

# LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—July/August 2018

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*Christmas on the Lake is Back at Lake Delhi this Summer...*

**With Fireworks the following Weekend !**

In addition to Fireworks at the Lake, we are thrilled that Christmas on Lake Delhi is back again!

**Christmas on the Lake** is Saturday July 28 evening. Go to [ChristmasOnLakeDelhi.com](http://ChristmasOnLakeDelhi.com) to see a list of the winners. A permit was obtained by the Lake Delhi Trustees from the IDNR which allows boats to be decorated with additional lights for the evening of this event. Judging of the Best Christmas Decorated Homes begins at 8:30 pm. You are responsible for making sure your boat meets all Iowa boating regulations including having enough coast guard approved life jackets.

**Fireworks** are scheduled for Saturday August 4th, at Dark. They will be shot off in the middle of the lake at Schmidt Farm. You can see the fireworks by boat or by land. Tune-in to KMCH 94.7 FM to listen to coordinated music during the fireworks show. There will be live music (the band Kick It) playing at the Pizza Place near Freddy's Beach in the evening on August 4th before and after the fireworks. Special parking and shuttles will be available.

And September 29th, Lake Delhi and the Lake Delhi Fish & Game Club will host a Fishing Tournament.

## 2018 Calendar of Events

**July 28th—Christmas on the Lake**

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

**August 4th—7 pm Live Music**—The Band *Kick It* will be playing at the Pizza Place before and after the fireworks. *Kick It* plays a wide variety of music, sure to please all.

**September 29th—Lake Delhi Fishing Tournament;** 7:30 am Hartwick Marina. More information to come

If you know of an event in, around, or near Lake Delhi, please email us at [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto: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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*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](http://www.LakeDelhi.org)*

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## Message from the IDNR

**ORANGE INSPECTION TAGS.** Many of you have noticed orange inspection tags on docks along with a letter covering the common delinquencies. Perhaps your dock was one of those tagged. These notices were courtesy notices prior to full enforcement of the dock rules beginning August 1st, 2018.

By August 1, every dock structure on the lake should be signed with the dock's 911 address and the dock permit number. Properties with more than one dock must have a sign on each structure. Every sign shall be installed at the water's end of the dock and each sign must be readable. The vast majority of inspection tags were attached to docks that violated one of the signage rules.

Other violations tagged during June and July inspections included:

- Hoists with hard roofs

- Improperly permitted docks (dock permits that were invalid because the permit didn't cover the actual number of docks or boat hoists/lifts/slips/racks on the water)

- Improper spacing

  - Dock structures with less than 10 feet of open space between them and the neighboring dock

  - Hoists not attached to docks or not permitted and signed as a separate structure

- Illegal dock configurations

- Docks without a dock permit

**All dock permits must be applied for and managed online.** Additionally, you must **Update** your permit before you modify any portion of your dock structure or add any additional hoists or mooring spaces. If you have a Class 1 dock permit, you cannot add a third hoist or slip until you update your permit to Class 3.

Beginning August 1, the Iowa DNR will fully enforce the dock rules. If your dock is not in compliance, regardless of whether or not you have received an inspection tag earlier, you will receive a citation. If the owner of the dock cannot be identified by DNR staff, the property owner will receive the citation. If you have any questions about this, you are encouraged to go online at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/boatdocks> or read [Chapter 16](#). You may also contact Conservation Officer Dakota Drish at 563-920-0566 or Sue O'Loughlin at 563-927-3276. If you would like to meet with one of them in person, please call and schedule an appointment.

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## **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](mailto: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.



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## New Sign at Lost Beach with Beach Use Guidelines

The Lake Delhi Trustees approved and installed a new sign at Lost Beach with a number of notices and guidelines to help make clear the rules of beach use.

Lost Beach is a great place to make a rest stop, have a picnic, play some sand volleyball or take a quick dip. The district wants to make sure that everyone stays safe and responsibly uses the beach for the intended purposes of public enjoyment. Please note that boat parking on the beach is for beach use only. The restaurant Smokey's has provided dock parking for customer use.

