

LSIA

Fall 2017 Newsletter

Lake Sarah Summer Picnic!

The annual Lake Sarah summer picnic was held on Sunday July 23rd at Jorgenson Park. It was attended by well over 100 neighbors! We were entertained once again by the very talented "Soul Sisters" group. This year LSIA provided yummy fried and grilled chicken and families brought lots of food to share. The ever popular Kube tournament was won this year by Paul Klesmit and Ginny Cook. The children loved bouncing for hours in the jump house. A brief LSIA meeting was held and three new board members were elected. A huge THANK YOU to the Jorgenson family all who helped to make this summer tradition a big success!

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July 4th Boat Parade

Another fun day for boaters and spectators! Prizes were awarded at the summer picnic. Any ideas to change the boat parade? We'd love to hear from you! This year the winners included:

Patriotic Theme

1st Place - Rothberg/Althausen Family
2nd Place - Becchetti Family

Music Theme

1st Place - Evjen Family (Tropical)
2nd Place - Vanyo Family (Beach ball)

More Loosestrife

More Loosestrife has been found on the shores of Lake Sarah. Sometimes from year to year their population ebb's and you can see more flowering plants when the population is lower.

According to Hennepin county enviromental services, beetles that specifically eat Loosestrife were released years ago in our area and have been doing a good job.

Hennepin county environmental and LSIA plan to release more beetles in May of 2018 to help suppress the growth and the spread of this invasive plant.



Walleye!

Another 1000 walleye have been ordered and will be stocked in Lake Sarah this fall by the LSIA.

Thanks to all who donated to the Walleye Fund. The program seems to be working since some very nice fish are being caught!

2017 Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory

Our neighborhood directory has been completed. Special thanks to Kevin Horn and Reid Lau for all their help in updating the directory. We also want to thank Colleen Klaers for submitting the beautiful cover photo! A copy of the directory was emailed out to everyone in our database. A limited number of printed copies are available. If you did not receive the email with the attachment, or if there are any further corrections, please let us know at lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com

Special Thanks

LSIA would like to thank the following people for helping clean/monitor the weir area this year. Volunteers were asked to monitor the creek for 2 weeks.

Mike Peterson, Nate Uselding, Tony Sebanaler, Micheal Zenk, Kevin Horn, Anne Horn, Rob Zaun, Jim Shrack

If you are interested in volunteering for 2018 please get in touch with Scott Walsh/Outlet Director/Water Safety and Navigation. Scotwalsh@gmail.com

LSIA Fall Meeting

Date: Tuesday October 10th

Place : Choo Choo Bar (back dining room)

Time: 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting

Please join us for our last general membership meeting of 2017! It's a great opportunity to meet neighbors, the LSIA board members, and hear about the progress of our whole lake weed management program. Light appetizers will be served!

New Ponds

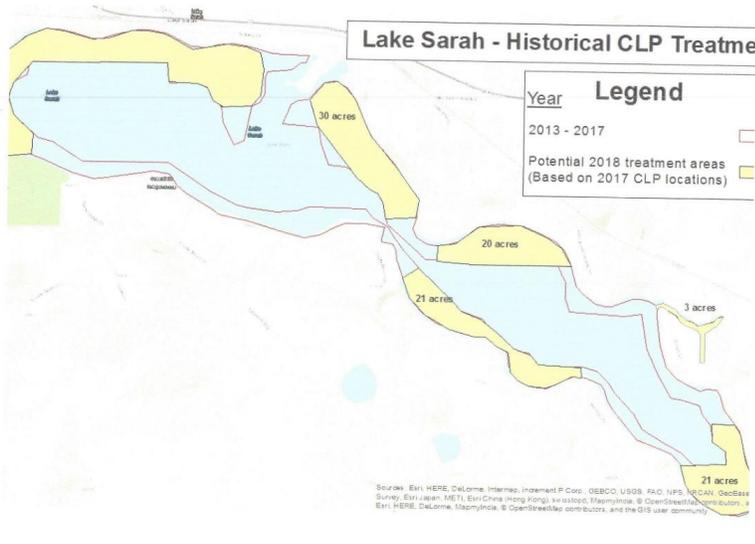
Check out the new pond at Greenfield's central park located 1 mile north of Hwy 55 on Greenfield road. The pond was designed to help with drainage problems on Greenfield road and was suggested by Greenfield city engineers Hakanson Anderson. The pond will also help with excessive runoff and have a 6 lb reduction in external phosphorus loading for Lake Sarah. The project was initiated by the Pioneer Sarah creek watershed on behalf of the City of Greenfiled and paid for by a grant from the Met council in the amount of \$41,136.00. Another \$25,000 grant from Hennepin county environmental services will pay for native plants with an emphasis on habitat for pollinators like bee's and butterflies as well as educational signage and maintenance.

