

# District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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nother season is waning, and soon all of our equipment will be stored. The lake level is exceptionally low right now. We are told that for this season alone, we are 10 inches low in rain. This does not include a winter with virtually no snow as well. I can't get my boat off of the shore station because of the low water level.

### ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Our Annual Meeting took place August 2. Brooke Jensen was reelected as treasurer and Paul DeMichael was elected to fill the other vacancy. Brian Suffern of Marine

Biochemists spoke on treating the Eurasian Watermilfoil in Powers Lake. He is very knowledgeable about the lake now and was able to answer all of our questions.

#### WATER QUALITY UPDATE

The Eurasian Watermilfoil was treated the second time this year on August 19th. Eleven locations of the 21 we sought permits for were found to have milfoil, and consequently treated. We are winning the milfoil game. The DNR tested for zebra muscles three times this summer. They did find them, but the results are not in yet. As always, we want to caution about fertilizing and chemically treating your lawn. These chemicals wash right into the lake and are the worst thing you can do for the quality of the lake, as well as your property values.

ecosystems, including plant and animal life. Learning about microscopes, nets, scoops, water testing, as well as seasonal changes and uses of lakes will be taught. It will begin with in-class work and extend to on-site studies. The District of Powers Lake will fund the expenses incurred in this program. This will be adapted to the different age levels at the school.

#### **RESCUE AND SAFETY**

The Town of Randall Fire Dept. and Dive Rescue Team have recently purchased a used but classy boat that is

being outfitted for rescue work and will have a dive platform, special lights and efficient equipment when completed. It will go as far afield as Lake Michigan, Lake Geneva and other nearby lakes.

The Powers Lake Water Patrol has a jet ski donated by manufacturers for use as an unmarked water patrol to enforce rules of the local lakes.

### COLD WEATHER & A GOOD BOOK

A reminder for those around all winter that the Kenosha Public Library Bookmobile will be stopping at the parking lot of "Sit n' Bull" Tuesdays from 9 am to 10 am.





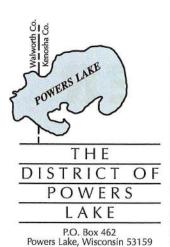
## SCHOOLS TO OFFER LAKE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

The Randall School is participating in the Wisconsin "Adopt A Lake" program for multiple grade levels under the guidance of teacher Karen Reddin. Students will be educated in understanding our lakes, their

### PROPERTY TAX COMMENT

Since this newsletter goes only to lake front property owners. I am sure the Assessor got everyone's attention. In case you were shocked, the average increase in evaluation was 38%, and some up to 50%. As one of those protesting I thought you might be interested to know that none of those protesting gained any relief from the board who reviewed the assessment protests.





ELECTED COMMISSIONERS:
JAMES MICHAELS, CHAIR
PAT MILLER, SEC
BROOKE JENSEN, TREAS
GIL KROLL
PAUL DEMICHAEL
APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS:
JUDY JOOSS, KENOSHA
MARK PELZ, RANDALL

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



- The next District of Powers Lake board meeting will be Friday, October 3rd at 5 pm at Basset Town Hall.
   See you then!
- WAL (the Wisconsin Association of Lakes) has two events scheduled for the coming year. Registration information will be available at the end of the year. Check the WAL website for details www.wisconsinlakes.org
  - Saturday, January 31, 2004 "Making Fun of Water: Strategies to Enhance Recreational Water Use for Everyone." This workshop will address conflict issues and teach resolution techniques regarding lake use problems. It will be held at Waukesha County Technical College from 8 am to 12:30.
  - The second event is the Annual State Lake Convention including the WAL Annual Meeting on April 15-17 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.