

LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—May 2016

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Message From the Lake District Trustees

Paradise is Knocking on Lake Delhi's Door!

Dam Construction Update:

- 1) The majority of the concrete work that is required for the lake fill up portion of the project is complete. Additional concrete work will continue in the next couple of months surrounding a few areas around the dam and spillway *that are non-essential to the lake fill-up process.*
- 2) We have transitioned to earth work that has already begun on the southern portion of the Dam/Spillway. Back filling and other earthwork along the new spillway will continue for a few days. Earth work is weather sensitive so rain could slow this process down.
- 3) After the earth work is completed and near the end of the project is the removal of the temporary/coffer dam which, under ideal weather conditions, could take up to 2 weeks. Then comes the closing of the two smaller “sluice” tubes (that have been allowing water to pass under the Dam power house for the entire Phase 2 of the project. Both of these steps require lower water flows as we have experienced for the last few weeks. Higher water flows will create challenges that would likely extend our project completion date. If rain comes our way, we want it in smaller increments that will soak into the ground, versus create higher water flows.
- 4) The final step will be the DNR signing off on the project to allow for the closing of the large gates except for the allowance of the minimum amount of the water that we must pass downstream during the lake filling process.

5) Estimated time of completion really hasn't changed. The goal, weather permitting, is to start filling up the lake in the latter part of May/early June. Water levels at that time will dictate how long it will take to fill up the lake. We all know that if we get a good hard rain it won't take long. But we don't want too much rain too early! (See #2 and # 3 above).

6) In the process of getting the Dam prepared for operations, continual testing of the gates was required for preparing for beginning operations. During this process, one of the lifting mechanisms was identified as having a few issues. Stanley Engineering, our project engineering consultant and expert, has had the manufacturers/ installers of the gates on-site to determine the cause. An action plan has been created and this issue is not going to delay filling of the lake. The other good news is that these parts are all under warranty and are in the process of being ordered and replaced. Once they are received, Stanley Consultants will work with us and the manufacturers/installers to make sure they are properly installed, tested, and meet a high level of standard.

This issue is not going to delay filling of the Lake. We have a plan/agreement already in place with the Iowa DNR to fill up the lake when the final required construction work is completed. Again, this is anticipated to be in the late May/early June time period, weather permitting.

Non-Construction Items

Debris: There are still a few properties that need to take care of any remaining debris on the Lake Bed and on the Shorelines. We want to minimize any logs/or floating debris that will come down to the dam site for a variety of reasons. Now is the time to make the last ditch effort to reach out to your neighbors to ask them to get the work done. Burning or removal is needed.

Lake Delhi Celebration Event: A group of volunteers have met to plan for a grand opening celebration/ ceremony. While all the details have not been



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finalized, the initial plan is to have a large celebration event/ceremony on the weekend of July 23/24, 2016. We lost the Dam/lake on July 24th, 2010, 6 long years ago, so this particular weekend carries a lot of significance to us all.

This Celebration Event, subject to funding and support from volunteers, is planned to include:

- Fireworks!!!
- Multiple events at multiple locations on/near the lake that would include food, music, and a variety of activities for the entire family
- Key Stakeholders that partnered with Lake Delhi will be included in the ceremony/celebration. ie: Legislators, State and County Officials, Businesses, etc.
- **We need more volunteers** on this planning and execution team, so let us know if you have interest. You can do that by sending us an email to: LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, and please put in a Subject of "Celebration Event Volunteering"!

Much more great information is contained within this VOICE Newsletter, so make sure you read it cover to cover. For any or all past issues of this newsletter, they can be found at www.LakeDelhi.org, click on 'Newsletters' at the top of the home page. Also, any and all Minutes of Trustee Meetings can also be found at www.LakeDelhi.org, click on 'Minutes Archive'.

