

**\*\*\*SPECIAL BULLETIN\*\*\***

**WONDER LAKE A WINNER – JUDGE MICHAEL SULLIVAN’S RULING THAT THE MPOA OWNS THE LAKE BOTTOM ANNEXED TO THE VILLAGE OF WONDER LAKE IN 2002 IS NOW FINAL**

**Details inside**

**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

Following several years of refinement, the Recreational Sticker policy established in 2002 provided the Village of Wonder Lake Marine Patrol the tools necessary to assist in protecting the safety and privacy of our lake once annexation of the Lake bottom was accomplished. The fee structure that accompanied the policy funded the initial purchase and outfitting of the boat, its annual operating expense and the patrol costs incurred by the Village of Wonder Lake Police Department. The sticker revenue also funds more than 1/3 of the cost of the annual liability insurance premium paid out of the MPOA budget.

Each year the MPOA Directors reconfirm the policy and fee structure. In an effort to address the issue of unauthorized use of our Lake by the general public, the Directors have determined that ownership of recreational vehicles operated on our Lake needs to be reconfirmed over the next 2 year period. The registration of all boats operated on our Lake should be registered to property owners with deeded lake rights. This year, all owners of recreational vehicles operated on our Lake whose name begins with the letters “A” through “M” are required to provide the documentation necessary to qualify for a sticker. Next year this requirement will apply to those owners with names beginning with the letters N through Z. Details of this year’s recreational sticker procedure are contained in this newsletter. The office staff will be working to make this update of data as convenient as possible. If you have questions concerning this issue, please call the MPOA office and/or contact your subdivision director.

This newsletter also contains details and information about the failed attempts by Bull Valley to reverse the annexation of our Lake bottom to the VWL, scheduled activities sponsored by our local organizations, the Development of the “West Bay” properties, fisheries and aquatic plant updates and other items of interest to our community.

Your MPOA Officers and Directors are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable recreational season for each and every property owner with deeded rights to our Lake.

**LAKE POINTE DEVELOPMENT (West Bay Properties)**

(By: Bill McKinney)

At last year’s Special Convention the Delegates approved the granting of lake rights to the development referred to now as Lake Pointe. As a condition of this approval the developer agrees to pay the MPOA \$100 per dwelling unit (currently set at \$58,100) and deed their Lake bottom parcel to the MPOA subject to the approval of their preliminary plat by the Village of Wonder Lake. The first step in the approval process is now complete and the Village Board, on recommendation of the Village Planning and Zoning Commission is preparing for a review of the preliminary plat at its April 6, 2005 meeting.

Also in April, the MPOA Lake Renewal Commission was presented with the first draft of the developer’s plans for Lake Pointe’s Lakefront park and boat ramp facility.

Ultimately, the MPOA will receive approximately \$500,000 in property owner donations and dues over the 10-year period following the issuance of individual construction permits by the Village. More than \$350,000 will be designated specifically for improvements to the West Bay with the balance applied towards annual operating and general lake maintenance expenses.

**IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT**

(By: Newsletter Committee)

Wonder Lake is a true asset. We can see this by the fact that surrounding communities are attempting to get a piece of Wonder Lake. Significant changes have already occurred, or will take place in the near future, if the efforts of those living outside of the “Wonder Lake Area” are realized.

In late March of this year the Village of Greenwood quietly annexed property in the Wonder Woods subdivision. A review of county records shows that to date, Greenwood has not recorded any annexation ordinances to reflect that the annexed property is contiguous to the Village of Greenwood, and that there are currently no zoning ordinances to regulate the property annexed into Greenwood. The full implication of Greenwood’s effort is under review by our attorney. But, by annexation, The Village of Greenwood has established a governing voice in the affairs of both the Wonder Woods subdivision and the MPOA’s

***Is this what you want?***

The best example of Greenwood's track record of governing activities by owners of property is represented by the condition of the commercial property owned by the Village of Greenwood building inspector. This property is located in the Village of Greenwood, directly across from the Village of Wonder Lake Village Hall on Thompson Road.

***Is this what you want?***

The owners of property contiguous to the Village of Greenwood's new corporate boundary can now:

- 1) Petition to annex into Greenwood.
- 2) Remain in the unincorporated area.
- 3) Join in the drive by others to petition for annexation of their subdivision into the Village of Wonder Lake.

