

The Nebagamon Lake Association Newsletter

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President's Ponderings by Ed Noltner

By the time this newsletter comes out, it will be a new summer season in our village. We have much to be proud of in Lake Nebagamon, don't we? One only has to sit outside in the evening under the stars to know its real value and beauty that you can't put a price tag on. The air here is so cool and fresh and clean—it's one of those things I notice and no longer take for granted after spending the winter in California.

And it's not only the sights, but the smell—of pine, lilacs, and the soil we've turned over for gardens. And where do all those sticks in the yards come from? The sounds I notice now in my retirement years aren't of beeping horns or sirens or office chit chatter, but of crickets, frogs, ducks, geese, loons, and laughter. There is no smog here, no fast pace. People make eye contact here, and even smile. Kids enjoy their skateboards, the park, our public beach, sitting on the dock with a makeshift stick pole and hook and a worm from their own yard.

We can stroll down along the lake, enjoying our mainstay, a DQ cone as it melts, stop in front of the Lawn Beach to wave at neighbors out on the deck, go back up by Ole's to talk about the weather, over to Rose's for coffee and a muffin top and a nod to Swan or our Village Board President, Travis, heading to the Post Office or Chippewa Valley Bank. We talk about the weather, the fishing, getting a pizza from the Waterfront, church and brunch Sunday at Sharon's, reading our newsletter from Kay, wondering if everyone is back and whether we should get our hair cut at Kathy's or our teeth cleaned at Doc Lawler's or head to Bridge's for a cold one or to Schallers, the Village Inn, or the ballpark.

I personally stop and look at the little tree on Highway B outside St. Anthony's. It was recently planted by our Lake Nebagamon Lawn & Garden Center, and I wonder out loud as I reach for my handkerchief—has it really been a year since my wife, Bev, passed? I am proud of the living memorial; it will branch out and grow and offer so much enjoyment, like she did for me.

The news is that we have a new constable, a former deputy from Douglas County, Ed Ander-



One of our first spring flowers—lupines. (Dan Parker)

son, there was a great Fish-o-Rama by the Lions, there is new stock in the lake, and a wolf pack was sighted. The village-wide garage sale is in the works, as is a cool event for women in June called Giggles and a spaghetti feed for Draggin Tale runners over the 4th of July.

Screens are hosed off, the car wash is open, Sidelines over on Minnesuing has a fishing contest coming up, and in Poplar, the Latterys enjoyed golfers in early April, I am told. I see some cabins sold and some new ones are on the market, surely worth looking at. The neighbor kids grew a foot, and I realize—gosh, it's great to be alive and back at the lake!

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Summer schedule—Mark your calendars!

June 20-21—Boater safety classes for youth—

1-5 p.m. at the Auditorium (see article)

June 16—Village-wide Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

(see article)

June 30—Annual Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Social hour, 10

a.m. business meeting. Lower level of Village Auditorium. (see article)

July 4—Boat parade at 7 p.m. (see article)

August 11—Summer Social at Norwood Golf Course

At 5 p.m. (more info later!)

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Reflections

Duck feathers drifting on the pond—dappled dusk sky. Sunset! Mosquitoes attack, we retreat.

Lightning and lightning bugs—beyond words.

(Mike Garofalo)

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VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Come one. . .come all. . .to the Lake Nebagamon Village-Wide Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. We need lots of buyers and lots of sellers. Have fun, get rid of unused items, support the community, and go green! For only \$10 get your name on the garage sale list and on the map. Call Carol Arthur at 715-374-2529 or contact her at jarthur@charter.net or contact Gail Levo at levos@mindspring.com by June 14th. Send your name, address of sale, list of a few “hot” items. Make your check out to the Nebagamon Lake Association (NLA). Proceeds of this sale go to support projects of the NLA.

To get a map of the sale locations, stop at Ole’s Market after 7 a.m. on the 16th.



The DNR says not to touch the fawns or move them or disturb them as the mother is usually nearby, and she might reject the fawn if it has a human scent. This was a special sight last summer. (AP)

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Attend the Annual Meeting on June 30!

The NLA annual meeting will be held on June 30 in the Auditorium basement, with a social time starting at 9:30 a.m. (coffee and cookies!) and meeting starting at 10:00. The meeting typically lasts about one hour. The meeting is a great way to meet your neighbors while also learning about the happenings of the NLA. We will be electing board members—we have one opening now. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please notify Gail Levo. Other topics to be covered are upcoming events, Treasurer’s report on finances and fiscal 2013 budget, and key initiatives such as control of aquatic invasive species and walleye enhancement initiatives. We will also have a guest speaker from the State of Wisconsin, Carrie Sanda, to discuss observations from last year’s DNR visit to study the lake. Have a topic related to lake management that you would like to discuss? We would love to have your ideas! See you there!

