

LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—March/April 2018

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Hartwick Huskys Ski Show Back to Lake Delhi this Summer!

In addition to Fireworks and Christmas on the Lake, we are thrilled that the Hartwick Huskys Ski Team will be performing their fantastic ski show once again on Lake Delhi this summer 2018!

As you probably know, the flood of 2010 and the loss of the lake forced the Hartwick Huskys to find a different practice lake other than Lake Delhi. But, for the first time since 2009, the Hartwick Huskys ski team will be performing their show at Lake Delhi. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 14th. The Huskys will perform from Lost Beach starting about 4:30-5:00 pm on July 14th. You will be able to see the show from the water in your boat or from land on Lost Beach (there will be car parking and car access). Note there will be no boat beach parking on Lost Beach that day from approximately 3 pm until after the show is over and the Huskys gear is removed, to provide full beach lake frontage for the show.

Also the Hartwick Huskys will be practicing their show on that same stretch of water and Lost Beach 3 times in the evenings during the week before the Saturday show. So, please be respectful with your boating (no wakes please) while they are getting ready for the show!

More information to come about the Huskys show. This summer is shaping up to be spectacular at Lake Delhi!

2018 Calendar of Events

April 14th—Delhi Fire Dept Spring Fling Dance
Delhi Fire Station, 7 pm, details page 3

June 2nd—Septic System Awareness Day at White Pines shelter in Baileys Ford Park starting at 9:00am —see more details on page 2

July 8th-13th — Maquoketa River Cleanup Project AWARE—see details on page 4

July 14th—Hartwick Huskys Ski Show 4:30 pm or 5 pm approx start time (at Lost Beach and the stretch of water up and down from Lost Beach)

July 28th—Christmas on the Lake (everywhere)

August 4th—Fireworks! — will be shot off from Schmidt Farm across from Freddy's Beach approximately mid-lake at dark

If you know of an event in, around, or near Lake Delhi, please email us at LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org so we can include it in the next VOICE Newsletter Calendar of Events as well as on the LakeDelhi.org website.



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>>If you want to get on our email list, send an email to LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org

Monthly public Trustee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Trustee meeting building across from Maquoketa Valley School in Delhi. An archive of all Trustee meetings' agenda and minutes are found at www.LakeDelhi.org

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Letter from the Delaware County Sanitation Department about Septic Systems

Dear Lake Delhi Residents:

Over the last 3-4 years, our Department has been working very closely with the Iowa DNR and multiple property owners in the Lake District to make sure all Septic Systems meet the requirements of the State of Iowa and Delaware County. First, we want to thank all those property owners who took the time to (a) provide proof of a septic system that meets current legal requirements and (b) verify it is properly functioning. Unfortunately, we still have a number of property owners who have not responded to our attempts to validate both of these requirements or who have yet to update their septic systems to meet current requirements.

In an effort to provide you additional information on your options, the Delaware County Sanitation Department has put together a **Septic System Awareness Day for on June 2nd** at the White Pines shelter in Baileys Ford Park starting at 9:00am. At this event our goal is to provide you the opportunity to learn about the multiple options available to you. Topics of discussion will include:

- Representatives from Advantax packed media filters, Eco-Flo Packed coco filters, and Waterloo Bio Filters to discuss features and benefits of their systems.
- A discussion and Q&A on standard septic systems limitations with space and soil types.
- Certified Septic System Inspectors will be on hand so that you can arrange for them to come to your property to confirm what type of system you have, determine if it is properly functioning, and if it meets current requirements.
- Information on competitive financing options available for new septic system installations
- Provide you an opportunity to get answers to all the questions you may have.

We request your action on the following:

If you are unsure of your status of your septic system meeting the current septic requirements **and/or**

providing proof of a functioning septic system. *please call our office now* at 563-927-5925.

We will validate the information we have on file for your property and assist you with possible next steps.

Please also call/email our office to RSVP/confirm your attendance for the Septic Awareness day on June 2nd at 9 am so that we can plan for the appropriate number of people.

Thank you, we look forward to talking soon.