In any case, Greenwood has established a presence in Wonder Lake's affairs.

***Is this what you want?***

The Village of Ringwood has revised its ordinances, reducing the required size of individual lots acceptable for development and discussed with the subdivision board, the annexation of Hickory Falls III into their village.

To our south, Village of Bull Valley President Brian Miller, Trustee elect Richard Radwan & Keith Orman of Shadowood and the property owner who lives in the big house immediately south of the Shadowood subdivision have been parading up and down Route 120 and Thompson Road soliciting owners to annex their property to their village. They have also attempted to convince property owners, who have already annexed to the Village of Wonder Lake, to disconnect and annex to The Village of Bull Valley on the premise that "...we can give you whatever you want". They are attempting to play one property owner against another with misinformation, offering zoning that is outside of their existing ordinances. So far their effort has been identified for what it is, offers that are based on misinformation.

Both the Village of Wonder Lake, and the unincorporated area that is commonly known as Wonder Lake, is at a crossroads and the future of a united lake community is at risk. If the unincorporated area of Wonder Lake does not support one local unit of government we could be governed by as many as 4 local units of government.

***Is this what you want?***

If the surrounding communities are successful in their effort we will potentially become another Crystal Lake, arguing over who governs our subdivisions, access to our Lake, the Lake activities, and Lake restoration efforts.

***Is this what you want?***

The ability to protect and enhance our community's single greatest asset is in jeopardy.

***Is this what you want?***

If you would like to let us know what you want, you can reach us by phone at 653-4136

**WONDER LAKE A WINNER**

(By: Bill McKinney)

In January of this year the Village of Bull Valley filed notice with the IL Supreme Court Clerk requesting a Leave to Appeal the Appellate Court's ruling to uphold Circuit Court Judge Michael Sullivan's ruling in 2003. If you'll recall, Judge Sullivan ruled that the MPOA is the owner of that portion of the Lake bottom that was annexed to the Village of Wonder Lake and at the same time validated the annexation.

The Appellate Court's decision to uphold Judge Sullivan's ruling prompted the City of McHenry and the McHenry County State's Attorney to withdraw from any further action in the matter. The Village of Bull Valley decided to file an appeal of the decision to the Illinois Supreme Court.

On March 30, 2005 the Illinois Supreme Court announced its decision to deny the Leave to Appeal filed by the Village of Bull Valley. The Northwest Herald and Chicago Tribune both quoted Jim Campion, attorney for the Village of Wonder Lake who stated that the denial of the petition ends the case conclusively and prohibits Bull Valley from pursuing further litigation on the matter. "I certainly expected this to occur," he said. "The filing of the petition for leave to appeal was a waste of everybody's

Rogers, Flood, McCardle law firm, Mr. Campion said, "the court's decision is evidence enough that Wonder Lake always has been right when it comes to the Lake bottom".

In a separate action, Village of Wonder Lake Attorney Jim Campion appeared before Judge Sullivan on April 12, 2005 with an order to dismiss the "Buchert Petition" that remained on file with the Circuit Court Clerk. This petition refers to the effort by Bull Valley and property owners along Route 120 to forcibly annex a portion of the proposed mining site along with their individual properties into the Village of Bull Valley. Their petition was filed after our lake bottom petition for annexation to the Village of Wonder Lake was filed with the Village Clerk. Judge Sullivan validated our petition in his ruling on March 26, 2002 resulting in the Quo Warranto action filed by then McHenry County State's Attorney Gary Pack.

Bull Valley now has 30 days to respond to the order to dismiss the Buchert Petition.

### **FACILITY PLANNING AREA FOR WONDER LAKE**

(By: Bill McKinney)

**The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) has announced a public hearing scheduled for 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2005 at the Highland Shores Community Building, 9015 Woody Trail, Wonder Lake, IL. The purpose of the hearing is to provide the public the opportunity to comment on the application by the Village of Wonder Lake for a proposed facility planning area (FPA) for the Wonder Lake Area. People who are unable to attend the public hearing can submit written comments to NIPC at 222 Riverside Drive, Chicago, IL 60606. The deadline for written comments is May 16, 2005.**

### **An Accurate Special Census Translates into Important Funding for the Community and our Schools (An important message from The Village of Wonder Lake, IL)**

In the near future, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a Partial Special Census in the Village of Wonder Lake. A Partial Special Census is necessary because there have been many changes since the 2000 Census. Our population has grown. New people have built homes and moved into our community and the Village has acquired many new residents from recent annexations.

