



Let's Meet At Lake Mansfield!

The Newsletter of Lake Mansfield Alliance (LMA) spring 2007

www.lakemansfield.org

Dear Lovers of Lake Mansfield,

In a time of growing concern about the health of our planet, the need to appreciate and protect Lake Mansfield has become even more urgent. **It is our responsibility to care for Lake Mansfield, our unique green space and community treasure.**

The vibrant Lake Mansfield habitat provides home to a wide array of native plants, fish, bird life and mammals. Lake Mansfield provides us all with numerous opportunities to connect with the natural world in a time where open space and the quiet country lane are rapidly diminishing.

We have only one Lake Mansfield: left to us by the ancient glaciers, enjoyed by generations, and currently providing more families than ever before with an enormous array of opportunities for outdoor recreation. Some of the problems we are working hard to address are difficulties that have been identified for over 30 years. We have seen some improvements, but also very real challenges to the health and maintenance of our much beloved area.

Be an advocate for Lake Mansfield's improvement, protection and preservation. Become a steward of The Lake Mansfield Recreational Area. Help provide for the connections and experiences that will foster a commitment to the conservation of our wild spaces for generations to come. The health and well-being of Lake Mansfield is tied integrally to the health and well being of our community. Our work now can have huge implications for the future, **please join us!**



2007 Lake Mansfield Events

Friday, April 27th, 4:00 pm

Arbor Day Planting: a Princeton Elm

LMA, partners with Great Barrington Garden Club & Ward's Nursery and Garden Center to provide our beach area with a noble shade tree.

Sunday, April 29th, 11:00 – 3:00:

LAKE MANSFIELD CELEBRATION & CLEAN UP DAY

Clean Up, Pot Luck Lunch, Community Meeting,
Boating & Guided Trail Walk

A great day of hard work and joyfulness!

Including: A New Fence for Safety

Help towards a new split-rail fence to provide a safe separation between the beach area and busy road.

Rain Date: Sun. 5/6

May thru September

POND PADDLERS

Join the Pond Paddling Team: complete a Wildlife Inventory & Invasive Species Checklist. Sign up for a time that works for you. (See Inside.)

Saturday, June 16th, 9am to 2pm

LMA TAG SALE & SKATE SWAP

29 Castle Hill Avenue, Great Barrington

Donations/workers needed, just your best junk please! Baked Goods needed. Featuring a family skate exchange to get us geared up for another great winter ice season. More info to come!

May thru October

Lake Mansfield

Conservation Forest Trail Project

Consider becoming a Trail Builder. Help us improve our Lake Mansfield Recreational Area. See inside for further details and check www.lakemansfield.org for complete project description and timeline.

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LMA Membership Information

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF)

The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force was established in March 2006 and given the charge to "address a wide range of concerns including, but not limited to, public safety, use and accessibility, water quality (runoff, buffer zone erosion, invasive weeds), lake improvements, protection of the watershed and stewardship" at Lake Mansfield. The Task Force consists of representatives of the various committees and boards that are stakeholders in the future of Lake Mansfield. Using community input, work is underway to develop a Lake Improvement Plan and to work with the town to implement the approved course of action.

Lake improvement efforts were subdivided into three areas: Public Safety, Water Quality, and Facility Improvements. The Task Force initially focused on Public Safety issues. After holding a community forum on safety issues, a public safety action plan was developed that identified concerns and proposed solutions. In February,

the Task Force presented a short-term interim plan to the Board of Selectmen. This approved interim plan will provide signage for the Lake Mansfield Recreational Area; a raised crosswalk; and improved fencing at the beach to encourage pedestrians to utilize the crosswalk and keep children from darting into the roadway. In addition effort will be made to secure a "Planning Grant" which will develop longer term solutions.

It is a true pleasure serving on this town Task Force with so many individuals throughout our community that really care for Lake Mansfield and are dedicated to making it a safe recreational area that all can enjoy. It is also a pleasure serving with our Task Force chairperson, Christine Ward whose energy and love of the lake is unmatched. Her efforts within LMA and the Task Force are truly appreciated.

~ Ron Dlugosz, Board of Selectman, Task Force Member

Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest Needs YOU!

