

PINE LAKE UPDATE

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT
by Vic Burkey
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June, 1992

Hello again. Welcome to our third news update. I hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy and prosperous winter and spring.

For anyone interested in private chemical treatment of shorelines, I have contract forms available. Anyone wanting one can contact me at my home (former Frontier Bar) or phone me at 715-649-3320. We need to have these contracts signed and back to me by June 30th. The basic fee for this is 80 feet from shoreline \$1.80, (i.e., 100 feet wide and 80 feet out equals \$180.00) or 100 feet from shoreline is \$2.00 per shoreline foot.

We have signed the contracts for a 100' by 1,000' test plot for chemical treatment to take place around July 4. We will mark the test area so you can see the effect of the treatment.

We are doing two cuttings this year of 70 hours each. The first cutting will be around the 17th of July and again around the 10th of August.

Please folks, we need your help with these projects. We need volunteers to help monitor the treatment areas. Please let the board members know if you can be available. We will also need help for cleanup after the treatment is done.

I am happy to announce that more and more people are taking responsibility for Pine Lake. Quite a few septic systems have been replaced this year. I hope everyone will help with this problem.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting on July 11, at 7:00 p.m., Hiles Town Hall. Until then I hope everyone will Take a Stake in Our Lake because it is worth it.

Note: The south end of Pine Lake Road will be rebuilt this summer from the dam area going East and North 1.3 miles.

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* NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING *
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* The Annual Meeting of the Pine Lake Protection & *
* Rehabilitation District will be held at the *
* Hiles Town Hall on July 11, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. *
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ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS
by Bill Elliott

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Every year the term of one of the commissioners expires and at the annual meeting a commissioner must be elected. This year my term as secretary expires. The commissioners meet four times a year and consult with each other on other occasions. They are responsible for the administration of the Protective District. In addition to the meetings, the commissioners have all attended a two-day Lake Conference in Stevens Point.

The success of the District depends on the active participation of its members. We urge you to attend the annual meeting, run for the office of secretary, or nominate someone else for the job (I will be on the ballot). I was appointed secretary two years ago to fill the remainder of a term. I ask that everyone come out and vote for the person of his choice to be secretary for the coming three years. Please come to the meeting and get involved with the lake and the commissioners. Your help is needed. The rewards are many, including the satisfaction of doing an important job for the District, increased beauty and enjoyment of the lake, and protection of your own property values. Come to the meeting prepared to vote and to serve.

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TAKE A STAKE IN THE LAKE!

Join us for our first "Take a Stake in the Lake" cleanup program on Saturday, August 15, 1992. The weedcutter will make its second round of the summer around August 10, so there should be plenty of floating weeds to collect. After a day of harvesting the weeds, we hope to have a Lake District pot luck supper for all participants at the Hiles Town Hall.

We expect to designate a site for weed disposal (and pickup, if you're a gardener), and we would like the loan of a truck for the day to collect and haul the debris you rake in from the lake.

This program can help increase public understanding of the causes of lake problems, and encourage people to take part in the improvement of the lake. Ideally, all our lake property owners will clean up their own shores. For those who aren't physically able, we hope to have a volunteer cleanup crew available on request. This event can only be held with your participation.

We will need volunteers to organize the cleanup and the pot luck, and to form at least one volunteer cleanup crew. A sign up sheet will be available at the annual meeting on July 11, or you can write or call the Lake District chairman, Vic Burkey: Rt. 2, Box 615, Hiles, WI 54511 (Tel: 715-649-3320).

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LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT

As announced at the spring Commissioners' meeting, the Department of Natural Resources awarded Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District a lake management planning grant in the amount of \$5,703.00. Commissioner Donald Metten compiled the grant request and was assisted by Ron Krueger, Northern Lake Service, Inc. of Crandon, Bob Young, DNR Lakes Coordinator for our district, and grant specialist Carol Heidenway. Our thanks to the Hiles Town Board and the Forest County Board for endorsing the proposal.

Work is beginning this spring to achieve the following goals:

1. Establish a lake water chemistry data base for Pine Lake.
2. Conduct a shoreline observation survey to identify pollution sources.
3. Repeat the 1977 macrophyte (weed) study for comparison and management purposes.
4. Review the proposed millpond project for potential impact on Pine Lake.
5. Determine the extent of winter oxygen depletion.
6. Assist District members to do more responsible lake management planning for the future.

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SOMETHING NEW

Notice was received from UW-Extension of Forest County inviting lake owners to Forest County's first county-wide lake meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to share information and ideas on issues of lake management which concern us all. The meeting will be held on Saturday July 11, 1992, in the County Board Room of the Forest County Courthouse in Crandon from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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1992: THE YEAR OF CLEAN WATER

The Congress of the United States designated calendar year 1992 as the "Year of Clean Water" and the month of October as "Clean Lake Month". Congress has passed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendment known as the "Clean Water Act". The Act calls for water to be clean enough for swimming, fishing and other recreational uses, and for all discharges of pollutants to be eliminated. Concerned citizens can contribute greatly to the campaign against water pollution.

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ARE YOU A THIEF?

If you pollute or in any way abuse Pine Lake, you are stealing value and enjoyment from your neighbors.

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