## Did You Know This About Lake Delhi?

By Pat Colgan

The original Lake Delhi dam was constructed in 1928 by Interstate Power Company to produce electricity for our part of rural Iowa. Our dam is similar to a large number of other dams in Minnesota and Wisconsin known as low head hydro dams. They were built between 1900 and 1938 on rivers in this region. Low head dams are generally less than 50 feet high and are able to pass relatively high volumes of river water. The vast majority of these dams are in Wisconsin but there are a few in Minnesota and Iowa. So when our dam was built in 1928, this was nothing new to people who knew how to build these types of dams. The technology had been developed for a generation before we took our turn to build a dam.

Our dam is well suited for its location on the Maquoketa River geologically and hydraulically. The dam was built on solid bedrock which is located in a narrow portion of the river valley.

Part of the 2010 rebuild project was to investigate and repair the 1928 construction that did not



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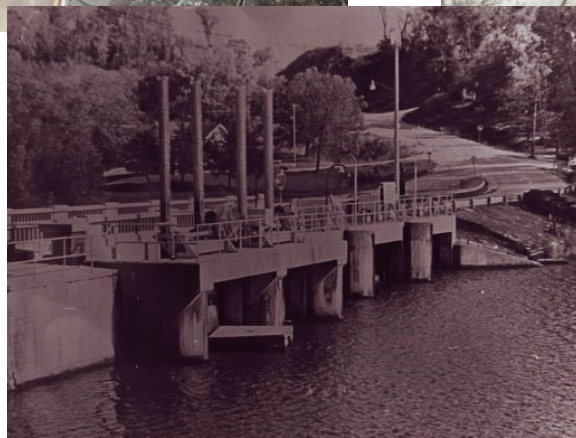
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meet modern engineering standards. This work was done in 2014 as during Phase 1 construction by Lunda Construction of Little Chute, Wisconsin. Every square foot of the concrete surfaces in the powerhouse portion of the dam was checked for soundness. We were pleasantly surprised that very little repair needed to be done to the existing concrete structure.

The 1928 concrete powerhouse sits solidly on a sedimentary rock formation. To ensure no leakage under the existing concrete structure, masonry grout was injected under very high pressure to fill any cracks that may be present in the rock formation.

The front of the entire powerhouse was rock bolted into the bedrock below. This was because the modern structural factor of safety against the dam tipping over was increase by 50% since 1928. Even though the existing powerhouse had not tipped over in the past 80 years, this was work that had to be done to meet the requirements of the permit. (No kidding)

Our original 1928 dam was well built be people who worked hard and knew what they were doing, The rebuild project in 2010 ensured the concrete structure was still structurally sound, wouldn't leak water under the structure and met the current safety standards for dams. You could say that the dam was built twice by people who worked hard and knew what they were doing. We have a great dam to enjoy for generations to come.





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## Hartwick Huskys Put On An Amazing Show at Lake Delhi on July 14th

The Hartwick Huskys Ski Team was back at Lake Delhi on July 14th to put on an amazing show. The event was staged at Lost Beach that provided a spectacular and fun show that included pyramids, jumps and aerials, barefooting, and more. Spectators watched from the beach, from their boats, and from adjacent shorelines. A post show party was held in the beer garden at Smokey's restaurant behind Lost Beach. We were thrilled to have the Hartwick Huskys back at Lake Delhi and look forward to another great show to be held again next summer. The Hartick Huskys Ski Team is a non-profit organization that relies exclusively on donations, sponsors, and volunteers. If you would like to make a donation to the Hartwick Huskys or participate as a volunteer or ski team member, go to:

<https://www.hartwickhuskys.com/>

Photos by Megan Gifford





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## **Recap on Septic Awareness Day—from Delaware County Sanitation Dept.**

By Dennis Lyons

We held Septic Awareness day for the residence in the lake Delhi area on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. After a week of hot weather, it was a beautiful day at Baileys Ford Park. We were hoping to have more concerned residence there but those who attended had many good questions for or group of speakers. Dennis Lyons welcomed all for attending and introduced the other speakers and other the installers who attended. He touched base on the fact that we are gaining, but need to keep going forward. He mentioned that there are many solutions out there for the tough areas but will work with as much as possible to work best answer.

