the St. Joseph County office at (269) 467-6336 Ext. 5. This is a great opportunity for you to get out and kayak the local rivers as well as help to maintain their beauty. After each clean-up is complete, lunch will be provided to the clean-up crews courtesy of our sponsors and donations are received.

2018 RIVER CLEANUP SCHEDULE

Fawn River June 2nd at 9:30 am (Starting at Dauber Rd and ending at Fawn River Kayak, 5.6mi)

Fawn River June 16th at 9:30 am (Starting at Fawn River Kayak and ending at Big Hill Road, 4.4 mi)

Nottowa Creek June 30th at 9:30 am (Starting at Rawson's King Mill Park and ending at M-66 bridge, 3.4mi)

Portage River July 9th at 9:30 am (starting at Parkville road and ending at Carpenter bridge. 3.4 miles)

Rocky River July 21st at 9:30 am (starting at Null Road and ending at the Park in downtown Three Rivers, 4.3 mi)

St Joseph River August 4th at 9:30 am (starting at withers Road and ending at Race Public Launch in Constantine, 3.6 mi)

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations

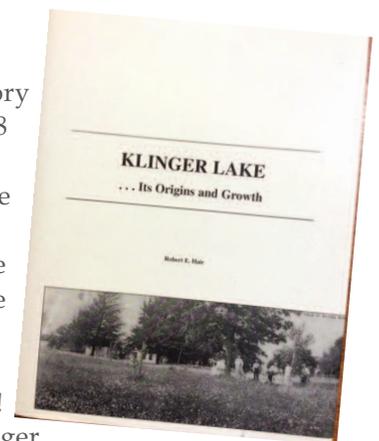
The Klinger Lake Association participates in several programs sponsored by the Michigan Lake Stewardship Associations (formerly Michigan Lake and Stream Associations). MLSA is a non-profit statewide organization dedicated to the preservation, protection, and wise management of Michigan's inland lakes. Our MLSA membership enables best practice exchanges with other lakes as well as access to experts from around the state.

The MLSA website (<https://www.mymlsa.org/>) is an extremely valuable source of information on a wide variety of topics of interest to lake residents, including not just environmental issues but also numerous articles regarding ownership of lake property. I encourage you to take a look!

Book highlights history of Klinger Lake

The History of Klinger Lake is very interesting, did you know there was a Oakwood Tavern located in the Oakwood Beach area in the early 1900s. Look in your Klinger Lake History book starting on page 38 you will find the menu for the tavern and on the following pages many pictures. This must have been the gathering place at the time. Oh you don't have a history book of Klinger Lake!!!!

The book-- -- Klinger Lake.....Its Origins and Growth written by Robert E. Hair is available in hard cover form for \$30.00 by calling Doug Van Meter at 269-651- 8320.



The Day I ‘drowned’ in Klinger Lake

BY DICK MAGEE

You can see I was ready. Three and a half years old, I’m dressed in my favorite (only) itchy red bathing suit with a bunny on the front. I don’t know why a bunny would be a part of a swimsuit – but it is what it is. I think my grandmother stitched it all together one rainy afternoon. Of course, the inner tube was an important part of the ensemble.

But somebody forget my bathing slippers. Goggles weren’t invented yet. Nobody knew what a life jacket was – or earplugs. Certainly mom slathered on sun tan oil, but spared me a sissy girl’s bathing cap. I may have needed help finding the lake since I lived up on Lemon Street. But once pointed in the right direction I’d be on my way with the adults hurrying along behind.

But this day would be like none other. It would be the day I “drowned” in Klinger Lake. I remember that day over 80 years ago. Afterward I told everybody that I drowned. For me drowning meant my head was under water and I couldn’t get it back up on top. That somebody saw me go under and got to me in time didn’t change my definition. It’s just that my drowning wasn’t permanent. But it could have been. I remember that my head was almost touching the bottom - that I was swallowing water - that my eyes were open and everything looked grey. But I don’t remember being frightened - or flailing about.

Perhaps I wasn’t under water long enough for panic to set in. Once in the arms of my rescuer there was some coughing and sputtering. But watchers declared there were no tears or tantrum - or fear of the lake. They said I wanted to go back in! What a strange little me – to have almost drowned and not made a fuss. Was I too addle-headed to realize what had just happened – too young to imagine that an ordinary day at Klinger could suddenly turn to disaster?

I haven’t the slightest idea of how it happened. For

crying-out- loud, where was the inner tube? Once in the suit, I lugged it around everywhere I went even if it took forever to reach the water. Certainly I knew it was an important part of the whole operation. We were closer than twins. But where was it when I needed it most – when I was bobbing about in the water? It’s a mystery. Since we were inseparable, somebody must have seen the empty tube and started a wild search. And I was grabbed before the last of the bubbles. I was lucky. Kids can slip away in an instant. And within seconds a slip can become a tragedy.

