

May 2007

Crescent Lake News

message message from Eileen

Hi Lake Neighbors,

Mother Nature is redecorating again. With her playful use of color, she's inviting us into her artistry. The browns and blacks and whites of winter are replaced by a jaunty palette of greens. Our "ice out" was a couple of weeks early this year, April 5th, but that was just a tease. Two more weeks of windy cold followed that and each morning brought the lake back to partially frozen. But now, it looks like Spring is really here. We step outside and are assaulted by the reviving, illuminating warmth of sunshine, the musical pleasure of doves, cardinals, loons, and finches, the sight of pretty little crocuses and tulips leading the vegetative onslaught. We see our beautiful lake sparkling and splashing, eager to float our boats, cool our toes and grow our fresh fish.

One pleasurable aspect of living on a lake in the Northwoods is the gift of sharing the lake with the mighty Bald Eagles and the beautiful patterned loons. They live and hunt and raise their young right in our midst. Our visitors are always fascinated by their size and hunting prowess. Our association meeting on May 19th will present a program about these exceptional birds and we hope you'll come and learn all about them. It'll help us all be better "tour guides" for our friends and relatives as we point out our large feathered neighbors. Hope to see you there.

-Eileen Ronyak



Please send us your lake photos so we can print your views of our beautiful lake in future newsletters. - ahadv@charter.net

Beautiful Crescent Lake sunset and budding trees, photo taken Sunday, April 29, 2007

Come to our May Meeting!

May 19

9:00 a.m.

Crescent Lake
Bible Camp

2750 Bible Camp Road

Guest Speaker:
Mike Meyer Ph.D.
Wildlife & Forestry Research
Bureau of Integrated Science
Services
Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources

**free
breakfast!**

Take a break, relax, and enjoy the company of your neighbors... as well as a delicious free breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, coffee, and juice provided by the Bible Camp.

Guest speaker is Mike Meyer from the DNR who will speak about the Northwoods Loon Protection Program and DNR sponsored Bald Eagle survey results over the past several years.

Anyone interested in monitoring loons should note the two Loon Monitoring workshops scheduled in our area in May. (See inside this newsletter for more details.)

Come hear the latest update on the public boat landing, our grant project update, and our annual meeting plans in July.

See you on Saturday, May 19th!

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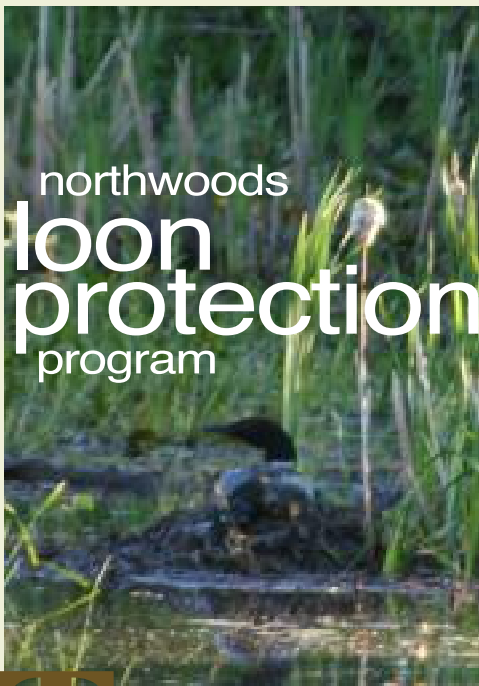
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The Loon Citizen Science Network announces upcoming Common Loon Monitoring Workshops:

- May 14 Trees for Tomorrow, Eagle River
- May 19 Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters

The Loon Citizen Science Network will hold workshops on May 14 and May 19 for people interested in learning how to monitor common loons. This program is designed to provide the data necessary to update the Wisconsin Loon Population Model. Participants will be trained to read and record common loon leg bands and loon productivity. Classroom and field training will be provided.

The May 14 workshop is sponsored by the Natural Resources Foundation. Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River for a classroom presentation about loons and field training at nearby lakes. Please register for this workshop at www.wisconservation.org Select Field Trip link and sign up for workshop.

The May 19 workshop is at 1:30 p.m. and held in conjunction with Discovery Center Midwest Bird Festival, Manitowish Waters.

Questions? Please call Mike Meyer, DNR at 715.365.8858.

save this date:



Crescent Lake Bible Camp
2750 Bible Camp Road

Join us for lunch at noon. Burgers, brats, buns and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and silverware.

Business meeting will begin about 1:00. The Final Report of our grant study will be shared at this meeting.

Come hear for yourself about our:

- n Survey results: what our residents think of Crescent Lake
- n Watershed analysis: recommendations for problem areas
- n Water quality: test results
- n Aquatic plant survey: what is growing in our waters

EXPECT THIS TO BE A VERY INFORMATIVE MEETING: Take this opportunity to hear for yourself firsthand the grant results, question the conclusions, participate in our future options.

PLAN TO ATTEND & VOICE YOUR OPINIONS!

Since the Bible Camp facilities are being used, this will be a no alcohol and no tobacco event.

We are looking for 4 volunteer hosts to work with Bible Camp personnel. Please call Al Heerey at 282-6768 to offer help.

**clean boats
clean water**

Volunteers from Crescent Lake will begin inspecting boats launched at the Highway 8 landing on weekends beginning on Opening Day for fishing Saturday, May 5th. This is our fourth year with the inspection program.



This inspection program is one method on behalf of the homeowners on Crescent Lake in being proactive in preventing invasive species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil from entering our lake.

