

# LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—Spring 2019

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## *Message from the Trustees*

### **Welcome Spring!**

Spring and Summer activities are in full swing on Lake Delhi. With the return of nice weather, it is great to see activity back on the Lake. Please stay safe, be respectful and responsible when boating this upcoming recreation season.

### **Spring Thaw/High Water Damage:**

The lake experienced large amounts of damage in March with ice jam movement and high-water combination that indeed made a mess along areas of the Lake. The Trustees met in special session to address and put a plan into place to get items removed in a timely manner. Frentress Marina from Dubuque worked in tandem with the Delhi Fire department to locate and remove items throughout the lake area. A huge thank you goes out to Chief Vorwald and the rest of the Delhi FD, along with Marty Pottebaum and the Hartwick Husky's for their amazing assistance during this event. Please remember to donate to these organizations during upcoming fundraising drives. Without their assistance, our clean up would have been much more challenging.

Remember, always be mindful and cautious when boating near items such as trees and debris that can be present in the lake during and after highwater events. The Lake Trustees request that

Lake Neighborhoods and residents assist in this ongoing effort to remove items that can encumber safe travel along the lake. So, if you see something of concern, please tag it or remove to shore. This concerted effort by all will continue to keep a safe and enjoyable recreation treasure.

We appreciate the folks who have donated money to assist in recovery of their lost items. As requested in previous communication, anyone who lost items such as lifts or docks, were asked to donate \$500/Lift and \$250/ dock. If you want to donate financially for clean-up please contact [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org) or contact Laurie Kramer.

### **Upcoming Trustee Projects:**

Lake Trustees continue to make progress and minor updates to the Dam and spillway. Our learning and operation of the facility continue to get better and better. As you can imagine, nothing is normal when it comes to weather, so our volunteers and Consultants continue to provide excellent oversight and adjustments as needed.

We have 4 committees that are structured to assist in Lake Business. These committees meet as needed to address upcoming items important to our Lake community. Projects being currently being reviewed by various committees:

- Property Transfer
- Beach Maintenance and care
- Dredging
- Debt Management
- Budget and Finance

These are a only few of the projects continually being advanced by our Committee's. Please keep informed by reading minutes posted on our [LakeDelhi.org](http://LakeDelhi.org) website or by attending our monthly Trustee meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Delhi.

Please be Safe and Enjoy Beautiful Lake Delhi,  
Dan Staebell - President



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## **Lake Delhi District Trustee's:**

Dan Staebell: President, Trustee  
Doug Herman: Vice President, Trustee  
Steve Leonard: Trustee  
Todd Gifford: Trustee  
Larry Burger: Trustee  
Bill Havertape: Trustee  
Lamont Davidson: Trustee

### **Contact us:**

Website: [www.LakeDelhi.org](http://www.LakeDelhi.org)

Email: [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org)

Lake Delhi VOICE Editor and webmaster: Todd Gifford

>>If you want to get on our email list, send an email to [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org) and ask to be added to the Trustee mailing list

*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)*

## **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.

## **The Trustees want your Suggestions!**

The Trustees want and value your input and suggestions to make Lake Delhi a better place. There are several ways to give your input, feedback, and suggestions:

1. You can send your suggestions, feedback, and ideas to: [LakeDelhiTrustee@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustee@LakeDelhi.org) any time via email.
2. You can attend our monthly Trustee Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month and make comments during Public Comment at the end of every meeting
3. You can contact any of the Trustees that are listed on this page

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

Since Boating season at Lake Delhi is just starting to ramp up, 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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## Lake Delhi Donates \$15,000 to Project AWARE

This past October the Lake Delhi Trustees approved a one-time donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Project Aware. This donation is to show our lake community's appreciation for the wonderful work and effort related to the clean up of the Maquoketa River. The Project AWARE team encountered many items that were damaged and moved downstream during the major flood event that destroyed the dam at Lake Delhi in July 2010. The Trustees and the residents of Lake Delhi are extremely grateful Project Aware's volunteer efforts related to this clean up. Our "Pay it Forward" donation to Project Aware is a response to the Project Aware continued efforts. With this donation, Lake Delhi will be listed as a "Platinum Paddle" Sponsor for the next 5 years in Project AWARE's list of key donors.

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 271 volunteers removed 13,280 pounds of scrap metal and 7,300 pounds of garbage from the Maquoketa River between the Maquoketa River Access at the Lake Delhi Dam and Dunlap Access near Hopkinton.