Lets thank all involved with the project every little bit helps!

Lake Water Quality

Every year for the last 5 years(6 in some areas) the Lake Sarah Improvement association has done whole lake Curly Leaf pondweed treatments to reduce this invasive species along with smaller Eurasian Milfoil treatments. This practice is meant to reduce internal phosphorus loading,deplete the turion count(of CLP),increase native lake vegetation while enhancing the recreational value of Lake Sarah. We are able to do this because we have a Lake Vegetation Management plan in place with the MN DNR. The LVMP for short allows us to treat more than 15% of our littoral area(15% equals about 56 acres). The whole lake treatment covers about 260 acres total, but effectively covers the whole littoral area of 361 acres. The LVMP is a 5 year plan.

The Lake Sarah Improvement assn has finished its required reporting for the years 2011-2017 and has asked the MN DNR to extend our current LVMP(Thanks Eric Fieldseth/Three Rivers Park District). What we have seen over the last 5 years is a positive native plant community that is more diverse and dispersed ,less turion densities and less dense CLP growth in the spring time. Moving foreword LSIA hopes to have in place all required steps to keep treating CLP and EWM as needed in the near future with an ultimate goal of an Alum treatment. Since we are seeing less and less CLP as we have treated over the last 5 years the plan is to treat CLP on a as needed basis. Since we do not know how our winter and spring conditions will turn out we have a "potential treatment map" for 2018 based on 2017 CLP locations. This is one scenario and will be finalized after ice out and inspections.



In closing i would like to thank the many LSIA volunteers past and present who have helped make these treatments possible. Our friends at TRPD who do a tremendous amount of technical data on Lake Sarah as well as their cost sharing. Our lake consultant Eric Fieldseth who is very well respected and knowledgeable. Our treatment experts Aquatic Solutions and Lake Restoration. The Cities Of Greenfield and Independence, The Minnesota DNR, Pioneer Sarah creek watershed, BWSR and the caring citizens/lakeshore owners of Lake Sarah who give their hard earned money every year to better Lake Sarah. With all working together we will eventually get Lake Sarah off the MN lists of impaired waters!

Warm Regards,
 Scott Walsh
 Director water quality LSIA

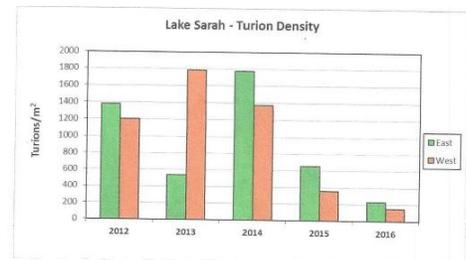


Table 12-Secchi Averages. Average Secchi disk observations in meters for Lake Sarah (West Basin) (DOW #27019100). Data gathered from Three Rivers Park District.

YEAR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	Secchi Depth Average [May-Sept]
1990	2.2		1.4	1.6		
1992	2.9	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.4
1993		3.03	1.36	1.01	1.21	
1994		3.58	1.06	1.06	1.21	
2006	2.3	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2
2007	2.6	1.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.2
2008						
2009						
2010	2.7	1.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2
2011	2.1	2.2	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.5
2012	4.46	1.16	0.66	0.66	0.73	1.5
2013	2.78	2.53	0.77	0.73	1.04	1.6
2014	2.4	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.5
2015	5.05	1.53	0.9	0.75	1.05	1.9
2016	4.9	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.9

LSIA Board Members

Special thanks to Mel, Michele, Reid and Andy for their service the last two years to the board. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and we feel we've made tremendous progress maintaining and improving our beautiful lake and surrounding neighborhoods with your guidance and service.

We also want to issue a warm welcome to our new board members: Scott Beaupre, Andy Althaus and Bill Scandrett. Thanks for volunteering and we're looking forward working with you. Below is a short profile of our new members.

