



## **Morse Waterways Association Newsletter February 2024**

The MWA board had a meeting last month and there is some information that we wanted to pass along to the MWA members. Although it is winter, there has been some significant activity that will be highlighted in this newsletter. More details will be available at the general meeting in May.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**Do not be alarmed!** On Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Citizens will be treating the reservoir for an above normal level of algae. The algae causes a taste and odor and makes processing more difficult at the White River treatment facilities.

The treatment will occur generally in the lower third of the reservoir from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Signs will be posted at the marina and other locations to alert everyone regarding the activity.

Thank you to Citizens Water for monitoring the water and for providing the notice of the activity.

### **ADDITIONAL L.A.R.E. GRANTS:**

The L.A.R.E. Grant for 2024 has been submitted to the DNR and receipt has been acknowledged. The deadline was January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, but the MWA submission was completed in December 2023.

The grant is under review.

We are still pursuing additional matching funds for additional L.A.R.E Grant applications.

### **DREDGING SCHEDULE:**

Dredging in Big Cicero Creek will begin again in the summer of 2024. The actual start date will depend on the weather.

### **PARTY ISLAND:**

The next time you see the island, you will notice that it has received major improvements. Thanks to the initiative and investment from Andy Sheets as well as additional funding from the MWA board, the island will be more accessible to boaters this summer. The heavy brush has been removed, dead trees have been cleared and cut for firewood, low hanging limbs have been cut and the entire island has been renovated.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

**Safety Awareness:**

The MWA board has taken a new approach to Safety Awareness. Thanks to the efforts of Pat Kelleher, we are looking at an information sign to be located at the marina. The purpose is to provide such things as a map of the lake along with the location of idle zones, information on buoys, contact information for the DNR and emergency services, and links to information from the DNR and the MWA. The specific information is still being discussed but the work is in process.

**MWA Website:**

Thanks to the efforts of Matt Clark, the MWA website will eventually have a new look and be more easily managed.

**MWA Website:**

Plan on attending the MWA General Meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Red Bridge Park to get more details on any of the above topics.

## **Donate to the Morse Waterways Association**

The MWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving the Morse Reservoir so that it can be a source of enjoyment for many years to come. Please consider supporting this mission.

Donations can be made to Morse Waterways Assoc., P.O Box 422, Cicero, IN 46034 or by using PayPal as found on the website ([morseh2o.org](http://morseh2o.org)).

## **Current MWA Board Members:**

Matt Clarke	Roger Goings	Pat Kelleher	John Weis
Andy Sheets	Dean Denhart	Art Hall	Eric Harley
John Myer	Dustin Dixon	Jeff Derda – President	
Dave Vanette – Vice President	Chuck Watkins – Secretary	Jerry Schwier – Treasurer	

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the Morse Waterways Association.

Jeff Derda, President – Morse Waterways Association