

LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—April, 2014

Construction Begins!



Message From the Lake District Trustees

Our community has waited patiently for quite some time, and the moment has finally arrived. Construction has officially started for the rebuilding of Lake Delhi and, today, a historic Ground-Breaking Ceremony was held to kick off the Construction of the Dam and Spillway at Lake Delhi!

With the help of countless supporters, community members, State, County, and Federal officials we have officially started the reconstruction of the Dam and Lake.

Since the last Lake Delhi Voice, The Trustee's, Construction Committee, and Engineers have been very busy getting ready for this magical and historical moment.

Here are a few Highlights:

- The Trustee's recently awarded the Bid to Lunda Construction Company who has significant dam repair/building experience
- Construction crews during the summer will be working as early as 6 am to avoid high heat in the afternoon
- The Trustee's recently closed on the last property needed to be acquired that was required to build the Dam/Spillway
- We are exploring options for a live video feed that can be viewed from our webpage. When this is finalized we will share the news and details
- The Iowa DNR has closed the public comment period and we anticipate they will respond to any questions or concerns raised over the next 20-30 days with anticipation of the permit be granted in May. A big thank you to all who took the time to

150+ Lake Delhi Community Leaders and Members at Dam/Spillway Ground Breaking Ceremony today, 4/24/14 — collectively beginning the construction project! Phase 1 is under way!

positively respond to the DNR during the public comment period

- The Trustee's and Engineers are finalizing the preparations for putting out Phase 2 bids upon receipt of the DNR permit required for Phase 2
- The Iowa DNR is working in partnership with the Lake Delhi Trustee's on a number of fronts. One of them is preparations for bringing Lake Delhi back to a fishing Paradise — see more on page 2 in this VOICE newsletter.

Our Relationship with Delaware County leaders has grown since the breach of the Dam and we are thankful for their continued support. We wanted to share with you a copy of a recent letter they sent to the Iowa DNR during the public comment period on page 7 in this issue of the VOICE.

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Other local news to share:

The Third Annual St. Patrick's "Guest Bartenders" event held at the Pizza place was another huge success. A special thank you to Larry Aschbrenner, Tom McLaughlin, and Darlene & Jim Cleary for helping raise additional funds for the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi!

NOTE: If you want to view construction of the Dam, please do so only from the SOUTH side. The North side needs to be 100% clear for construction equipment and to maintain safety.

The Lake Delhi Combined Recreational Facility and Water Quality District Trustee's:

Steve Leonard: President, Trustee

Larry Burger: VP, Trustee

Mary Kray: Secretary, Trustee

Laurie Kramer: Treasurer, Trustee

Bruce Schneider: Trustee

Lamont Davidson: Trustee

Todd Gifford: Trustee



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Lake Delhi VOICE Editor: Todd Gifford

Lake Delhi Good Neighbor Award

This issue's Good Neighbor Award goes to Larry Aschbrenner. Congratulations Larry!

Nomination Letter:

We would like to nominate Larry Aschbrenner for the Good Neighbor Award. Larry is always willing to help and is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. He walks our neighborhood on the coldest days to check on houses to make sure the heat is working and clears driveways for neighbors. In the summer he helps mow our entrance, is always there to lend a hand with projects, loan out a tool, or offer advice. In the fall, he helps clear trees around our neighborhood and always helps us split wood. He attends many of the trustee meetings and regularly shares information from the meetings with the neighbors. He also enjoys donating his tips to the lake rebuild fund when he is a Guest Bartender with Tom McLaughlin at The Pizza Place for the annual St. Patty's Day celebration. And he's always up for having a bonfire at his garage and sharing a beer! We are very grateful to have Larry as a neighbor, but more importantly as a friend. He's one of a kind! We want to publicly thank Larry for everything he's helped us with since we purchased our cabin in 2005.