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July 4th Boat Parade

Show your patriotic spirit by joining in the annual boat parade on the 4th. This is always a great time! Decorate your boat/pontoon appropriately. Meet at Honeymoon Point at 7 p.m. to line up.

Note: We have gotten reports of missiles being fired on the boaters. Please, everyone, cheer and clap, but don’t fire any kind of missile at the boats, on the 4th or at any other time! Thanks!

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The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour. ☺

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Boater Safety Classes

This year’s Boater Safety classes will be on June 20 & 21 from 1-5 p.m. at the Auditorium. Encourage your children and grandchildren to take advantage of this opportunity. The classes are for youths aged 12-16, and when DNR certified, they may solo a powerboat. To register, call 715-374-3101. The \$10 fee is due the day the class begins.

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Walleye Enhancement Initiative Report

By Willard Kiefer

The following tasks were completed in the last 9 months:

Scott Toschner, Fisheries Biologist, Brule, has submitted a regulation proposal to increase the walleye size structure by increasing the minimum size to 18 inches to allow a larger size population for spawning. Act 21, passed by the legislature, increases the time period instituting this regulation to three years.

Four locations on the lake were stocked with 5,200 extended growth (7-9 inches) walleyes last October 25. The \$10,000 cost was obtained and donated from local sources for this project. We plan to stock the same amount in 2012, 2013, and 2014, subject to obtaining the required funding.

Installed the first “fish sticks project” at 9 locations for a total of 1,875 frontage feet scattered around the lake. The major area was on the west portion of the Boys’ Camp frontage. The purpose is to provide needed habitat and cover for the young fish and other aquatic species—habitat that has been lacking on Lake Nebagamon. This was a DNR project with federal funds. We plan to do another “fish sticks” project in 2013.



Fish stocking, fall 2011



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Fish sticks work, winter 2011-12

The “Fish Sticks Project” was completed February 20-23, 2012, by Scott Toshner, DNR Fishery Biologist and the Fisheries Crew. The major work was contracted to Gruel Landscaping Firm. This type of work is done in the winter on the ice. Fish Sticks are complete trees that are put in the water. These fish sticks mimic Mother Nature’s efforts when trees fall into the lake and provide this natural habitat.

The Brule River State Forest donated the trees, which the contractor hauled to the lake. The trees

were then dragged to 9 different locations on the lake, where the contractor used a front-end type loader to place three trees at each designated site, overlapping the tops. The two outside trees were cabled to separate trees on the shore, and the three overlapping tops cabled together. This type of cabling will hold the trees in place and prevent them from separating. Thanks to Tony Coletta for helping on this project by dragging trees to their locations.

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Membership Reminder

Please send in the attached membership application as soon as possible. We count on your support to make a difference for the lake!

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Boat Monitoring to Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

By David Sprowls

The Nebagamon Lake Association is once again monitoring the Lake Nebagamon Boat Launch for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). We are fortunate to have the same three young people monitoring the launch as last year. All three are very enthusiastic to return for this season. They were very effective and conscientious last year and we are pleased to have them return for the 2012 season. They are; William Cain, Andrew Esselstrom and Lindsey Splinter. Carrie Sanda, an AIS specialist with the Wisconsin DNR, gave this years' training to our workers, who reported that it was helpful and informative.

Last fall the Nebagamon Lake Association obtained a grant of \$4,000 from the Wisconsin DNR to assist with this season's monitoring. Therefore, not only will we monitor on weekends and Friday afternoons as before, but will add sessions during the week as well. The plan is to monitor Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, we will monitor on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. In all, that will total 9 shifts weekly for the 3 workers to share.

We began our monitoring the weekend of the Fishing Opener on May 5th and 6th. There was a lot of boat traffic on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, but quieter on Sunday morning due to rain. We will continue monitoring weekends only until Memorial Weekend when we will begin the schedule noted above. Monitoring will end with Labor Day Weekend.

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A Word About Fire Danger

From Point of Origin, a DNR publication

“Debris burning (brush, leaves, burn barrels) is a major contributor to wildfires in Wisconsin. Most of these fires occur before 6:00 p.m., and are often a result of people burning without a permit and burning illegal items. Permits restrict burning to times when weather conditions are more favorable.” In fact, debris burning causes 32% of wildfires—the highest cause of such fires. The next most frequent causes are equipment (18%), arson (9%), and miscellaneous causes (11%). Campfires cause only 4%, fireworks cause 5%, and lightning causes only 2%. **Let's be careful and have a safe summer!**

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Swans on Lake Nebagamon (AP)

**Food for Thought—
Two similar views of land from
two very different sources!**

We don't own the land; we belong to it. No Aboriginal person is homeless; each has a homeland. (Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann)

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. (Aldo Leopold)

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**Have another wonderful
summer in/on Lake
Nebagamon!**

