

PO Box 144 Neshkoro W 54960



December, 2023 Newsletter

Greetings and Happy Holidays,

The holiday season resonates with a spirit of gratitude, and it is in this spirit the Board and I wish to extend everyone our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is also a special time to acknowledge those we hold dear to us, our families, and our friends.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the work of the Clean Water Committee, Tony Mainero, Terry Klaves, John Sabljak and David Lester,. And special thanks to Mike Fisher, who is not on the committee but has been a welcome contributor to the work the committee has done. This group has spent countless hours investigating the natural evolution of a lake, formulating a plan to help our lake stay clean, and sourcing contractors and obtaining bids on the work that needs to be done.

One of the easiest things each individual homeowner can do to help our lake stay young and clean is to control the amount of organic material that ends up on our lakebed. The organic material that reaches our lake bottom, (Biomass), feeds the growth of weeds and algae and creates muck. Please try to limit the amount of debris which enters the lake from your shoreline and to not use fertilizer near your shoreline. Debris and dead weeds left in the water settle on the bottom and become a source of organic matter. As a result, we will only be spraying invasive species of weeds and in other areas, we will be cutting and removing the weeds from the lake.

The process of cutting and removing the weeds posed a new problem - our boat launch is inadequate to launch the equipment to cut and harvest the weeds. The same problem arose when the board considered dredging, the launch was too small for the equipment. As a result, the board approved the removal of the old launch and will replace it with a wider, longer, and deeper launch. The board also approved the installation of a 30-foot permanent pier parallel to the new launch. This project is expected to be completed by mid-April.

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Our Annual Christmas Party was once again a big success with a huge turnout, excellent food and lots of laughter.

Again, I wish everyone a joyous holiday season, and leave you with the attached Christmas poem. Sincerely,

Tom Joseph











UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Rummage Sale - June 1, 2024
Boat Parade - July 6, 2024 -

Boat Parade - July 6, 2024 - Theme is "Patriotism" Fishing Jamboree - September 1, 2024 Poker Run - September 7, 2024

Trunk or Treat - November 2, 2024

Christmas Party - December 7, 2024



P.S. Please take a look at the poem and advertisers on the next few pages!

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, HE LIVED ALL ALONE, IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER & STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE, AND TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE, NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND, ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS, A SOBER THOUGHT CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY, I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE, CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER, NOT HOW! PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ? CURLED UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT, OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY, AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.







THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE, ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE, I DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE, "SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE, MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP, I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

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I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT, THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE, WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT. "MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Marine. The following is his request. I think it is reasonable.....

PLEASE. Would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

May God Bless You and Have A Great Day

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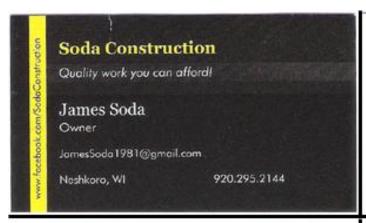
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