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Eagle Lake Improvement Association



Watershed Task Force Update

The "Eagle Lake Watershed Plan 2017 – 2026" has been completed, under the direction of Task Force member Chad Sampson, who is the head of the Racine County Land Conservation Division. *(Chad is addressing ELIA members at the Annual Meeting in the above picture.)* The plan provides a blueprint for watershed activities designed to reduce the inflow of phosphorus and sediment into Eagle Lake. This inflow of phosphorus and sediment is arguably Eagle Lake's greatest challenge; the phosphorus makes the weeds grow and creates algae blooms. The plan contained four major recommendations:

- **Restore the Oakcrest Inlet (the small creek that drains the Lavin wetland SE of the lake, and runs under the road by Michael's on the Lake) to its natural state, including the removal of "legacy phosphorus" in the streambed.**
- **Continue to work to reduce phosphorus inflows from Eagle Creek, which is the primary inflow to the Lake (runs under highway 75 just north of the Island entrance).**
- **Work with area farmers to change/improve farming practices in a way that is beneficial to them and Eagle Lake.**
- **Continue to work with shoreline property owners to create healthy shoreline environments.**

The Watershed Task Force has designated the Oakcrest Inlet project as our highest priority. You will hear more about progress on this in the near future.

Dover Water Patrol

Christopher Utecht, (pictured below) Chief, Town of Dover Water Patrol reported at the ELIA Annual Meeting on August 26 the Water Patrol logged a total of 662 man-hours, resulting in the issuance of 26 boating citations, five parking citations and 111 written warnings. Violations were various, but focused on safety violations such as missing flotation devices, as well as violations of local ordinances such as the slow-no-wake boating hours ordinance.

Officers also performed 89 compliance safety inspections of boats on Eagle Lake. The Dover Water Patrol assisted 21 vessels, for a total of 48 persons assisted. They also continued to perform security checks of the Eagle Lake Management District weed cutting equipment during their shifts. "Deep water hazard" buoys were placed at Mohican Park on the corner of Minnehaha and Seminole. The Water Patrol also coordinated with the ELMD regarding an emergency slow, no wake speed restriction back when we had flooding conditions present. THANKS!!!!





Fireworks & Flares -- Thank You

The Eagle Lake Community was again treated to a spectacular evening of fireworks, followed by the "Ring of Fire" on Saturday, September 2. Thanks to the following people for their generous contributions:

Platinum Level: \$1,000

The Island Community
 Eagle Lake Management District
 Eagle Lake Improvement Association

Gold Level: \$100 through \$500

Kortendick Hardware	Flare Supplier
Eagle Lake Manor Community Association	ELMCA
Regency Club Condo Owners Association	RCCOA
Chuck & Lisa Glover	Manor
Brigette Heath	Manor
Jay & Linea Golla	Eagle Bay
Jill Wallers & Paul Lotz	Terrace
Dan & Judy Amundsen	Pan Yack Park
T. John & Nannette Greenwood	Pan Yack Park
Bob & Mary Kay Miller	Pan Yack Park
Bill & Flo Stremke	Pan Yack Park
Charles & Jane Drucek	Regency Club
Charles/Nancy Kohl & Jill/Mark Miller	Pan Yack Park
Peter & Nancy Burt	East Shore
John & Lisa Moulton	Pan Yack Park
Don Hermes & Shirley Christensen	East/North Shore
Ken & Sandy Lavelle	East Shore
Doug & Judy McLemore	North Shore
David & Terry Pacholski	Manor
Chuck & Nancy Usher	Island
Michael Heft	Manor
Robert & Diane Heilbronner	East Shore
Mario Lena – Town Chairman	Terrace
Steve & Patricia Fischer	North Shore
Curt & Judy Meltzer	Pan Yack Park
Debbie Meltzer	Pan Yack Park
Bower Design & Construction	The Terrace

