

BLID/BLA Update



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The Blue Lake Bulletin

The Blue Lake Improvement District's Monthly Newsletter

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Deadline for Spraying your beach area May 1.

Lake Restoration, a weed control company located in Rogers, Minn., will be spraying the common areas of Blue Lake to contain Curly Leaf Pondweed, an invasive species. This company won the contract for several other lakes in Isanti County that are controlling aquatic invasive species.

In addition, Lake Restoration is offering to spray individual beach areas with an herbicide that will control weeds. If you want your beach area sprayed this year, you must sign up no later than May 1.

If you want this service, you must act now. A go, no-go decision will be made on May 1, based on the number of subscribers for this service. As you can imagine, there is considerable planning, permitting, set-up, staffing, and equipment sterilization before going onto a lake to apply weed control chemicals.

Attached is contract information for individual beach owners.

If you cannot open this link, here is the contact information for Paul Kretsch at Lake Restoration.

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Lake Management and Midwest Aquatic Control are no longer offering services to individual beach/property owners on our lake.

Volunteer Needed to help update the BLID and BLA website.

Our website, BLIDMN.ORG, needs someone to keep the website up-to-date and interesting. Here's generally what is expected of this volunteer:

1. Every month update the site with minutes of meetings and events.
2. When appropriate, change photos to keep the site fresh.
3. At least monthly, check to ensure that the links work as designed.
4. Quarterly, make recommendations to the BLID or BLA board for improvements to benefit the website and the lake community.

This is a fun way to participate in lake activities and community events. It could be an interesting project for a high school or college student. Or a retiree. Please contact Teresa Bouten, tbouten03@outlook.com, or Bill Fredell billfredell@gmail.com for more information.

Perfect Time for Lakeshore Restorations

Todd Kulaf and Lydia Godfrey hosted a well-attended workshop at the Cambridge Library to discuss approaches and progress in restoring lakeshore property in Isanti County.

Blue Lake is a targeted lake for lakeshore restoration projects. The 26 property owners who participated in the Lakeshore Days Evaluations in the spring of 2023, already have their completed preliminary evaluations. Sheila Boldt, an independent consultant and lakeshore restorer has reached out to all the 2023 participants in the Lakeshore Days Project. To a large degree, these evaluations reveal that some projects are shovel-ready and available for funding match considerations. Workshop participants learned that there will be State and County matches for projects in 2024 and 2025, but they are on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier you act, the better.

For more information, contact Todd Kulaf, tkulaf@isantiswcd.org or 715-370-3838

Phase II of Alum Application Project Scheduled for September.

There will be a second application of alum to contain phosphorous in Blue Lake, an identical repeat of what we had in 2022. This is part of the original plan to control phosphorous and validated by the first application in 2022. We can all see how much clearer the water has become.

Watch for announcements each month as we prepare for the second application of alum in September 2024. BLID thanks you in advance for your cooperation in this lake-wide project for improving our lake.

Have you paid your \$25 BLA Dues Yet?

Blue Lake Association dues of \$25 per property have remained unchanged for several years. Send a check to BLA Treasurer, Teresa Bouten, at 28608 Tiger Street NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398. While you're at it, consider an additional donation to pay for the band that will play on July 4th.

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