

LAKE DELHI VOICE

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

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Message From the Lake District Trustees

The first boating season with the Lake back is over and the snow flakes are starting to fly. **What a first summer season back it was!!** Although the summer boating and lake activities season started late due to the late summer date the Dam was completed (and mother nature allowing the lake to fill), we were provided a very long and mild summer into the Fall — so it was common to see boats going by at Thanksgiving!! People really took advantage of the long summer and nearly got in a normal full summer's worth of activity even with the late start.

Although there have been a couple problem issues in our first season back (flooding event, some remaining debris obstruction areas in the lake that need to be taken care of), all of our hard work and extreme diligence preparing for the lake to be back really paid off with the result being a world class facility that we now have for property owners, friends, family, and public visitors to enjoy.

I don't know about you but we had almost forgotten that Lake Delhi is just an incredibly beautiful and truly magical place with the lake water back. In this issue of the VOICE, we have lots of photos that were sent in since the lake was refilled, showing just how wonderful of a place we have the opportunity to enjoy. Thank you for sending these in for everyone to enjoy. As we move into our first winter season and then the first spring with the lake back, we urge everyone to be safe, take care of your friends and neighbors, and take care

of this wonderful lake we now have back.
Happy Holidays!

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

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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 DeKlotz Family

By Barb and Ken DeKlotz

We first camped at Freddie's Beach 50 years ago. We then bought a trailer in the "in-field" and started our adventure at Lake Delhi. Soon we decided we wanted a place on the water and found a cabin for sale in the same area. That started a new life of weekends on the water and meeting new friends. Our three children grew up on the Lake during those weekends – learning how to ski and fish. Then we taught our grandchildren and many other friends how to ski.

Fridays we would come home from work and the kids would have us packed and ready to leave for Delhi. Soon we had friends from all over coming up to see our place and spend some time on the water with us. Our oldest son and his wife even spent their honeymoon at our cabin!

Saturdays and Sundays everyone headed for Lost Beach to play volleyball and visit with friends. Our youngest son joined the Hartwick Huskeys and learned to jump off the ramp. Soon we were attending all the water-ski events and were thrilled to watch the Gatto boys skiing with the kite over our heads!

There were all kinds of places to get great food and meet friends – Camp O'Delhi, Rocky Nook and Freddie's Beach.

We both retired from Collins/Rockwell in 1991 and two years later became permanent Lake Delhi residents. Soon we were involved in trying to keep the dam in good condition – trying to raise money on weekends. One weekend we sat on the beach across from the Marina and called to people driving by on the boats to donate. Then Ken became an officer in the LDRA (Lake Delhi Recreational Association). He spent over 10 years on the board helping to raise money to



support the dam and helping with the organizations on the Lake.

We both acted as committee chairman for the "Christmas on the Lake" event

for 10 years. This event was held the end of July and the residents decorated their homes and boats with lights. At dusk the parade of boats started with one boat of judges to determine the best lighting in different categories. Prizes were then awarded at the annual lake meeting.

The annual fishing tournament was also part of the activities on the lake. Fisherman came from all over to attend the event and many prizes were awarded to the winners.

The last event before the flood of 2010 was the "Aquapaluza" which was attended by most of the residents of the lake. It was a joyful day with music, food, games, etc. Little did we know what was about to happen in the coming weeks.

Then came July 24th, 2010 – not a good year..... we lost our water! Since we were not affected at our home, the president of the LDRA, Jim Willey, asked if our home would be the "command center" for people looking for help and groups of people coming to our place to help. This was the start of the Lake Delhi Cleanup. We had so many groups, young people, churches and so many other organizations bringing food to those affected. Groups came in to help cleanout and haul away damaged items. Hazmat groups and people from

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all over the stated started to call in to see what they could do to help. Our command center was in force for two weeks – the telephone ran non-stop and with the help of the Galihers and the Christiansens, the girls took care of incoming calls for help and sending out groups to residents who needed assistance and the guys took food and helpers to homes.

Trying to restore homes and cleanup went on for many years.



Then came the time to cleanup the riverbed. Many hours were spent by residents and helpers mowing and cleaning out debris.

September, 2016 – The restoration was complete and water was starting to return. Every day more water and soon – a BOAT, then a SKI-JET and at last a PONTOON. Our MAIN STREET is back with celebrations and fireworks.

Welcome to all the new residents – may you enjoy the Lake as much as we have these past 50 years!

Ken and Barb DeKlotz

Lake Delhi Logo Apparel On Sale for Christmas!

