



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE CHAIRPERSON'S LETTER

In these unprecedented times, it makes one appreciate the serenity and freedom to enjoy Powers Lake all the more special.

The DPL Board sends our Best Wishes to each of you and your families in these trying times. Our hope is that you have been able to find solace by escaping to the lake and spending quality time with friends and family.

This year marks the 35th Anniversary of the District of Powers Lake. Consistent with our history of communications, we have prepared a Resident Opinions Survey (ROS) for you to complete and return. Your feedback is important to our mission. Please take a moment to complete and return it to our partner, the South-eastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), for their tabulation of the opinions of our 300 members.

As the Lake District continues to evolve, we are thankful to those who volunteer to serve now and have previously served on our board. I want to send a special thanks to Mark Halvey who has represented the Town of Randall as our representative for the last several years. Mark did many things behind the scenes on behalf of the Town and our District. He did those things without fanfare or accolades and is a great example of volunteerism at its finest. He continues to help the District and will be performing our weekly water testing. If you happen see him walking the beach or inlet, please acknowledge his efforts and thank him for his dedication and support.

Due to COVID, Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday August 7th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Randall Fire House #2 which is located at the corner of Hwy KD and Hwy F [Bassett Road]. We will be practicing social distancing and following the state guidelines. We welcome your attendance and participation. Our Annual Meeting is the time when we pass our 2021 Annual Budget, elect Commissioners and tend to the other lake related business. This year the seat occupied by Jim Michels is open for election.

We continue to work closely with the Town and the Water Patrol and are pleased with the relationships and open lines of communication on all things related to Powers Lake. This is important since the Town of Randall is responsible for the ordinances and enforcement. We believe that having a good working relationship and open lines of communications are beneficial to all.

We continue to monitor and treat the lake for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS, Eurasian Water Milfoil & Curly Leaf Pond Weed). This year we treated roughly 5 acres and are thankful for the success of the program and are cautiously optimistic for continued success. As lakefront property owners, we all need to be cognizant and do our part to remain good stewards. To learn more about this issue and other threats to lake quality, please visit our website and become familiar with "Best Practices" on how to avoid the spread of Invasive plants. <http://districtofpowerslake.com/aquatic-plant-management>

With the continuous battle of invasive plants and the negative impact they have



Elected Commissioners:
 Neal Kuhn, Chair
 Lou Manfredini
 Brooke Jensen, Treas.
 Jim Michels
 Dave Anstett

Appointed Commissioners:
 Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
 Bob Stoll, Randall Twp.

on our waterways, the District is doing all we can to raise awareness and educate boaters on Best Practices to help prevent the spread of AIS. In doing so, we are embarking on a new initiative. We hope to create a new Capital Fund. The purpose of this fund will be to update our signage at the launches and eventually provide a cleaning station for boats entering and leaving the lake.

The recent issues affecting Lake Geneva and the Starry Stonewort infestation provide a timely reminder of how fragile the lake ecosystem is and the economic impact involved in eradication. We are far better off spending our resources on education and the prevention of the spread of invasives. The costs to eradicate are enormous and we feel that spending more on education and providing a means for boaters to clean their boats before and after entering the lake is a good investment in the future of Powers Lake.

Please continue to be considerate and conscientious boaters and do no harm to the precious resource that is Powers Lake.

Enjoy the balance of your summer on the lake and we look forward to seeing you on August 7th.

Respectfully,
 Neal Kuhn

Ice On/Ice Off Dates

Ice On began with a thin coat on November 29, 2019 but was on again/off again for a month or so.
 Ice Off was March 14, 2020.

Reminder for the Launches

The Town of Randall launch fees apply to all launches including those for lakefront residents. There has been some confusion about this in the past. That \$8.00 fee is for 1 watercraft/1 launch or removal. The money collected is earmarked and can be used only for the maintenance of the launches. Remember to take cash or a check to put in the envelopes provided at the launch.

Website Signup

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake.
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Annual Meeting



Our Annual meeting will be held on Friday, August 7th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at Randall Fire Department Station #2 located at the corner of Hwy KD and Hwy F {Bassett Road}.

This meeting and others are open to the public.

Resident Opinions Survey (ROS)

The tabulated results of the ROS will be posted on our website www.DistrictofPowersLake.org after our Oct. 2020 meeting. Please respond so that we get a high percentage of opinions!

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;
 To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public;
 and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.