



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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This summer is sailing right along and with our up and down weather it seems to be going too fast.



Adopt A Lake Program

The Adopt-A-Lake program has completed another successful school year under the direction of Karen Reddin at Randall School. She will present the program to the 4th and kindergarten classes at her school again this coming year.

The classes given at the Lake Geneva School District in mid June were well received by both the school district and the students who ranged from 7 - 13 years old.



They completed the four day session with the last day at Powers Lake which was the "hands on class" at the lakeside where they witnessed what they had been learning all week. They were fortunate to have wonderful weather that last day after a rainy week.

Water Patrol



Boating Safety

Water Patrol Chief Lawrence would like to share his biggest problems so far this year. Too many boats are coming within 100 feet of the marked off swimming area at the Knolls Beach. This is dangerous and citations are written for this. He urges that all boaters learn what 100 feet and 200 feet look like on water.

The next issue is that homeowners are letting their guests use their equipment, boats and jet skis.

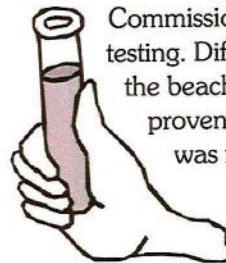
It is important that you act responsibly about making sure your guests know the rules and regulations. The Water Patrol are having too many guests who have no concept of what is allowed.

There were teenage boys rescued who dove from a boat in waves and wind and could not get back to the boat. The girls left on the boat had no knowledge of how to run a boat.



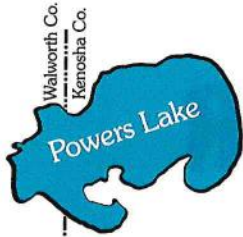
Chief Lawrence feels we should all practice throwing the life preserver cushions so they can get to those who need them. An underhand throw is best. The rule when those in the water need help is REACH - THROW - ROW - GO. Do not REACH with an arm as you may be pulled in. Use a paddle or oar, or pole, THROW, a rope, a cushion, a life preserver, or something that floats. ROW as close as you can. If all else fails GO for help.

Water Testing



Commissioner Gil Kroll continues his weekly water testing. Different areas are tested each time except the beach which is always tested. All tests have proven to be fine and no evidence of pollution was found. This is a good time to remind everyone about septic tank care. 1.

Have your septic tank pumped every two or three years. 2. Be careful what you put down the drain. Harsh chemicals can kill the bacteria you need to make your tank effective. 3. Do not put cigarette butts, diapers, facial tissues and sanitary items or grease in system, because this is not good "food" for the bacteria. 4. Limit water usage. Do not let faucets run. Shorten time for showers. The system is designed for only so many gallons a day. 5. Spread out loads of laundry, only one or two a day. 6. Reduce use of garbage disposal. They are a bad idea with septic systems and can quickly fill up your tank. 7. Clear water systems should not go into the septic system i.e. air conditioners, water softeners and dehumidifiers 8. Do not drive on your septic field, plant trees near, or put extra dirt on them. Do not allow watershed to go across the septic field. Keep your system healthy so as not to pollute groundwater and the lake.



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Elected Commissioners:

Jim Michels, Chair
Pat Miller, Sec.
Brooke Jensen, Treas.
Gil Kroll
Paul DeMichele

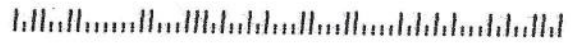
Appointed Commissioners:

Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.



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Meeting Notice

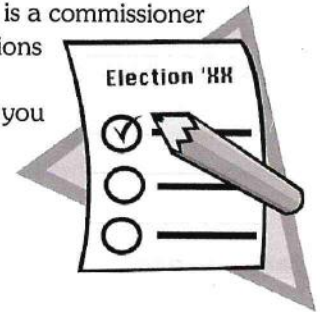
The Annual Meeting is coming up fast. It will be at Randall School on Friday, August 4th at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Our guest speaker will be Dee Wells, author of the **POWERS LAKE, BENEDICT LAKE AND TOMBEAU LAKE THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS**. Come and hear about the trials and tribulations of this wonderful history research.



Commissioner Terms Expiring

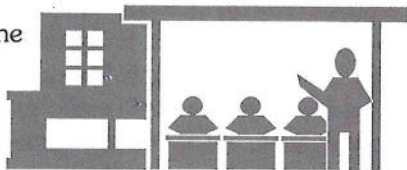
The term of office for two District of Powers Lake commissioners has expired. Paul DeMichele and Brooke Jensen have both agreed to run for re-election. Brooke is our present treasurer, and Paul is a commissioner at large. There will be nominations from the floor as well.

We look forward to seeing you that evening.



Water Safety Classes

The Water Safety Classes were held in June with twenty two students. They all earned certificates that make it possible for them to drive a boat or jet ski at twelve years old instead of waiting until they are sixteen. Another plus is the Water Patrol knows the students and the students know the officers which reinforces the disciplines learned.



Survey Being Conducted

The District of Powers Lake is conducting a survey of Powers Lake residents and their demographics. Please take a moment to fill out the one page survey and return it to the lake district.

The survey will be mailed with the annual meeting notice. The results will be tabulated and used to plan future lake district projects. Thank you for your cooperation.