

# HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO 1



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## District Members

What's your favorite sign of spring? Mine is seeing my first Robin. I know I can't quite put the snow shovel away, yet, but spring is just around the corner. Beating winter seems like such a victory! It's one of life's cheapest thrills.

The coming of spring means dusting off our fishing equipment and, for many, getting the boat ready for another season. It can mean raking up leaves and getting flowerbeds ready. Lots of people love the taste of fresh tomatoes and have already planted their favorite tomato seeds.

Spring revives our sense of hope and revives an abiding belief that "life is good".

Regardless of your favorite sign of spring or your favorite warm weather activities, enjoy our best time of the year - spring/summer.

Dennis Batchelet

## April 6<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's Meeting Notes

- Our lake study has been submitted to DNR for approval, including a revised weed cut map.
- Stuart Utley represented our District at the WAL convention in Green Bay in March.
- Congratulated Tom Rudolph on his recent award from Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Committee for his dedicated conservation efforts.
- Volunteers on opening day May 2nd will monitor our Kildeer boat dock for Eurasian Water Milfoil.
- Motion passed to inquire about marking EWM with signs near dock.
- Motion passed to hire an expert to check for EWM near dock and remove it for a max. of \$300.

- Discussed re-grading boat dock to eliminate gravel buildup caused by "power loading"
- Discussed placement of new signs at boat dock regarding EWM
- Motion passed to send registered letter to owners of Trout Rd. "outlot A" requesting permission to use for removing cut weeds.
- Changed mileage reimbursement to current federal tables. Currently the amount is \$.55 per mile for official business by commissioners.
- Motion to send letter to Oneida Co. Labor Relations Committee to fill the AIS coordinator position ASAP.

## 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.

**Bottom-line - BURN ONLY PAPER.**

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**Don't forget to pick up a new burn permit for 2009**

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**Lake Study Committee**

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

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

Schmidt's Landscaping has been contracted for 90 hours in 2009 for the same week in July as last year.

Each season is different and produces variations of many natural phenomena. It should be noted that if less plant/weed cutting is needed than we've budgeted, we could shorten the cutting time at no cost to the district.

## Check Your Boats

Be sure your boat has NO plant material when you launch or land your boat in any WI lake. Police may give a \$500 ticket to those who do not comply anywhere in Oneida Co.

## Lake Tomahawk's web site

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



## From the Chair

By Dennis Batchelet

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. The report is finished and has been submitted to the DNR in Rhinelander for approval. Unfortunately, the agency has been downsized, which creates a work overload. Watch for the announcement on our web page and plan to attend.

### Did you know?

- 1) Black bears can run 30 MPH.
- 2) Gypsy Moth eggs can be killed by using Golden Pest Spray or soaking eggs in soapy water - late April to late May.

- 3) Homeowners are liable for fire damage from sparks that stray to others' property.
- 4) A person loses 25 times more heat from cold water as from cold air. (hypothermia)
- 5) A bear will eat 11-18 lbs. of food a day. The largest WI bear was 600 lbs. The average is 250-350 lbs.
- 6) The most important boat safety tip is to always wear a life jacket.

## Legislative News

Gov. Jim Doyle signed a law which prohibits the use of phosphorus in lawn fertilizers beginning May 1, 2010.

Waiting for the governor's signature is a bill that will create a "No Wake" zone within 100 feet of shoreline in all WI lakes.

## Our 2008-'09 Volunteers

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  
Representative to Wisconsin  
Association of Lakes convention  
in Green Bay:  
Stuart Utley

## Lake Study Planning Committee:

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Beverly Fagan  
Mary Ellen Zickus  
Jim Watters  
Pat Donnick

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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,  
Christy Nemcek  
Tom Rudolph  
Shawn Tingley