Scott Beaupré

My wife Karen and I have lived on Lake Sarah off of Sunset Lane for just over two years, but we have lived near the lake since 2001 when we built our last house on Stephanie Way. My wife and our kids graduated from Delano. Our daughter (25) teaches English in Spain, but returns home during the summer. Our son (24) is finishing up his final year at Minnesota State Mankato (we hope). He is also in the Army National Guard. My wife and I both work from home. When we are not busy renovating our home, we are either golfing, playing in a volleyball league, or driving our runabout like a pontoon and soaking in the beautiful sunsets. Karen retired from snowmobiling, but I'm still holding out hope we might actually get snow in the winter. I'm looking forward to learning more about the lake and, by serving on the board, how I can contribute to improving the cleanliness and the beauty of Lake Sarah.

Andrew Althaus

My wife Suzette and I live on Shady Beach Circle and have four children ranging from Sophomore in High School to Senior in College. When not traveling (for business or fun), Suzette and I both have the pleasure of working from home. Suzette works in the Financial Services industry and I work in Loyalty Marketing. In our free time, we love being on the lake... skiing, cruising, paddle boarding or snowmobiling. Off the lake, we enjoy being in the garden, traveling and are starting to re-learn golf as we plan for our upcoming empty-nester status. I am looking forward to working with the LSIA Board, meeting more lake neighbors and helping to make the lake and lake-living better for everyone.

William Scandrett

We are brand new to the area having built our house on Lake Sarah Drive last November. My wife Lona and our two kids Anya (9) and Drake (6) have lived in Minnesota for a little over 12 years when I was relocated to MN for work. Being that Lona is originally from the Bemidji area, it was made clear to me that this would be our last move. I work at Allina Health and Lona works for Optum in Eden Prairie. Our two kids both attend Delano Elementary. We enjoy almost every sport there is but love spending our time snowboarding, mountain biking, or playing and relaxing on the lake. We're very excited to be part of the Lake Sarah neighborhood and are thrilled to have met so many great and welcoming people!

Assignment	Name	Committee Assignment
President	Kevin Horn	
Vice President	Nate Uselding	Water Quality
Secretary	Bill Scandrett	
Treasurer	Mike Malone	
Director	Scott Walsh	Water Quality/Water level
Director	Anne Horn	Community Relations
Director	Kent Roers	Membership/Directory
Director	Andy Althaus	Water Quality
Director	Scott Beaupre	

Treasury Report

LSIA Treasurer Report 08/31/2017

	2015	2016	2017	2017
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL TO DATE</u>
Assets:				
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	14,469	\$ 24,916	\$ 35,897	\$ 35,897
21st century CD - 6 month (7378)	6,984	\$ 6,991	\$ -	\$ -
21st century CD - 12 month (0805)	8,951	\$ 8,967	\$ 8,976	\$ 8,976
21st century CD - 6 month (0003)	30,000	\$ 30,038	\$ -	\$ -
21st century CD - 6 month (0389)			\$ 37,019	\$ 37,019
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	<u>60,405</u>	<u>\$ 70,911</u>	<u>\$ 81,892</u>	<u>\$ 81,892</u>
Receipts:				
Membership for 2015	5,180	-		
Membership for 2016	105	5,310		
Membership for 2017			5,250	4,755
Contributions - Walleye Fund	920	505	500	515
Contributions - Water Quality				70
Contributions - Curly Leaf				17,130
Contributions - Other	4,260	-		400
Interest -- checking	5	14		4
Interest -- CD's	60	46		25
Total Receipts:	<u>10,530</u>	<u>5,875</u>	<u>5,750</u>	<u>22,899</u>
Disbursements:				
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (news letters, postcards)	54	102	500	
Directory		47	100	
Membership/Board meetings	225		300	
Spring Meeting		63	150	46
Spring Meeting Room Deposit (to be refunded)		-	1,000	
Boat Parade (prizes)	200	150	200	258
Biff at Public Access	236	250	250	
Biff at Picnic Grounds	252	367	375	88
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	583	597	600	531
Fall Meeting			150	
Winterfest			100	
Walleye Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	44,144	40,943	46,500	44,543
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(46,779)	(49,203)	(37,500)	(15,178)
PayPal fees	106	233	125	168
Other Fees	4		600	
Total Disbursements:	<u>24</u>	<u>(5,451)</u>	<u>13,850</u>	<u>30,456</u>
Overage / (Deficit)	10,507	11,326	(8,100)	(7,557)
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	<u>70,911</u>	<u>82,238</u>	<u>73,792</u>	<u>74,335</u>