I’ve done my fair share of carping about all the rules and regulations about lake and boating protocol. I remember the old days when there wasn’t an advisory or a prohibition anywhere in sight. We were on our own – sink or swim. I suspect modern day “lakers” can hardly imagine such a laissez-faire way of doing things. But now that I’m older and wiser, I realize that back then wasn’t like right now. Back then we didn’t have over 800 boats ready to sail at a bosun’s whistle. We didn’t have powerful bass boats roaring cross the waves like avenging angels. We didn’t have ski boats creating their own tsunami midst the blare of loudspeaker rock - or jet skis darting about like hysterical waterbugs.

We specialized in rowing leaky rowboats and fishing with cane poles - paddling Old Town canoes and picking water lilies in the inlet - and manning sailboats while pretending we knew how to sail. It was slow and easy. But even then a little boy wearing an itchy red bathing suit and clutching a skinny inner tube could have drowned in calm, shallow water. A life jacket could have saved him.

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We’ve been lucky over the years. To the best of my knowledge we’ve had only two fatalities during my lifetime. One was a crash of a small plane into the lake. The other was a motorboat hitting a scuba diver.



Boater Safety

BOAT REGISTRATION

All vessels must be registered to operate on Michigan waterways. The only exceptions to registration rules are privately owned non-motorized canoes, kayaks, or rowboats under 16 feet in length. All sail boats must be registered regardless of their size. All vessels with any type of motor, gas or electric, must be registered including inflatable vessels. If you purchased a new or used vessel you have only 15 days to get it registered.

OPERATION OF VESSELS and AGE RESTRICTIONS

Boats

Persons less than 12 years of age:

- May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) legally without restrictions.
- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally only if they:
 - Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat and ...
 - Are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
 - May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those born on or after July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.

Those born before July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally without a boating safety certificate.

Personal Watercraft (e.g., WaveRunners, JetSki, etc.)

Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC.

Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and ...

- He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or ...
- He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without a boating safety certificate.

BOATERS SAFETY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Anyone operating a watercraft (power boat, Personal Watercraft-PWC) born after December 31, 1978 must have a boaters' safety certificate. **This year, for the first time, your Klinger Lake Association will be sponsoring a Boater Safety Certification class on June 24 at the White Pigeon Township Hall (Firestation) starting at 9am. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY YOUR KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENTS. If you are at least 12 years old, you can register by calling 269-467-9045.** If you can't make the June 24th date, the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department will offer the same class on June 17 at the training room 650 East Main Street, Centreville, MI. You can register by calling the County at 269-467-9045 x221. For both classes, please have the student's name, date of birth, address, age and contact phone number ready. There is no cost for either class, however, you must provide your own sack lunch for the class on June 17. All classes will be held from 9:00 am (sharp) to 3:00 pm. Please bring a #2 pencil. Please arrive 15 minutes early. You can also pay to take the BSC course on-line. The approved site can be obtained by going to the website, <http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>. The cost is \$29.95 for the on-line course.

ACQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS EVENT JULNE 30

Your KLA will again sponsor an aquatic invasive species awareness event in conjunction with Michigan State University, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The event will take place on June 30 and include information, free hand-outs and refreshments. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) such as zebra mussels, aggressive weeds and fish diseases, threaten the health of our lakes and rivers, decrease water quality and can limit recreational enjoyment. Movement of boats and trailers among water bodies is the most common way AIS spread. We will be looking for a handful of volunteers to help with this event. For more information, call Andy Rieth.

PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE REQUIREMENTS

All vessels—including canoes and kayaks—must be equipped with a PFD for each person on board or being towed. USGA approved type I, II, or III that are of the proper size must be readily available. If the vessel is less than 16 feet or is a canoe or kayak, you can choose either a wearable or throwable (type IV) type PFD. All children under the age of 6 must wear a PFD whenever the vessel is under motion. There will be no exceptions to this law per St. Joseph County Marine Patrol.

With the increased use of Paddle Boards, please understand that a PFD is not required, but highly recommended.

OTHER BOATER SAFETY ADVICE

Be sure to check all your other safety devices — fire extinguishers, lights and horns — for correct operation after the winter. Fire extinguishers are required on most vessels. Make sure they are properly charged, are in working order, and readily available if you have the need to get it out.

Proper distance control is very important. When operating a vessel or being towed, the vessel or person being towed must be at least 100 feet from a shoreline, a moored or anchored vessel, a dock or a raft, and any person in the water, unless operating at no-wake speed.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Although it is legal to have an open container on board, it is illegal to operate any vessel under the influence. Please operate safely.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Personal watercraft are not allowed to operate after sunset or before 8 am. Boats may not tow a person or other contrivance 1 hour after sunset until 1 hour before sunrise. Please be considerate of others.

PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS/BOAT RAMP

Please note there will be increased enforcement in several areas related to individuals utilizing the Public Access to Klinger Lake. Power loading and un-loading watercraft is prohibited. This means watercraft cannot be "driven" on or off trailers. They must be pushed off or winched onto trailers. Glass containers are prohibited in or around the public access area. Also, parking rules will be strictly enforced. Vehicles and trailers may only park in designated parking areas. There is no parking anywhere on the access road.