



# PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT

Protection and Rehabilitation District

Newsletter



## From the Chairman's Desk...

As I write this letter, the calendar says May 3rd but I can see the snow coming down outside my window. The ice may be out on the lakes, which is always a welcome sight in the spring, but winter just won't let go this year.

Like so many past years, spring triggers additional Lake District activities, all the way from pulling in the aeration fence (thanks again to 'Hot Dog' and Phil Hollmann) to putting in the boat docks and repairing the landings. Phil, along with Joe Sanderfoot and Dan Wellhouse put in the boat docks today even though the weather is cold and miserable. They wanted to get them in before the fishing opener this weekend. What dedication! Thanks for a job well done! I don't know what our Lake District would do without our great volunteers.

The aquatic plant harvesting folks have already begun servicing and

repairing the equipment for the summer program. Our Treasurer, Peg Hollmann has applied for the required summer harvesting permit and we are waiting for the green light from the DNR. Please remember to put your green flag on your dock or the harvester will not stop.

Fishermen: On April 26<sup>th</sup>, I received some good news from Sonny Wreczycki who lives on Rolling Stone Creek. As you know, Rolling Stone Creek flows from Rolling Stone Lake into the west end of Pickerel Lake. According to Sonny there are numerous walleyes swimming up the creek from Pickerel and Crane Lakes to spawn. He has watched the eagles snatching four to six pounders out of the creek for lunch. He mentioned that last year he did not see nearly as many walleyes or suckers come up this creek. This is very good news because for many of us if we don't catch or

see these fish we begin to think they're not there. Finally, I hope everyone will plan on attending our Spring Lake District meeting that will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 9:30am at the Ainsworth Town Hall located at the corner of County Rd "T" and County Rd. "TT". I have always believed that our Lake District can only be successful if everyone shares their issues, concerns, thoughts and ideas with each other and the Commissioners. Also, please help me remember to introduce new property owners at the meeting so we can get to know our new neighbors and lake community friends.

I will close by wishing everyone a very safe and happy summer! Lets hope our lakes maintain a good clean water level and the fish are biting!



### Nice Sized Walleye Caught in Pickerel Lake!

White Lake Resident, Glenn Dawson, and his grandchildren had a great day last August as they fished off of Pickerel Point Resort. Carley Marie Dawson caught a 21" walleye using a spinner. Congratulations!

In addition to the walleye, this family also bagged five good sized Northern Pikes as well. I'm sure she will remember this fabulous day out with Grandpa for years to come.

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## Landscaping News

Have you noticed the incredible wildlife that comes in contact with your shoreline? There are Northern Pike, bluegills, and other fish spawning in the shallow water along the shore. Loons, ducks, and other water birds nest along the banks. Your shoreline is an essential habitat for fish and wildlife. Now that spring is finally here, many of us are cleaning up our property. Remember, "fixing up" our property could actually destroy our lake. Here is a list of some of the problems we create when we try to create a suburban view of the perfect lawn:

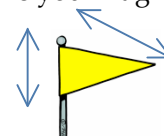
- **Green Water:** A mowed lawn sends rain runoff carrying fertilizers, pet waste, and lawn clippings to the water where they fuel algae blooms.
- **Songbirds & Butterflies Disappear:** The removal of natural vegetation along the water's edge also removes birds, butterflies, and other waterlife's habitat.
- **Spawning Areas Destroyed:** Without aquatic vegetation, waves stir up sediment and destroy spawning areas and increases erosion.

What can we do? Create a buffer zone of at least 35 – 50 feet of shoreland with natural vegetation. Avoid using pesticides or fertilizers in the buffer area to prevent the leaching of harmful chemicals. Plant a canopy of trees like sugar maple, white pine, or red oak, ironwood, hazels, and willows. Naturally fallen branches, limbs, and trees are not debris. These provide critical habitat for many animals. Ducks sun themselves on the trunk; Ospreys and songbirds use them as perches. Unless the fallen tree is a hazard to navigation, you might consider leaving it as is. For additional information see [http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/ecology/shorelands/background\\_information.asp](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/ecology/shorelands/background_information.asp).

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## Weed Harvesting Flag Requirements

Weed harvesting will begin soon. At the last Lake District meeting, it was agreed upon that only docks displaying the correct sized green flag will have their weeds removed. The harvesting team needs to have the docks requesting clean up to use a standard sized flag that is uniform to everyone else so that the harvester volunteer does not have to figure out if the faded green painted board or a green string tied around a pole is coincidental or a request for pier service. **The decision was made that a triangular flag must be made of flexible material (so that it can wave) and posted on a post that is roughly 12" long and 12" to the point.** Please make sure your flag is green and not faded.



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## Help Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Exotic Plants and Animals

It is vitally important for all users of Wisconsin lakes to be educated how they can be the unwitting transporter for harmful exotic species. Each and every boat that is put in or taken out of Pickerel/Crane Lake must follow state mandates by cleaning weeds off motor, boat, trailer, and water intake ports, and to drain live wells. Remove any visible plants, fish, or animals clinging to your equipment. Ensure that all mud and dirt is washed off as well since the larvae of an animal can live in mud, dirt, sand, and on plant fragments. Do not transport any potential hitchhiker back to your home. Remove and leave them at the site you visited. Try to ensure that your equipment remains dry for five days before entering new waters.

