

Thessage from Eileen

Hi Lake Neighbors,

Happy half way through winter to you. We've made it this far and it's been quite a comfortable winter. That is, enough cold and snow to freeze the lake and make a decent snow cover for ice skating, ice fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and sledding, but not so much that we're shoveling all the time or mired in below zero temperatures for weeks at a time. The lake froze over on December 6th after a record setting warm November. Daylight is on the upswing now and sunshine on the snow makes the lake sparkle like a field full of crystal sugar. It's sweet up here no matter what season!

- Eileen Ronyak

where is this?

Have you noticed this lakeshore item? Do you remember where it is located – as you passed by on your summer cruise?

Send your astute observation as to its precise address to us and win a gift certificate for a FREE service from one of our advertisers.

Last issue winners were Tom & Jane Meyer, who received a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Town Pump.

Email your observation to heerey@charter.net or mail to PO Box 265, Rhinelander 54501.



February 16 - 7:00 p.m. UWEX Room (downstairs) Rhinelander Airport

You are invited to attend our Association meeting on Tuesday, February 16, for an informative evening of lively discussion and updates on lake issues.

Stephanie Boismenue, AIS Coordinator for the Squash Lake Association will be our guest speaker, addressing action their membership is taking regarding the invasion of Eurasion Watermilfoil in their lake.

Come for the latest on all this and more:

- new Oneida County AIS position
- NR115 and shoreland zoning changes
- new grant application and resolution
- Boat inspections
- Cedar Cove update
- Septic tank update
- Our new website
- 2010 schedule of events

See you on Tuesday, February 16!

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Isn't the 2010 Crescent Lake calendar a piece of art? As we fish, tour and play on the lake we usually are too busy to take in the blessings and beauty of this small unique spot on earth. However, when looking at pictures, when we are not so busy, we see what we have missed or taken for granted. This year's calendar will remind us every time we look at it why we have chosen to live here or come here to get

The Lake Association Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Heerey for all the time and effort she put into creating the 2010 calendar. Thank You, Pat!!!

address changes

Contact Joanne Hibbard with your address changes (local and home, if different).

Call Joanne at 282-5922 or email her at: joanneanddavid@live.com

would you like this newsletter emailed?

Many of you enjoy receiving this newsletter via email, instead of by mail. It arrives faster, saves money and work for the volunteers who fold, tape, stamp, and mail - and saves a tree!

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Please contact Jim Gehrke with your email address: kayjimg@charter.net

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We hope your curiosity has been aroused with the heading of this article. The Lake Association Board has been following the Eurasian Watermilfoil invasion of Squash Lake, our neighbor, and would like to take some additional proactive steps in our efforts to address this invasive species.

Our boat landing boat inspections will help in preventing this invasive from getting into the lake during those occasions when we have boat inspections. However, we cannot be at the landing 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

So, when we are not inspecting boats, we are exposed to someone bringing Eurasian Watermilfoil into the lake. With this concern in mind and with our knowledge of what has taken place at Squash Lake, we would like to be proactive and ready in case we find there is Eurasian Watermilfoil in the lake.

We would like to create a Eurasian Watermilfoil First Responder Program that would include a plan of action, quick response activities, and call lists to put into action should we discover that we have been invaded.

Quick, initial action can help in controlling the spread and provide a bridge to remedial action. The Lake Association Board is looking for a volunteer to lead this effort. If you are interested in helping with this initiative please contact any of the board members. Thank you.

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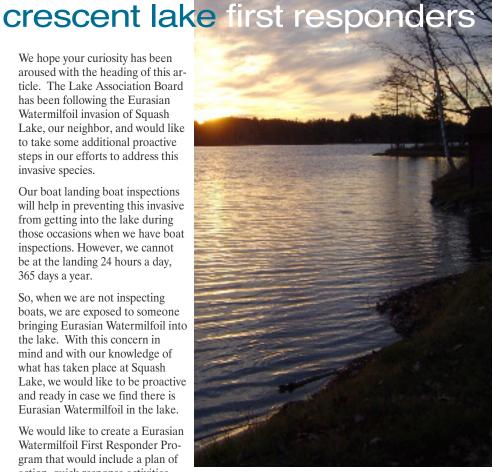
Am sure that most of you remember that dues are due at the first of the year and cover the calendar year. So dues are due now. (If you have already paid, you can ignore this plea.)

Please send \$10 membership dues, payable to Crescent Lake Association, to PO Box 265, Rhinelander WI 54501. Or pay in person at the Februrary meeting. Those of you who wish to have two votes at meetings (or simply wish to support the Association by contributing two membership fees), please send \$20.

Please also include your donation to the July 4th fireworks display.

The strength of Crescent Lake Association is the support of its members. With over 200 members, we are proud so many value the educational and conservational contributions of the Association. Thanks for your help.

- Jim Gehrke, president



crescent lake fire department

- Kenneth Orton, Chief Town of Crescent Fire Department

The Crescent Fire Department recognizes the importance of protecting our lakes against the spread of aquatic invasive species. The department has adopted a new protocol to continue our initiative for clean water and the sustainability of aquatic life. This new protocol will guard against using an outside water source for flushing dry hydrants:

Flushing of Dry Hydrants: Using a portable pump and a floating strainer, place the floating strainer in the lake next to the dry hydrant. Pump water from the lake through the dry hydrant and back into the lake. DO NOT use any outside water source.

Equipment Sanitation: Transport hose and pump offsite, away from the subject lake. Use 1/4 cup of bleach to one gallon of water for cleaning the hose and pump.

We are pleased to announce that the additions to the Crescent Fire Dept are completed and our new truck arrived January 11. You are invited to attend our Open House in April. More details to come.



Thank you for supporting our lake!
Please include your Fireworks Donation and **HELP FUND THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY CELEBRATION!**



NOTE: If there is a red dot on your mailing address, your dues for 2010 are due.

ICE ANGLERS!
Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers
To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and VHS, Wisconsin Law requires that you:
INSPECT your ice fishing equipment and
REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before and after use on ice).

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BUY minnows from a Wisconsin Bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions.

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