



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL IN WILDWOOD SUBDIVISION

Earlier this year concerns were voiced over tree and brush removal on wetlands near Powers Lake in the Wildwood Subdivision. An article discussing this issue was published March 26, 2015 in the Lake Geneva Regional News. In the article, it discusses the wetland restoration project that is underway. The project is being coordinated by a firm in Burlington, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources and Kenosha County. Randall Town Chairman Bob Stoll is aware and monitoring the situation, with no concerns about the project. The 9 trees that were removed were dead or diseased, and the brush were invasive species such as gray dogwood and buckthorn. The project may take several years to complete and may include controlled burns and treatments with herbicides in late summer, using environmentally-safe products that fulfill DNR requirements.

LAKE RESIDENTS EMBRACE LAKE STEWARDSHIP

On Sunday, May 30th, almost 60 lake citizens showed up at Honey Bear to participate in the "Friends of Powers Lake" first annual "Keep Powers Lake Beautiful" Picnic Party. This was an amazing event to start the summer off with and to generate an awareness of lake stewardship. Attendees developed friendships and camaraderie with other stewards of Powers Lake and collectively picked up a truck load of trash from around the lake. After the pickup walk, citizens played games, ate hot dogs, and won awards for the most trash collected, and for the most unusual piece of trash. It was especially encouraging to see our young citizens taking such an interest in the health of our beautiful Powers Lake!



The Dalzell family pitching in to keep Powers Lake clean: Pictured are (L-R) Noel, Deirdre, Tara, Liam, and Emmett

Group of young Powers Lake helpers. These young citizens were an immense help in the clean up!



DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE WEBSITE

<http://www.districtofpowerslake.com/index.html>

Our website continues to evolve and updates are being made. The new website offers a refreshed look, including citizen's photos of Powers Lake, incorporates improved ease of navigation, and organizational improvements. Please visit the website and click around. There is a wealth of information, both fun and educational, available for your viewing. Let us know what you think!

AN INVASIVE SPECIES: Curly-leaf pondweed

Common names:

Curly cabbage, crisp pondweed

Location:

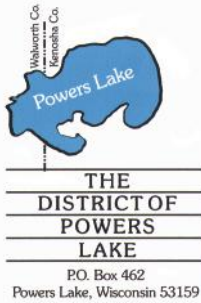
Grows from the shore to depths of up to 15 feet.

Description:

Leaves are somewhat stiff and crinkled, approximately 1/2-inch wide and 2 to 3 inches long; leaves are arranged alternately around the stem, and become more dense toward the end of branches; produces winter buds can be confused with claspingleaf pondweed,



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Elected Commissioners:
 Neal Kuhn, Chair
 Deron Johnson, Sec.
 Brooke Jensen, Treas.
 Jim Michels
 Mary Adams

Appointed Commissioners:
 Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
 Mark Halvey, Randall Twp.

Meet your fellow lake steward/neighbor, Nancy Crabtree



Hints to identify:

Has small "teeth" visible along edge of leaf; begins growing in early spring before most other pondweeds; dies back during midsummer; the flower stalks, when present, stick up above the water surface in June; appears reddish-brown in the water, but is actually green when pulled out of the water and examined closely. Easily confused with claspingleaf pondweed, which has leaves with no "teeth" around the edges.

Importance of plant:

Provides some cover for fish; several waterfowl species feed on the seeds; diving ducks often eat the winter buds.

Management strategy:

Like Eurasian watermilfoil, curlyleaf pondweed is not native to the United States and often causes problems due to **excessive growth**. When control is necessary, herbicides and harvesting can be effective.

Meet your fellow lake steward/neighbor, Ed Belock



How long have you been coming to Powers Lake? "58 years, all my life."

Where do you live? "Southwest side of lake."

How did you find Powers Lake? "My grandparents had a house on Powers Lake."

What do you think is the best thing about being on Powers Lake? "The friends I have made and not as commercial as other lakes."

What is your best memory of Powers Lake? "I remember coming up as a child and being in the water for hours playing with my cousins and my sisters. I thought I was in heaven."

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Friday, JUNE 12th, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, Wisconsin.

How long have you been coming to Powers Lake? "I first came to the lake in the early 60's. I stayed with friends for several years of weekends and yearly vacations."

I encouraged my parents and they bought a house in the Knolls in 1967. In 1978 my job relocated me to LaCrosse, WI and I drove 5 hours every Friday and back every Sunday. I never missed a weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

When I first saw the lake I said: someday I will live on this lake. In May 1987 Dick and I bought our lake house."

How did you find Powers Lake? "My best friend's parents bought a cottage in the Knolls and they invited me to visit. I was like their adopted daughter and stayed with them."

What do you think is the best thing about being on Powers Lake? The people and their love for this wonderful lake. It's truly a family. This love exhibits itself even in the people who have bought in the last few years. They are making significant contributions. The recent "Keep Powers Lake Beautiful" event was created and sponsored by our new family members. Recent members collect the most trash in the cleanup and another wonderful resident volunteered for a position on the District of Powers Lake Board, etc. etc.

What is your best memory of Powers Lake? "I love watching the sailboat races, especially the children in their Opti's. I started the Opti fleet in 1996 and presenting the Nancy M. Crabtree Future Force trophy to the season winner is a thrill."

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;

To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.