Imagine throwing a towel over your shoulder, and sauntering through a shady woodland towards the afternoon glow of a sun-washed lake. Imagine leaving the road behind to walk in a quiet forest with a favorite friend (human or canine); to hear the birds, examine the ferns, to move through peaceful stands of tall white pine, maple and oak.

These are the opportunities that LMA is striving to provide through the **Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest Trail Project**.

The Project has been designed *to improve and further develop* a trail network within the 29 acre town forest adjacent to Lake Mansfield. This property, overseen by the Great Barrington Conservation Commission, is within the watershed of Lake Mansfield and contains an outflow brook that connects with the Housatonic River. It is a site where 30 year old hopes for a community trail system may now come to be realized.

The Trail Project will bring community experts, volunteers and town boards together to create an enhanced trail network. This new trail system will provide the community with access to a varied forest area for recreation and appreciation and will link pedestrians to the Lake Mansfield Recreational Area.

The work will begin with the development of a conceptual trail design by trail consultant, Peter Jensen. Don Roeder, biologist and Simon's Rock professor, will work to delineate the area's wetlands which will be mapped by Peter Tiso, a graduate from Simon's Rock. Our trail building efforts will be greatly supported by the input of

Sara Sheehy, trail coordinator for the Southern New England Office of the Appalachian Mountain Club. This project has been supported by a grant from the Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund of the Berkshire Community Taconic Foundation. For project description and timeline: www.lakemansfield.org.



Peter Jensen, Sara Sheehy, Anne Hutchinson, Nina Evans, Christine Ward (and Sadie and Jake, atop the rock!)

It is our belief that appreciation and protection go hand-in-hand. By providing a safe enjoyable park space for citizens within the lake watershed area, we help to ensure the future protection of this vital habitat.

**You can be a part of this exciting project:
Make a dedicated donation and/or role up your sleeves and sign on as a Trail Builder.**

Lake Mansfield Vision

By Dale Abrams

It is impressive to see what has been accomplished at the lake in recent years. From well attended lake clean-ups and weed monitoring patrols to new bike racks and waste bins, to freshly painted benches and a beautiful new information sign, the place is looking pretty spiffy. LMA and town departments have collaborated very well



on these efforts. This spring you'll see a host of new measures designed to make it safer around the lake.

Even with all this underway, I can't help wondering what this place will look like in five years or even ten or twenty years from now. Without stewardship and long range planning the trajectory seems quite clear: The number of lake users and traffic will both continue to increase gradually heading toward a collision course I'd rather not imagine. With an excellent track record behind us, LMA and the town have a great opportunity to create a very different future, guided by proactive planning.

Take a moment to imagine a future that, together, we can create...

Approaching the lake from the north or south, a gateway sign and gentle speed hump let you know

you are entering a recreation and natural area that encompasses the entire lake, from boat launch to beach and beyond, as well as the adjoining conservation forest and a network of trails on public and private land. Upon entering, you immediately have a sense that getting somewhere quickly is secondary to enjoying the tranquility and recreational opportunities of this in-town oasis.

The centerpiece of the area is a greenway trail along the eastern lake shore that allows you and other visitors to stroll along the lake side, enjoy the views from shoreline benches, and fish from safe access areas. Muskrats, song birds, and turtles also frequent the shore, benefiting from a stabilized bank, re-vegetated with native willow, dogwood, bull rushes, and sedges that provide food, shelter and nesting habitat for countless species.

As you continue on, you can't help noticing that the water looks strikingly clear where fish are spawning just a few yards from shore. Something about the road and trail catches your eye. It's subtle, but the pitch of the road has changed, so the run off is slowed and filtered before entering the lake, and, you no longer feel like you're teetering on the brink.

Arriving at the beach, whether by car, bike, or on foot, you find a well designed parking area that allows visitors to enter an enlarged park area without crossing through traffic. While there, you take advantage of clean and functional bathroom and changing facilities before heading out on the trails in an expanded conservation forest and trails system. A wooden sign with a large map lays out your options to explore the new forest loop trail, connect to downtown and the River Walk trail, or take a quiet route to another neighborhood.

Does this sound good? The members of Lake Mansfield Alliance envision a future that will allow Lake Mansfield to be enjoyed by many generations, both human and wild, for years to come. Tomorrow will be here before we know it and we're hoping you will join us in making this vision, or some variation on it, part of our shared future.

How you can help?