Sincerely,
Dennis Lyons
Delaware County Sanitation Department
Phone: 563-927-5925
dlyons@co.delaware.ia.us

Make Sure You and Your Neighbors are on the Lake Delhi Weather Text Alert System

The Dam Operations Team has developed a weather alert system for the Lake Delhi district. Those who enroll will get a text alert on their cell phone notifying them of weather events that could affect the lake area any time during the year. We currently have over 400 residents signed up for this service. If you have not enrolled and wish to do so, please submit your name, cell phone number, and carrier (ex. US Cellular, Verizon, Sprint, etc.) to lakedelhitrustees@lakedelhi.org. It's important to understand that weather events can have differing effects depending on where you live on the lake and you need to take that into consideration. We recommend that you and your neighbors have a plan for any emergency weather event before it happens.

St. Patty's Day Lake Delhi Success!

The 6th Annual St. Patty's Day Event was held on Sunday, March 18th. It was another huge success thanks to the owners/employees of The Pizza Place and Larry Aschbrenner and Dennis Jasper who served as honorary bartenders. The event was held

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at the Pizza Place and all tips were donated for the **Lake Delhi Fireworks** that will be held on August 4th. The guys raised a total of \$1,120.00! That's the second highest total raised for this event! If you see Larry, Dennis, or the team from Pizza Place please tell them thank you for their support of the lake!!



Your support is needed and very much appreciated!

Please send your donations to:
Delhi Fire Department
P.O. Box 2
Delhi, IA 52223

We would also like to invite you to attend our Spring Fling Dance featuring Beau Timmerman, being held on Saturday, April 14th at the Delhi Fire Station. Happy Hour will be from 7 pm—8 pm and the dance will begin at 8 pm. Admission will be \$5.00 per person. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Did You Know This About Lake Delhi?

Everyone who visits the new Lake Delhi dam enjoys the beauty of flowing water over our new “labyrinth” spillway. The uniform water flow over the five ‘V’ shaped walls is a site to behold and appreciate. Access for viewing this unique structure is very convenient on the south side of the dam.

The new labyrinth spillway effectively controls lake level in a narrow range of about 3 inches based on river flow existing in the river. It does so without human or mechanical intervention 85% of the time or just over 300 days per year. Water flows over it continuously 365 days per year. This technology did not even exist until about 2005 when it was developed mainly for western dams in the USA. Fortunately it was available to us when the engineering study for Lake Delhi was done in 2011. This technology was selected to be incorporated into the Lake Delhi dam rebuild project. At the time, only two other very small labyrinth dams existed in the Midwest, which is subjected to harsh temperature extremes.

Today the Lake Delhi labyrinth spillway is by far the largest labyrinth spillway the midwest. It is something to be very proud of in our corner of the world.

Message From the Delhi Fire Department

The Delhi Fire Department is 100% volunteer, and totally funded by taxation and your generous donations. Without your support, we would not be able to purchase the necessary equipment and renewed training needed to protect your property and lives. We raise funds for various needs of the fire department and this year we are *focusing on purchasing specialized water rescue equipment and water rescue training.*

Our department responded to a total of 83 calls during 2017, 21 of those were fire calls and 62 were EMS; and we will continue to provide the same professional service to our community in 2018.

Huge thanks also to everyone that has supported our can and bottle redemption project. This has proved to be very beneficial and the funds have allowed us to purchase new equipment.... >>>>Continued>>>>

2018 Lake Delhi Activities Committee

The 2018 Activity Committee Volunteers will be reaching out soon asking for family and business sponsors to support the upcoming 2018 Fireworks, Christmas on the Lake Prizes, Music events, and other activities. Your family/business contribution will be proudly and boldly recognized in the marketing for the events. If you represent a business and would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please respond to us at Steve.leonard59@gmail.com.