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

Steve Leonard: President, Trustee
Todd Gifford: Vice President, Trustee
Larry Burger: Trustee
Laurie Kramer: Treasurer, Trustee
Pat Colgan: Trustee
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Doug Herman: Trustee

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Lake Delhi VOICE Editor: Todd Gifford

Water Quality Testing / Training— Volunteers Needed

A very important part of maintaining and preserving our wonderful and pristine Lake Delhi is having a dedicated water quality testing and monitoring process in place, as we have in the past. Water Quality Test/Monitoring data is submitted into the IOWATER database, which provides an archive, reference, and analysis tool. The actual testing process is easy and fun and only requires a small amount of your time monthly, but we need committed volunteers who are willing to be the primary or the back up water quality tester at selected locations (can potentially be right near where your property is) around the lake. We already have a group of volunteers who have been part of the Water Quality Team in the past, but we need more people to step up to be on this team. To be a Water Quality Tester on the Water Quality Team, you just need to go through the training class.

I am working with IOWATER, which is part of the Iowa DNR, Iowa's Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program, to put together a Lake Delhi training session in our area in the near future. More information about IOWATER can be found by clicking on this link:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/Water-Monitoring/IOWATER>

Volunteers Needed:

If you would like to be part of the Water Quality Team and get trained to do the Water Quality Testing at Lake Delhi, please send an email to: LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, use a Subject of "Water Quality Team Volunteer" and provide your contact information. OR you can call me directly at 319-651-6688 cell.

Thanks!
Todd Gifford

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Lake Delhi Feature Family Story

The Reyner Family

By Dan and Kathleen McAleer Reyner

Lake Delhi Reflections...

It's hard to believe that our memories of Lake Delhi go back fifty years. Back to Kathy's family renting a cousin's cabin by Camp O'Delhi. She fondly remembers learning to water ski at the age of ten, being coached by



brothers home on leave from the service. Swimming at the beach at Camp O', enjoying an ice cream treat, then heading out to the raft, was the daily ritual. We'd ski early Sunday morning before the traffic got crazy and the water rough with waves. After skiing, we could always count on a good breakfast at Freddy's beach.

Later Kathy's family rented a dock at The Rocky Nook. We were dating the summer of 1967. Kathy's brother Steve took us to the Nook and Dan learned to ski. We made several trips that summer, many times skiing until dark. Our challenge was figuring out where to drop the ski as we moved into slalom skiing. We were pretty excited when the family purchased a boat with an inboard motor and we could get up on one ski! Lots of great memories skiing the length of the lake, then docking the boat and swimming to the Injun Joe, jumping or diving off, then swimming back to the Nook for the ride back home to Monticello. While partying with classmates at the Covington cabin we discovered volleyball on the sandbar. Later on, the rope swing just upstream from the dam gave us a few adventures.



The Old Cabin

The fall of 1972, the McAleer's bought a cabin in Cedar Cove. Over the years, we changed a little weekend fishing cabin on the hill to a comfortable summer retreat for a large extended family. Lots of family involvement in the beginning, clearing trees, building the stone retaining walls, building a deck almost as big as the cabin, putting in new shoreline, we even offered Shell gasoline to the customers of the family business, Jones County Oil. We, like others on the lake, count the years and experiences by the boats we've had: six ski boats, four pontoons, and three jet skis. We still have an old aluminum fishing boat acquired from Camp'O when they sold them. We have added kayaks, sailboats, and a canoe to the fleet which



The New Place

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adds to the entertainment possibilities. We also discovered winter sports and had a series of snowmobiles with all the stories that go with them. Our two daughters, Kelly and Stacey were raised on Lake Delhi. We taught them to swim in the cove and ski and tube on the lake. They found out about ice cream at Freddy's Beach, as well as the trampolines and raft. They first learned how to drive behind the wheel of a boat. Over the years we have had many family members, nieces, nephews, cousins, learn to ski and enjoy the lake as we do. When the news of the breach hit the national news we had calls from California, Colorado, Minnesota, Florida, and all over Iowa from the family and friends who had spent time on the lake with us. They are always asking "Got water yet?"

Our favorite family memories:

--Getting up early, when the water is like glass, girls in sweatshirts (it was cold at 6:30 am) grumpy, sleepy, and hungry. We skied until we were low on gas or until we were all too tired to go on. Then back home for breakfast.

--We would entertain large groups by taking the pontoon full of people, food, extra skis, tubes, and boards, then loading the ski boat with those that wanted to ski. We would meet up with each other, switch bodies between boats, and stay out all day.

--At night the fire bowl would be set ablaze for roasting hotdogs, brats, and s'mores. Finally closing the night with songs and stories around the fire.

