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On Saturday, June 8th the Green Lake Property Owners Association held our 2012 annual meeting at the Green Lake Bible Camp. Again this year the meeting was a great success. A total of 97 people joined us to hear great speakers, gain perspective on what the GLPOA board has been doing and enjoy the fellowship with neighbors and friends. If you have not attended a GLPOA annual meeting in the past, be sure to do so next June as it is a very informative and a fun time together. This year we were joined by many of our local and state elected officials, employees of the Minnesota DNR and the Crow River Water Shed District. We also listened to presentations on the GLPOA involvement with Stop Zebra Mussels, fishing tournaments, Eurasian Water Milfoil and the general process of our legislator. We did this in one hour! Again, next summer make sure to join us the third Saturday morning in June for a one hour information packed meeting.



For the last two years the GLPOA board has been working with the Minnesota DNR to secure one of the power washing units that the DNR owns to help prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species. We were excited to announce at the annual meeting that we have reached an agreement with the DNR - Green Lake will have a power washer for many of the busy weekends and all of the scheduled fishing tournaments. This is a big accomplishment since the State only owns 15 of these highly sought after machines. The problem is that we need people to volunteer to help wash boats when we have the power washing unit at Green Lake. So far this season our volunteer pool has been very small and in order for us to continue we will need your help. If you can give up an early morning of one or more of your weekends please contact Terry Frazee. We appreciate your help!

For those of you who were not at the lake on Sunday evening June 17th we had quite a storm. Many docks were damaged, trees uprooted and even some homes had roof damage. As I toured the lake by boat on Monday, I saw many personal belongings floating in the lake. If you are missing anything, please remember you can call any GLPOA board member to have your item posted on the lost and found page of our web site.

Have a safe and happy 4th!
God Bless America,

Jamie Duininck



CORRECTION NOTICE FOR THE 2012 DIRECTORY

The Winter Sail Racing photo was submitted by Gary Lagerstedt. Many Thanks!!

Please check your 2012 Green Lake directory as pages may be missing. Drop Terry a note at PO Box 362 • Spicer, MN 56288 and a corrected directory will be sent to you. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.





Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment

During the past years, the Green Lake Property Owners Association has treated Green Lake to stop the spread of Eurasian Water milfoil, of which we have been very successful.

History shows the number of acres since 2009 as follows:

- 2009 7.92 acres
- 2010 8.68 acres
- 2011 6.03 acres
- 2012 6.88 acres

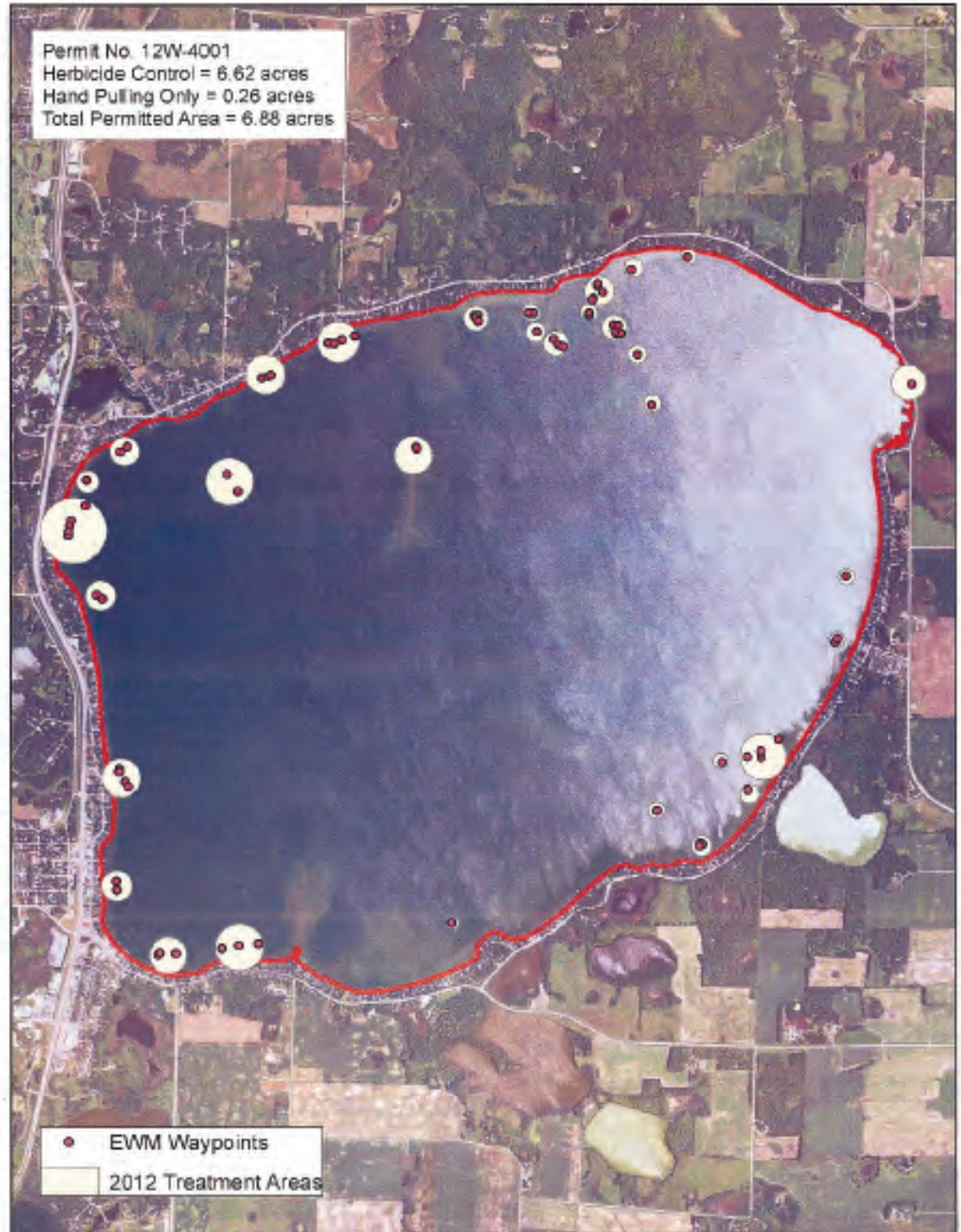
We expected up to 10 acres to treat for the 2012 year, as snow cover on the lake will prevent this A.I.S. plant from growing in the winter season. Due to the lack of snow, which we are grateful for, we did not see an increase as we expected.

Please look at the enclosed map to see where the DNR has located the milfoil for treatment for 2012 year. If you find milfoil while you are boating around Green Lake that is not recorded on the map, we ask that you contact either Bob Schemel or Roger Sowder so they may mark the same on the GPS. This will than be treated for the fall treatment plan.

Please look at the contacts from the lake, of which you may also contact any of these people. We need to work together to make this program a success to wipe out Eurasian Water milfoil.

Thank you,

*Bob Schemel,
Chairperson*

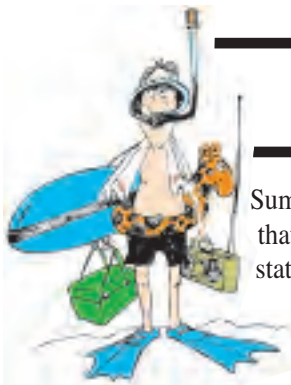


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Nicholas Brown, MN DNR

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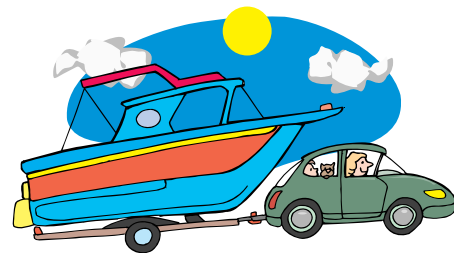


New Lake Laws



Summer is in full swing and so are all the activities on our lakes and rivers including some new laws passed this year that build on the tools available for prevention and management of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Last year the state enacted laws that:

- Made the compliance with AIS inspection requirements an express condition of operating or transporting water-related equipment.
- Allow authorized inspectors the ability to prohibit the launching or operation of water-related equipment if a person refuses to allow an inspection or does not remove and dispose of AIS, aquatic macrophytes (plants) and water.
- Require all water-related equipment to be drained before leaving any water body.
- Require service providers to complete training and obtain a permit from DNR before providing any services.



This year new laws were enacted that build on our current capacity to prevent and manage for AIS. Some of the laws that will help increase the state's capacity to prevent the spread of AIS include:



- An increase in civil penalties from previous amounts (most civil penalties were doubled).
- The ability for the DNR Commissioner to enter into delegation agreements with local or tribal government to employ inspectors that have been trained/authorized by DNR and conduct inspections and decontamination approved by DNR.
- The ability to create centralized inspection stations that service multiple lakes with an approved plan.
- The requirement that boat lifts, docks, swim rafts, etc. removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body for at least 21 days.