- ❖ Join a committee or work team
- ❖ Share your expertise in landscape or graphic design, engineering, horticulture...
- ❖ Lend a hand with organizing stewardship events this spring and summer
- ❖ Share your enthusiasm for the project with neighbors and friends
- ❖ And, attend Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force community forums this year. . . **your input can make the difference!**

Fish Tales: Generations of Fisher Folk Enjoy Lake Mansfield

By Christine Ward

How many kinds of fish swim beneath the reflective surface of Lake Mansfield? Who knows best? The folks that fish! For generations families have been coming to the cast their lines and see what's biting.



Bob Kotleski has memories of spending many hours fishing at the lake with his brother, Jim. He says, "You know, when you're fishing, there's a lot of time for talking. My dad brought me and my brother and now bring my three sons. (Luke, Matt and Bob K. are pictured above) I have great stories to tell about my dad and my kids will have stories to tell about me."



The Kotleski brothers and friends on L. Mansfield, 1963

Although Bob lives in West Stockbridge now, he frequently makes the trip to Great Barrington to get together with his kids and their friends. "It's great to be doing something together rather than watching TV. We get to know each other."

Barry Larkin with pickerel

An amazing variety of fish are to be found in Lake Mansfield: chain pickerel, brown trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, white perch, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed, rock bass, lake chubsucker, black crappie and golden shiner.

MassWildlife stocks Lake Mansfield with trout annually. This year things are running later because of the stubborn ice layer.

Lots of great fishing information is available at their website: www.mass.gov. Last year, it wasn't only the fishermen that enjoyed the trout. Quite a bit was gobbled up by a stray immature loon fueling up for its northern migration.



rock bass



black crappie



Chain pickerel



yellow perch



pumpkin seed

Q & A: Traffic Calming and Control

By Nina Evans

First of all, what's the difference between those two?

An enormous difference: traffic control relies on externally imposed rules and threats of consequences if, as is often the case, those rules are disobeyed. On Lake Mansfield Road, for example, last summer's two week traffic study showed that more than half of the nearly thousand vehicles per day exceeded the posted speed limit.

Traffic calming, on the other hand, relies on physical road design features which serve both to increase drivers' attentiveness and to have drivers naturally drive at the speed appropriate to the road's usage.



In real life, does that turn out to make a significant difference?

Absolutely. Traffic calming methods have been used throughout Europe and in many jurisdictions in the United States, including residential areas in Boston and Cambridge. Positive results include significant lowering of average vehicular speed, reduced number of vehicles exceeding speed limits, reduced accidents, reduced fatalities if/when accidents occurred (since higher speed accidents drastically increase likelihood of a fatal outcome), and even reduced insurance costs for municipalities.

So what are some typical traffic calming techniques?

There are three primary ones

1. Changing the vertical profile of parts of the road (e.g. speed humps), with road markings to alert drivers.
2. Narrowing the actual or apparent width of the roadway (e.g. curbs, street lamps and furniture, or allocating part of the roadway to pedestrians and/or cyclists.)
3. Deflecting the traffic path (e.g. by introducing curves or curb extenders.)

Where is it appropriate to use traffic calming?

Traffic calming measures are usually instituted in response to community concerns about high motor vehicle speeds and volumes inappropriate to the site. Typical contexts where traffic calming measures would be useful include parks, playgrounds, school campuses, retail districts and cluster housing sites.

Speed humps? I thought state law didn't permit those.

You're thinking of speed bumps. Speed humps are much broader and lower than speed bumps. They're designed for safe comfortable passage at twenty or less miles per hour and are widely used in other Massachusetts towns and cities.

The Great Barrington Select Board has authorized creating a speed hump to serve as a "raised crosswalk" between the parking lot and the Lake Mansfield beach, to be in place for the '07 swimming season.

You mentioned speed "appropriate to the road's usage". What does that mean in regard to Lake Mansfield Road?

Lake Mansfield Road is a road into and through a park, NOT, primarily, a through-road to get from one place outside the park to another place outside the park. It is no more appropriate to use this road as a higher speed alternative to other streets than it would be to save time by taking shortcuts through a school campus or playground. Therefore, "appropriate to the road's usage" in this instance means recognizing that Lake Mansfield Road is a very narrow roadway shared by cyclists, fishers, drivers and pedestrians, using the roadway as part of the park experience.



