

LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—Summer, 2017

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Message From the Lake District Trustees

We have our first full Recreational year with a Full Lake Delhi and we know everyone couldn't be happier! It's great to see so many neighbors, friends, family members, and the public using this great public Lake along with all of the amenities and services it has to offer.

While the work to get the Lake back is behind us, the District board of Trustee's has been quite busy on a number of items:

Successful dam operations/maintenance: As you probably know, just a few weeks after having a full lake that we experienced the 6th worst flooding here at Lake Delhi (Approx. 16,000 cubic feet per second flows) in September of 2016, and yet another flood this summer (approx. 8,000 cubic feet per second flows). The New Dam and Spillway along with the operations team have done a fantastic job in keeping things operating on a day to day basis and through the larger water flow events that we have seen.

Implementation of a new text alert system so that we can share important National/Regional Weather Service Bulletins with you. The system delivery and implementation has worked quite well, however the information from the Weather Service Professionals during the last flooding event was not as accurate as we would like to see. We along with other communities have requested the Weather Service teams to do more due diligence to provide as accurate of information as possible so that all of us can plan for what is to be expected as it relates to storms/possible flooding in the

Maquoketa River Watershed including Lake Delhi area. If you're not on the text alert system yet, just simply send an email to lakedelhitrustees@lakedelhi.org and provide us with your Name, Cell Phone Number, and Cell phone provider(US Cellular, Verizon, ATT, etc.) and we will get you added.

New Lost Beach Mitigation Project in the process to allow for water to pass around the beach from the watershed surrounding the beach. This continues to be a work in progress project and we hope to have this completed once the neighboring business owner/developers complete construction in the surrounding area.

North Beach is open with fire pits, Tables, and a porta-potty available for use in the upper part of the Lake between the Cedars and the Maples area. One of our Delhi Neighbors (Dave Fink) has been mowing the North Beach voluntarily each week which is very much appreciated by all!

The Trustee Board will be meeting in work-sessions in the coming days/weeks to prioritize key areas that are important to our future and community. The goal will be to create strategic plans that will be implemented based on those priorities. Some of the topics to be discussed include siltation traps/dredging, maximizing District owned property for recreational value, Dam operations/maintenance, Water Quality initiatives, partnering with funding sources, and many others.

Please send us your feedback and input to the short survey we have later in this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard.

We hope you enjoy the rest of 2017 at the Lake! Please take the time to read the rest of the VOICE to make sure you're on top of all of the things going on. Sincerely, Lake Delhi Trustee's



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

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We Want Your Feedback/Input *and be entered in a drawing for a Free Lake Delhi Sweatshirt if you respond by Tuesday 8/22/17!*

We want and value your input, feedback, and suggestions. Your input is important to the future of Lake Delhi, so please take a couple minutes to send in your responses to these 2 very simple questions. Send in your answers to this Survey and we will draw from all the people who submit your answers to this short survey.

Survey Questions:

1. What are the top 3 things you value most and are most critical to you about Lake Delhi?
2. What top 3 things should be done to improve or enhance Lake Delhi?

Just send your Survey answers (in the same order as listed above) to the following email address: LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org
Please put in a SUBJECT of "Survey Responses".

State Law Passed and Signed by Governor Branstad that Benefits Lake Delhi Taxpayers



With the assistance of our Lobbyists, Local State Legislators, and Bond Council, we were successful in passing a state law that allows the Lake Delhi Taxing District to refinance our debt, much like a city. Pictured is the final signing of the bill by Governor Branstad. The value to us is now Lake Delhi is able to refinance our debt at current lower interest rates, which will save our tax payers over \$500,000 in interest costs for the remaining term of the debt. **Since the passing of this law, the Lake Delhi District has successfully refinanced our bond that saves the District Taxpayers over \$500,000 of interest & reduces our number of payments!**



**Cedar Cove "rock'in it" at the
2017 Lake Delhi BASH Event**

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Memo from Iowa DNR Conservation Officer, Jared Landt:

Greetings Lake Delhi Residents: My name is Jared Landt. I am your local DNR Conservation Officer for Lake Delhi. Some of you may recognize the name, some may not. I first started working Lake Delhi back in 2004 as a Seasonal Water patrol officer under my former Sargent, R. Scott Kinseth (Retired DNR Conservation Officer for Delaware & Buchanan Counties). Over my years I have seen the Lake continue to grow and advance into a big lake community. I have experienced very many busy days on the lake. To list few.... Fireworks on the 4th of July, Ski shows, Wake Board competitions, Carp tournaments, Christmas in July, dredging of the lake, Sinking dredge on the lake, Boating accidents, drownings at Injun Joe Rock, missing children, ATV Accidents, and of course the flood of 2010. As I Patrol around the lake I see many new resident faces, and houses to the area as well as many Lake Delhi Locals. Some of you I have met, some of you I recognize, and some of you are new to the area or even new to having a lake in front of your house. I look forward to meeting you all.