These are just some of the new requirements that will be implemented this year. For a full description and breakdown of the State of Minnesota's AIS Laws please visit the DNR's Aquatic Invasive Website: www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic. A factsheet outlining the dry times for various equipment is forthcoming later this summer and will be available on our website.



Along with the new laws and regulations comes an increase in inspections across the state. As a means of maximizing the effectiveness of the inspection program we have identified the prevention of spread of zebra mussels from infested lakes. We will increase and concentrate our inspection efforts on high use lakes currently infested by zebra mussels among other invasive species. The DNR has 120 inspectors on the ground currently.

This increase in inspections is exemplified on Lake Minnetonka; in 2011 the DNR logged 1,925 hours of access time and inspected 6,863 watercraft during that time. This year our goal is 6,500 hours with 4680 of those being level 2 (with decontamination units) inspection hours. This results in more than a threefold increase with the majority of those hours resulting in level 2 inspections. DNR Enforcement efforts are also underway checking water-related equipment and lake service providers working on the Lake. For the first time, the DNR will utilize temporary roadside check stations to inspect boats and trailers in proximity to key lakes in the state. Plans are underway to pilot this effort in June; locations for some of the stations are still being worked out.

The DNR is not the only governmental unit performing inspections on Green Lake. The Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District has a joint powers agreement with the DNR and now has their own staff out at the accesses performing inspections. This type of partnership is essential in the management and prevention of AIS across the state. Green Lake is an excellent example of where partnerships have heightened the ability of all involved to address the AIS issue. Key players in the management and prevention of AIS on Green Lake include the Green Lake Association and the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District. These collaborative efforts play a major role in the inspections to prevent the spread of AIS and management efforts for those species already present in the lake. Laws and regulations are a key tool in our AIS tool box, however, the effective partnerships developed on Green Lake are the foundation for making continued progress on managing invasive species.





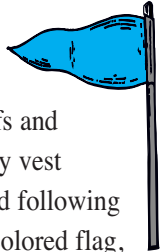
Water and Sewer Report



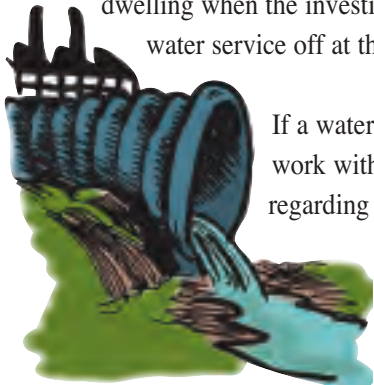
The Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District (GLSSWD) is scheduled to proceed with a water leak survey involving its complete potable water system, this includes the service area around Green Lake (except within the city limits of Spicer), County Rd 30 (Old Mill Rd), 153rd Ave., 69th St., west side of Hwy 23 from the Water Treatment Plant to 153rd Ave. and the trunk line to the New London water tower. The company hired to perform the water leak survey is Water Conservation Service Inc. from Lino Lakes, MN.



The project will start Monday, July 9th and throughout that week with GLSSWD staff locating and flagging property water service line shut offs. This will include what is referred to as District shut offs and any private shut offs. You will notice staff, all identified by wearing GLSSWD uniforms and a safety vest locating the water shut offs in the road right of way and on any what is known as common lines, and following property water service lines to locate any private shut offs. All shut offs will be flagged with a blue colored flag, please leave flags in place. The GLSSWD will remove all flags when the leak survey is completed in your area.



On Monday, July 16th and for approximately the next three days the water leak survey service company will perform the actual leak survey work. Using sophisticated listening equipment they will check each located/flagged water shut off. There may be the need to recheck certain shut offs if initial investigation warrants it. There may also be the need for property owner help. This would involve verifying no water is being utilized in the dwelling when the investigation takes place at your location. It may also require the GLSSWD to shut the water service off at the water meter location to better analyze the situation.



If a water leak is suspected at a certain location and warrants inspection/repair, the GLSSWD will coordinate the work with the effected property owner. All excavation and restoration costs will be covered by the GLSSWD regarding this specialized water leak survey. Future private party water service line leak repair (property owner side of District water shut off) may become the responsibility of the property owner. This will be determined by consent of the Green Lake committee and confirmed by the GLSSWD Commission.

