

Deer Crossing



The wildlife continues to flourish in and around Lake Sarah for us to enjoy. This was evidenced this past June when a deer took an unexpected swim after mosquitoes chased it out of the thicket near Joe Slavec's home. He took photos as the deer crossed the channel and he hoped the deer wouldn't get cited for creating waves in the "no wake zone"!



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LSIA Annual Meeting and Family Picnic July 25!



LSIA will hold the 22nd Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 25 on the shores of Lake Sarah in Jorgenson Park, Shady Beach Circle, on the south side of the lake off Highway 11.



At 3:30 p.m. LSIA will hold its Annual Meeting and election of board members. Games for children will take place at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. Back by popular demand, the picnic will include a pig roast provided by LSIA. Attendees are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share, as well as beverages for themselves. Attendees may also want to bring additional lawn chairs for comfortable seating. All LSIA members and guests are invited to attend. You will not want to miss the most popular LSIA event of the year!



LSIA continually strives to find opportunities to invest in our lake community. As a special feature to this year's picnic, free CPR training will be provided compliments of LSIA! Space is limited, so register today by emailing Dan Cady at dan844@yahoo.com.

Be sure to join us for the annual summer LSIA general membership meeting and summer picnic on Sunday, July 25th!

At the meeting and picnic you will have the opportunity to:

- Elect new LSIA board members and president
- Learn about current Lake Sarah issues and updates
- Socialize with neighbors and enjoy family games
- Receive a free day use of the Beach Buddy
- Enter to win great door prizes
- Pick up your 2010 LSIA Membership Directory
- Become CPR certified if pre-registered
- Enjoy a pig roast and pot luck meal!

This is always a popular event. You won't want to miss it!

July 4th Boat Parade



The 13th Annual Lake Sarah July 4th Boat Parade was another huge success! Over a dozen boats participated in the parade, decorated to fit this year's musical theme. Boaters played music and danced to the hit songs we all know and love. As always, all the boats were very festive and creative. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most creative musical show-boat and most traditional patriotic independence theme of "red, white & blue" at the annual picnic on July 25. Whether you partici-

participated in the parade, judged it, or watched it from shore, a good time was had by all!



Letter from LSIA President

The upcoming LSIA Annual Meeting on July 25 will mark a change of leadership in LSIA when the membership elects new officers. All four of the officer positions as well as three new directors positions are open for election. Fortunately, we have great lake owner candidates. The candidates are a mix of experienced board members and new faces as well. Be sure to attend this Annual Meeting and summer picnic!



It has been my honor to serve as your president for the past two years. At age 80, I am happy to retire but will always maintain my interest in LSIA and help wherever I can. My greatest pleasure was to meet so many of the Lake Sarah residents. My greatest disappointment was, of course, our inability to find a good solution to the lake weed problems we have in Lake Sarah. This will be a major challenge to our new board members. I urge all of you to participate on the various LSIA committees to ensure a cleaner lake for all of us. Working together, we can accomplish much. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Len Nadasdy

LSIA Board of Director Elections

Several LSIA officer and board positions are open for nomination this year. This is your opportunity to get involved to make a difference. We all want to improve our lake so consider donating your time to the effort! This is a great opportunity to serve your community, yourself, and get to know lake neighbors all at the same time. Elections for open positions on the LSIA board will be held at the general membership annual meeting prior to the picnic on July 25. Below is the list of positions up for election. If you are interested in a position or have questions, please contact Joe Baker, 612-868-8702 or swiftbaker@aol.com or Len Nadasdy at 763-479-2320 or l.nadasdy@mchsi.com.

Officers

- **President**—chairs the meetings, overseeing the mission and agenda.
Nominated or has interest: Joe Baker (current treasurer).
- **Vice-President**—back-up for the President and ensures the smooth transition from former to new officers.
Nominated or has interest: Ann Slavec (current director).
- **Treasurer**—Plans, keeps and reports on non-profit accounting and financial budgets.
Nominated or has interest: Roger Van Beusekom.
- **Secretary**—Responsible for coordinating and reporting on meetings; responsibilities with communications and mailing.
Nominated or has interest: Donna Sheeley.

Directors

- **Water Quality & Pollution Control Chair**—Primary contact for planning and executing initiatives to improve lake quality.
Seeking nominations.
- **Water Level Chair**—Primary contact for planning and reporting initiatives to maintain proper water level.
Nominated or has interest: Scott Walsh.
- **Special Projects Chair**—Responsible for leading efforts on special initiatives dictated by the board on behalf of the membership.
Nominated or has interest: Carol Beasecker.

LSIA is dedicated to improving the quality of Lake Sarah as well as helping to provide services to its members. Eradication of water weeds, control of incoming waste water to the lake and improving lake water quality for swimming, boating and fishing are LSIA initiatives.

Walleye Update



LSIA's walleye stocking project is making an impact! The lake's walleye population is beginning to show signs of vitality. Joe Slavec reports that many resident fisher people have said that multiple walleyes have been caught on Lake Sarah. Most of the walleye have been in the 12 inch range, which are very healthy, fat fish. Please let these fish go so they can grow though. Catching 20 inch or larger walleyes would sure be fun! Visit www.lakesarah.com for more pictures and recent stories.

Beach Buddy Update

Thanks for keeping the Beach Buddies busy! With over 30 uses to date, the LSIA owned Beach Buddy weed rollers have removed a great deal of curly leaf pondweed and eurasian milfoil from shorelines, making for improved fishing and recreational from our docks. We also are removing excess phosphorus from our lake that will become natural fertilizer for Mel Knapton's U-pick farm. LSIA members that attend July 25 general membership meeting (prior to the picnic) can sign up for a free days use of the Beach Buddy. For members not able to attend the meeting, we simply ask for a \$20 LSIA donation which we'll use toward maintenance. Call Joe Baker at 612-868-8702 if you want to use the Beach Buddy, or Josh Lawman at 612-203-3576 if you would like your weeds removed for you.



Warning On Removal of Water Lilies and Cattails



The Minnesota Department of Natural resources requires DNR permits to remove water lilies and cattails from your shoreline. These can be obtained by calling the Regional DNR Fisheries office or DNR Waters at 651-296-4800. If your access to the lake is blocked by water lilies or cattails, permission is usually granted for a channel to be cleared from your property to the lake.

Beaver Dam Update



Beginning this spring Lake Sarah's weir area experienced ongoing beaver activity obstructing the outlet. Because of significant blockage of lake outflow with the beavers' dams, the Three Rivers Park was granted a special nuisance permit for the removal of the beavers. A trapper was hired and successfully removed three beavers from the area. LSIA will continue to monitor the area to watch for any renewed activity in the future. Thank you to Three Rivers Parks for their assistance and quick action. Thank you also to Lee Nguyen, Joe Slavec and Scott Walsh who have been instrumental in maintaining the area by removing the dams and keeping an eye on the beavers' activities.

Life Jacket Boating Requirements



Keep you and your family safe while on the lake this summer by following the legal guidelines for life jackets (personal flotation devices or PFDs). Since 2005 Minnesota law now requires all children less than 10 years old to wear a life jacket while on board all boats, regardless of length, including canoes, kayaks and duck boats. For adults, there must be a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V wearable PFD of proper size and type for each person on board. Remember, type IV throwable devices, such as buoyant cushions, are no longer acceptable primary lifesaving devices. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) there must also be at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved Type IV throw-able device, such as a buoyant cushion or ring buoy immediately available for each boat. The law does not state that PFDs must be worn, only that they are readily accessible except for personal watercraft (wave runners, jet skis, etc.). For more information visit www.mndnr.gov/boating.