Project AWARE is Iowa DNR's expedition river clean-up, since its inception has been a partnership among groups and agencies with a mission to engage Iowans in cleaning up their rivers while learning more about the river's water quality, biology, geology, and cultural history.



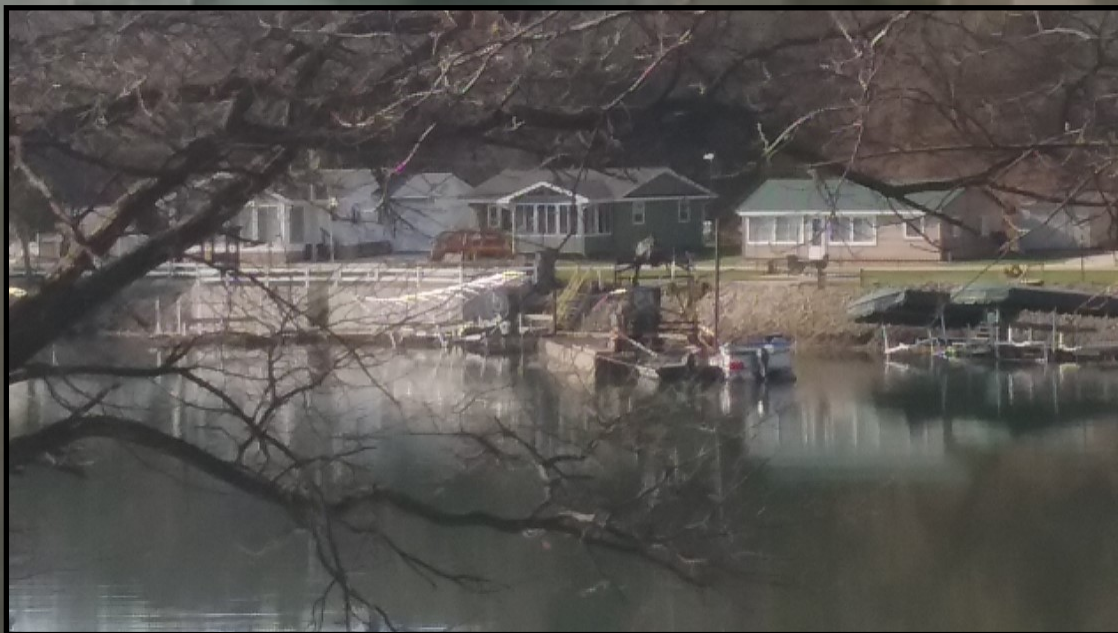
Lake Delhi District  
Trustees presenting our  
\$15,000 Donation to  
Project AWARE

Shown left to right:  
Lamont Davidson, Trustee;  
Dan Staebell, President-  
Trustee; Brian Soenen,  
Project AWARE; Doug  
Hermansen, Vice President,  
Trustee



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Photos by Larry Aschbrenner

## April 2019 Debris Cleanup



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Ashbrenner and  
Lamont Davidson



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The debris dock / lift removal, as well as the tree hazards, removal project around the lake and at the dam has been completed. Please let the Trustees know if you see anything significant that may have been missed — contact us at [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org).

**Before Cleanup**



**After Cleanup**





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This notification was recently mailed out from Delaware County Emergency Management regarding the Alert Iowa mass alert system. There are details below how to sign up to receive notifications regarding road closures, sand bag availability, and other material needed during water events in Delaware County Iowa.

## DELAWARE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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Manchester, IA 52057  
563-927-3723 Office  
563-920-0226 Cell  
[delaware.co.ema@gmail.com](mailto:delaware.co.ema@gmail.com)

**“You are receiving this notification due to owning property close to the Maquoketa River in Delaware County.”**

Delaware County is a participant in the statewide mass notification system known as Alert Iowa. It is our hope that you will take a few minutes to sign up for alerts on this system.

We understand that you are already receiving weather alerts on your smartphones and it is not our intent to duplicate the information received from the national Weather Service or the other area media sources.

It is hoped that by signing up, we will be able to provide rainfall and river crest information directly to you in a timely manner. Currently, information is delivered by phone calls, media (KMCH), and Facebook pages. When signing up you will be able to select how you receive the information. It can be delivered by text message, email or both.

