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AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON LITTLE CEDAR LAKE AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.**

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

Greetings to all of you,

Hopefully we're in store for a long, enjoyable summer on the lake after a strange, up & down winter.

Weed Control Our weed harvester will again be operated by employees of Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. Harvesting will commence in June. The harvesting schedule will be posted to the website. Please check it frequently for updates and schedule changes due to weather, etc. Lake residents may also harvest weeds and collect any floating weeds in front of their properties. The harvester will pick up weeds left at the ends of docks on the last day of each harvest. Weeds must be placed there by 7:00 a.m. on those days. We continue to monitor Eurasian milfoil, but for the third year in a row, no chemical treatment is planned.

Brad Steckart, our local Aquatic Invasive Species Manager, will again work with 4H volunteers to place beetles on invasive purple loosestrife plants in and around the lake. His group also manages the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program at all lake boat launches.

Lake Testing Last summer, due to high levels of *E. coli* continually found in the water at the Ackerman's Grove County Park public beach in 2015, we collected water samples seven times at nine different locations around the lake and sent them to the State Lab of Hygiene to determine *E. coli* levels. A detailed narrative, map of sample sites and spreadsheet of results are posted to the website under the "About LCLPRD" tab. In summary, with the exception of one outlier, all samples contained *E. coli* levels considered "acceptable" by DNR and public health officials. In addition, none of the samples collected at Ackerman's beach during the summer of 2016 tested high enough to warrant posting a swim advisory. Going forward, we will continue to monitor Washington County's *E. coli* results at Ackerman's Beach, but at this time, we have no intention to continue our testing for *E. coli* unless warranted by high levels at the beach. Just to be safe, when using the public beach, always be mindful of any warnings posted by Washington County. As always, we will continue our seasonal monitoring of lake water for clarity.

Boater Safety Classes Anyone born after January 1, 1989 must complete and pass a boater safety course in order to legally operate a motorboat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters. Boater safety instruction and certification is offered online (<https://www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin/>). The Big Cedar Lake PRD also offers classes in May and June. The classes consist of 12 hours of instruction, and are held at the District building (4480 Gonring Drive). Please see the LCLPRD website for class dates, times and registration information. The website also includes Little Cedar Lake Water Traffic Ordinances and access to the current Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws & Responsibilities.

Summer Activities on the Lake:

Kayaking Club: More lake residents are enjoying the relaxing and healthy benefits of kayaking. If you add to this, the camaraderie of doing it with your neighbors and friends, it is a triple win! We would like to organize a weekly scheduled time on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for those who would like to kayak in a "pack" with other lake residents. Let's convene at or near the "island" starting Memorial Day weekend, May 27th thru Labor Day weekend.

4th of July Boat Parade: This annual tradition is one of the highlights for most 4th Revelers! To encourage even more participants to decorate their water crafts, the parade will be on Monday, July 3rd or Tuesday, July 4th this year (pending results of member survey). Watch website for actual date. Line up at 7 pm near the island to go around the entire lake and kettle perimeter. We are hoping for a record number of boats, pontoons and unique water crafts to join in this fun event! Three categories for "winners" include: Most Patriotic, Most Creative & Best Decorated. Start thinking about your theme and gathering that important decor to make your craft stand out! Good luck.

Summer Social and Cook off: Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 6th at 3 pm for this summer's get-together at the Ackerman's Pavilion No. 3. We will provide brats, burgers, soft drinks, plates & cutlery. Participants are encouraged to bring side dishes to pass. To facilitate the right quantity of food for the event, please RSVP by July 16th to: Pam Tukesbrey, email to mazurk@sbcglobal.net or text your name and number attending to: 847-226-6729. More details or changes will appear on the website so check it regularly.

Beer Garden Washington County has proposed adding an outdoor beer garden to Ackerman's Grove County Park during the summer months. Proposals for the concession have been solicited from four potential vendors. This discussion is ongoing, but there are no immediate plans and no such approval/discussion is scheduled. The LCLPRD will be informed about any future plans to discuss Ackerman's Park again and any such information will be posted to the LCLPRD website.

In the meantime, any concerns or questions that lake residents have can be directed to Jamie Ludovic at (Jamie.Ludovic@co.washington.wi.us) or Deb Sielski at (Deb.Sielski@co.washington.wi.us) at the Parks and Planning Department.

Website Please visit our website for updates on meetings, activities, events, etc. If you "subscribe" to the website (under the "Contact Us" tab), you will receive email or text notification whenever a new notice is posted. A

Trading Post was added last summer for District residents to list items they would like to buy or sell. Finally, if anyone has any photos or news to contribute to the website, please email them to lclprd@gmail.com.

E-Mail Notifications The Board occasionally sends notifications to District members via email regarding weed harvesting, high water restrictions or other important business. If you haven't yet notified us of your email address, please send it to lclprd@gmail.com.

The LCLPRD Board usually meets throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the West Bend Town Hall. The times and dates are posted in advance at the Town of West Bend and Town of Polk buildings and on the website. The next regular Board meeting of 2017 is on Monday, June 5th at 6:30pm. LCLPRD members are welcome and encouraged to attend any of these meetings. Please call or email us if you want to get involved. Our 2017 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 5.

The Commissioners of the Little Cedar Lake PRD