*Thanks for your consideration,
Audrey & Ben Kindred*

Larry will receive his Free Lake Delhi Shirt, and remember to *Submit your Good Neighbor Award nominations to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org.*

Submit Your Shoreline Improvement Projects to the DNR/Army Corps

Things are rolling with the reconstruction project so it is not too early to submit your applications for shoreline improvement or enhancement projects. If you are affecting the shoreline soil, creating a new wall or rip rap barrier, etc... the DNR/Sovereign Lands/Army Corps 'Joint Application' needs to be filled out, sent in, and approved by all agencies prior to your project beginning. Based on recent feedback from people who have submitted the application and received back their approvals, the process is taking about 4 weeks currently from the time the application is received to the time it is approved by the agencies.

Here is a link to the information regarding the process and Joint Application:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryLand/FloodPlainManagement/FloodPlainDevPermits.aspx>

DNR partners with Lake Delhi to Restock the Lake with Fish!

The Lake District Trustees and our local Fish Club is very appreciative for the continued support and partnership with the Iowa DNR.

In recent conversations, Dan Kirby (Fisheries Biologist) and Mike Steuck (Fisheries Supervisor) from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have committed to help Lake Delhi to become a great fishing destination once again after the Dam is rebuilt and the Lake is restored.

The plan is to stock roughly 530,000 fish that consist of Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Black Crappie, and White Bass over the next three years.

In addition, since Walleyes seldom reproduce successfully in the Maquoketa River system, the DNR is

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intending to stock fingerling walleyes on an annual basis. This includes stockings at areas “in and around” Manchester and Baileys Ford—some of these walleyes take up residence in Lake Delhi as they swim downstream.

Where In The World Is It? **CONTEST**

Last Month Answer to WHO in the World Is It:
“Philip Seymour Hoffman” and our winner gets a
Lake Delhi Shirt!

Can you guess what this famous place is and win the contest?

The image below is a portion of a very famous place. If you guess who it is correctly and your name is drawn from all the correct responses submitted, you will win a Free Lake Delhi shirt of your choice. To participate in this contest, you will send an email to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, use a Subject of “Where In the World Is It Contest”, put your guess in the body of the email, and provide your contact information.

HINT: This famous place is in Europe.

Responses are **Due by 5/5/14**. Good Luck!!!



Guess correctly what this famous place is, get your name drawn from all the correct answers submitted, and win a Lake Delhi shirt of your choice!

Election for 3 Seats on Lake Delhi Trustee Board in July, 2014

The Delaware County Auditor's Office will conduct The Lake Delhi Combined Recreational and Water Quality District Trustees Election for 3 of the 7 Board Member positions. Election date is Tuesday, July 22, 2014. For more information about the election and voting, you can visit the Delaware County Iowa website.

Lake Delhi T-Shirts, Golf Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hats Available for Purchase

Lake Delhi apparel is a great way for you to give a unique and appreciated gift to your family member, friend, or loved one. A large variety of Lake Delhi T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polo shirts for men and women, Fleece jackets, and hats are available for purchase in all sizes. All proceeds go to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. See the order form on the last page of the newsletter. Instructions are on the order form, as well as contact information if you have any questions. Wear or Gift Lake Delhi apparel for a great cause!

DVD Copies of “We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story” still available for purchase

Buy a piece of history while they last

If you saw the *We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story* movie in the theater, you know how powerful of a movie it was. You definitely want to have a copy of it to see it again. If you did not see it in the theater or on PBS TV after the initial showings, you need to get a copy to see it. DVD copies are still available, and with the reconstruction beginning, people will be more interested than ever to learn of the past Lake Delhi. Remember, when Lake Delhi is back and friends and family are visiting, you will want to have this DVD Movie for them to watch and see our story. Also, what a great gift to give them to take with them after a wonderful experience at Lake Delhi. You can purchase your DVD's online at: www.LakeDelhiWeWillBeBack.com, or in person at Widner Drug Store in Manchester.

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Lake Delhi Feature Family Story *The Aschbrenner Family*

The Aschbrenner Family's beginnings with Lake Delhi actually began when Larry and I were dating in the late 1960's. A very good friend of ours brought us from Waterloo to the lake to boat for the day. But the lake was so alluring that we came back on our own to Freddy's Beach. There was live music that night and the beach was lit up with colorful beach lights and everyone was dancing in the sand. But our lives moved on and we did not return until 1992. As luck would have it, Virgil Cutsforth invited Larry and our two boys to stop by the lake on their way home from a father/son camping trip. When they arrived home the boys came rushing in saying Dad was going to buy a place on Lake Delhi because he had seen a For Sale sign in front of this cabin.