Special Census takers (enumerators) will begin contacting residents at their homes in late Spring or Summer to conduct interviews. All workers will have a Census Bureau badge. When the census enumerator knocks on your door, please cooperate. The enumerator will ask you a few questions for each person living in your household and the interview should take about 7 minutes.

Your answers are private. Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath to protect your answers. If they violate this oath, they will face a maximum of 5 years in jail and a \$250,000 fine. That is the law! The Census Bureau never releases information that identifies you or your household. The law and our respect for your privacy means you can trust the Census Bureau, AND the law applies whether or not you are a U.S. citizen.

So go ahead and answer the enumerator's questions. Your participation allows our community to get an updated certified population count. This new documented count is vital in helping the Village to qualify for additional federal and state revenue needed to provide essential local services you depend on everyday. These additional funds can help finance road improvements and the increased population count also benefits educational and scholastic programs.

**The Partial Special Census area will include the following subdivisions: *Deerpath, White Oaks Bay, Hickory Falls I & II, Wooded Shores and Sunrise Ridge Estates (part of Unit I and all of Unit II).***

Local residents are needed to work as enumerators. Census takers visit households and collect a few facts about each member such as name, age, and relationship to the householder. Census takers are paid \$11.50 per hour, plus mileage and paid training. You do not need to be a resident of the Village of Wonder Lake to apply although it would be helpful to have some applicants from the above subdivisions because of their familiarity to the area.

For questions regarding employment or for other information, call (815) 728-1800. Applications can be picked up at the village hall, 4200 Thompson Road, beginning Tuesday, April 19, 2005. Hours for pick up of applications are on Tuesdays between 8:30 and 10:00 am, Thursdays between 5:00 and 6:30 pm or on Saturdays between 8:30 and 10:00 am. Applicants will be contacted and scheduled for testing. The job description fact sheet and job application can be viewed online by clicking on "employment" at [www.census.gov/Special Census](http://www.census.gov/Special Census) prior to picking up the job application.

**Updated information regarding the Special Census dates will be forth-coming. If you have any questions, please contact the Census Director for the Village of Wonder Lake at 815-728-1800.**

### **WL Sportsman & Conservation Club**

(By Jane Musel)

The Wonder Lake Sportsman & Conservation Club would like to thank all the new wood duck sponsors! There was an overwhelming response and the club placed 20 new houses on the lake. There are some wonderful locations that should be

Keep a close eye on these little guys, they are fast and can get in and out without being noticed. We are looking forward to seeing many more wood ducks on the lake.

The club looks forward each year to the Kid's Fishing Derby which will be held this year on June 5th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Wonder Center Beach. This event has become more and more popular every year. There is something for everyone including prizes for each participant and free hotdogs and ice cream for all. You should really try to bring your children or grand children.

Also, look for our Carp Festival on June 18th as well as the Annual Bass Derby on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you at all of these events!

### **Guideline for Lake And In-Water Equipment Usage - 2005 Edition**

Property owners with deeded lake rights either by access to the lake through subdivision parks or shoreline residents shall be allowed to use the waters and lake bottom of Wonder Lake provided the following guidelines are followed. These guidelines were established to aid in the installation, use, and removal of seasonal equipment as well as to protect against infringement of users rights.

All commercial marine operators must furnish an insurance certificate each year to the MPOA office which is proof of liability insurance. The MPOA must be listed as a named co-insured. The amount of liability insurance required is 1 million dollars and applies to subcontractors who bill in excess of \$1,000 per policy year for their services.

NO-WAKE AREAS- No-wake areas have been designated on the lake for the purpose denoting MPOA approved swimming areas, shallow areas, or where boats anchor for recreation.

HORSE-POWER/NOISE- Horse-power shall be per the manufacturer's recommendations for each watercraft. The WLPD shall monitor for compliance with noise regulations.

INSTALLATION/REMOVAL OF IN-WATER EQUIPMENT – In-water equipment includes: piers, boat-lifts, swim platforms, moorings, etc. Equipment may be placed in or on the waters of Wonder Lake as soon after "ice-out" as deemed advisable by each owner of the equipment. Removal of all in-water equipment shall be accomplished prior to first ice.