I haven't been around here forever, as I hail from the Mississippi River near Clayton Iowa where I spent many summers and duck seasons. Needless to say I enjoy the water as much as you all do. With that said I want to make sure you all have a safe and enjoyable time on and off the water while staying on or near Lake Delhi. I, *and along with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office* will be patrolling the Lake as much as we can, looking for safe and compliant boaters. I have also received requests from my neighboring DNR Officers to come and patrol the lake, as they are just as excited.

One thing I haven't mentioned is **Boat Docks**. Since the Dam went out in 2010 others and I in the DNR have been working behind the scenes with many, many folks around the lake to discuss topics such as retention walls, dock permitting, dock configurations, dock easements, cement structures, association agreements and so on. This has been a huge undertaking and a long process to get to this point. Right now there are around 540 docks permits in the system for Lake Delhi. It takes a lot to coordinate and manage this program. My Thanks goes out to your local DNR Dock Administrator, Sue O'Loughlin at our Trout Hatchery Office, and those residents that are timely, on the ball with permitting their Hoists.

With that said...

There are still a few expired, un-permitted and illegal docks in the water, including past due Dock fees. Dock permits are due before placed in water, including the free permits. And if fees are required, Hoist fees are due March 1st...the administrative fees are due upon renewal, so docks in place year round should pay their administrative fees between December 1 and December 15. All Dock Permits will be enforced and any un-permitted docks or illegal docks i.e. metal roofs, enclosed docks, illegal configurations, extra docks, missing 911 dock signs, past due fees etc. are now currently in violation and will be dealt with accordingly by the DNR. Please see to these issues ASAP.

*Similarly, as in the past, DNR Conservation Officers will be patrolling the lake this year and years to come, enforcing all of Iowa Navigation Laws as well as all Dock rules.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to me, your local DNR Conservation Officer, Jared Landt assigned to Delaware and Jones Counties at 563-920-5764

****ALL PERMITTING: MUST GO THROUGH THE INTERNET WEB SITE;** <https://www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks>

Sue O'Loughlin, our local DNR Dock Administrator can also be contacted to assist in dock permitting, Sue is a huge help in dock permitting efforts and is more than happy to take calls to resolve any expired permits, collecting fees, dock permitting issues as well as internet help. The local DNR Office is located at the Manchester Trout Hatchery at 22693 205th Ave, Manchester IA 52057. The office number is 563-927-5736. Please keep in mind, Administrator O'Loughlin and Officer Landt and are the only two DNR personal that handle all 500+ docks, on Lake Delhi. A joint effort and full cooperation is essential in achieving dock permit compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe boating season!

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“Your Lake and You” Guide

We have received a copy of an outstanding guide for Lake Delhi property owners to review and learn from. A copy of the complete guide is posted on the Lake Delhi Trustee website at:

<http://lakedelhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Your-Lake-and-You-Guide.pdf>

This guide will help you better understand the fascinating things that you may not know about your lake and to guide you on how you can use your power as an individual to make a positive impact. The lake that you know and love may look like it is just a body of water that is fun to explore and enjoy, but it is actually a complex system made up of many different parts, both living and non-living. It is important for your lake to have responsible citizens like you to look out for it. Being a lake's caretaker may seem overwhelming and complicated; however, with some work and dedication, the rewards of your efforts will be fulfilling. Without your help, your lake could quickly change into a different type of environment that may not be as fun for you and your family to enjoy in the years to come. Read this outstanding guide to help continue to make Lake Delhi the spectacular place we all want it to continue to be.

Lake Delhi Dam/Spillway Wins National Award!

The new Lake Delhi dam/spillway has won a National ACEC Honor Award! The American Council of Engineering Companies selects the best of the best large construction projects each year from all around the country. This is a top award out of 100 projects that were considered for recognition. Of all the national project entries submitted, only 24 significant awards are presented. 8 Grand Awards and 16 Honor Awards. **Lake Delhi Dam won one of the 16 National Honor Awards!**

August is Water Quality Month

Are you aware that August is **Water Quality Month**? August is the time of year when many people are enjoying the last bits of summer recreational activities involving water. But these bodies of water are threatened by increasing water pollution. The Clean Water Act was passed in 1972 but most people are unaware of the little ways they can pollute their water. Water sustains all life and entire ecosystems depend on it for their survival. Water Quality Month reminds us to take a long, hard look at what your household and community are doing to protect sources of fresh water.

The History of Water Quality Month - The United Nations has declared 2005-2015 an International Decade for Action "Water for Life" in order to emphasize the importance of water quality as it relates to sanitation, human rights, geography, urbanization and sustainability. Emphasizing how interlinked water systems are, the Audubon Society points to the dangers of runoff from agriculture, forestry, construction and people's personal yards." Each individual household may not produce enough pollution to force a beach closing or cause a fish kill, but the combined output of all the homes in a community can be severe. And, consider that about half of the U.S. population lives within 50 miles of a coastline where runoff flows quickly to the ocean. This is why watershed protection - attention not only to the body of water but the area that drains into it - is important."