Speed humps would slow things down; are there other measures which might enhance safety even further?

Yes. At the Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Public Forum many people voiced support for the idea of making part of Lake Mansfield Road (northbound from the boat launch to the beach parking lot) one way, to allow for a bike/pedestrian path adjacent to the water. LMITF has been discussing this and sought input from the town's emergency (fire, ambulance and police) services, who measured comparative transit times and found it made NO time difference whether they took Lake Mansfield Road or some alternative route. Much more discussion is needed, but it's encouraging to note that in many other places, once such traffic calming measures were instituted even people initially opposed came to think they were a great improvement.

The Pleasure of Ice

By Suzi Baum

We fly through the air with the greatest of ease....



Well we are not air borne (yet) but we certainly felt like we could fly. This winter's ice season was the best we have ever had. And thanks to the diligent and creative "Ice Team of Lake Mansfield", more people than ever enjoyed skating on our favorite body of water.

We had watched the ice develop carefully... ice safety is always a concern. We stepped out only when drilling revealed 6 solid inches. Skater safety is vital here. And ice is HARD! I would suggest (and many ice experts support) that wearing a helmet is the best way to keep from getting a concussion as you whack down on the ice. Knee pads were worn by some. Thick snow pants, not so sleek and Olympic looking, are welcome padding for the falls you might take.

The center of the lake, named the Goose Hole, was held from freezing by geese that landed every night at dusk to spend the night, floating in a shrinking pool of cold water. We tried hollering and flapping our arms to scare them off, but they would land, with a few groups of ducks, to

The ice! Did you venture out? If you did, perhaps you experienced what many of us did; the flip flop of your tummy as you walked on the clear surface. "Wait!" your brain tells you, "this is usually water and I don't think we oughta be walking out here." But your delight pulls you out as you peer into the lake-mirror and see the life of the lake in suspended animation through the perfect lens of the black ice.



noisily claim the last bastion of open water for their resting place. Finally, a brave ice fisherman stood closer to the Goose Hole than we dared go. Sure enough, that night the geese circled and circled and flew south, perhaps finding rest along the Housatonic near the fairgrounds. There was still plenty of open water in the area to shelter them. But the place they left behind became the smoothest ice available.

Within days the freezing temperatures provided us with a cold deep freeze uninterrupted by snow fall. What snow did fall was dry and easily cleared. We became nature-watchers beginning to distinguish- wet snow, sugar snow, dry snow....black ice, gray ice...goose, duck, ice fisherman. No wonder the Eskimos identify over 40 different types of snow.

We saw a perch in perfection a few inches below the ice, it's coloring vivid against the black ice. We could see the cement well-head from where there used to be a pump long ago. We could see grasses and bubbles and ice cracks with deep prisms revealing the depth of the ice without having to drill.



From then on we had over a month of wonderful ice skating. Families gathered on several weekend afternoons to skate and visit around the fire we built in an outdoor cooker, welcome warmth from the cold wind. Several lucky kids had birthday parties on the ice. (Cont. next page)

Lake Mansfield Winter 2007

People came all the time, using the ice in different ways. There was a group of hockey players who skated at odd times, never really overlapping with the crowds of kids on the ice. Ice fishermen set up housekeeping in uncleared areas. After a big snow storm, the Ice Team cleared another series of rinks, which were enjoyed by more people. The Rudolf Steiner School brought buses of kids to ice skate. Some children had never been on skates before.

The Ice Team of the Lake is eager to expand our working knowledge of the ice and how to care for the rinks. There is an ephemeral quality to perfect ice; you just have to skate while it is there. To preserve it is a huge and expensive challenge, and one we are not sure we are up to. My son Ben dreams of a mini-Zamboni for the Ice Team...he is sure he could rig one up with an old ride-on lawn mower, if only I would find him one.

As the snow softens and the Ice Team sheds our skates and starts listening for the peepers, we cherish the joy of skating out over the Lake, over the expanse of beautiful water that calls us, comforts us and inspires us. Lake Mansfield is a treasured jewel in the crown of Great Barrington. And the jewel glistens with all the brilliance of black ice in the sunlight on a clear cold day in January.