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift? We have a limited supply of Lake Delhi shirts and sweatshirts that we are offering at 1/2 price. The quantity and sizes are limited so don't delay. Here's what we have available:

Gray Hooded Zip-up Sweatshirts that have "Lake Delhi" written on the left sleeve. We have one small left. Other sizes include XL, 2X and 3X. The price is \$15.00.

Gray Crewneck Sweatshirts that have "Lake Delhi" written on the chest. We have one 2X and three 3X left. The price is \$10.00.

The **"I Gave A Dam" t-shirts** are available in gray and white. We have eight small white and nine small gray. There's one medium white left. We also have the 2X in white and gray. The price is \$7.00

The **"Dam Just Build It" t-shirts** are also available in gray and white. We have three small white and one small gray left. We have two medium white left and we have the 2X in gray and white. Price is \$7.00.

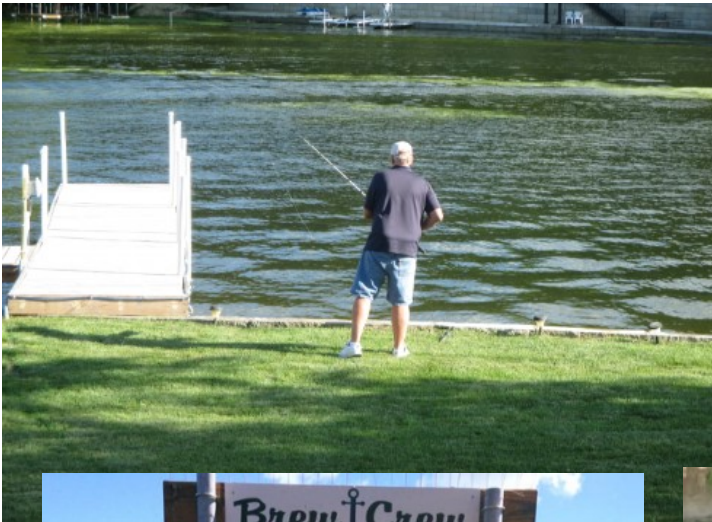
The **2016 "Dam Right We're Back" shirts** are available in several colors. In green we have one medium, six large, five XL and three 2X. In yellow we have three XL. In pink we have one large. And in blue we have four 2X. The price for these shirts is also \$7.00

If you are interested in purchasing any of these Special Xmas Deal items, please contact Laurie Kramer @ 563-920-9863. Checks should be made out to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi.

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Lake Delhi Fish Stocking Questions and Answers from the IDNR

1) What type of fishing currently exists? Current fishing within the lake includes opportunities for smallmouth bass, channel catfish, walleye and suckers. Bluegill, crappie and largemouth bass fishery is initiated now but will improve greatly over the next several years.

2) Why is the vegetation in the lake bed (weeds) is a good thing for the stocking program? Vegetation provides great hiding cover for the small fish that are being stocked so they won't get eaten by predators. Vegetation also provides substrate for invertebrates to colonize on which will provide a great source of food for the small fish to eat and in-turn will provide the nutrition for fantastic growth and survival of the stocked fish.

3) When will the Lake Delhi fish stocking program will be complete and with what types of fish are being stocked? This fish stocking plan below will take place over three years and includes initial stockings of self-sustaining species that should provide quality angling opportunities on Lake Delhi itself as well as upstream and downstream segments of the Maquoketa River.

Species	Year after Lake Refilled	Number	Size
Bluegill	First	450,000	1-inch
Largemouth Bass	First	45,000	1-inch
Largemouth Bass	First	200	Adults
Black Crappie	Second	500	Adults
White Bass	Third	500	Adults

DNR Fisheries stocks fingerling walleye and northern pike in the Maquoketa River above Lake Delhi and some of these fish will take residence in Lake Delhi. Smallmouth bass, channel catfish and suckers occur naturally in the river prior to the lake filling and upstream of Lake Delhi and will take residence in the lake as well.

The fish stocked in "new" impoundments have phenomenal growth and many will reach harvestable size in three to four years.

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Letter from DELAWARE COUNTY WATER AND SANITATION OFFICE

—Dennis Lyons

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Hello to all,

I hope everyone is enjoying having the lake back, it is a wonderful site and all the great shore lines and all the other improvements you have all made the last several years.

