

Letter from the LSIA Board President



In Unity There Is Strength

People will occasionally ask why they should belong to the LSIA so I would like to give some important reasons for membership. The primary purpose of LSIA is to provide a means of improving Lake Sarah for everyone. One individual has a very small voice in dealing with the Department of Natural Resources, commercial business or any governmental agency. An organization representing the lake shore owners has a much more effective impact. The DNR and other agencies realize they are dealing with a large number of people when LSIA contacts them rather than a single lakeshore owner. It is the same old story that an organized group has more influence than an individual.



However, to be truly effective, the organization must have the support of those whom they represent. This is the reason that LSIA is constantly active in soliciting as many lake shore owners as possible to join with us and increase our voice in the community. At the present time, 175 households have joined LSIA which represents a strong percentage of all lake shore owners.

LSIA also encourages members to take advantage of special programs like the garbage removal contract. There are many committees of LSIA where members can take an active role in helping to work on the problem of water weed control and other important lake projects. I hope that all of you will find some time to participate in LSIA activities and add to the strength of the organization. A clean Lake Sarah will increase the value of our properties as well as providing a wonderful lifestyle for all of us.

If you have not already done so, please join us as an active member!

**Sincerely,
Len Nadasdy
LSIA Board President**

Steve Emery, owner of the once popular Shady Beach Resort, past away in July after a courageous battle with cancer. Many Lake Sarah residents knew him and his family as he lived here until the mid-1990s. Below is the 1988 Star Tribune article published shortly after Steve and Nancy bought Shady Beach Resort.

Fantasy Comes True for New Owner of Only Resort in Hennepin County

By Jim Stuckey
Staff Writer



Staff Photos by Jeff Wheeler
Nancy Emery looked across the bar at her daughter, Jessica, at the Shady Beach Resort on Lake Sarah.

Last Winter Steve Emery of Maple Plain grew tired of his window cleaning business and decided he wanted to do something new. Now he's living out his fantasy.

He sold his business and bought Shady Beach Resort on Lake Sarah.

"I used to live right behind here. It's always been kind of a fantasy. So when I got the chance to buy it I took it." Emery said.

Although there were five resorts on Lake Sarah in the 1950s, and even more throughout Hennepin County, Shady Beach Resort is a relic of the past: It is the only lodging facility licensed by the county as a resort.

Shady Beach has had that distinction since 1981, when the county took over licensing of resorts from the state.

Officials at the Hennepin County Community Health Department said a "resort" must have five or more cabins or condominiums. While campgrounds require their users to bring their own tents or mobile homes. Although many of the records have been destroyed, an official at the State Health Department estimated that there were 40 to 50 resorts in Hennepin County in the 1950s.

One "unofficial" resort in Hennepin County, the Christmas Lake Resort in Excelsior, won't be around after next month. Although it had been licensed as a resort by the state in the 1970s, it is not licensed by the county because it only has two rental units. But it still uses the "resort" name.

Its owner, Bernice Brooks, said she is selling the property after almost 60 years in the resort business. She said the next owner plans to get rid of her rental units and build houses by the lake. Brooks has operated the resort since 1929, but said she's happy because "it's time to quit."

The lack of competition doesn't bother Emery. In fact, he says, that may be one of the reasons business has picked up. More than 50 people stay at Shady Beach during a typical weekend, compared with about 20 people before he bought the resort, he said

Emery and Brooks aren't optimistic about prospects for a resurgence of resorts in Hennepin County. Lake shore development has almost ruled out the possibility that new resorts will be built, they say.

"There's no place to build something like this," Emery said.

In addition to development, Brooks said, "taxes are so terrible" on lakeshore property in Minnesota that "you can't stay in business."

Emery said Shady Beach Resort has been around at least since the early 1900s but is much smaller than it used to be. He said previous owners had sold off about 13 acres before he bought it. Now it has 24 campsites, and three cabins on about seven acres of land. The resort has the usual lake recreation such as fishing and boating, and its main building has live bands for dancing on Saturday nights., a bar, a pool table, and video games.