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Press Release: March 19, 2018

MAQUOKETA RIVER CLEANUP RETURNS TO ITS ROOTS; SEEKS TO ENRICH A SENSE OF PLACE

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MAQUOKETA RIVER – A decade and a half ago during a drizzly first week of June, three dozen volunteers embarked on a first-of- its-kind river cleanup and outdoor education adventure. These brave volunteers set out to pick up trash from the Maquoketa River, and in doing so they sparked a river cleanup movement that transformed a humble idea into a nationally-recognized leader in environmental education and stewardship efforts. Since **Project AWARE**, which stands for *A Watershed Awareness River Expedition*, began in 2003, more than 4,500 volunteers from across the world have cleaned up 1,138 river miles, removing more than 405 tons of trash (77% of which has been recycled) from rivers all across Iowa.

The sixteenth annual Project AWARE, scheduled for **July 8-13, 2018**, will return to the Maquoketa River, but this time it will bring several hundred volunteers to east-central Iowa, where they will have an opportunity to spend their vacations working as aquatic garbage collectors – cleaning up, learning about, and exploring 63 river miles between Manchester and Canton in Delaware, Jones, and Jackson counties. While the expedition covers six days, volunteers may register to help for as little or as long as they like. And as an added bonus, canoes are provided.

“Project AWARE’s return to the Maquoketa River 15 years after the very first event is a BIG deal,” says Manchester native and lead garbage man on the first-ever Project AWARE, Doug Hawker. “Experiencing this wonderful event whether through active participation or even by just observing the hundreds of volunteers pulling trash out of the river tends to instill a sense of environmental stewardship into a person that will last a lifetime.”

During Project AWARE, volunteers paddle canoes searching for unsightly trash by day, camp in local campgrounds and communities by night, and attend educational programs scheduled throughout the event. It not only provides an opportunity for Maquoketa River residents to showcase their communities, but it also offers an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to connect with the river and enrich their sense of place.

“I graduated from Manchester High School in 1960 so have considered the Maquoketa River my home river,” says 12-year Project AWARE volunteer Richard Worm. “While staying in Hopkinton, I look forward to having the opportunity to help interpret the Delaware County Historical Society’s Milo #7 country school house, the school I attended from 1st-4th grade 70 years ago!” Sarah Helle, the Hopkinton City Clerk is also looking forward to hosting the event. “We are very excited to have Project AWARE not only clean up the river, but also spend a night in our town. We hope to bring a bit of historic insight, show the “destination” components to our area, and treat those working hard to a great evening in Hopkinton.”

Iowa Project AWARE has experienced tremendous growth and successfully adapted to change throughout its history, and the 2018 event will be no exception. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which has coordinated the event since its inception in 2003, is partnering with the State Hygienic Laboratory at The University of Iowa and all-volunteer Iowa nonprofit N-Compass, Inc. to transition Project AWARE from a state-organized to nonprofit event.

“We are glad our partners are taking a more active role in Project AWARE,” said Nate Hoogeveen, river programs coordinator for the Iowa DNR. “We are expecting this cleanup will be a great thing for the Maquoketa River and the people who love it.”

For more information on this event and to download the registration materials, please visit www.iowaprojectaware.org.

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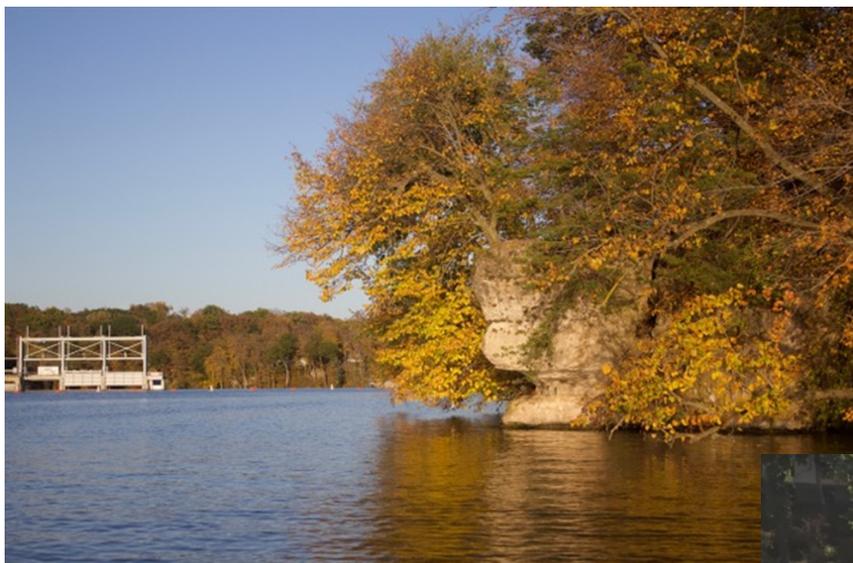
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Featured Lake Delhi Apparel — Great Gifts For Summer! *Order Form is on the following Page—Other items not pictured below in Stock*

