

# HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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## District Members

Most of us have already noticed that we have less daylight than just a few weeks ago. That means the inevitable is just beginning to loom on the horizon - falling leaves.

But, we're not ready to concede summer, yet. Looking up into the night sky, we see lots of stars, fewer clouds by day, and crisp temps by 8 PM.

Enjoy our fall season.

## August 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Notes

- Accepted our 2008-'09 Budget; \$18,449 tax levy. That translates into \$95.70 per

\$100,000 property valuation.

- 90 hours of weed harvesting funding for 2009.
- Noted a slight improvement in lake quality as measured by DNR lake sample data.
- Noted Audit Committee approval of financial records to date.
- Voted to continue membership in Oneida Co. Lakes & Rivers Association.
- Voted to continue membership in Wisc. Assoc. of Lakes (WAL) minus money for political fund.
- Voted to authorize inspection and maintenance of aeration system in fall.
- Replaced Linda Houghton-Bowen with Christy Nemcek as commissioner for 3-year term.
- Commissioners met later and voted the following posts: Dennis Batchelet - President/Chair, Beverly Fagan - Treasurer, Christy Nemcek - Secretary.
- Received updated resident list derived from Oneida Co. property records.

## Horsehead Lake web site

There have been over 1200 "hits" on our web site since Sept. 2007. Stay connected to what's going on. The site is updated regularly.

## What are PBT's?



PBT's are toxic trace chemicals that are present in the environment. They accumulate gradually in fish, wildlife, and humans. PBT stands for "Persistent

Bioaccumulative Toxins and they have severe negative health effects on:

- 1) nervous system
- 2) reproductive system
- 3) Developmental probs.
- 4) Immune-response suppression,
- 5) Cell growth (cancer).
- 6) Endocrine system

Lead, mercury, dioxin, and PCB's are common PBT's and can be controlled by the wise use of burn barrels. These materials, once they enter the environment, last a very long time, and **usually do not decompose**, posing an increasing threat to health. Please do not

burn plastic grocery bags, painted or treated wood, aluminum foil, Styrofoam, or plastic of any kind. Help keep our environment clean and healthy.

## Lake Study Committee

The Lake Grant Planning Committee is comprised of Kris Batchelet, Hans Delius, Beverly Fagan, Mary Ellen Zickus, Jim Watters, & Pat Donnicks.

Important tasks undertaken by the committee:

- ◆ evaluate resident survey
- ◆ coordinate final report meeting
- ◆ evaluate final results of the study
- ◆ discuss possible recommendations for lake policies.



## Weed Cutting

It should be noted that if less plant/weed cutting is needed than we've budgeted, we can shorten the cutting time at no cost to the district. Cliff Schmidt of Schmidt's Landscaping, Iola, WI, did weed cutting again this year, beginning July 24th.

Cliff has been contracted for 90 hours in 2009 for the same week in July.

For whatever reason, we had fewer weeds this year, and Cliff used only 64 hours and collected 17 harvester loads. In 2006, he collected 55 loads. At that time, the weeds were mostly Elodea and Coontail. This year, the weeds were mostly Narrow Leaf Pond Weed. It is further proof that each season is different and produces variations of many natural phenomena. If it's very wet, we get lots of mosquitoes, etc. Last fall, evidence of Eurasian Water Milfoil was discovered at the Kildeer Road dock and carefully pulled out. None was found there this spring. We need to be especially vigilant of the boat landing for signs of the Eurasian Milfoil, as that's where most of our off-lake boats enter the lake. Be sure your boat has NO plant material when you launch your boat in Horsehead Lake. Police may give a \$500 ticket to those who do not comply anywhere in Oneida Co.

## News about our dam

Lake Tomahawk Town crews have repaired our dam by installing new boards. All's well going into winter with a full "head" on the lake. Springs keep our lake full as other lakes have fallen from low rainfall.

## Lake Tomahawk's web site

[www.laketomahawkwi.org](http://www.laketomahawkwi.org)



## From the Chair

By Dennis Batchelet

Due to excellent cooperation at our Annual Meeting we completed all our business by 11 O'clock! Well done!

I know that many of you are anxious to see the final lake study report. These things seem to move at glacial speed and it can be frustrating. In April 2009, we will be having a general meeting to present and explain the final results. Watch for the announcement on our web page and plan to attend.

I want to give a special thanks to the Nominating Committee of Linda Delius and Dolores Kania for their diligent work in presenting a full slate of three candidates for

commissioner this year. To me it is an indication that our organization is growing more vibrant. Any organization needs to have a steady replacement of leaders to bring new ideas and breathe in new life. Otherwise, organizations become stagnant and people lose interest, assuming it's the same people who will take care of things. This is not good in the long term. Our organization is too important to not encourage, even expect, new people to take over. I'm very pleased that we are becoming more democratic. We do care about your ideas and want you to find some way to participate.

Grudgingly, we move into the slow season on our lake but remember all the good times we had this season.

We also remember all those who helped behind the scenes to make our lake experience as well as it is.

### Did you know?

- 1) Wisconsin has a Bobcat hunting season.
- 2) 1.7 million White Tail deer roam WI; the

same as last year this time.

- 3) Wasps attack gypsy moth eggs in August-September.

## Our 2008-'09 Volunteers

We had tremendous success in getting volunteers at this year's annual meeting. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help out.

Secchi testing/water sampling

Stuart Utley

### Audit Committee

Christy Nemcek

Linda Houghton-Bowen

### Clean Boats/Clean Waters

Pat Donnick

Joanne Erickson

Kris Batchelet

Dennis Batchelet

### Nominating Committee

Linda Delius

Dolores Kania

### Picnic Committee

Christy Nemcek

Linda Houghton-Bowen

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**If you can, drag floating  
debris off the lake.**  
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**Let's be safe out there.**

Sincerely,  
Dennis Batchelet,  
Beverly Fagan,  
Rick Mazurczak  
Christy Nemcek  
Tom Rudolph