Emery's goal is to make Shady Beach an attractive area for families who don't like traveling far to find an enjoyable vacation spot. To do that, "we're trying to bring it back to the way it used to be" when resorts in Hennepin county were popular and family oriented, he said.

Shady Beach is almost entirely a family-run operation. Emery has a part-time employee to come in on the weekends, but he said most of the work is left up to himself, his wife, Nancy, and their 13-year-old son, Steve. He said, Nancy does "most of the organizing" and Steve Jr. runs a lot of errands. They also have two daughters Jennifer, 19, and Jessica, 8.

His own duties range from cleaning the beach to breaking up a fight when a patron gets too rowdy.

"I'm not built to be a bouncer, but I've had to do a little bouncing. You have to be either real big or real diplomatic, but somehow I manage."

Article transcribed from clippings from a 1988 edition of the Star Tribune by Brad Spencer. Thank you to Ron LaMotte for sharing the news clipping!



Jessica Emery sat on an overturned boat while her father, Steve, pulled a boat onto the beach.

LSIA Membership Renewal & Discount Trash Program

LSIA is excited to announce the continuation of the trash program with Randy's environmental services. Randy's will continue with the same pricing as last year. So what does this mean to you?

1. If you are currently an LSIA member and participating in the trash program, you are automatically enrolled when you submit your 2010 LSIA membership dues by December 31, 2009. You do not have to fill out the Trash Program form. Your service will continue in 2010 at the same rate as 2009.
2. If you are currently an LSIA member and you do not use Randy's, you can fill out the Randy's enrollment form and send it in with your 2010 LSIA membership dues by December 31, 2009. Then you too will start receiving the reduced cost benefit LSIA members receive.
3. If you are not an LSIA member and would like to start receiving this benefit, simply fill out the membership and trash form and submit it with your \$35.00 tax deductible annual dues by December 31, 2009 to start receiving LSIA membership pricing on garbage service. This alone could very well save you more than your membership dues!

Your annual membership fee is used to:

- Support water quality improvements and weed control programs.
- Coordinate and organize the 4th of July boat parade/decorating contest.
- Host the annual summer picnic.
- Promote a normal water level.
- Remove and/or mark menaces to navigation.
- Promote safe and proper utilization of the lake.
- Promote the vitality of the fishery.
- Coordinate three yearly membership meetings.
- Provide member-only benefits for services and to local merchants.
- Publish two or three newsletters and the membership directory each year.

Container Size	2010 LSIA Member Rates*	Estimated Annual LSIA Member Savings
35 Gallon	\$12.83	\$25.08
65 Gallon	\$13.37	\$36.00
95 Gallon	\$13.85	\$46.68

**The above rates are all-inclusive and include the Hennepin County Surcharge, the MN Solid Waste Tax and the Fuel Surcharge Fee (a fluctuating fee that is currently 14.9%).*

- You are pre-billed quarterly and you can set up an automatic credit card or bank payment with Randy's or you can pay on line by credit card.
- The fee for walk-up service is an additional \$5.00 per month not including taxes and fees. Randy's also offers other optional services. For more information you can contact Randy's at 763-972-3335 or go on-line at their web site www.randyssanitation.com.

2010 LSIA Membership Form

Last Name:		Phone:
First Name:	Cell:	Work:
Email Address:		
Spouse's Last Name:		Phone:
Spouse's First Name:	Cell:	Work:
Spouse's Email Address:		
Lake Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Mailing Address (if different):		
City:	State:	Zip:
Winter Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Approx Leave Date:	Approx Return Date:	
Email Address (if different):		
Enclosed is my 2010 LSIA Membership Fee		\$35.00
Additional tax deductible donation for: Water Quality Fund		
Walleye Fund		
Other :		
<i>Make Checks Payable to LSIA - Total Remitted</i>		
Year you first joined LSIA (If you don't know, guess):		
I am interested in serving on the LSIA Board		Name:
I am interested in volunteering for LSIA Projects		Name:

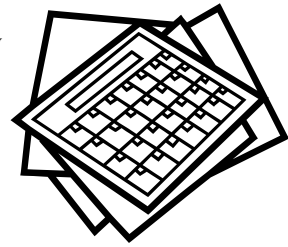
2010 Environmental Services Trash Program Enrollment

Are you a current Randy's customer? (Circle) Yes No		
Service Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Billing Address (if different from above):		
City:	State:	Zip:
Service Size: (Circle) 38 gallon 65 gallon 95 gallon		
Walk-up Service is an additional 5.00 plus taxes per month (Circle) Yes No		

Mail By Dec 31, 2009 to: LSIA, P.O. Box 25, Loretto, MN 55357-0025

LSIA Fall Membership Meeting Date Change!