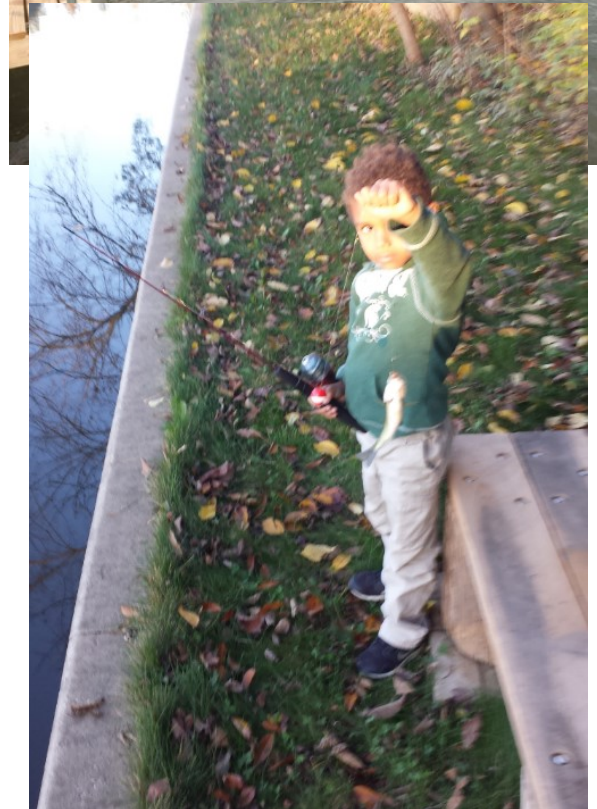
I took a little time lately and looked at how we are doing with are septic inspections and replacements. You are doing great for the most part. We started in the middle of 2013 with about 390 sites that we have asked to do an inspection or replace the system, as of today we have about 220 that have not done so. We were given a little time to get this job done but it would be best to get the job done more sooner than later. If you need to put a new system in the tanks, chambers, pipes, Etc. are not getting any cheaper. I am trying to keep track the best I can, if I send out letters later and you feel you have got this letter and you have had an inspection done or a new system we will work with you to get the mistake fixed. There is a proposed Septic Permit rates increase for the county after July 1st. If you need lists of inspectors please call me or if you need a list of installers let me know.

Thank You, Dennis Lyons

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Lake Delhi Dam Wins Award

Our Lake Delhi Dam project to restore Lake Delhi won the award for the top engineering project Grand Conceptor Award in the State of Iowa from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Iowa. The award will be formally presented to Lake Delhi in January, 2017. We also learned that the Lake Delhi Dam Project is a finalist in Minnesota for a top award.

Lake Delhi GOOD NEIGHBOR Award Submitted by Larry Aschbrenner

Recognition should go to **La Verne Hermes** of the Maples are for taking it upon himself to mow the majority of the frontage area near the Condos on Lake Delhi in preparation for return of the lake. Not all done but much better.

Thank you Larry for your submission.

La Verne will receive his choice of a Lake Delhi sweatshirt or shirt or hat for his great service!

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?

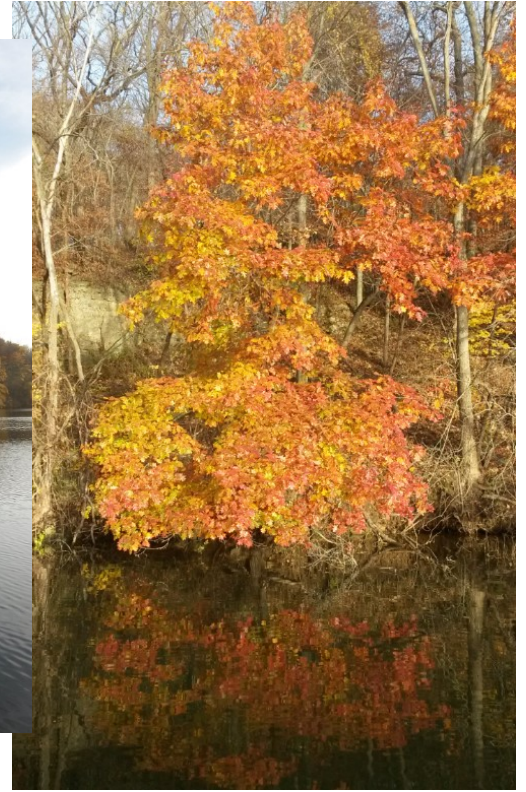
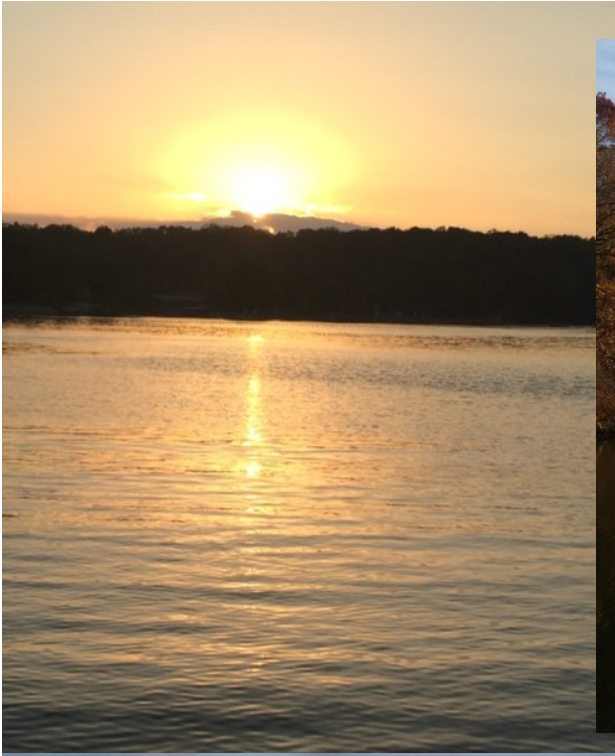
Written Minutes of every Trustee Meeting are posted and archived on the Lake Delhi District Trustee Website, www.LakeDelhi.org.

