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**Promoting the care and betterment of
Lake John**

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From the President's Dock

Happy summer! Hope it is starting out well for everyone. After a rainy memorial week-end seems the weather may start feeling like summer soon. I will provide an overview and status of our invasive species effort, water levels and a bit on our annual meeting which is rapidly approaching on June 27.

Invasive Plant Species

Permits were obtained to chemically treat 27.6 acres of CLP (Curly Leaf Pondweed) and 21 acres of EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) and also hand pull up to 1 acre of EWM. These permits were received in the early part of the winter thanks to Elaine's persistence and follow through. This is imperative to the success of the CLP treatment as it has to be applied when water temperatures are around 55 F.

The CLP treatment was completed this spring. Thank you to those volunteers that assisted in the application. There has been a report of a small quantity found on shore in the finger. Let's hope that this is an isolated incident. Please notify your section rep or anyone on the board if you find any CLP or EWM. Both of these invasive species do have the ability to show up in new locations. It is critical that we investigate any new potential infected areas to continue our successful control.

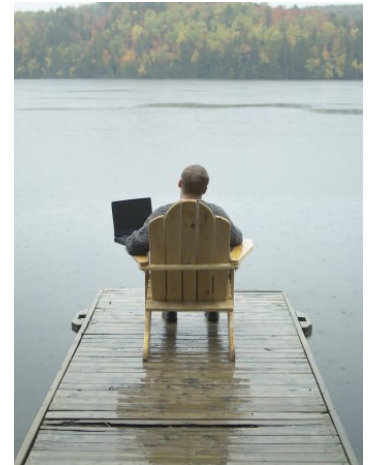
A spring delineation for EWM was recently completed by Freshwater Scientific on the 21 acre permitted area. NO EWM was found! This is a very good sign that our control efforts in that area have been successful. Northern and Whorled milfoil were both found. These are both natives and finding them healthy is a positive indicator that natives will repopulate in treated areas. The whorled can easily be mistaken for EWM so we will work on educating ourselves and all of you.

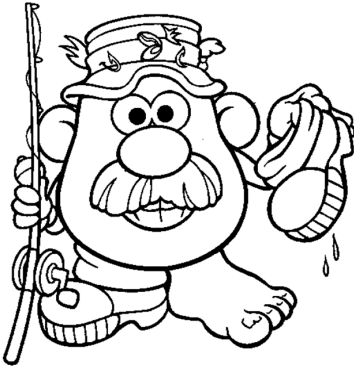
Invasive Animal Species

Zebra mussels are the main area of concern in our area right now. Spiny water fleas will probably be next. There was quite a bit of press about the treatment of a small area on Christmas Lake. It had appeared that the \$20,000+ spent for chemicals and divers eradicated the infestation in that small area. The latest information is that they are present again. PLEASE, if you use your boat on other lakes or have guests come to enjoy our lake make sure at a minimum they are cleaned and thoroughly inspected. Once zebra mussels are here the biology on our lake will be impacted. Zebra mussels feed on the algae and plankton at the bottom of the food chain affecting everything on up. Not to mention the sharp shells will make walking in the water very unpleasant.

We placed a few zebra mussel monitoring stations received through COLA and are making up more. Basically, a plastic tube containing weight so that when tied to a dock it can be located a foot off the bottom. Check every two weeks during June, July and August. It is recommended that one monitor be used for every 10 littoral acres of water. We definitely need more area covered. If you would be willing to place one on your dock, let us know or see us at annual meeting.

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People are like Potatoes

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are content to watch others do the task. They are called "Speck-Tators."

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do things. They are called "Comment-Tators".

Some are always looking to cause problems and really get under your skin. They are called "Aggie-Tators."

There are those who are always saying they will, but somehow, they never get around to doing. They are called "Hezzie-Tators."

Some people put on a front and act like someone else. They are called "Emma-Tators".

Then, there are those who walk what they talk. They are always prepared to stop what they're doing to lend a hand to others and bring real sunshine into the lives of others. You can call them "Sweet-Tators."