In 1994 we bought the cabin from the rest of the family and started the dream of one day retiring here. Dan's brother David bought a cabin across the cove and has since tore it down and built their home. In 2008, we tore down the family cabin and started building our retirement dream home. Since our Cedar Rapids home sold quickly, we rented a fifth-wheel camper from Rusty Peck and lived on our property while building the new house. We moved into our new home in November of 2009. With the start of 2010 we, as everyone else, had big plans for the summer. We finished the basement in June and were getting ready for the big party on the 25th.... We instead had a clean up party after three feet of water filled the basement. Friends from Dan's school, CR Washington spent all day Sunday hauling, washing, flushing, and disinfecting.

While not as bad as many, it was a mess.

Now, after six years of mowing the river bottom, we are looking forward to never seeing it again. Bring on the water!!! We love the lake, our cove, and the relationships we've developed over the years with other Lake Delhi families. Some going back to those early years.

Dan and Kathleen McAleer Reynier are retired educators from Cedar Rapids and are permanent residents in the cove. Daughters and husbands return often to enjoy the lake.

Water like glass!!!

Thank You Message from the Delaware County Sanitation Department

I would like to thank the people who are working on getting there septic systems updated in a timely matter. We have a ways to go and many of these are going to be a challenge, but we are making great progress. We have very good contractors working in the area and many times the contractor, homeowner, and I have had to put our heads together as a team to come up with a great plan that meets code, and is workable such that the homeowner is able to work with the plan.

I want to remind everyone again there is a state revolving fund available for septic replacements that is no more than 3% interest, and up to 10 years to pay back which makes even the most expensive systems a little less painful. When planning for your system it is not a bad idea to inform your neighbor, and sometimes it makes sense to maybe cluster a couple of homes together and work together to make it more affordable. One thing that seems to come up often is if you need to be closer than 10 feet away from your neighbor's property be sure you have conversation with them so we can handle the matter before we make the final plan or installation. If you need to contact and installer or inspector, feel free to call me. Just looked up of the 388 properties that we have on our list 156 people have done the work they needed. Great work to all of you!!

Thanks again, Dennis Lyons
Delaware County Water and Sanitation Office.

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Lake Delhi Good Neighbor Award!

Goes To: Dan Reyner

Submitted by Craig and Cathy Nesson

"Dan Reyner has almost single handedly maintained our road (212th Ave) and cove all the years without water. He has been proactive and generous with time, initiative, and equipment."

We highly recommend him for this award."

For receiving this Good Neighbor Award, Dan gets a free Lake Delhi Apparel item of his choice (TShirt, Sweatshirt, Polo Shirt, Hoodie, Cap, etc... — see page in back of this newsletter for apparel options.

Submit Your GOOD NEIGHBOR Award Nominees

We want to recognize those special Lake Delhi neighbors and special people that go out of their way to help you and others out!

Submit your nominees for our Good Neighbor Award to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, use a Subject in your email of "Good Neighbor Nominee", and write your short note on why you feel they should be recognized with our Good Neighbor Award.

Good Neighbor Award recipients will receive their choice of Lake Delhi Shirt or Sweatshirt or other apparel item and be recognized in this newsletter!

Want to Be Up to Date On What Happens at Monthly District Trustee Meetings But Cannot Attend in Person?

Written Minutes of every Trustee Meeting are posted and archived on the Lake Delhi District Trustee Website, www.LakeDelhi.org.

On the Home Page of the website, click on "Minutes–Archive" at the top. The Meeting Minutes are sorted from newest to oldest. Just find the meeting date and click on that to open up the minutes.

Boating Safety, Laws, and Reminders [Important]

Since Boating season at Lake Delhi is nearly upon us, the Iowa DNR would like to provide us all with some important information about safe and responsible boating, as well as important boating information pertaining to Registrations, Safety Equipment & Boater Education for 12-17 year olds.

If you are going to be doing any boating or any of your family members will be boating, you should read and review this website reference before you go boating, and is a great resource with everything you need to do and know about boating in Iowa:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Things-to-Do/Boating>

Also, the following should also be read by every boater — the **Iowa Boating Laws and Responsibilities Handbook**:

https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/ia_handbook_entire.pdf

More info in the back of this newsletter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the DNR:
Jared L. Landt — Conservation Officer
Delaware & Jones Counties w C349
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
P 563.920.5764 | Jared.Landt@dnr.iowa.gov
22693 205th Ave | Manchester, IA 52057

Make Sure You Renew Your DOCK PERMITS

Get your Dock Permits Now from Iowa DNR before water is below your docks. It is Easy and Fast.

