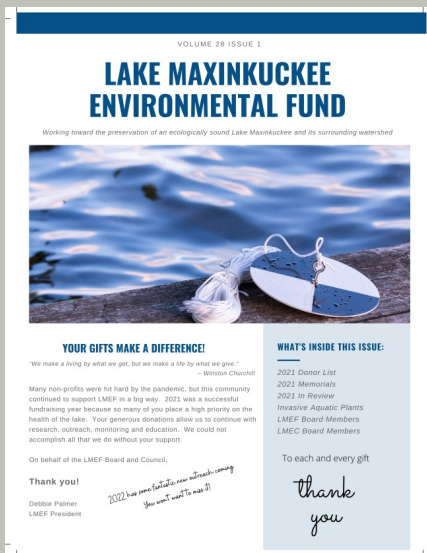




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## January Newsletter

The semi-annual print newsletter was mailed last month. If you did not receive yours, please notify the LMEF office to make sure we have your correct mailing address.

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## The Importance of Native Plants



If you want this adorable caterpillar in your garden, you need to include *Lindera benzoin*, common name Spicebush, in your landscape.

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## Lakefront Property Values Tied to Water Clarity



A Clear Lake = Higher Home Values

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## **SB 187**

### **Wake Boarding and Wake Surfing**

The bill passed the Senate and is now in the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Places restrictions that apply to wake boarding or wake surfing on a small public freshwater lake that is at least 70 acres but not more than 300 acres.

SB 187 would prohibit wake boarding or wake surfing between sunset and sunrise, and it would **allow lake-front property owners to petition the Natural Resource Commission for further limits on their lake.**

Lake Maxinkuckee is over 1,800 acres so if this passes, would not have much impact on our lake unless lakefront property owners petition for further limits.

Environmental groups are supporting this bill because wake boats create large wakes even at slower speeds. If they are close to shore, the large wake can cause shore erosion and damage piers. In shallow water, the wake can churn up bottom sediments which encourages overgrowth of algae and harms aquatic fish and plants.

## **Kline Levee Update**

During the construction of the 2020 Kline Levee Reconstruction Project, we were faced with a section that settled differently from the rest of the levee. The solution was to let it settle for a year, then come back with additional soil to make everything level.

LMEF secured a LARE grant to pay 80% of the cost for this additional work. Construction began last month. The soil will eventually be graded and the entire area reseeded.

Another way LMEF is being proactive in protecting Lake Maxinkuckee.



## **Happy Valentine's Day**

*Like music and art, love of nature is a common language that can transcend political or social boundaries.*

—Jimmy Carter

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