Currently, we have 15 homeowners volunteering 4 hours/month to the program with an additional 6 waiting to be trained in late May and June. We can always use more help. It is easy duty, basically communicating with boaters the need to have clean boats as we inspect their boats.

If interested, contact Glen Peterson. glenrpeterson@aol.com or 847-742-6532.

legal corner

*Wisconsin Boating Regulations
Wisconsin DNR*



Q What are the traffic rules when meeting other boats on the water?

A When two motorboats are approaching each other head-on or nearly so, each boat shall bear to the right and pass the other boat on its left side.

Right Of Way When two motorboats are approaching each other at right angles or in a crossing situation, the boat on the right is the privileged boat and has the right-of-way. The boat on the left shall slow and/or change course to cross behind the privileged boat to avoid collision.

When a motorboat and a boat propelled entirely by sail or muscle-power are proceeding in such a direction as to involve risk of collision, the motorboat shall yield the right-of-way.

**address
changes**

Contact Al Heerey or Joanne Hibbard with your address changes. We will also add distribution to those who maintain property on our lake, even if they are not landowners.

Call Al at 282-6768 or email heerey@charter.net
Call Joanne at 282-5922 or email davidandjoanne@charter.net

NOTE: If there is a red dot on your mailing address, your dues for 2007 are due.
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Please help us compile a complete list of email addresses.

Newsletter printing, courtesy Drs. Foster & Smith

Crescent Lake **july 4th** **celebration**



boat parade
2 p.m. July 4

Departure will be from the portage to Lake Emma (Radtke Bay) promptly at 2:00. Please assemble 10 minutes before departure to allow judges to gather your identification information. Certificates will be awarded for:

- n Most Creative
- n Most Patriotic
- n Most Wild and Crazy

We need 3-4 volunteer judges; please generously offer your time. It's a fun, but tough job due to many great entries. Contact Pat Heery at heery@charter.net

fireworks
dusk July 4

The O'Melia family has agreed to again allow use of their property for the fireworks launching for this year. Hibbard family and friends (who maintain the ATF pyro-technics licenses) are carefully selecting and purchasing fireworks to awe us. Please follow Association members guidance for safe viewing on the lake.

Keep your running lights on and stay behind the markers at the entrance to Radtke Bay..



Only a few of the creative entries from last year's Boat Parade



current status: boat landing renovation

This image was taken last weekend and shows the progress on the boat landing renovation.

The cranes necessary to tie the three cement planks farthest in the water were scheduled to be at the landing this week. Musson then hopes to have the first course of black top down by Friday. The landing will be open for opening fishing.

The landing is quite usable and even without these final touches, works great, as many of us have already launched our boats.

Come to the meeting on May 19 to find out the latest update on this project.

win a \$4000 shoreline makeover

If you are a land owner with a problem shoreline and you are committed to improving water quality, plant and animal diversity, and a return to a more natural Northwoods look - you could win the 2007 Save Our Lakes and Streams Xtreme Garden Makeover, sponsored by Hanson's Garden Village, LLC, and Outdoor Rooms, Inc., LLC, both of Rhinelander.

Prize includes a minimum of \$2,000 plants, materials, and design from Hanson's and \$2,000 value in installation and materials from Outdoor Rooms. The installation will be done during the fall of 2007 or during the 2008 growing season.

Premium consideration will be given to situations that reconnect wildlife corridors, slow runoff and/or provide a good example on an over-developed shoreline. Initial screening will be based upon the information submitted, with finalists being visited by a member of the selection committee.

Pick up entry forms at Hanson's during regular business hours, or print it off their website at: hansonsgardenvillage.com

Do not wait to see if you are selected to take care of immediate erosion or environmental problems. Do not apply if you are under court order, instructions from the DNR or EPA or County Zoning Authority to mitigate or apply erosion practices. Projects already receiving public cost-sharing dollars will receive low scoring by the selection committee. If your project requires the services of a civil or other engineer, you will be responsible for that portion of the project. Land owner is responsible for any required permits.

new Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

Effective March 19, 2007, the Oneida Land and Water Conservation Committee selected Radley Watkins as our new AIS Coordinator.

Watkins has a background in natural resource research and land-use planning. He studied biogeography as an undergraduate at the University of Montana, and landscape ecology while obtaining his master's degree in Forestry at Michigan Technological University. Watkins has worked as a county planner in Idaho where he had first hand experience managing land-use practices to protect waters. For the past three years he has been working as a natural resource strategic-planning consultant.

Watkins' family has owned lakefront property in Oneida County for 58 years. He now lives in Hazelhurst with his wife Gretchen, daughter Lena, and their horses and dogs.

Radley can be contacted at 715-369-7836 or reached by email at rwatkins@co.oneida.wi.us

you can make a difference

If you are interested in making a difference on our lake, you would make a great addition to our board. Interested candidates should call Jim Gehrke at 282-5924. We like passionate residents and robust dialogue.

If you would like to serve on the nominating committee, please call 282-5924.



free pontoon boat rides

The Lake Association board has agreed to provide boat rides for any Crescent Lake resident or member of the Association who has no other way to get out on the water and enjoy the lake.

If you no longer have a boat, or find it difficult to get out for any reason, call to arrange a time for a board member to pick you up for a leisurely ride on our beautiful lake.

If you can give us a couple of days notice, we will arrange a captain and conversation. Who knows, if you are a long time resident of the lake, perhaps you can teach us a few things about our beautiful Crescent Lake.

Call Jim Gehrke at 282-5924.