### **GUIDELINES FOR PIERS, LIFTS, SWIM PLATFORMS, RAILWAYS, MOORING BUOYS, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF IN-WATER EQUIPMENT -**

1. Piers shall not project more than 40' into the lake from the nearest shoreline unless additional length is needed to achieve a maximum depth at the end of the pier of 3.5 feet. 3.5 feet is the depth needed by most boats to float and safely operate motors.
2. Piers shall be no greater than 10 feet wide.
3. For L-shaped or T-shaped piers, the length of that portion parallel to the shoreline shall not exceed 50% of the landowner's shoreline footage.
4. All structures in the lake from dusk to dawn must display reflective tape.
5. It is recommended that plastic containers used for buoyancy be filled with floatation foam NOT plastic pellets. If a container breaks or ruptures, plastic pellets are released into the lake. Any containers that previously held any toxic materials, pesticides or herbicides shall not be used. Even minute amounts of these products can contaminate the lake and have severe results.
6. All in-water equipment shall be securely anchored to prevent detachment. During times of high water or high winds loose equipment can become a floating hazard. Detached equipment can be struck by moving watercraft or float down to, and over the dam.
7. Should the MPOA determine that in-water equipment impairs navigation, creates a hazard, or in any way infringes upon the rights or interests of the MPOA Members and lake users, the property owner shall make necessary modification to the equipment as determined by the MPOA. Lake and in-water equipment/usage not in compliance with these guidelines must apply for a variance with the MPOA.
8. Bumpers shall be firmly secured to the pier. Note: The use of tires is strongly discouraged since they frequently become a breeding site for mosquitoes.
9. Piers should be aligned so as not to cross the perpendicular projection of property lines into the waterway or come within 10 feet of the perpendicular projection of the property lines. In cases where there are narrow curved property lines, it is important not to infringe on a neighbors rights or interests.
10. In-water equipment shall not project more than 40 feet into the lake from the nearest shoreline or within 10 feet of the property lines. Any equipment that projects into the lake is a potential hazard to boaters and personal watercraft. At night or in low light conditions it is especially hazardous, therefore it is advisable to keep equipment as close to shore as possible.

ICE SHANTIES – Ice shanties must display the name and address of the owner at all times. All Ice shanties must be removed

## Wonder Lake Recreation Vehicle Regulations & Safety Recommendations - 2005 Edition

Since the lake bottom has been annexed to the Village of Wonder Lake enforcement of these guidelines will be executed by the Wonder Lake Police Department.

Boating on Wonder Lake is regulated by the Illinois Boating and Safety Act. All vehicles operated on Wonder Lake must conform to these regulations. These regulations require all recreational vehicles operated on waters in the state of Illinois to be registered with a state and to display a valid state registration decal.

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### **Purpose of Vehicle Decal Registration**

1. To identify vehicles registered to property owners, which will assist in keeping the lake private for the use of property owners and their guests.
2. To provide expense relief to property owners for administration of the vehicle sticker policy described in Article XI, Section 5A of the bylaws and assist in paying the expenses related to the lake safety.

### **Registration for Decals**

Registration materials will be mailed to owners and residents of record whose last names begin with the letters N through Z. For these people, registration applications may be mailed back with copies of the required documentation and fees or returned in person to the MPOA office or registration site.

First time registrants and registrants with the last names A through M must apply in person this year. They must supply proof of property ownership or residence and proof of vehicle registration. This may be done anytime at the MPOA office during posted business hours.

### **Vehicle Registration Regulations**

- All recreation vehicles operated on the waters of Wonder Lake must display a vehicle decal as described in Article XI, Section 5 of the MPOA bylaws.
- Decals are valid from April 1 of the current year to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
- Vehicle owners must provide all of the information requested on the registration form as well as present proof of property ownership or residence (as described below) and applicable vehicle registration (as described below) to obtain a decal. **\*\*Note: DECALS CAN NOT BE PURCHASED WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON RECORD.**

*-Proof of property ownership or residence-* Copy of subdivision dues receipt, tax bill, deed, lease agreement, or letter from owner or other acceptable proof of ownership or lease.

*-Proof of Vehicle registration-* Copy of state registration for the vehicle to be registered by the property owner or resident. If the vehicle has been recently purchased a copy of the temporary state registration or bill of sale is acceptable for a temporary decal.

### **Types of Decals \*\* Note: Cars, SUV's, Trucks & Aircraft are NOT allowed on the lake\*\***

*Resident Decal* - These decals are available to residents only.