Remember, that hitchhikers can travel in water remaining in motors, jet drive, live wells, boat hulls, scuba tanks and regulators, boots, waders, bait buckets, seaplane floats, and swimming floats. Diseases can also be transferred via live fish, so don't move live fish away from any waterbody. This includes minnows. Be sure to purchase fish bait from a WI bait dealer and dispose of unwanted bait in trash. Never dump your unused bait in the water or on the shore.

Clean and dry anything that came in contact with the water before you move your equipment. This includes boats, trailers, equipment, dogs, boots, clothing, etc. The basic procedures are to wash with 212° F water (steam clean) to clean your equipment, or use soap and water and/or high pressure water, or disinfect with chlorine bleach using 1 tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water ratio and soak for 10 minutes. Obviously, this should be done away from waterbody to prevent the bleach from entering the water.

Never release or put plants, fish, or animals into any body of water unless they came out of that body of water. This includes aquarium and aquatic pets. It is amazing the damage that has been done by people who order tadpoles for their kids and watch them turn into frogs and release them into the wild. If your family gets tired of your aquarium or aquatic pets, do not release anything into or near a body of water or storm drain. Explain to your children the harm caused to our streams and lakes and how these innocent animals will kill other fish and animals already in the water. If you cannot find a home for your critters, bury them. Dump the water into the toilet or yard, far away from storm drains. For further information see [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/.../boatcleaning&prevmethods2010.pdf](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/.../boatcleaning&prevmethods2010.pdf).

**Notice of Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R  
District Fall Meeting**

May 28, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

Ainsworth Town Hall

(Corner of T & TT, Pearson)

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Greet New Members
4. Reading of Fall Meeting Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Old Business:
  - (a) Aeration Report
  - (b) Lake District Dock
  - (c) Port-A-Potty
  - (d) Fish Stocking 2011
  - (e) Aquatic Plant Harvesting
  - (f) Lake Management Plan Update
  - (g) Nashville Community Center
  - (h) Town of Nashville Consideration of Allowing ATV's on Town Roads
7. New Business:
  - (a) 2011 Bass Resolution
  - (b) 2011 Lake Survey for Bass
  - (c) Langlade County Representative
  - (d) Appoint Nominating Committee
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn  
(Two or more members of the Nashville Town Board may be in attendance.)

**Report of Expenses**

**January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010**

Expenses	Budgeted	Actual YTD
Printing	\$300	399
Postage	1,000	383
Administration Supplies	200	123
Meetings/Mileage/Telephone	500	182
Office Rent	780	780
Dues	120	90
Insurance	2,500	2,154
Lake Monitoring	500	-0-
Boat Landings	1,000	731
Aeration	2,500	1,056
Weed Harvesting	7,800	4,748
Invasive Aquatic Plants	8,500	-0-
Lake Management Plan	35,000	58
Miscellaneous	500	144
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61,200</b>	<b>\$10,848</b>

**Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District**

**Treasurer's Report**

**January 1, 2011 - March 31, 2011**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	
CD's	\$57,769.70
Savings-Checking-Var. Rate	56,468.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,237.84</b>

<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest	435.11
Donation	5,000.00
Tax Levy	17,418.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,853.15</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>	
Harvester	349.02
Dues - FCAL	40.00
Aeration	1,186.87
Mileage	53.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,629.09</b>

<b>Closing Balance</b>	
CD's	58,006.52
Savings-Checking-Var. Rate	77,455.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135,461.90</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Peg Hollmann**  
Treasurer

**Pickerel / Crane Lake P & R District**

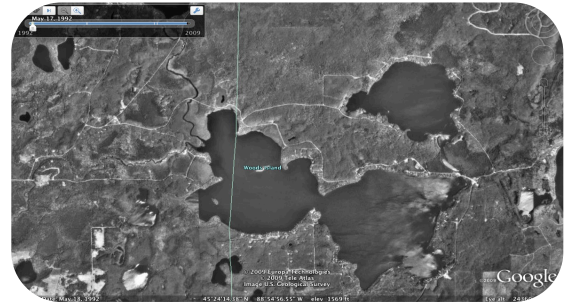
**Total Weeds Harvested 2010**

Aquatic Plants by Species	Weight (lbs.)	# Of Total
Northern Milfoil (Non-Inv. Type)	1,286,500	84%
Coon Tail	46,500	3%
Water Celery	31,000	2%
Pondweed	77,500	5%
Elodea	46,500	3%
All Other Weeds (Trace)	62,000	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,550,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

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*In order for us to keep our mailing list current, please notify us of your new address if you move. It would also be helpful if you would let us know the name and address of the new owners in the event your property is sold, so we can include them in our mailings. Thank you.*

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