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.

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Featured Lake Delhi Apparel — Great Gifts For Christmas!
Order Form is on the following Page—Other items not pictured below in Stock

Men's and Women's Zip Up Hoodie Sweatshirt

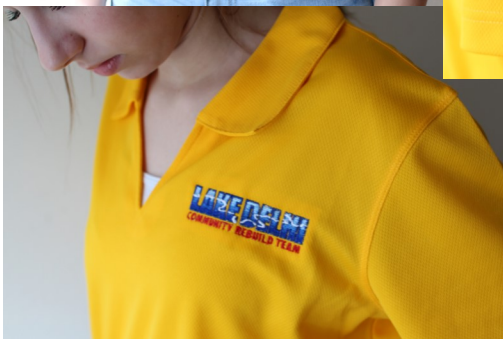
Men's and Women's Sweatshirt



Lake Delhi Visor



Women's Lake Delhi Polo Shirt



Men's and Women's Lake Delhi Polo Shirt



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>)	On Sale	\$30 \$15			
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt 2XL+ (<i>with zipper</i>)		\$35			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt	On Sale	\$20 \$10			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt 2XL+		\$25			
Lake Delhi Ladies White T-Shirt	On Sale	\$7			
Lake Delhi Ladies Heather T-Shirt	On Sale	\$7			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – White	On Sale	\$7			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – Gray	Gray	\$7			
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:

**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

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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.

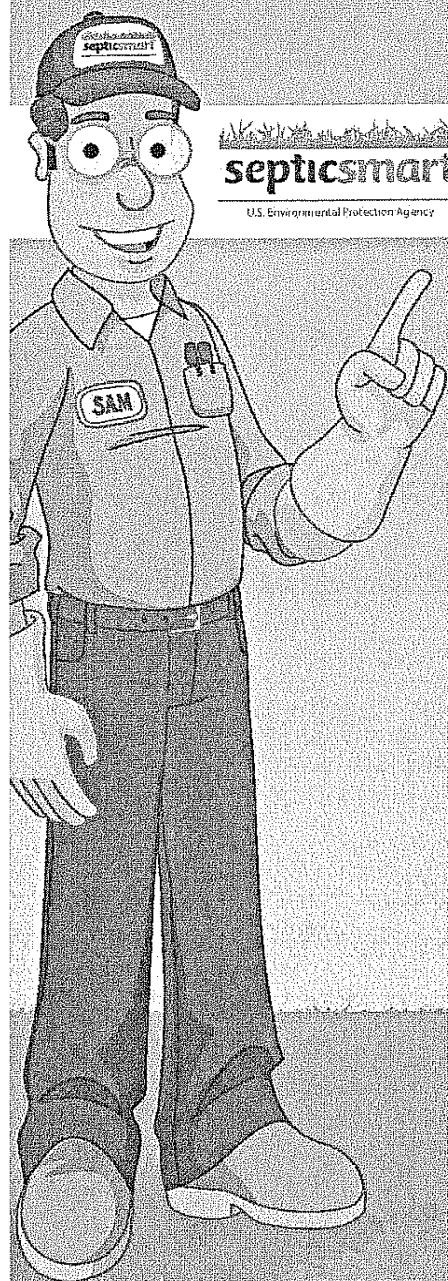
Don't Strain Your Drain:

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



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