Due to a scheduling conflict, LSIA's fall General Membership meeting is rescheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 at Independence City Hall. The meeting's theme is "*Together We Can Clean-up Lake Sarah*" because there are many exciting ideas in review and progress to make Lake Sarah even better. Join us at the meeting to learn what you can do to help with the process. **For example, each household signed in attendance at the General Membership meeting will receive one free use of the Beach Buddy lakeshore mechanical harvester. Plus, at the meeting you will also have a chance to win a Lake Sarah sweatshirt and there will be plenty of wonderful treats for all!**



LSIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Nov 5, 2009

7:00 p.m.

INDEPENDENCE CITY HALL

Together We Can Clean-up Lake Sarah

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to order | Len Nadasdy |
| 2. Set Agenda | Len Nadasdy |
| Anyone not on agenda may be placed under Open/Misc | |
| 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting | Victoria Marley |
| 4. Approval of Treasurer's report | Joe Baker |

Reports of Active Committees:

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| 5. Report on DNR | Joe Slavec |
| 6. Report on membership, dues, trash program | Rick Pratt |
| 7. Report on lake level | Mike Peterson |
| 8. Report on lake safety | Rick Pratt |
| 9. Report on water clarity, lake clean-up | Dan Cady |
| Shoreline – Beach Buddy | |
| Larger lake area | |
| External loading | |
| 10. Report on Fundraisers | Len Nadasdy |
| United Way | |
| Discount Cards | |
| General Meeting Fundraising Dinner? | |
| 11. Open/Misc | Len Nadasdy |
| 12. Adjournment with coffee and treats | |

The Beach Buddy

Would you like your lakeshore free of weeds? Then the Beach Buddy lakeshore harvester could be your answer. The Beach Buddy is a fast, easy and inexpensive way to help you remove weeds from your lakeshore. Learn how it works and get your opportunity to try it for free at the upcoming LSIA General Membership meeting on November 5th or for more information visit www.paumco.com.



Purchase Your Lake Sarah Discount Card



Help raise funds for LSIA and save money at the same time by purchasing a Lake Sarah Discount Card! Cards cost \$10 and provide you discounts at many local retailers. For example, get a free wine tasting at Woodland Hill Winery and buy one, get one free offers on pizza from Domino's Pizza and keys from Ace Hardware. The card also includes many other discounts from local retailers you frequent as well. To purchase your Lake Sarah Discount Card, contact Len at 763-479-2320.

Allocate Your United Way Donations to LSIA

For those that contribute to the United Way each fall, please consider allocating your annual pledge to LSIA. The United Way recently implemented the opportunity for donors to designate their funds to specific organizations of their choice. It is easy to do! Simply use the online pledge process to search and designate to any nationwide 501 (c) 3 (qualifying non-profit) agency, of which the LSIA is on the list. Below are the LSIA details.



Lake Sarah Improvement Assn,
P.O. Box 25, Loretto, MN 55357
FEIN = 41-1694232

TMDL Report Update

By Mike Peterson

As of September 29, 2009, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) has not given the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) a preliminary draft of Lake Sarah's TMDL (total maximum daily load) report. The report is a critical component in developing an overall plan for reducing phosphorous loading in the lake. The report is long overdue due to droughts, software glitches, bureaucracy, lack of participation from lakeshore property owners and LSSC members, lack of a lake management plan (LMP) and aquatic vegetation management plan (AVMP), and more.