The very next weekend Larry and I came back to Lake Delhi together and made an offer on that cabin. It was situated next to the area of Maples Resort. There were many cabins, trailer homes, a store, and a waterside gas pump. We fell in love with it, and took possession a month later.

We have lived on water from the very early years of our married life which started in the early 70's. Even though we were living on Sans Souci Island in Waterloo and had lake front property in Minnesota there was just something joyful to Lake Delhi. We would drive over to the Delhi lake almost every weekend if only for a few hours. Our boys were teenagers, and our oldest son Matt, would even volunteer to come over to mow the lawn. They loved it here. In Kris' (our youngest son) senior yearbook, Lake Delhi was voted the Best Place To Party!

We decided to make Lake Delhi our permanent home when Larry retired. In transforming our cabin into our home Larry made it his mission to get to know the contractors in the area, people of Lake Delhi, the town of Delhi, and Manchester. While I traveled to Cedar Falls every day to work, Larry transformed our 2 bedroom cabin into our now 3 bedroom home. In April of 2005 we made Lake Delhi our permanent residence.

Before the floods of 2008 and particularly 2010, Lake



Delhi was perhaps the best kept secret of northeast Iowa. Most of our families did not know where we lived or how to navigate the roadways around the lake even with GPS. But since the flood our lake has become the most renowned lake with the "dam problem". And it is at these adverse times that we come together.

And here at the Maples, as I am sure it was around the lake, we came together as one. Neighbor helping neighbor. We work hard together and we play harder. In the summer we like to boat, fish and kayak; in the winter we snowmobile, snowshoe, and walk the frozen lake to the Pizza Place! And all year long we enjoy bonfires!

Now we are thrilled with the prospect of our beloved Lake coming back. Our grandsons from North Carolina look forward to riding on the lake. They were only ages 5 and 3 when the flood came and were never able to ride on our pontoon which we had just purchased shortly before the flood. They are thrilled and we can hardly wait to once again take those soothing Fall rides up and down the lake to see the beauty of the Fall leaves

The Lake is coming back and we thank and support all those who are making it happen.

Dam Reconstruction Phase 1 Bidders Meeting and Phase 1 Bid Award

On February 19th, 2014 the Phase 1 Construction Pre-Bid Conference took place in Delhi and at the location of the Dam at Lake Delhi. Multiple contractors from all over attended to learn more about the Phase 1 Construction criteria and requirements of the Bid package.

Pat Colgan (the Lake Districts volunteer Dam Construction Facilitator) and Bill Holman from Stanley Consultants (our hired Engineering firm) did an excellent job outlining the Scope of Phase 1 and answered multiple questions. We are very pleased that so many contractors are taking interest in our project and look forward to seeing multiple bids.





Lake Delhi Construction Phase 1 Bidders Meeting—Bidder companies looking at the project prior to providing their bids



After all the Phase 1 bids were received, they were carefully reviewed by Stanley Consultants (Lake Delhi's Engineering firm) and the Lake Delhi Taxing District Board of Trustees. The decision was unanimously made and approved by the Trustees to award the Phase 1 project to Lunda Construction, who was the low \$ bidder.

Below is a copy of Stanley Consultant's recommendation to the Lake Delhi Board of Trustees. A bigger copy of this letter is available on the Lake Delhi Trustees website www.LakeDelhi.org.

March 20, 2014

Mr. Steve Leonard
Board President
Lake Delhi Combined Recreational Facility and Water Quality District
Board of Trustees
Delhi, IA

Dear Mr. Leonard:

Subject: Lake Delhi Dam Reconstruction
Recommendation for Award – Phase 1 Contract

On March 11, 2014 at 1:30 pm, bids for the Phase 1 project were publicly opened by the Lake Delhi Combined Recreational Facility and Water Quality District. The four (4) bids received were provided to Stanley Consultants, Inc. and bid tabulation was prepared (Attached). Review of the bids did not identify any discrepancies between multiplication of units of Work and unit prices with indicated bid sums.

