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EAGLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting August 13

Mark your calendars now! Plan to attend the Annual ELPOIA Meeting, to be held August 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dover Town Hall. Craig Helker, Senior Water Biologist, DNR; Luke Roffler, Senior Fisheries Biologist, DNR; Christopher Utecht, Dover Water Patrol Chief and other Lake experts will be presenting.

ELPOIA feels resident input is an essential part of developing a new long-range plan for Eagle Lake. Please come and voice your opinions! **EAGLE LAKE-ITS UP TO ALL OF US!**

Eagle Lake Tee-Shirts

Tee-Shirts can be purchased at the Annual Meeting or you can place an order at secretary@elpoia.org. Shirts are available in child's sizes or Small - XXL in adults sizes in Blue, Green, Red and Kahki. Polo shirts are now available, too!



EAGLE LAKE PHOTO CONTEST

ELPOIA is sponsoring the Second Annual Photo Contest in conjunction with their Annual Meeting on August 13, 2016. There are 3 categories this year: Eagle Lake Nature (animals/birds/plants, etc), Eagle Lake Water Scenes, and Eagle Lake People/Water Activities. The contest is open to any child/adult living in the town of Dover.

Entries must be dropped off by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2 at the Dover Town Hall during normal business hours, which are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Entries will be displayed at the ELPOIA Annual Meeting and the top 3 entries for each category will be on display at Michael's Restaurant from August 13 - Sept 3. Prizes will be awarded. For COMPLETE RULES, go to www.eaglelake-racinecounty.org or call Judy Amundsen at 262 878-2195.

SAVE THE DATE

PHOTO CONTEST AUGUST 13TH

Deadline to submit pictures is August 2nd. Winner announced at ELPOIA Annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 13TH
Dover Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. Experts from the DNR, Water Patrol and Lake Groups will present.

Fireworks/Flares
Sept 3rd
Begins approximately at 8:00 p.m. Rain/Fog date is Sunday, Sept 4th. "Ring of Fire" to follow fireworks.



RING OF FIRE

The annual "Ring of Fire" flare light-up will continue this year *AFTER* the Grand Finale of the fireworks show on Sept. 3. Look to the EAST SHORE for the first flare to be ignited by Flaremaster Don Hermes. That will be your signal to light your flares and join in the ring of red lights around the shoreline.

Flares are made possible by the Kortendick family of Kortendick Ace Hardware & In-ground Sprinkler Systems of Racine. They can be purchased at the ELPOIA Annual Meeting on August 13, from Don Hermes (262) 878-4338 and Bob Miller (262) 878-1675 or from ELPOIA area representatives around the lake. The cost is 2 flares for \$5, 4 flares for \$10 and 6 flares for \$15. Each flare comes with a spike already attached, so you can stick them right into the ground. **TIP:** sticking the flares into coffee cans full of sand will prevent burned patches on your lawn or pier.

EYES BIGGER THAN STOMACH

Last week, Nancy and Brian Younger (Terrace) were sitting on their deck when they observed a big white object floating out in the water. Using binoculars, they found it was probably a fish. They grabbed a net and took the pontoon out to get a closer look. The fish, belly-up, was still alive, but barely. They netted this beautiful 38" Northern—just under the legal size—and tried to revive it, but it died shortly thereafter. Noticing the extremely distended stomach, Brian figured it must have eaten something large recently. He decided to cut the stomach open, and there was a 17" Largemouth Bass lodged in the Northern's stomach (pictured above). Apparently the Northern's last meal was fatal.....

Eagle Lake Fireworks

Eagle Lake Fireworks have been moved to Labor Day weekend this year and the event is being organized by ELPOIA. Jim Elliott's team of pyro technicians will orchestrate the show on Saturday, Sept. 3. In case of rain, or heavy fog like we experienced last year, the make-up date will be the next night, Sunday, Sept. 4. They will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The show is once again funded 100% by donations and we ask all who enjoy this tradition to help support it. A new on-line method makes it even more convenient for busy families to donate.

