



District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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After two years of drought situations, we are starting the summer season with plenty of water and a full lake for a change. As the old saying goes, be careful what you wish for a ... you might get it. There have been NO WAKE signs posted throughout the area and the flashing blue light of the Water Safety Patrol Boat has been out there slowing boats down.

While high water levels can be inconvenient for some there are benefits as this water recharges our groundwater. Even with all the rain, the lake water is clear and beautiful. Everything is growing at an exaggerated rate.



The three day Boat Safety Courses are scheduled for June 23-25 and July 14-16. The final class in each session will be held on the lake. Sign up in advance and pay the \$10 registration

fee at Randall Town Hall where classes will be held.

Children passing the class will receive a certificate enabling them to drive boats and jet skis from age 12 on. Otherwise, they are not allowed to drive either boats or jet skis until age 16.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

Commissioner Gill Kroll has again acquired a \$2400 DNR Grant for USGS Testing on Powers Lake. Five times a year the USGS takes water samples to determine 26 different parameters for the safety and quality of our lake. We are fortunate to have had continual testing/data since 1986. Included in this mailing is the current USGAS report.

YOUTH ADOPT-A-LAKE PROGRAM

Karen Reddin, Randall School teacher is going great guns on the "Adopt-A-Lake" program for third grade students. They started with classroom work and advanced to lake front activity. Microscopes with big viewers like small TV sets make it pretty exciting to see what is actually in the water. Next year she hopes to use high school students help with the shore classes. She will be our featured speaker at the Annual Meeting, so plan to come and enjoy her enthusiasm.

PHOSPHORUS BAN

Perhaps you have noticed the signs in Twin Lakes cautioning that it is illegal to use fertilizer with phosphorus, because of its effect on lakes. We would like to encourage you not to fertilize at all and remind you that lake water is full of nutrients, so if you water with lake water you are indeed adding nutrients to your lawn. If you feel the need to fertilize you should have no trouble finding non-phosphorus fertilizers locally.



MILFOIL TREATMENTS SCHEDULED

The District of Powers Lake has acquired permits to treat 13 plus acres of the lake for eurasian watermilfoil, the aggressive aquatic plant not native to the area. This is the same that we applied for last year but then we only found two acres needed treatment. This should take place in the second week of June and again in September. The application is carefully monitored by the DNR and the actual treatment is done by the same contractor, Marine Biochemists, that are now very familiar with our lake. We seem to be making great strides controlling this invasive plant, and are anxious to learn what will be needed this year.

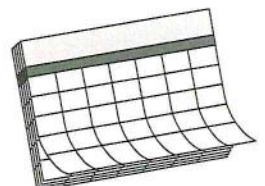
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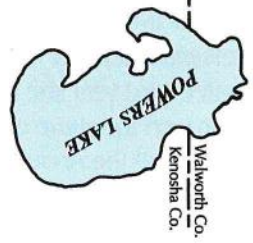
This mailing includes one page of the lake use flyer now being compiled covering state and local lake rules for Powers Lake. Every household should keep one handy for reference. Your basic questions will be answered with this informative material.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our next meeting will be at Randall Town Hall in Bassett on Friday, June 25 at 5pm.

The Annual Meeting will be at Randall School on August 6 at 7pm.





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