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# District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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## 2024

### Aquatic Plant Management

Jim Scharl, Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource Senior Biologist - Lake Services Manager, has sent an update on the lake from the whole-lake intercept survey. It was excellent news for the lake! The non-native EWMilfoil was found at low abundance and mainly as scattered plants. There were no areas big or dense enough to map out for control going into 2024. The native plants were doing very well with good diversity and they did not see any starry stonewort, which is a newly identified invasive species in WI and present in Lakes Geneva and Silver nearby.

For 2024, this will all be summed up in a year end report with updated plant survey data when completed. Management is looking to be pretty hands off. Maybe some nuisance control around the Town boat slips. They would do a year end survey to plan for 2025 as well. We have:

- 1) 24 native species from our last year-end survey. This includes shoreline plants like bulrush, cattail, etc.

- 2) 3 invasive plants - Curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian milfoil, and purple loosestrife (shoreline plant).

- 3) animals/snails - zebra mussel, banded mystery snail, and Chinese mystery snail.

### Lake Levels

Due to the recent heavy rains in October, the lake was back to a decent level.

### Fish Stocking

In October, we stocked 1,400 walleye and 1,400 small mouth bass for \$7,000.00. The Sportsmen's club is donating \$1,000.

### Land Notification Alerts

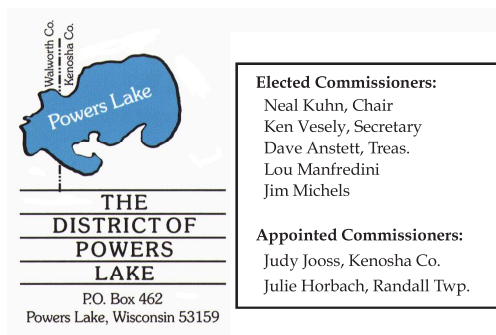
Kenosha County Register of Deeds, JoEllyn Storz, is encouraging property owners to register for a free service to prevent real estate and mortgage fraud. The Land Notification system alerts property owners by email any time a real estate document is recorded against their name, business or property.

Even though this system has been available for several years, a recent incidence of apparent fraud in Kenosha County led Storz to make a renewed call for sign ups this fall. Owners of a summer home in western Kenosha County became aware that their property was for sale. A neighbor showed them a photo of a realty agent's For Sale sign in their front yard. A fraudulent listing also was online complete with interior photos and was reported to the Twin Lakes Police Department to be investigated.

"This sort of crime is not uncommon in other parts of the country, particularly in large cities, where a property that appears to be unoccupied is put on the market for sale by someone other than the actual owner," Storz said. "Fortunately, the owner of the property in question in Kenosha County caught the scam before it got too far. Otherwise, it's possible a sale could have been made and the scammer could have taken the money and disappeared."

Those who register for the Land Notification system will receive an email if any sort of transfer, mortgage or other lien is recorded with the Register of Deeds Office.

People may sign up for the system by clicking the "Land Notifications" button on



#### Elected Commissioners:

Neal Kuhn, Chair  
Ken Vesely, Secretary  
Dave Anstett, Treas.  
Lou Manfredini  
Jim Michels

#### Appointed Commissioners:

Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.  
Julie Horbach, Randall Twp.

the Register of Deeds Office website, at [www.kenoshacounty.org/522/Registerdeeds](http://www.kenoshacounty.org/522/Registerdeeds).

Registrants can enter a property owner name or the parcel number for on or multiple properties. People with a common name such as "John Smith" may receive many alerts for unrelated property, so they would likely want to enter specific parcel numbers.

"It's easy to sign up, it's free. It will not prevent you from becoming a victim of fraud, but it will give you timely notifications so you can take immediate action if needed." Storz said. "I encourage people to sign up."

Land Notification is also a free service to Walworth County property owners. Each time an alert is triggered, an email is sent providing an update of any activity.

Property fraud occurs when someone illegally uses your name on records related to your property for financial gain or acquisition of your assets.

Detect possible fraud and sign up for Walworth County Land Notification Alerts at:

[www.co.walworth.wi.us/1117/Land-Notification](http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/1117/Land-Notification).

To sign up, you will need an email account with Google or Yahoo.

For more information, contact Register of Deeds Michele Jacobs at 262-741-4233 or [majacobs@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:majacobs@co.walworth.wi.us).

Kenosha information taken from The Twin Lakes Report of October.20, 2023.

### WI Lakes and Rivers Convention

Is celebrating their 50th anniversary of partnering with various groups who care about our shared water resources.

Save the date:

April 10-12, 2024

Holiday Inn and Convention Center  
Stevens Point, WI

This is a unique educational event that brings together professionals, students, community members, and businesses who care about our shared water resources.

found at [www.wisconsinwaterweek.org](http://www.wisconsinwaterweek.org)

### Website Signup

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake [www.districtofpowerslake.com](http://www.districtofpowerslake.com)



### Quarterly Meeting

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 5 p.m. at Randall Town Hall, 35430 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. This meeting and others are open to the public.

Set 2024 Annual Meeting Date: The next annual meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 2, 2024 at 7 p.m

## 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.