Men's and Women's Sweatshirt



Men's and Women's Zip-Up Hoodie Sweatshirt



Lake Delhi Visor



Women's Lake Delhi Polo Shirt



Men's and Women's Lake Delhi Regular Polo Shirt



2017 BASH T Shirts
(Blue OR Green)



Bash T Shirt BACK



Lake Delhi Shirt/Apparel Order Form

Also Some Items available at Hartwick Marina

All Proceeds Go to: Lake Delhi Activities Fund (Fireworks, etc...)



| Item | Color | Price | Sizes Avail | Order Qty | Ext \$ Amount |
|---|------------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt (<i>with zipper</i>) | | \$20 | XL, 2X, 3X | | |
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| Lake Delhi Ladies White T-Shirt | | \$7 | | | |
| Lake Delhi Ladies Heather T-Shirt | | \$7 | | | |
| Blue Lake Delhi 2017 Bash T-Shirts | | \$10 | Adult S, M, L Youth M, L | | |
| Green Lake Delhi 2017 Bash T-Shirts | | | Adult S, M, L Youth L | | |
| Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Ladies Style | Yellow | \$20 | Medium, Large | | |
| Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Reg Style | Navy Blue | \$20 | XS, XL, 2X | | |
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| Lake Delhi Logo “Camo” Cap | Camouflage | \$10 | | | |
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| Lake Delhi Koozie | | \$3 | | | |
| Lake Delhi <i>Visor</i> | | \$10 | | | |
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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.

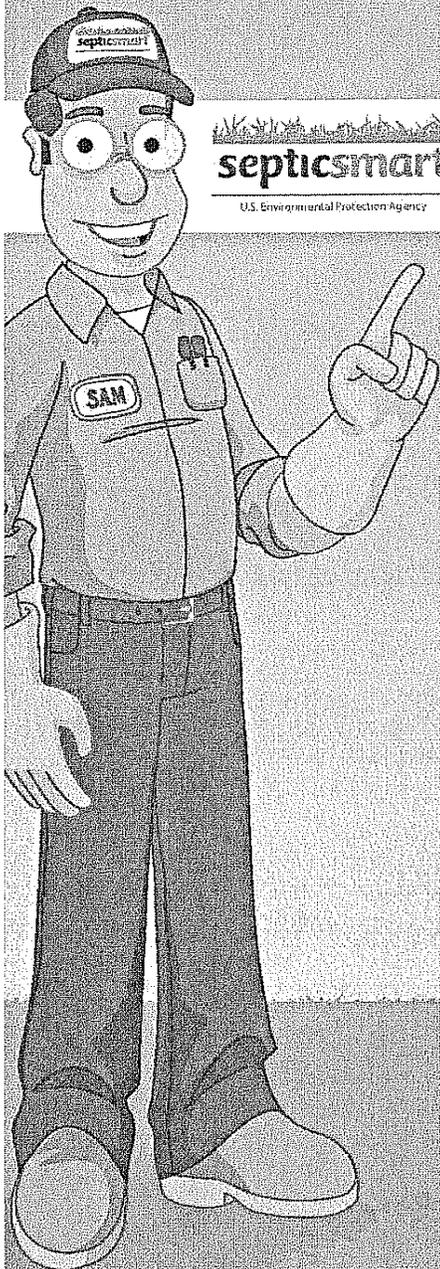
Don't Strain Your Drain:

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