There is nothing more sublime than skating as the moon rises - the sky dusky lavender, trees still against the sunset. These moments of skating with my children will never be forgotten. But even if you don't ice skate, you could join in the fun and push a shovel around the ice, just to be out. Or come stoke the fire and enjoy hot cocoa, make a date to watch the sunset from the ice. We always have a few chairs available. Think of the ice as your winter lawn. Come out and play!



Lake Ice Circle

We are attracted to the cold, hard, shiny ice
 It seems like an ancient ritual
 Something calls to us and we come
 It is our time to walk and glide over water
 While underneath, it is still the domain
 of the fish and the turtles
 We meet in circles to go round and round
 But who was there first when there was
 still the patch of water
 The geese sat at the edge of the circle
 As if trying to save the water from turning to ice
 Now we have claimed it for our own
 The circle, the clock of ice.
 The lake it calls to all of us
 It is an ancient gathering place of
 people who we've never seen
 It is a community above and below
 Can they hear us underneath as we slip and slide?
 We can hear the elastic crushing of ice
 As it collides with water
 We are thankful for this place
 Until one day when we can no longer glide away
 It will become their watery world again

~ Nancy Maurice Rogers ~

Ice Thickness (inches)	Permissible Load (clear, blue, lake ice)
2	One person on foot
3	Group, in single file
5	Group (6-8 people) together
7½	Passenger car (2 ton gross)

All the things We ALL Do around the LAKE

Have you ever thought about all the things that you can do around the Lake?

When I am at school and it is fall, I sometimes think, at a free time, I think maybe my family could go on a walk together and go to the boat launch and throw stones into the Lake. Maybe if we have our rain boots on we could go in the Lake as far as our boots let us go.

In the winter, I can't wait till school is out so I can go skating. Have you gone to one of the skating parties? THEY ARE SUPER FUN!

Well, If you have not gone to one of them, how about next year?



If you are having a hard time choosing where to have a birthday party, go to the Lake, in the spring or the summer, in The fall or the winter. There is always something to do at the Lake.

I saw people around the Lake having an Ester egg Hunt. Go have lunch there. Use the grill. You can go sledding, go make a snowman or woman, go on a walk, bathe in the sun, make snow angels, go fishing, go ice fishing, boating, NO MOTORBOATS PLEASE!

Go animal track hunting, go birding, go see the peepers. I THINK LAKE MANSFIELD IS THE BEST!

By Catherine B. Baum
Age 9



CONNECTIONS



How I Met A Friend At The Lake

**When I was 1 ½ years old,
my mom and I were at the Lake,
just sitting there eating pretzels
when a kid my age comes over and**

asks for one. Right after he did, his mom comes over and my mom and his mom get into a conversation. Will and I started playing. Will and I have now been friends for a long time. Now Will and I go kayaking, swimming and ice skating at the Lake. We have worked at Lake Day together. And this is how I met a friend at the lake.

By Benjamin Banks Baum age 12



POND PADDLERS

Pond Paddling: looking, listening, and recording . . . anytime it's right for you.



The Pond Paddlers Program is being developed to encourage lake enthusiasts to spend some quiet time enjoying, observing, and recording the rich natural world supported by Lake Mansfield.

- Complete a brief Wildlife Inventory of the birds, fish, reptiles and plants that flourish here.
- Use the Invasive Species Checklist to help us protect our lake from harmful plants. Alert us to new harmful invaders!
- Take a moment to record your thoughts and impressions . . .
- Contribute to the understanding of the importance of Lake Mansfield as a vital natural habitat.

All you need to do to participate is to attend a brief lakeside training session, sign up for your observation date(s), and get paddling!

**Bring a friend, tall or small, to share
in this pleasant act of stewardship.**



Lake Mansfield Alliance

2006 Treasurer's Report

Income

Donations/Memberships	\$ 2,715.00
Fundraising	<u>1,411.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 4,126.00

Expenses

Fees (PO Box)	\$ 50.00
Dues	80.00
Postage	130.39
Printing (NL, post cards, posters)	487.95
Services	80.00
Supplies	47.25
Project Costs	
(New sign, garbage/recycle bin)	<u>2,637.54</u>

Total Expense **\$ 3,513.13**

Net Ordinary Income **\$ 612.87**

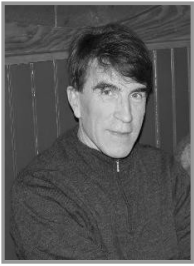
Further Considerations:

The 2006 Budget provided for many **LMA** outreach and educational efforts as well as specific Park improvements. It should be noted that every project (LMA Coordination, LMA Newsletter, Lake Clean up & Celebration Day, Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force, Lake Mansfield Trail Development and Conservation) is supported by enormous contributions of in-kind services allowing us to maximize the impact of monies raised and to create a stronger network of committed stewards. Many Steering Committee members serve on related town boards and community organizations thus broadening our understanding and empowering our ability to accomplish our goals in providing for the enhancement and preservation of the Lake Mansfield area.