A summary of the bids is as follows:

BIDDER	BID
Lunda Construction Company	\$ 4,551,199.71
Cramer and Associates, Inc.	\$ 4,590,960.00
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	\$ 4,649,528.44
ASI / ECI Joint Venture	\$ 4,677,571.00

The lowest bid was Lunda Construction Company (LUNDA), which totaled \$ 4,551,199.71.

Stanley Consultants then reviewed the qualifications (contained in Section 00 45 13 of the Project Manual) of the apparent low bidder, LUNDA. A summary is as follows:

- Requirement: Authority To Do Business In Iowa.** Stanley Consultants verified that LUNDA does possess State of Iowa Contractor's License No. C087304
- Requirement: Similar Projects (Form C).** LUNDA submitted three project descriptions. Stanley Consultants determined that these projects qualify as "similar" given the definition of this term provided in the Project Manual. Stanley Consultants then contacted representatives for all three projects and confirmed the scope of work completed and satisfactory performance by LUNDA.
- Requirement: Lead Construction Administrator Experience (Form B).** LUNDA submitted three project descriptions for the two individuals listed. Stanley Consultants determined that these projects qualify as "similar" project experience for proposed Lead Construction Administrator

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given the definition of this term provided in the Project Manual. Stanley Consultants then contacted representatives of one of the listed projects, as well as three projects listed on other forms, and confirmed the relevance of work completed and satisfactory performance of LUNDA's proposed Lead Construction Administrators.

4. **Requirement: Earthen Cofferdams (Form D).** LUNDA submitted two project descriptions. Stanley Consultants determined that these projects qualify as "similar" given the definition of this term provided in the Project Manual. Stanley Consultants then contacted representatives of a project and confirmed the scope of work completed and satisfactory performance by LUNDA.
5. **Requirement: Foundation Grouting (Form E).** LUNDA proposes to utilize GEC Drilling and Grouting for foundation grouting work on the project. LUNDA submitted six project descriptions (Three for LUNDA and Three for GEC). Stanley Consultants determined that these projects qualify as "similar" project experience given the definition of this term provided in the Project Manual. Stanley Consultants then contacted representatives of several of these projects and confirmed the scope of work completed and satisfactory performance by LUNDA and GEC.
6. **Requirement: Rock Anchors (Form F).** LUNDA proposes to utilize GEC Drilling and Grouting for rock anchor work on the project. LUNDA submitted six project descriptions (Three for LUNDA and Three for GEC). Stanley Consultants determined that these projects qualify as "similar" project experience given the definition of this term provided in the Project Manual. Stanley Consultants then contacted representatives of several of these projects and confirmed the scope of work completed and satisfactory performance by Contractor.
7. **Requirement: Bid Security.** LUNDA submitted a bid bond for 5% of the bid price insured by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America as part of the bid.
8. **Requirement: Preliminary Foundation Pressure Grouting Plan.** LUNDA submitted a preliminary pressure grouting plan with their bid.

Based upon the information provided above, Stanley Consultants recommends award of Lake Delhi Reconstruction - Phase I to LUNDA Construction.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stanley Consultants, Inc.

William E. Holman, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

Great Quote:

"You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus." — Mark Twain

Month of May—Trivia

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day.

The main events of this day each year were to honor the dead. Although the name did change in the late 1880s, it was still called Decoration Day until after World War II.

Mother's Day – 2nd Sunday of May

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908. Anna Jarvis honored her mother Ann Jarvis with a memorial. Ann Jarvis had started a committee in 1868 to establish 'Mother's Friendship Day'. Her motivation had been to reunite families after the Civil War. She died in 1905, before Mother's Day became a holiday.

In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked both 'Mother's Day' and 'the second Sunday in May'. She also created Mother's Day International Association.