The first people to speak were from CR Winnpump, they are suppliers for a couple of the advanced systems available in Iowa which we have local installers who are capable to put these systems in. The first is Waterloo Bio-filters. We do not have any in the county at this time but it looks like it has possibilities. The other system they have is Premier techs Eco-Flo we do have several of them around the area and have a little bit of maintenance but are very reliable around the United States. Trenton Pohl from Iowa Water and Waste Systems based out of Des Moines. He spoke of the Advantex system which we also have several of those around the county. This is a very good system and needs a maintenance agreement. This system will contact the contractor automatically with any issues it is having. It has been around a long time and with proper maintenance and care, it is trouble free.

We finished of the guest speakers with Curt Cluckey who talked of the more basic systems for soil treatment, which is what we try to do when possible. He also talked of a product that has been around for a long time that we do not need rock and pipe called easy-flow manufactured by infiltrator. He also handed out pamphlet on do's and don'ts of what should go into the septic tank. We would like to thank all who attended!

## **Boating Safety, Laws, and Reminders**

Since Boating season at Lake Delhi is in full swing, please be aware of 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](https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/ia_handbook_entire.pdf)

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*Thank you to all the donors, both families and businesses, who made the Fireworks, Christmas on the Lake Prizes, and Live Music possible at Lake Delhi for the Summer of 2018!*

*Thank you!*

Your generous donations make our events possible.  
Please recognize your Friends and Families and support our Business sponsors.

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# 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		
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		
Lake Delhi Logo “Camo” Cap	Camouflage	\$10			
Lake Delhi Koozie		\$3			
Lake Delhi <i>Visor</i>		\$10			
				<b>Total \$:</b>	

**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



# LAKE DELHI VOICE

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

## 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.

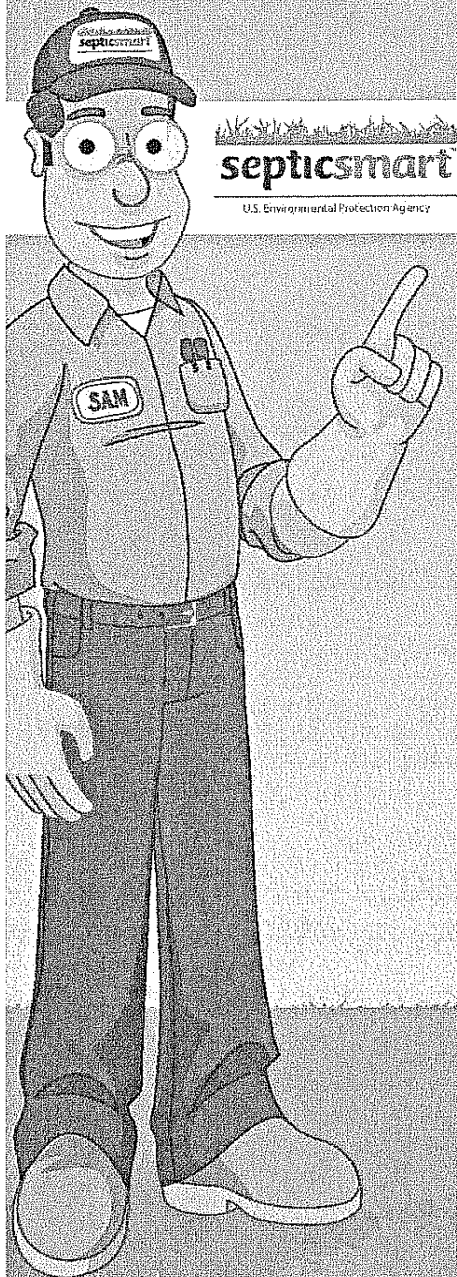
### Don't Strain Your Drain:

#### 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](http://www.epa.gov/septicSMART)

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