*Guest Pass* - Will be issued for the following and stated length of time: For residents who wish to sponsor a non-resident and his/her recreational vehicle. The pass will be valid for 72 hours. The charge for these passes is the same as the annual resident decal fee. These passes may be obtained from either the resident's subdivision or the MPOA office by the resident only. This pass is to be kept with the vehicle at all times. The resident is responsible for the actions of his/her guest.

### **NOTE: FEES FOR GUEST PASSES ARE NOW THE SAME AS THE ANNUAL RESIDENT DECAL FEES**

#### **Resident Decal/ Guest Pass Fees**

\$20.00 All motor powered watercraft 40hp and over, all personal watercraft, and all snowmobiles, and ATVs.

\$10.00 All motor powered watercraft **under** 40hp

\$ 5.00 All non-motor powered watercraft including sail boats, pedal boats, canoes, kayaks, and row boats

**NOTE:** The property owner will be responsible for updating any and all information (such as a purchase or transfer of ownership or receipt of permanent vehicle registration) with the MPOA in a timely manner throughout the season

**Decal Display:**

Decals shall be positioned on the left side of the windshield. If there is no windshield the decal should be placed on the left side of the hull near the front, but not adjacent to the IL Registration. In the case of snowmobiles and ATV's the decal should be displayed on the left side of the vehicle.

**Decal Violation:**

*Property Owners*

The penalty for property owners or residents operating a vehicle on Wonder Lake without a valid MPOA decal is \$100.00 plus all administrative and legal costs for enforcement.

*Non Property Owners*

Non-property owners or residents will be prosecuted as trespassers to the fullest extent of the law.

**Safety Reminders:**

1. Areas of Wonder Lake are designated as No-Wake or No Boating zones. Please observe the conditions indicated by buoys in these areas. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE OR DAMAGE BUOYS PLACED FOR YOUR SAFETY. Please notify the MPOA office if you notice damaged buoys or buoys that have moved from their original placed position.
2. It is recommended on weekends that all powered watercraft should move in a counter clockwise direction around the lake.
3. Vehicle operators are reminded to respect other vehicles and their operators, and all shoreline property.
4. When towing a water skier, or anyone on a flotation device, at least two competent persons must be in the boat. (state law)
5. All people in a watercraft under the age of 13 must be wearing a flotation device. (state law)
6. **In case of emergency call 911.**
7. For non-emergency assistance on the lake call the Village of Wonder Lake Police at 815-728-0535.

**\*\* Note: Cars, SUV's, Trucks & Aircraft are NOT allowed on the lake\*\***

**Master Property Owners Association Information:**

The Master Property Owners Association (MPOA) is a volunteer organization chartered with the safety and management of Wonder Lake. The Board of Directors is made up of volunteers elected from each subdivision. Please contact your subdivision director for more information.

Office - Summer Hours:\*

Monday through Friday	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to Noon*

\* Office hours subject to change.

For more information contact: Wonder Lake Master Property Owners Association, 7516 Hancock Drive Wonder Lake, IL 60097, Office Phone: 815-653-4136, Fax: 815-653-6762

See the websites below for more information: [www.wlmpoa.org](http://www.wlmpoa.org) and [www.mywonderlake.com](http://www.mywonderlake.com)

**CLEANER BEACHES THANKS TO THE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**

(By Jane Musel)

The MPOA would like to extend a heart felt Thank You to the Sportsman's Club for cleaning the beaches again this year. On Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> about 14 devoted members of the Sportsman's Club made the rounds to all the beaches and picked up a large sum of garbage. This is an annual spring event for the club as part of their ongoing conservation efforts to keep our greatest natural resource clean. So, next year when you see them walking your beaches with white buckets and garbage bags, lend a hand, they can always use the help.

**WONDER LAKE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPREAD THE WEALTH**

(By: Bill McKinney)

The Wonder Lake Knights of Columbus Council #8473 donated three checks in the amount of \$1,642.11 each to three charitable organizations in McHenry County on Monday evening April 18. Checks were presented to representatives from the Pioneer Center, Family Ideas Network for Downs Syndrome and McHenry County Behavioral Foundation Wraparound Fund. The Knights donate to these three organizations every year from monies collected from their annual Tootsie Roll drive.