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". As a volunteer you make a decision to help on your own accord, free from pressure to act from others. Volunteers express a sense of achievement and motivation, and this is ultimately generated from your desire and enthusiasm to help. If you are interested and motivated to help Lake John in the fight against Invasive Species, assisting in chemical treatment of CLP and/or EWM, hand-pulling of EWM, annual meeting assistance, prize collecting, please call any of the board members (phone #'s on page 4) and we will have a lead person in your area of interest contact you. Thank you.

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Water Levels

Bob Fleskes regularly checks the lake water level. On 5/17 it was at 6.36" above the OHM (Ordinary High Water Mark). This was the highest ever recorded. On 6/7 it was 4.10" above the OHM. We have been in contact with Wright County and they inspected the culvert under CR 3 and said it was flowing normally. The DNR has also been notified. The effort will continue until we get a proper response. One theory is that there is a blockage (beaver dam?) affecting the flow on the lake side of the outlet. If anybody wants to venture down the outlet with canoe or kayak it would be appreciated. If we could send a picture or provide additional details it may help our cause.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at the Annandale Pavilion on June 27. Coffee and donuts at 9:30 with meeting starting promptly at 10:00. We will discuss the normal business and have two guest speakers. Jeff Forester from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers will be discussing the very positive progress made at the state level to help in the invasive species effort. There will also be a guest from the Annandale Boosters to give an overview of the many things going on in Annandale. I hear the door prize volunteers have done a great job. Hope to see you all there!

See you on the water!

Best regards and blessings, Kirk Linderholm, President



WRIGHT COUNTY WATER SURFACE USE ORDINANCE

Section 4.10-Water Safety Regulations

Subdivision 1. No person shall operate a watercraft on the public waters of this county while towing any person on water skis, water tube, aqua plane, surfboard, saucer, or similar device on a federal holiday, on Saturday or Sunday or in a congested area at any time unless another person is on the watercraft and in a position to continually observe the person being towed.

Subd. 2 No person shall operate a watercraft on the public waters of this county while towing a person on water skis, water tube, aqua plane, surfboard, saucer, or similar device, while going into or through a channel.

Subd.3 No person shall operate a watercraft or seaplane on the public waters of this county so as to overtake, pass, or meet any watercraft or seaplane in a channel or narrow passageway so as to endanger other watercraft, seaplane or property or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions.

Subd.4 No person shall operate any watercraft or seaplane on the public waters of this county in a manner so as to obstruct, or tend to obstruct, or interfere with the passage of a watercraft or seaplane through a channel or narrow passageway.

Subd. 5 No person shall swim in a channel or jump or dive from a channel bridge in the public waters of this county.

Section 5.00 Enforcement

The primary responsibility for enforcement of this ordinance shall rest with the Wright County Sheriff. This, however, does not preclude enforcement by other licensed peace officers.

Section 3.00—Definitions

For purposes of this ordinance, the terms related to boating are defined in Minnesota Statute 86B.005. The following are added in addition to the definitions contained in Minnesota Statute 86B.005:

Subdivision 1. **Channel**—"Channel" means any area on a public body of water in which the distance between the shoreline on opposing sides of the public body of water is less than three hundred feet (300 ft.).

Subdivision 2. **Congested Area**—"Congested Area" means a crowded condition on the surface of a public body of water that occurs when there are three or more motorboats, swimmers, buoys, or flags concentrated in a small or narrow space.



THANK YOU DANA

Our website (www.lakejohnassociation.com) now has a wonderful fresh look all because of your design talents. We sincerely appreciate you volunteering to do this.

Pictured are the O'Connor's: Dana, her husband, Rob, and their two boys, Quinn, age 8 and Sidney age 6. The O'Connor's live in Section 1 and are summer residents, residing in Colorado during the winter. (Dana grew up in Kingston MN.)

I know you spent a lot of time revamping the site and words cannot express my gratitude.

Elaine



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MISSION STATEMENT

- To assist in the conservation & preservation of the natural resources of Lake John.
- To promote the general welfare of the members as it pertains to their personal & property interests related to Lake John.
- To serve as an information resource for concerned citizens and an advocate for our members in appropriate matters.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our annual association meeting will be held on Saturday June 27, 2015, 9:30 AM with coffee and donuts, meeting starting promptly at 10:00 AM at the Annandale Park Pavilion. Hope to see you all there.