Lake Delhi—Member of the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority (WMA)

Helping originally form the newly created Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, Lake Delhi is also now an active member of this group. WMA's are State-recognized entities that represent a group of Cities, Counties, and SWCD's all within a particular watershed. WMA's focus on improving Water Quality and reducing Flood risk as well as Flood planning. WMA's are in strong position to obtain State allocated monies for their targeted projects.

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Message from the 2017 Lake Delhi BASH Celebration Committee:

The 2017 Dam Right We're Back Celebration event was a Huge Success! We are so thankful that the weather held out without any rain or Tornadoes!

The Celebration event day started with a Great Fishing Derby, and then we moved on to the poker run day time sites that had great food, Music, Family entertainment, and so much more. Then came the fantastic evening event that over 2,000 people attended that included a concert by the Street Survivors, a Lynard Skynard Tribute band, and then for what many have said was the best fireworks show they have ever seen at Lake Delhi !!

As you can imagine these type of events don't come free and without a great amount of effort. We're proud to say our local community, friends, and supporters have really helped to provide for such a spectacular day and event at Lake Delhi. We want to thank all of the great business sponsors, family sponsors, and each and every family member who purchased GOLD books and T-Shirts. Without you and your financial support, these type of events to make our community such a great place could not have happened!

In addition to the financial support needed: It took countless hours of volunteer time to make the event successful. A special thank you to the volunteer leadership team members, site team members, the local Boy Scouts, the Hartwick Huskies Ski Team members, and the Delhi Volunteer Fire Department — who really stepped up to help us make it a great Day! Keep an eye out for a request for volunteers to meet in the near future to discuss the possibility of a 2018 event and what it might include.

We are in need of all types of skills, participation, and input. Steve Leonard -- 2017 Celebrations Event Committee Chair

A very small quantity of 2017 BASH Event T-Shirts are still available in M, L, and Youth sizes. These will be available for purchase at upcoming Lake District Trustee Meetings.

2017 Lake Delhi BASH Celebration Gold Book Raffle Prize Winners

- > Grand Prize - RAVE Aqua Jump Eclipse 15' Trampoline: Cody Soppe
- > Frentress Marina Raffle - Two Kayaks: Linda McAllister
- > Bulicek's Raffle - StandUp Paddle Board: Dave Juergens
- > Cedar Cove Raffle - 50" flat screen TV sent to Donna Thomsen
- > Hartwick Marina Raffle - Paradise Water Pad: Cristie Belland
- > B & B Sports Raffle - Connelly Fun 2-person tube & rope: Budda Hittenmiller
- > Lake's End Raffle - 2-nite weekend stay and gift card: Matt & Marcia Garvin
- > Pizza Place Raffle - Mi-T-M Pressure Washer: Diane Smith
- > Hardwick Hardware Raffle - 5-burner Char-Broil Grill: Katie Fillmore



Lake's End location going strong at the 2017 Lake Delhi BASH Celebration Event

If you have great photos to share of the 2017 BASH Celebration event, send them to: LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org, and we may include them in the next VOICE Newsletter

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What an amazing difference a lot of hard work makes!!!!



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.

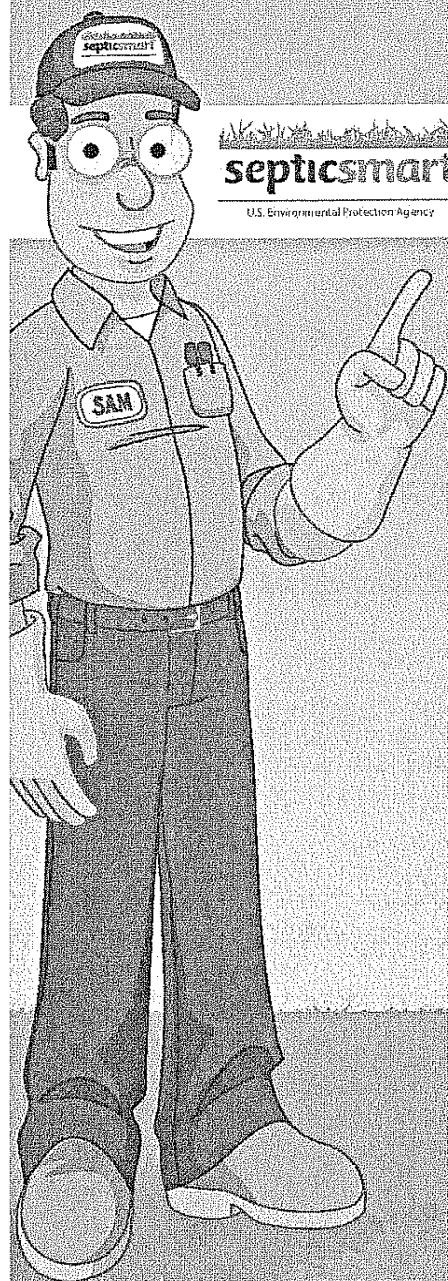
Don't Strain Your Drain:

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