

Silver Springs Lake Property Owners Association

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Neshkoro WI 54960



March, 2024 Newsletter



What happened to a winter of snow and ice? Fortunately, our lake level is almost where it should be. Many of the area lakes are down 1½ feet.

The anglers brave enough to venture out on the few days the ice was thick enough, reported a good catch of walleyes, with plenty left for the Spring anglers.

This year our annual meeting will be held at the Neshkoro Community Center beginning at 9:00AM on Saturday May 25. Please attend - some important issues will be discussed.

The Silver Springs Lake Property Owners Association's board has unanimously voted to raise this year's annual dues to \$230.00 per lot owner.

The new landing project has begun. The posts for the new landing pier have been set. The next steps are removing the old cement landing slabs, deepening the landing area, and installing new concrete landing slabs. Once the new landing slabs are in place, the contractor will complete the new pier. We are excited to see this project come together as this will be a very nice improvement for all of us. In addition, the improved landing will now allow us to begin to explore other methods to help maintain the lake and water quality that the old landing was prohibitive of.

If you want to use the landing to launch your boat, do it before April 3 or after April 17. The landing will be closed from April 3 to April 17. No boats will be allowed to be launched during this period.

The board is accepting offers for the old landing pier. If you are interested, email your offer to the association's email address.

This past year the Clean Water Committee explored many options to improve the clarity of the lake and investigated ways to control the lake weeds. As a result of their hard work, and an extreme increase in the price from our current provider, the Board voted to head in a new (and from what we understand, a much improved) direction for weed control.

Our first change will be to remove the Milfoil weeds utilizing the Dash system. Divers will manually extract Milfoil weeds from the lake bottom in the Spring. The pulled weeds will be removed from the lake and disposed of.

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In addition, we have contracted with a company who will bring a weed cutting barge to cut the boat lanes several times per year. This weed cutting barge will accumulate the cut weeds and haul them away.

These two changes should bring us an immediate improvement by 1. Drastically reducing the use of chemicals in our lake. 2. Weeds and the nutrients they contain, will be removed from the lake and not continuing to add to the biomass on the bottom, fertilizing the next growth of weeds. 3. Boat navigation lanes should be much improved. Even though it is more expensive than prior chemical treatments, it is less expensive than what was proposed to us for future chemical treatments with their extreme increase in cost. In addition, this will set the course for a better, longer-term lake health strategy.

That leaves one other evasive weed, the curly leaf pond weed. Each year a survey is done in the Spring to determine the extent of this weed. We will not determine how we treat this weed until the survey is completed, with possible options being Dash, cutting, or spraying. If we need to spray this weed, the amount of chemical which will be used will be far less than the lake has been subject to in the past.

Everyone wants a clean and healthy lake. This comes at a cost. With the price increases our vendors have assessed and the more effective processes we are implementing, the annual cost to care for our lake has doubled. The board feels that this is a small price to pay to ensure a healthy lake for generations to come.



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New Location: Neshkoro Community Center
New Time: 9:00 am



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Everyone wants a clean and healthy lake. Unfortunately, with extreme (and quite frankly, discouraging) price increases from our vendors, and the new and more pro-active methods to help improve the water quality, the annual cost to care for our lake has doubled. The board is unified in its decision to appropriately increase our annual dues to keep pace with these rising costs and stay committed to long term lake health.

At our annual meeting, the Silver Springs Lake Property Owners Association Board will ask the lot owners to raise the **2025 annual dues to \$350.00**. The board was unanimous on this issue. We need 50% of the lot owners to cast a vote. If we do not have 50% of the lot owners at the annual meeting, we will send ballots out to everyone in June.

Thanks,
Tom Joseph



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Rummage Sale - June 1, 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



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