Our status as a project of **Great Barrington Land Conservancy (GBLC)** has greatly supported our efforts by providing our fledgling initiative group with expertise and organizational support. We have learned that there is great power in combined efforts. We look forward to 2007 as another year of cooperation and achievement. We will continue to learn and to grow as we sustain our established annual efforts and work to support our first grant-funded project, The Town Forest Trail Project. We are hopeful that our work will provide a model for successful community initiative and will serve **GBLC** as a vehicle for preserving and enhancing our community's natural resources and distinctive character.

*To help us make the most of our LMA Newsletter expenditure we hope you:
Read, enjoy and PASS IT ALONG . . .*

Supporters and Feature Volunteers: A Few of the Many!



Christopher Brinton is a long term LMA volunteer. He maintains a low profile yet his efforts have been strong and steady over the long haul. Whenever you need a hand, whether it be for lake cleanups, sign building efforts, or ice-clearings, Christopher and his Dad are pleased to be there.

There positive energy is infectious and powerful; helping to be sure a lot gets done.



Sara Sheehy joins the LMA steering team, providing us with her extensive trail building knowledge and leadership skills, A native of New Hampshire, Sara studied Resource Management at the University of New Hampshire and went on to lead trail building teams in Colorado and

Montana. Sara currently works as the Regional Trail Coordinator for the Southern New England Office of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Sara and her two dogs love going on hikes. Sara has been a great addition to our LMA team.



Barrington Brewery has generously sponsored our annual "Lasagna for Lake Lovers" fundraising events, helping LMA to provide for park improvements yearly. Owners Garry Happ, Andrew Mankin and their hardworking staff fix up great lasagna and serve it to our chatty group with a smile. We

congratulate Gary and Andrew on the construction of **Crissey Farm**, a new banquet and catering facility being built with our environment in mind. This energy efficient and solar paneled venue, offering tastes of locally grown produce, will open in August and is also located in the Jenifer House Commons. (Rt. 7, Jenifer House Common, Gt. Barr.)



PJ Hunt, enthusiastic co-owner of **AdventureUS**, has made sure that there are kayaks available for Lake Day for several years running. The boats allow folks an opportunity to experience being out and about on Lake Mansfield. About his new business, PJ says,

"**AdventureUs** for life! I love playing in the outdoors, especially in the Berkshires. Our new store offers clothing and equipment for those who love the outdoors . . . and advice is still free." (Main St, Gt. Barr.)



Become a Member of Lake Mansfield Alliance 2007

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Suggested Annual Dues (___ I wish to remain an anonymous donor.)

\$20 Individual \$35 Family \$50 Supporter \$100 Conservationist

\$250 Guardian \$500 Steward \$_____ Trail Project Dedicate Donation \$_____ Other

Make tax deductible donations payable to: GBLC Lake Mansfield Fund. LMA.. PO Box 944. Great Barrington. MA 01230



Lake Mansfield Spring Celebration and Clean-up Day!

Sunday, April 29th, 2007

11:00 till 3:00

(Rain Date: Sun. May 6)

11:00 – 12:30

CLEAN-UP: Meet at the beach.

Bring tools: rakes, shovels, wheel barrows, wagons,
work gloves ... and enthusiasm!

12:30 – 3:00

~Potluck Lunch (contributions welcome)

~Community Meeting

~ Trail Walk & Exploration

~Kayaks, courtesy of



Join your friends and neighbors for a fun day of community action!



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“Working to preserve, protect and enhance Lake Mansfield as a vital natural habitat and community resource.”

See inside for 2007 Lake Mansfield events & LMA Newsletter, ENJOY and PASS IT ALONG . . .