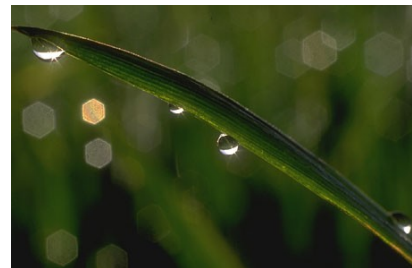
The purpose of the TMDL is to help identify the sources of phosphorous and pollution loading, and to guide citizens and municipal agencies in developing best management practices (BMPs) to correct them.

Preliminary findings are that 35% of Lake Sarah's phosphorous loading and pollution is being generated internally, which means the majority of the loading, 65%, is entering from the watershed.

The long-term goal is to improve Lake Sarah's water quality and clarity. To date, the most promising ways to achieve this are to reduce external loading and get rid of as much curly leaf pondweed (CLP) as possible — while at the same time reintroducing weeds that are healthy for the lake. That's going to take a lot of cooperation, support, involvement, time and money.

There are many things YOU can do right now to help!

- Rain gardens: Ponds that collect rain and slowly let it seep into the soil.
- Rain barrels: Collect rain from your gutters.
- Buffer strips: Natural vegetation between your shoreline and lawn.
- Mowing: Avoid discharging grass clippings & leaves into the lake.
- Watering: Be sure to water at the proper time of day.
- Watershed: Support community-wide efforts to reduce nutrient loading.
- Join LSIA: Your voice will make us stronger. LSIA is in the best position to make things happen, but community-wide support and your participation are critical.



See a Rain Garden in Action!

To learn from a successfully implemented rain garden, visit the park at Holy Name Lake. Holy Name Lake Park has a great example of a rain garden that will help you visualize what's involved, where it should be built and how easy it is to do. Holy Name Park is off Cty. Rd. 24, about one mile west of Hwy. 101 in Medina. Be sure to read the information sign/plaque.

2009-2010 LSIA Board of Directors

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Len Nadasdy	President	
Dan Cady	Vice President	Safety, navigation and neighborhood watch
Joe Baker	Treasurer	Membership Co-Chair and grants
Victoria Marley	Secretary	Newsletter
Mark Holton	Director	Membership database, water quality & level, and weed control
Mel Knapton	Director	Water quality & level, and weed control
Mike Peterson	Director	Water quality & level, weed control, and LSSC & LSIA liaison
Rick Pratt	Director	Membership Co-Chair, membership directory and recruiting
Ann Slavec	Director	Newsletter and membership committee
Joe Slavec	Director	DNR liaison and conservation
Sonya Tilbury	Director	Membership welcoming/recruiting and fundraising events

Please refer to your LSIA membership directory for contact information.

Clean Water Fair

Jerry Wise organized a fun and educational Clean-Water Resource Fair Sept 17 at Independence City Hall. The Fair featured 35 booth participants and nearly 300 attendees. The Fair also featured speaker presentations related to plant life and water management practices to promote phosphate-free lakes and streams. Jerry's co-chair Toni Hirsch commented that, "The Fair was filled with a real sense of community, people smiling and enjoying themselves focused on a common cause of clean water". The Fair was a great opportunity for attendees to make new contacts with many different resources and associations.



Thank you to the following volunteers who made the LSIA booth possible:

Joe Baker
 Harold Burrows
 Dan Cady
 Mark Holton
 Mike Peterson
 Carol Roberts
 Ann Slavec
 Sonja Tilbury
 Roger Van Beausekom



Cranberry Bread Pudding

1-1/2 loaves of white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 15 cups)
15 eggs
2-1/2 cups milk
3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
2-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons Challenge unsalted butter, at room temperature
2-1/2 cups dried cranberries

In large mixing bowl, lightly beat together eggs, milk, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and salt until combined. Add bread cubes, cover with plastic wrap and soak in the refrigerator at least 30 minutes or overnight. Spread butter on all sides of a 10-cup fluted baking pan. Preheat oven to 350 F. Sprinkle 1/4 cup dried cranberries into baking pan. Stir remaining cranberries into bread cube mixture and pour mixture into baking pan. Bake until top is golden and firm to touch, about 50 to 60 minutes. Unfold bread pudding, transfer to serving platter and drizzle with Gingery Orange Syrup. Serve with a dollop of butter.

Note: Recipe from a 2002 magazine ad for Challenge Butter