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NORTH LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Meeting Information

1. **Special Meeting** – Subject to the Covid 19 restrictions, there will be a Special Meeting of NLMD on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the potential purchase of North Lake Development Group (NLDG) property (former Kuchler Property) for Public Access on North Lake. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at North Lake School, N75 W31283 Cnty Road VV just East of Hwy 83 and one (1) block from the Town of Merton Town Hall.

The detailed agenda and handout will be sent to you at a later date.

2. **Annual Meeting**--Subject to the Covid 19 restrictions, the Annual Meeting for NLMD will be held on Monday, August 31, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at North Lake School.

The detailed agenda and handouts will be sent to you at a later date.

Aquatic Plant Control

1. **Chemical Treatment**—As stated in a previous email, NLMD had 1.5 acres of Eurasian Milfoil (EM) and 7.3 acres of Curly-leaved Pondweed (CLPW) chemically treated on June 3, 2020, in Ice House Bay, Schneider Bay and the area around the Cornell Inlet. The treatment was successful.

A copy of a Picture and Brief Descriptions of EM and CLPW is enclosed for your information to help you identify these plants. If you still can't identify the plants, let us know. We will help you. These plants were in other locations on North Lake but the quantity was not sufficient to treat. Please pull these plants by hand or other means but if you don't pull out the roots, you haven't accomplished anything. Also enclosed is a map of North Lake

that shows you the names and locations of sandbars and bays, if you are not familiar with them.

2. **Aquatic Plant Harvester/Skimmer (APH/S)**—The APH/S will start operations on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, and training will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. The aquatic plant pickup from piers will start Thursday, June 25, 2020 (weather permitting) with a rain date of Friday, June 26, 2020. Please remember the following are the detailed procedures for this service:
 - a. The service will be provided every Thursday subject to demand and weather. If there is not enough demand, we will cut back to every other Thursday or whatever is required to meet demand. We will keep you informed.
 - b. The Aquatic Plants must be at the end of the pier. Otherwise, they will not be picked up.
 - c. The Aquatic Plants should be removed from the lake at least two (2) days prior to pick up on Thursday due to the weight of the Aquatic Plants (heavy water content). Otherwise, they will not be picked up.
 - d. Rocks should not be included with the Aquatic Plants.

A big thank you to the Theisen family for donating a 24 foot pontoon boat with a 70 HP outboard motor. This boat/motor will make the weed pickup program more efficient.

Voluntary Boating Rules

Attached are the NLMD and Lake Usage Committee Guidelines for Boating adopted in 2019 and for 2020 . The adherence to these rules has been reasonably good, however, the following are some specific issues:

1. Please stay in the middle of the lake as much as possible when power boating. It makes a big difference on the shore line.
2. Personal Water Craft should also follow the Slow/No Wake rule on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays that begins at 6:00 p.m. This rule applies to all vessels.

Thank you for your consideration.

North Lake Receives An Award from Lake Country Clean Water Association (LCCWA)

The following is a summary of the presentation of the award to North Lake by LCCWA at the quarterly meeting on June 5, 2020:

This award recognizes the accomplishments North Lake has made to engage the public, volunteers, businesses, and area partners to work together to protect water quality and enhance the appreciation of what the lake has to offer.

These are some of the redeeming qualities that stand out:

1. Their Lake Stewardship committee encourages responsible and courteous lake usage considering public safety, fisheries and shorelines.
2. A strong fish stocking program and creative fundraising methods for enhancing fisheries.
3. Fostering strong partnerships with Tall Pines Conservancy and the Oconomowoc River Watershed Protection Program and become directly involved with restoring and buffering waterways and wetlands in their watershed.
4. Apply and sponsor grants for protection of Mason Creek and Oconomowoc River look at the wider picture of watershed awareness.
5. Their education and outreach program which sponsors an annual "classroom on a Pontoon boat teaching youth how to monitor lake quality, how to identify aquatic invasive species, and the benefits of buffer zones.
6. They have strong communication methods through e-newsletters to keep lake owners engaged.
7. Conduct critical ongoing lake and river water quality monitoring to stay on top of the state of the lake.
8. Promote the protection of their shorelines by sponsoring the Healthy Lakes Grant program, an ongoing program with the goal to encourage more shoreline protections.

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