Checks should be made payable to ELPOIA Fireworks and can be mailed to ELPOIA, PO Box 655, Kansasville, WI 53139. Checks, along with *all* CASH donations, can also be given to or picked up by your ELPOIA Representative at your lake home. To schedule a pick-up, email info@ELPOIA.org or call Fireworks Chair Don Hermes at (262) 878-4338.

To use a on-line PayPal account, follow these instructions:

- 1) Log into www.PayPal.com and select "Send".
- 2) Enter treasurer@ELPOIA.org for the email address, the donation amount without the "\$" symbol, and hit continue.
- 3) Then select "Friends or Family" and follow the prompts to your PayPal account.
- 4) Enter "Fireworks" in the note section.





HOT DOG DAY AT THE ZINNEN BOAT LAUNCH SHOWS OFF NEW IMPROVEMENTS

On Sunday, June 5, approximately 70 residents of The Terrace Neighborhood enjoyed a Hot Dog Day, compliments of ELPOIA. This event included a hot dog lunch, drawings for gift certificates from local businesses and a watermelon seed spitting contest.

The objective of this special day for area neighbors was to show them the Zinnen Shoreland Restoration Garden, started in 2004 through cooperative efforts of ELPOIA, the Town of Dover and the DNR. New educational signs (center picture) explain and illustrate the benefits of using native plants on the shorelines. With root systems sometimes going down 15-20 feet, water runoff is directed down the root systems instead of running directly into the lake. In the Terrace, rainwater carrying pollutants from cars or chemicals from lawn fertilization or spraying for weeds could run directly down Minnetonka Road and into Eagle Lake if it weren't for the Garden.

Volunteers around the lake continue to plant new varieties of native plants and do weeding and pruning to keep the Garden looking great. Project chair, Judy Amundsen (Pan Yack), recently turned over the reigns to Mike Yost (East Shore), so look for new things happening on site. New plants ID stakes need to be ordered yet, so that lake residents can come over, see what's growing, learn the plant names and decide if they should plant them on their lakefront property. If you are interested in helping out at the site, please contact Mike at (262) 864-4284.

Another new improvement to the site comes in the form of "Porta-Potty beautification". ELPOIA contributed the funds and the Town of Dover contributed the labor to construct a new surround for the porta-potty (picture on right). Please come over to the Zinnen Site and see what is going on to improve the water conditions in Eagle Lake. (Additional pictures on next page)



Do we want Venetian Night?

Sure the Venetian Parade is fun to watch, but being IN it is even better! Finding costumes, making decorations, and goofing around in character are things your family will never forget. The Frederick and Roszkowski families (East Shore) teamed up here to recreate Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. (Photo by Dan Roszkowski)

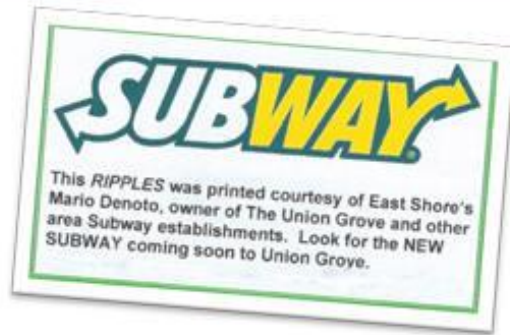
WANTED: A small committee of 2-3 people to organize the Venetian Boat Parade. If you have ideas and can contribute just a few hours of your time to help decide things like the date, criteria and judging, please contact us at info@ELPOIA.org. If not YOU, WHO?????

QUESTION & ANSWERS

An East Shore resident recently observed a seaplane landing, then taking off, on Eagle Lake when several boats were in the water and kids were tubing. Is this illegal?

According to Chris Utecht, Town of Dover Water Patrol Chief, this is not prohibited by state statute, however municipalities can adopt ordinances against seaplanes landing on lakes within their jurisdiction. Dover has no such ordinance, so seaplanes are allowed on Eagle Lake at this time.

"That being said," reported Utecht, "once a seaplane lands, it is required to follow all boating rules."



More pictures of Hot Dog Day

