



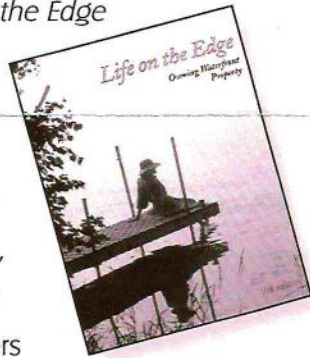
District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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We hope you have enjoyed reading and using *Life on the Edge* — a user's manual for waterfront

property owners. If you want more in-depth information on any lake topics, please contact one of the Lake District commissioners and we will do our best to help you.



ELECTIONS

With the recent Randall Township elections a new member of the town board has been assigned as representative to the District of Powers Lake Board. Rose Nolan, a long time resident of the Knolls has replaced Mark Pelz on the DPL Board. The Board wishes to thank Mark for the many years he served on the board and for his valuable input as an avid sportsman who cares about Powers Lake.

Two regular members of the Board, Gil Kroll and Pat Miller have completed their term of office and are up for reelection. Nominations for these opening positions should be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

BOAT SAFETY CLASSES

The Boat Safety Classes given by the Water Patrol were very well attended. Kids who complete the work on the lake as well as in the classroom are given a certificate entitling them to drive a boat at twelve years of age instead of sixteen.

The Water Patrol wants to remind boaters that skiers are to be towed counter-clockwise without cutting across the lake. It is much safer to drop the skier and take them into the boat.

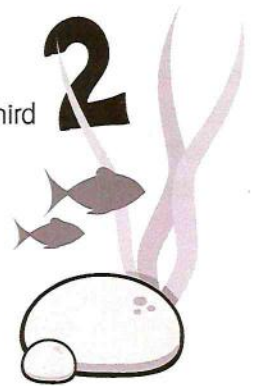
WATER TESTING

Commissioner Gil Kroll continues checking the water quality in five varied places each week. The Beach is tested weekly but a variety of other places are also chosen. So far this year there have been good results everywhere on the lake. If there is a failed area, action is immediately taken to correct any pollution.

ADOPT-A-LAKE

Karen Reddin completed the second year of the Adopt-a-Lake program for the Randall School third graders. 90 kids were involved in lake studies for the second year, learning about wetlands, water clarity, plant and aquatic life using microscopes and other technical equipment. These lessons were not only in the classroom but also in/on Powers Lake. This year Karen enlisted the help of local high school students with the field studies giving them an opportunity to learn about the lake as well. It ties in well, as the high school students have an Environmental Education unit where they learn about water sampling, oxidation and other related subjects.

Karen is still looking for a trailer to house all the equipment which includes boots for each child and many other pieces of special equipment. She presently has to take the seats out of her car to haul all the field trip materials. The trailer would also be used as a permanent storage depot for all the materials for the program. The school has promised her a place to store a trailer when she gets one. The Sportsman's Club donated \$500 towards one and the Lake District donated funds too, but when she went to buy the trailer she had picked out the price had increased too much. If you have connections or know of a trailer for sale that might do, let us know.



NO PHOSPHORUS REMINDER



If you feel the need to fertilize your lawn make sure that the fertilizer is phosphorous free — the middle number on the bag should be a zero.

Phosphorous is very detrimental to the lake and the soils in this part of

Wisconsin are already rich in phosphorus.

Phosphorous not only encourages aquatic plant growth but causes algae to form. We have been very fortunate to have only occasional problems with algae. Area stores stock and sell phosphorous free fertilizer, but you may have to ask for it.

The non-native invasive aquatic plant Eurasian watermilfoil was treated July 12th, and 13th. We had permits to do 16 acres, but they could only find 3 acres that needed treating.

This means that we have been quite successful in our milfoil treatment program. Perhaps you have noticed that there is more natural aquatic plant growth than usual this year. We are not permitted to treat these native plants. Property owners may



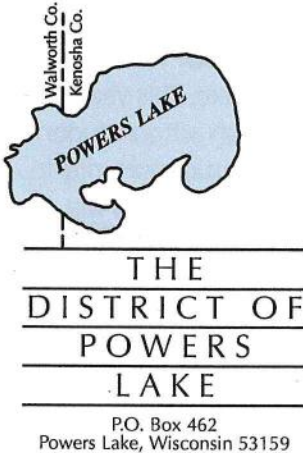
rake or pull these plants in a 30 foot strip in front on their home.

The only time a permit is not required to control aquatic plants is when a riparian owner manually removes (i.e. hand-pulls or rakes), or gives permission to someone to manually remove, plants (except wild rice) from his/her shoreline in an area that is 30 feet or less in width along the shore and is not within a Designated Sensitive Area. The non-native invasive plants (Eurasian watermilfoil, curlyleaf pondweed, and purple loosestrife) may be manually removed beyond 30 feet without a permit, as long as native plants are not harmed. Wild rice removal always requires a permit. —

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/aquaplant.htm>

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting will be held at Randall School August 5th at 7 PM. Use the access road on the west and drive behind the school and enter from the South door. Our guest speaker will be Vince Mosca from the consulting firm of Hey and Associates, Inc.



ELECTED COMMISSIONERS:

JIM MICHELS, CHAIR
PAT MILLER, SEC
BROOKE JENSEN, TREAS
GIL KROLL
PAUL DEMICHELE

APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS:

JUDY JOOSS, KENOSHA CO.
ROSE NOLAN, RANDALL TWP.

Hope to see you at the
ANNUAL MEETING
at Randall School ,
Friday, August 5th at 7 PM