Information can be found at the following link:
www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks.

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Lake Delhi Bill Signed Into Law By Governor Branstad

Lake Delhi benefited greatly this past month with the signing of a Bill by Governor Branstad that Allows Chapter 357E Lake Districts (Lake Delhi District is a 357E District) to be defined as a political subdivision for the purposes of joining a Watershed Management Authority (WMA). This directly positively impacts Lake Delhi, as WMA's are becoming more and more important with respect to funding and support for watershed maintenance, preservation, and improvement. The bill further clarifies benefited lake districts can be voting members of authorities as other local government entities. This Bill being passed by both State House and Senate, and then signed by the Governor, will provide Lake Delhi tremendous long term benefit.

The Lake Delhi District Board of Trustees have been a driving force in forming the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, helping to get the group from the initial discussion stage last fall to finalizing 28E agreements and determining the map of the Authority this month.



Governor Branstad Signing the Lake Delhi Bill this past month

Left to Right:

State Representative Lee Hein, Lake Delhi Trustee / Vice President Todd Gifford, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Lake Delhi Trustee / President Steve Leonard, State Senator Dan Zumbach

Crazy Photo of the Month



The Lake Delhi Cabin Owner and Boater's How-To-Fix-It Guide!



Featured Lake Delhi Apparel — Just in Time For Spring!

Order Form is on the following Page

Women's Lake Delhi Polo Shirt



Men's and Women's Lake Delhi Polo Shirt



Lake Delhi Visor



Men's and Women's Sweatshirt



Men's and Women's Zip Up Hoodie Sweatshirt



Lake Delhi Shirt/Apparel Order Form

Also Some Items available at Hartwick Marina

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 \$:	

Mail Form and Check Payment to:

**Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi
712A Third St.
Delhi, IA 52223**

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Kramer at (563) 920-9863 or Todd Gifford at 319-651-6688

2nd Annual

Let It Flow...

Manchester WHITEWATER

Riverfest

Saturday, June 18, 2016

10 AM to 8 PM

MANCHESTER WHITEWATER

at Howard & Helen Shelly Memorial Park

PLAY BOATING DEMO • SAFETY DEMO • OPEN BOATING

SAFETY EQUIPMENT GIVEAWAY • VENDORS • MUCH MORE!

FREE CONCERT AT 4 PM & BEER TENT

Music by David Zollo & the Body Electric



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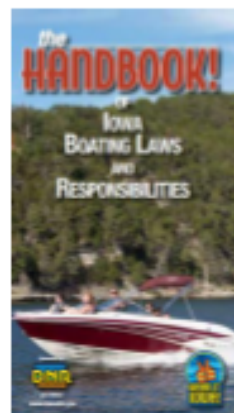
Manchester White Water Park





Boating Laws and Responsibility Reminders

This official Iowa boater safety handbook introduces you to laws governing boating and provides general information about safe operation on Iowa waters. Also available as a web-version and an eBook. To obtain a copy check your County Recorder office, Walmart and local Marina.



Iowa Boat Registrations Due April 30

2016 is a boat registration year and Iowans will be registering about 235,000 boats before April 30.

Boater Education Requirement

Boater education is mandatory for any person 12 - 17 years old, who will operate a motorboat over ten horsepower or personal watercraft (PWC). Families can spend quality time together by learning to be safe on the water. Whether you choose to go fishing, sailing, pleasure boating, canoeing, or kayaking, taking a boater education course could save your life! There are three ways that a person can earn an online education certificate.

Wear It Iowa

The "Wear It Iowa" program is part of a national campaign designed to educate boaters on the importance of wearing a lifejacket while recreating on or near the water. At least 84% of fatalities nationwide involved individuals who were not wearing a life jacket.

The Boating Education program is committed to providing Iowans with important resources and messages that save lives.