Silver Level: \$50 Through \$99

Mike & MaryLee Moulton
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 Eric Marshall, Julia Lee & Elly Lee
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 Tom & Sandy Magulski
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 Lonnie & Karen Olson
 Gordy & Patti Cabush
 Charles & Charlene Lorenz
 Otis & Anastasia Usher
 Ryan & Kim Traxinger
 Peter & Julie Anne Mikulak
 Ryan & Tricia Tamminga
 Paul Baerwald
 Jeffrey & Mary Barrett
 Kim & Judy Casper
 Tom & Mary Tyler
 Brian & Nancy Younger
 Jim & Laura Carr
 Leslie & Bernie Lecocq
 Clay & Karen Marquardt

Pan Yack Park
 Regency Club
 Pan Yack Park
 The Manor
 North Shore
 Regency Club
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Bronze Level: \$49 and under

John & Robin Korndoerfer
 Scott & Kathie Radwill
 Peter & Krista Mozina
 Rob & Jean Jacobsen
 Dan & Kat Leunig
 Karen Miller
 Mike & Juanita Yost
 Jim & Cheri Baumgart
 Marilyn Hughes
 McEnroe Cottage
 Gilbert & Judith Deming
 Greg & Veronica Meltzer

Pan Yack Park
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 Regency Club
 Pan Yack Park



Eagle Lake Photo Contest Winners

The Annual Eagle Lake Photo Contest was held in conjunction with the Improvement Association's Annual Meeting, August 26th. Winning pictures, all submitted by East Shore resident Kim Traxinger, capture the spirit of activity and beauty that can be found all around the lake. Area residents are encouraged to keep their cameras handy throughout the four seasons so they can capture lake nature, lake activities and lake scenes for entry in next year's contest.

Eagle Lake Regatta/Social

The Inaugural Regatta and Social, held at Michael's on the Lake on August 13th, was a great success. ELIA Board Members Kat Leunig (East Shore) and Andy Usher (The Island) organized the cardboard boat race (The Ryan Traxinger Family-East Shore was the first place winner) and the kayak race (Marz Timms – Pan Yack Park took first place). Following the races, participants and the audience

joined in refreshments and had a chance to socialize with others in our Lake Community. ELIA plans to make this an annual event, so use the upcoming winter months to draw up plans for the winning cardboard boat entry and/or to get in shape to win the Kayak race.

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBORS

ELIA has scheduled Friday, October 20th to hold a welcome/educational gathering for people who have moved into the lake community within the last year. It will run from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and will be held at Board Member Marie Frederick's home, 2114 Deerfield Park Road (on the East Shore off Highway 75). Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

This event will give our new neighbors a chance to meet other new neighbors in our Eagle Lake Community, have the ability to get answers to your questions about the lake and to also have some fun! New neighbors should have received a written invitation in the mail. Please RSVP with President Brian Younger at 262-672-0733 if you are interested in attending.



Meet New Board Member

The ELIA Board welcomes new Board Member Beth Brandt. Beth is a full-time resident at the Regency Club Condominiums, and will be representing them. Beth moved into the Eagle Lake community late last summer. She says she “wants to be involved” in the Eagle Lake community, and ELIA is happy to be one of the ways she becomes involved!

Beth will be assuming a newly created role on the Board – the Lake Improvement Research Coordinator. Her charge is to become familiar with what other lakes in the area – and elsewhere – are doing to address the same type of phosphorus challenges that Eagle Lake is facing. The simple logic is - Eagle Lake is not the only body of water facing these challenges; let’s get tuned into others’ experience, and apply lessons learned to improve Eagle Lake.

Beth has hit the ground running and is already getting plugged in to the Yahara Watershed (greater Madison area) projects that are in process. Welcome Beth!

BITS & PIECES.....

--CHRISTMAS is fast approaching! Order a family flag for your pier and boat, so lake neighbors get to know people around the lake. Call Don Hermes at (262) 878-4338 to place an order.

--Eagle Lake Tee-Shirts and Polo Shirts are still available and can be ordered from Marie Frederick at (262) 878-5047

--All piers need to out of the lake before Nov. 1st. Be sure to check piers and boats for signs of aquatic invasives.

