ELDA WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website! The site is compatible for mobile and desktop use. Our goal is to provide a user-friendly browsing experience and hands on information for our members.

Our URL is www.eldapa.org

Welcome new members.

- George Allport
- Cynthia Bellino
- Diane Ciaglia
- Thomas McGowan
- Stephen Ryan & Michele Morgenbesser
- Randy Berini & Family
- Tom & Laurie Nilsen
SANDY POINT UPDATE

Most of us have visited Sandy Point at some time in our lives, and it is one of the many reasons Elk Lake is such a treasure to all of us. Last Summer Sandy Point was probably visited by more people than any year in memory, which is a great thing. Unfortunately, some of the behavior at the Point is simply not appropriate. The Sandy Point property is currently being leased and the lessees have decided to allow ELDA members use of the Point as long as it is used properly. Because of liability issues there will be no volleyball net, and inappropriate language, unnecessarily loud music, and garbage left behind will not be tolerated. And when nature calls, please use discretion and use the woods or swim out to deeper water.

All ELDA members are invited to use the Point in a respectful manner but remember that access to the property by ELDA members does not have to be granted by the owner or lessees if they feel inappropriate behavior is taking place. This message is in no way meant to stifle enjoyment of the lake, but we need to remember that Sandy Point is private property, and the use of the point is therefore a privilege, not a right. Everyone is encouraged to think of the entire membership when at the Point and behave appropriately and with consideration of everyone’s opportunity to enjoy Sandy Point. It will only take a small effort to improve the atmosphere at the Point so that it can continue to be enjoyed by all members. As ELDA members we need to police ourselves to make sure we can continue to enjoy Sandy Point. Thank you for your help.
ELK LAKE STOCKED

On April 2, 2021 a brisk Sunday afternoon, the Fish Committee and volunteers assisted in the stocking of our lake. Chairperson Jack Mulka reported that the fish were stocked from the Swan dock in one of the best experiences ever. With the help of many fellow ELDA members, including six grandchildren, approximately 500 rainbow trout and 150 largemouth bass were introduced to the lake. The fish seemed to have adapted well. We look forward to another great season of fishing!
Please read important information below regarding

Hydrilla and Invasive Species.
BOAT LAUNCHING & HYDRILLA INFORMATION

Invasive weeds such as hydrilla are the biggest threat to our beautiful lake. We all need to remain vigilant about keeping hydrilla and other invasive weeds from entering Elk Lake. As a reminder, Lake Alden has been dealing with a serious hydrilla problem for a few years and Harvey’s Lake is also fighting this same invasive weed. Lake Alden is looking at a yearly expense of ~$20,000 for the foreseeable future just to keep hydrilla from getting worse – eliminating it completely is virtually impossible. As more lakes continue to experience invasive weed issues, ELDA members are strongly discouraged against using watercraft on another body of water and then bringing it to Elk Lake. If you do use any watercraft or fishing equipment on another body of water and then plan on bringing it to Elk Lake, it is imperative that you clean your craft and equipment thoroughly and let it dry completely before using it in Elk Lake.

This includes all *powerboats, fishing boats, wave runners, kayaks, canoes, etc.* See the sign below from Lake Alden for more details. This little bit of effort and minor inconvenience are well worth it when the alternative is the potential of this invasive weed overtaking our lake. This problem affects other similar private lakes as stated earlier. We should not have a false sense of security that just because Elk Lake does not have public access that we do not need to worry about invasive weeds.

This is a reminder that if you see a weed that you are concerned about, it is recommended not to pull the weed out because that just might increase the spread of the weed. We would rather have a professional come to the lake and take a sample for identification. Please contact any ELDA board member so that we can coordinate requests through the Wayne Conservation District.
WATCH FOR LITTER & FIREWORKS IN OUR LAKE

- Please make every effort to *keep litter out of our beautiful lake*. Litter can easily end up in the lake when blown from inside a boat, from a dock, or from shore. As beautiful as a place like Elk Lake is, it is also fragile and requires all our efforts to keep in great condition for future generations. Every little effort helps, remember to empty your boats, docks, and shoreline decks of litter on a regular basis.

- While firework displays can be beautiful and entertaining, please *refrain from throwing dynamite-type firework sticks (M80s, etc.) into the lake*. The underwater explosions are extremely damaging to fish and other wildlife.
For several years ELDA has requested that members provide a copy of their state registration for their powered watercraft to in order to receive their ELDA stickers. This has not always been strictly enforced since it is understood that, for example, at the time of writing the check for the stickers from their winter home the member may not have access to their registration card if it is in their boat or at their summer home at the lake. Starting this year, it will be enforced. **If a copy of the state registration is not provided, ELDA stickers will not be issued.** Thank for your understanding and cooperation.

SAMPLE
BOATING SAFETY REMINDERS

- Members are strongly encouraged to have insurance on their powered craft. It will provide protection to the boat owner and to all others using the lake. Maybe even just as important it will provide peace of mind to the owner.
- Members are reminded that all rules and regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern all boating activities. Members and drivers of members’ watercraft on Elk Lake must follow the Pennsylvania Boating Safety Handbook. This includes the requirement of a Boating Safety Education Certificate for anyone operating a personal watercraft and for anyone born on or after January 1, 1982 operating a boat powered by motors greater than 25 horsepower. Boating Certificate Link
Our deepest sympathies to the families of...

➢ Sally Stanton
➢ Bertrand J. Thompson
➢ Paul Mann
➢ Michael Sukiennik
➢ Phyllis Louise Bennett
➢ The Rev. Stephen J. Matylewicz
➢ Laura (Vasey) Whiteford-Obituary unavailable, passed 12/25/20