Operating a Motorboat or Sailboat While Intoxicated

Effective July 1, 2011, the blood alcohol level for boating while intoxicated (BWI) is reduced from .10 percent to .08 percent - the same as a motor vehicle. Boaters are reminded that alcohol reduces reaction time and ability to make quick, sound judgments in an emergency situation. Also, wind, sun, glare off the water, and water movement multiplies the effects of alcohol.

Vessel Occurrence Operator Reporting Requirements

The operator of a vessel involved in an occurrence is required to file a report in writing whenever an occurrence results in loss of life; loss of consciousness, medical treatment or disability in excess of 24 hours or property damage in excess of \$2000. The report must be submitted within 48 hours in death, disappearance, or personal injuries requiring medical treatment by a licensed health care provider, and within five days in all other cases. All reports shall be submitted to the local Conservation Officer, and shall include a full description of the collision, occurrence or other casualty. If you have any questions, call the DNR Des Moines Office - (515)281-5918.



*Note: If you are required to fill out a Vessel Occurrence Operator's report form, you must also contact your local Conservation Officer or local Sheriff's Department immediately, to report the vessel occurrence.



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES



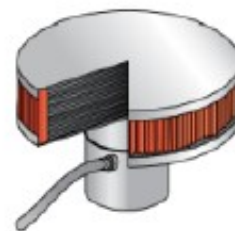
WHAT is Required?

- **Boater Education Certification**
 - Under 18 <http://www.boat-ed.com/iowa>
- **Current Registration**
 - Registration Numbers,
 - Decals and Vessel Capacity Number



SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- **Life Jackets** – one for everyone onboard including skiers
- **One, Throwable Floatation Device** – square seat cushion (type IV)
- **Fire Extinguisher** – Type B
- **Backfire Flame Arrestor & Ventilation Systems**
- **Muffler & Noise Reducers**
 - Power Boats must meet sound level tests
- **Sound Producing Device**
 - Whistle, horn or air horn
- **Functioning Lights**



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Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart:

The Do's and Don'ts of Your Septic System

Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:

Protect It and Inspect It:

Do:

- Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

Think at the Sink:

Don't:

- Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
- Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
- Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.

Do:

- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
- Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
- Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

Don't Overload the Commode:

Don't:

- Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.

Do:

- Dispose of these items in the trash can!

Shield Your Field:

Don't:

- Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
- Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.

Do:

- Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

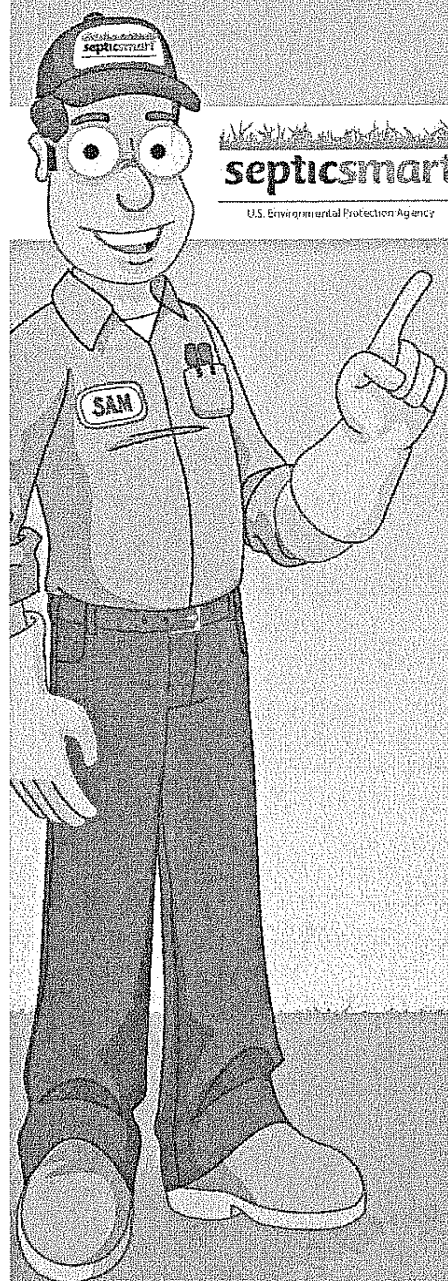
Don't Strain Your Drain:

Don't

- Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.

Do:

- Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
- Become more water efficient by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.



For more SepticSmart tips, visit www.epa.gov/septicSMART