--Please notify ELIA Secretary Judy Amundsen of any changes to your home and/or lake address and to your email address. We will continue to increase the amount of information sent out electronically vs US Mail, so keeping us updated is important.

--If you are new to the lake community and would like to receive a “Welcome New Neighbor Kit”, contact Judy at (262) 878-2195 or email her at jwamundsen@aol.com.



STILL TIME TO PAY DUES

According to ELIA Treasurer, Chuck Glover, there is still time to send in your 2017 voluntary dues of \$15 per household. Pan Yack Park and The Island lead the way, with 100% participation in ELIA. The Condos have 52% membership, Eagle Bay has 50%, the North Shore has 48%, the East Shore has 42% and the Manor is at 13% participation. Send payment to ELIA, P.O. Box 655, Kansasville, WI, 53139. Make checks out to ELIA. Your dues payment will help fund important projects that will improve our lake and surrounding watershed.

Eagle Lake ~ It's Up To ALL Of Us!



Important Websites

ELIA website:

www.eaglelake-racinecounty.org

Town of Dover:

www.townofdoverwi.com

Racine County Website:

www.racineco.com

Starry Stonewort Invasive found In nearby lake

On August 16th, 2017, the invasive plant-like algae Starry stonewort was found in Wind Lake, Racine County during a point-intercept plant survey conducted by Marine Biochemists on behalf of the Wind Lake Management District. The completed survey found two well-established populations as well as five isolated areas/stands in the northern portion of Wind Lake. Collected samples were verified by DNR, local, and Washington County Starry stonewort experts. Advisory signs have been posted at the Wind Lake launches by the Wind Lake Management District in order to educate boaters and fall duck hunters in preventing the spread of Starry stonewort to other lakes. Herbicide treatments were conducted on the isolated patches in an attempt to limit their expansion while methods of control on the well-established populations are being investigated. Wind Lake is one of seven Wisconsin lakes, outside of Lake Michigan, where Starry stonewort has been confirmed. Federal, State, and regional experts are continuing to share and coordinate research on identifying the existing range of Starry stonewort, as well as containment and control options. For more information on Starry stonewort in Wisconsin, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/fact/starrystonewort.html>

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOAT(S) AND PIER FOR INVASIVE SPECIES WHEN YOU TAKE THEM OUT THIS FALL. NOTIFY US IF YOU FIND ZEBRA MUSSELS OR OTHER INVASIVES. THANKS!

CLEAN BOATS~CLEAN WATERS

ELIA and the ELMD again participated in the Clean Boats~Clean Waters program this summer. We received a DNR grant, which covers 75% of expenses, up to \$4000. ELIA contributes the other 25%. Nine staff members worked weekends from the Opening Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. The main coverage was at the Racine County Park, with limited coverage at the Zinnen Boat Launch for Opening Day, Memorial Day Weekend, Fourth of July Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. Low boater

usage and very good educational signage about Aquatic Invasive Species offset the need to cover all launches throughout the summer. Except for opening day and the holiday weekends, when double shifts were staffed, coverage was provided from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. so they could talk to boaters either as they were putting their boats into the lake or taking them out of the lake. A total of 32 days were worked, with a total of 47 shifts covered.

There were a total of 239 boats contacted as they entered the lake and 238 boats as they exited the lake, for a total of 477 boats contacted this year. Of this total, 401 boats had not received CBCW information this year. The majority of people in these boats (964 individuals) were willing to listen to the short presentation and answer survey questions. Staff felt that most all boaters came away with a good understanding of the program and about their role in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Note: boaters reported fishing in 26 other bodies of water (a total of 48 visits) in the state, including lakes where other invasives such as zebra mussels and starry stonewort have been reported. The nearby lakes that now report starry stonewort include Little Muskego, Big Muskego, Wind Lake and Long Lake. The CBCW program remains an important way to prevent these two species from entering Eagle Lake. Neither invasive has a treatment program that can eliminate it, once it enters a lake.



Star-shaped bulbils give the starry stonewort its name.