Mother's Day became a recognized holiday in 1914 in the United States.

Approximately 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day in the United States.

Common gifts on Mother's Day include: flowers, dinner or lunch in a restaurant, jewelry, gift cards, clothing and treats such as a trip to a spa. Books, CDs, housewares and gardening tools are popular gifts as well.

Of all the flowers bought for holidays, one quarter are purchased for Mother's Day.

In the former Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. In order to be freed she had to pay them with treats.

Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.

You can Still Buy a limited edition *Lake Delhi Cookbook!*

Mary Jo McDermott put together a fantastic Lake Delhi cookbook and has sold many copies while raising money that has been donated to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. You can still buy one of these fantastic cookbooks by contacting Mary Jo at Todmarjo@yousq.net or pick one up at Widner Drug in Manchester.

These cookbooks are a limited run edition, so you would be wise to purchase one of these wonderful Lake Delhi limited edition collector's items while there are still some available! And when you do, you contribute money towards the rebuilding of the dam and restoration of Lake Delhi.

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Copy of a recent letter from the Delaware County Supervisors to the IDNR asking them to grant Lake Delhi permitting to reconstruct the Dam and restore Lake Delhi.

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March 24, 2014

Jonathan Garton
Iowa DNR
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Mr. Garton:

It is our understanding that public notice letters have been sent to property owners upstream, downstream, and in the Lake Delhi District for a 30-day comment period. We, as members of the Board of Supervisors, feel our comments might be of some usefulness in your decision making to award the DNR Permit for Phase 2 (Spillway project) of the reconstruction project.

Lake Delhi has been in existence for over 80 years, and has been a significant part of not only Delaware County, but Iowa as a whole. Thousands of residents and vacationers from all over Iowa and the United States have visited the lake and Eastern Iowa each year. The economic impact of these residents and visitors is enormous to Delaware County and Iowa. The loss of this economic engine, as well as valuation decreases, have had a negative impact on all taxing entities that rely on these revenues.

Much cooperative work has been accomplished over the past 3 years and 8 months. The State of Iowa has dedicated \$5 million to rebuilding efforts. The Lake Delhi Residents and property owners have been very successful in private fund raising, as well as bonding themselves for \$6 million dollars. Delaware County has committed \$2,999,999 to Phase 2 of the reconstruction project. We believe the spillway will not only fill the breach, but provide protection to property owners upstream, downstream, and within the Lake Delhi District at times of extreme rainfall. We are working with the Lake District Trustees on providing public access, and having their financial information open and transparent.

We are excited to have the bid process complete for Phase I of the reconstruction, and are looking forward to the beginning of reconstruction of the concrete dam. After your review of public comments next month, we would sincerely appreciate and encourage you to grant the permit for Phase 2 (spillway project) of the reconstruction.

We believe that the Phase I and Phase 2 projects running concurrently would be a positive step towards the return of Lake Delhi to Delaware County and the State of Iowa. Thank you for consideration of our letter of support for the Phase 2 permit.

Sincerely,



Shirley Helmricks, Vice-Chairperson
Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Lake Delhi Shirt/Apparel Order Form

All Proceeds Go to: The Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi



Item	Color	Price	Size	Order Qty	Ext \$ Amount
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt (<i>with zipper</i>)		\$30			
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt 2XL+ (<i>with zipper</i>)		\$35			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt		\$20			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt 2XL+		\$25			
Lake Delhi Ladies White T-Shirt	White	\$15			
Lake Delhi Ladies Heather T-Shirt	Heather	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – White	White	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – Gray	Gray	\$15			
Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Ladies Style	Yellow	\$30			
Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Reg Style	Navy	\$30			
Lake Delhi Fleece Jacket	Black	\$40			
Lake Delhi Cap	Gold/Black	\$15			
Lake Delhi Cap	Navy/White	\$15			
Lake Delhi Cap	Royal Blue	\$15			
Lake Delhi <i>Visor</i>		\$10			
				Total \$:	

Name: _____

Mail Form and Check Payment to:
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If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Kramer at (563) 920-9863 or Todd Gifford at 319-651-6688