

Peppermill Lake District News

Highlights:

- **New Shoreline Ordinance**
- **Dam Update**
- **Clean Boats, Clean Water**
- **Proposed agenda**

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Spring Issue

 **Text Box: Your Shoreline**

 **Text Box: Adams**
County has adopted a
shoreland protection
ordinance which
mandates some
significant
requirements. The
ordinance, in its
current form, will give
homeowners until
2013 to come into
compliance with many
of the new
requirements, however.
The primary element
affecting us requires
the creation and
maintenance of a 35 ft
buffer along the shore.
The buffer can consist
of trees and native
plants suited to
shorelands. A 30ft
viewing corridor is
permitted through the
buffer so that visual
enjoyment of the lake
is always possible. In
cases where a 35 ft
buffer is not possible
(for example, the strip
of grass between
County G and the east

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and prevent runoff into
the lake. Many riparian
owners like the
appearance of a nice
manicured lawn
reaching down to the
shoreline or a white
sandy beach. But under
the new ordinance
these options will no
longer be available as
of September of 2013.
As a means to assure
compliance with the
new ordinance,
homeowners will not
be able to obtain
building permits,
variances, etc, if the
homeowner is found to
be in noncompliance.
Obviously, there are
many unique situations
and considerations in
the county. That is why
implementation is
delayed until 2013. A
lot of outreach and
education needs to be
accomplished.
Between now and
2013, there will be

 **Text Box: Lake**
property owners. The
full text of the
ordinance is available
on-line at:
<http://www.co.adams.wi.gov/development/land%20water/ordinances/ordinance%20index.htm>
This may also be a
good time to take
advantage of some
shoreline restoration
grant money that is
available to Peppermill
Lake until the end of
2010. There is
approximately \$60,000
still available. Several
lake residents have
already taken
advantage of the
program. The grant is a
75/25 match, meaning
the grant covers 75
percent of the cost of
the project. If you are
interested in
participating in the
grant program please
contact Chris Murphy
at the Adams County
Land and Water
Conservation
Department at 608



Peppermill Lake District

News



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Fishing Season opens
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Lake Fair
10	11	12	13 Township Board Mtg 7:30	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Garage Sale Season
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 Text Box: Dam Update Later this spring or early summer you may see some activity at our dam. The county conducts regular inspections and last year some seepage was discovered. Below is the assessment from Patrick Gatterman from the County: "During routine inspections by Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department, there is some emergent seepage on the downstream toe on the left side of the

 Text Box: unknown. The plan will be to investigate and then plan for control. Typically, the seepage is due to uncontrolled water passing through a dam, which is not always a bad thing. The proper construction should be to install a drain to properly collect and discharge the water. There are other possible reasons for the seepage; however the 2008 monitoring indicated the lake level affected the seepage,

 Text Box: outlet. This project will be handled by Ayres and Associates."



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Last season was our first ever Clean Boats, Clean Water (CB/CW) program. Lake volunteers, along with the help of high school contract workers, successfully taught boaters the importance of inspecting and removing visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud before leaving our lake. Examples of the things we watch for include, Eurasian Water Milfoil, Zebra Mussels and mud that can hide fragments of invasive species. CB/CW is important because it prevents the spread of aquatic hitchhikers. Hitching is the main way that invasive species get into our lakes, rivers, and wetlands. So, not only is it important for our lake but for all surrounding lakes.

The Clean Boats, Clean Water program is part of our AIS grant. Last year, we were able to cover 3 key weekends in the summer by providing a power washer, brochures, and good spirits. And as part of our Lake Management Plan we are now being asked to implement this monthly, at least.

With that said, we need your help. Although we have the materials and the program set, we need a volunteer to coordinate the activities. So, if anyone is interested in keeping our lake “hitchhiker free” and have a great time meeting people, call Jody Pobjecky at 1-815-871-9299 or email her at Westfield@maqs.net



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out our new look for
the website!



Proposed Agenda – Quarterly Meeting 9 AM, April 18, 2009, Boondocks – 3514 County HWY G

Call to Order

Certification of proper notification

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Critical Habitat Sign

Aerator Shed

Grant Report (CB/CW, water temp, etc.)

Aquatic Plant Management

New Business

PML Website

Spring Preparation

March Lake Alliance Meeting

Pier at landing

Citizen Comment

Next Meeting/Adjournment