## **AQUATIC PLANT STUDY ON WONDER LAKE**

(By: Ken Shaleen)

The Wonder Lake Sportsman & Conservation Club began an aquatic plant study in August of 2003. Six each of eight different native emerging plants were introduced in 6 - 12 inches of water next to shore in the northern most bay in the White Oaks Bay subdivision.

Of the eight species, one, the Marsh Marigold did not survive. The Blue Flag Iris was the most hearty. This is not surprising because Wonder Lake contains both Blue and Yellow Iris growing wild in abundant numbers. Six clusters of Soft Rush have developed a very good root structure and are prime candidates for transplanting to somewhat sheltered sites around the various islands. The effort to contain shore erosion around the islands is the next step in the Sportsman's Club plant study.

As of late April 2005, Arrowhead (which grows wild at the mouth of the Nippersink creek), Arrow Arum, Sweet Flag, and Pickerel Weed could be seen emerging from the bottom of the bay. There were no signs of the Plantain. But, the four clusters of this species were in excellent shape (and producing seeds) in the fall of 2004.

## **IDNR RELEASES WONDER LAKE FISH SURVEY**

(By: Dick Hilton)

Last August the IL Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Dept. of Fishery, conducted an extensive survey of the Wonder Lake fish population. In February of this year their findings and recommendations for the future were released to the Wonder Lake Sportsman's Club and the MPOA.

IDNR Regional Fishery Biologist Vic Santucci and his staff utilized various styles of netting and electro-shocking activities over a 3-day period. The result was the capture and recording of 1,077 individual fish representing 17 species and 1 bluegill x green sunfish hybrid. Bluegill represented 45% of the total fish captured. Common carp made up 11% of the total followed by a largemouth bass capture of 10% of all fish in the survey.

In order to maintain and enhance the fishery, the report recommends an annual stocking of 1" to 2" walleye fingerlings in late spring – early summer and 10" pure musky in the fall of each year. Information on fish barriers for the dam spillway and shoreline erosion control techniques was included in the report.

The MPOA and Sportsman's Club will take the recommendations under advisement and hopefully begin working on a partnership effort to follow through on them.

## **NIPPERSINK CREEK WEB SITE**

(By: Dick Hilton)

Last December a collaborative group of watershed activists received a \$50,000 federal Clean Water Act, 319 Program Grant to upgrade our Watershed Plan and development an Implementation Plan to address water quality issues in the Nippersink Creek waterway. The funds were made available by the IL Environmental Protection Agency (IL EPA) and will be administered by the Northeastern IL Planning Commission (NIPC) through a contract with the McHenry County Defenders. The Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee (a sub committee of the McHenry County Soil & Water Conservation District) will be acting to coordinate the activities necessary to accomplish the scope of work defined in the grant application.

At present, necessary data is being gathered from the various local, state and federal agencies and a web site has been established. Information about the Nippersink is now available at [www.nippersink.org](http://www.nippersink.org). Funding for this site was obtained from the Planning Committee and the administration of the site will be accomplished through a cooperative alliance of the consultants working to upgrade our plan and staff from the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREPP). Our plan is to use this site as a communication tool to inform watershed residents of our collaborative effort to address natural resource issues in the Nippersink Creek waterway.

## **4th OF JULY SCHEDULE**

(By: Bill McKinney)

The Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Committee has announced that the Wonder Lake Parade, Water Ski Show and fireworks display will all take place this year on Sunday, July 3. The parade will start from Christ The King Church at 1:30 p.m., the Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team will start at 4:00p.m. at the Wonder Center Property owner's Main Beach and the fireworks will begin as darkness sets in from Walkington Island in the West Bay.

Anyone interested in participating on the committee that is planning and organizing this year's events should contact the Wonder Lake Chamber of Commerce at 815-728-0682.

## **WATER SKI SHOW TEAM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE**

(By: Bill McKinney)

The Wonder Lake Water Ski Show Team has planned another exciting season of shows for all of us to enjoy. Their show schedule begins on Sunday, May 29 at 4:00 p.m. and will continue through September 4 with shows beginning at 7:00 p.m. on

June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29, and August 5, 19. The shows scheduled for Sunday, July 3 and Sunday, September 4 will begin at 4:00 p.m.

All shows will be held at the Wonder Center Property Owner's Beach located at the end of Hancock Drive on the east side of our Lake. Plan to attend and support our nationally ranked team.

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