You have two (2) options for signing up to Alert Iowa:

1. Use your smart phone and a bar code reader to scan the Delaware County Alert Iowa QR Code located here.



2. Or, use the following web address to access to sign up page.  
[https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/delaware\\_ia/wens.cfm](https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/delaware_ia/wens.cfm)

Either option will bring you to an online Alert Iowa sign up page.

Information that you receive may also include road closures, sand bag availability and locations along with other relevant and applicable material needed during water events in Delaware County.

Thank you,

Mike Ryan  
Delaware County Emergency Management

Jim Hauschild  
Manchester Police, Chief

John LeClere  
Delaware County Sheriff

Loretta Welcher  
Delaware County Communications, Manager



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Thank You to Our Delhi Fire Department!  
Please Support Their Efforts.

## *Delhi Volunteer Fire Department*

PO Box 2  
Delhi, IA 52223

Dear Friends:

The Delhi Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the past year. 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 search and rescue equipment.

Our department responded to a total of 109 calls during the year of 2018, 19 of those were fire calls and 90 were EMS; and we will continue to provide the same professional service to our community in 2019.

Huge thanks 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.

Please send your donations to Delhi Fire Department, PO Box 2, Delhi, IA 52223.

*Your Support is needed and very much appreciated!!*

### *Delhi Volunteer Fire Department*

Kody Anderegg  
Rick Bojorquez  
Shawn Britt  
Keith Brockhohn  
John Burbridge  
Derek Feltes  
Jeff Frasher

Greg Guettko  
Tony Harmon  
Josh Hempstead  
Chad Hillers  
Larry Hillers  
Brice Intorf  
Ron Klinger

Aaron Koopmann  
Aaron McMurrin  
Beau Mead  
Dave Nachtmann  
Colton Nefzger  
Brian Palmer  
Keith Pitts

Aaron Saeugling  
Andy Schuster  
Alex Vorwald  
Joe Vorwald, Chief  
Shawn Wilson  
Tyler Wessels

### *Delhi First Responders*

John Burbridge  
Jeff Goldsmith  
Josh Hempstead  
Angie Hoeger  
Linda Jay

Mary Klostermann  
Chasta Koopmann  
Val Krause  
Tammy Nefzger

Brian Palmer  
Aaron Saeugling, EMS Coord.  
Caitlin Salow  
Andy Schuster

*Thank you for your continued Support!*



# 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



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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.

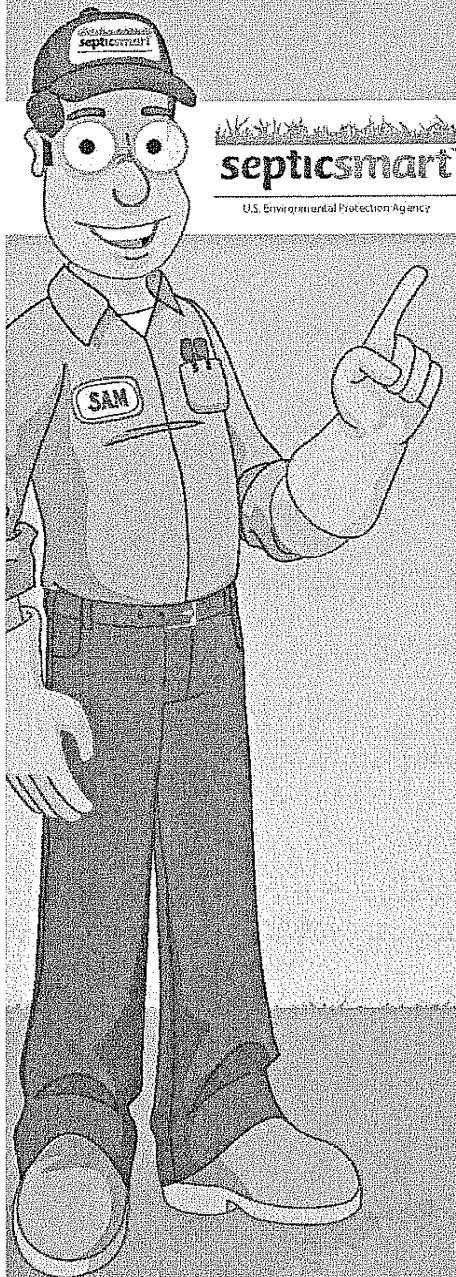
### Don't Strain Your Drain:

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

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