Results of the water leak survey, as part of the July GLSSWD Commission meeting minutes, will be able to be viewed on the GLSSWD website. Go to www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us, hit Public Works tab, click on Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District, click on GLSSWD Commission & Minutes, and see July approved minutes.



The GLSSWD thanks you in advance for your cooperation regarding the scheduled water leak survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the following.

Office 320-796-4523
Cell 320-905-7640
E-mail glswd@co.kandiyohi.mn.us

Ron Hagemeyer • GLSSWD Director

Nature Observations



I cannot believe this. I spent most of Father's Day, June 17th, afternoon typing these notes, so they'd be finished well ahead of schedule. Not having a great deal of special activities to write about, I mentioned the bluebirds my neighbors and I had seen - a rare sight for us; the families of Canada geese swimming by in two and three groups of parents and seven or eight goslings each; the loons that still call at midnight and I wondered why - obviously including, with each observation, my thoughts. Then I hit "save," intending to finish it Monday with observations of flowers, etc. It didn't - "save," that is.



Then came Sunday night: lightning flashed, thunder crashed, rain fell, wind blew, trees fell, trees uprooted, trees through roofs, crushed cars, pontoons turned turtle - with their lifts, docks broke apart, boat canopies ripped, electric current off - no lights around the lake.

Monday: chain saws buzzing, leaf blowers blowing, trailers full lining up at landfill, mowers cutting grass, bags full, perspiration dripping.

Tuesday: A storm forecast. Oh, no...



Where was the wind from? Trees fell south, trees fell west, trees fell east, a flag blew UP the flagpole, an updraft lifted branches straight up and then twisted. You tell us.



A couple beautiful sun-filled days, bluebird returned, new lakes formed in fields in nearby locales, recovery being made, winds stilled.

May the Green Lake breezes blow more gently the rest of the summer.

Gloria Benson



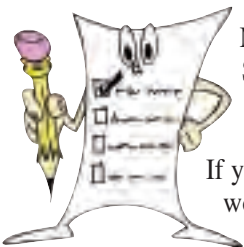
Who Are "Our" Lake Service Providers?

Mr. Nicholas Brown, Invasive Species Specialist presented training to any company/organization which was interested in doing lake work with docks/pontoons/boat lifts by placing them in Green Lake during the summer of 2012.

Each company/organization is REQUIRED to receive training about looking for zebra mussels along with any other AIS which might invade Green Lake.

Here is a list of those who are permitted LAKE SERVICE PROVIDERS in Kandiyohi County. Please note, that this list is only of 'businesses' (permit holders) and does not include those certified to work under the LSP (employees).

Nathan Field, Eagle Lawn and Labor; Alex Grove, Grove Dock and Lift; John Jenniges, Twin Lakes Service; Jeff Karnes, Little Crow Sports Center, Inc.; Brian Nelson, Nelson Specialties; Nathan Nielson, Spicer Sports and Marine; Oscar Oakes, Oakes Lawn Care, LLC; Christopher Pientka, 4 Season's Lawn and Beach Service; Tom Rieschl, Family Marine; Sandi King and Chad Sachs, Annual Outdoors; Wayne Tensen, Tensen Marine; Norm Westby, Mike's Dock and Yard Service, Inc.



If you received a boat lift, pontoon, PWC, dock, please ask the business if they have received the "PERMIT" necessary to work within Green Lake, also have others in their business been trained?



We are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels, or other AIS within Green Lake. Please ask your "Lake Service Provider" if all have been trained, also do they know where this pontoon came from, the dock and the boat lift?

We all need to work together to prevent Zebra Mussels from invading Green Lake.

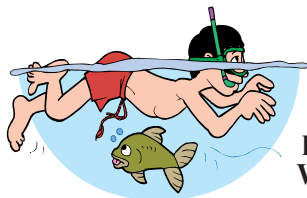
Ron Schneider • AIS Chairperson



Lake Watcher Program Report



GLPOA has developed a 'Lake Watcher' Program to monitor existing Eurasian watermilfoil areas and to watch for new infestations. The program is based on 15 mapped areas, or zones, up to 21 feet in depth, with zone maps developed by Dave Coahran, DNR Spicer Fisheries Biologist. The Zone maps include marked waypoints of known milfoil areas.



Lake Watchers' work will assist with annual Eurasian watermilfoil survey which is the basis of the herbicide treatment and diver removal milfoil control program. **The most important part of the Green Lake survey of Eurasian watermilfoil is the continual notification from property owners and lake users who see new milfoil plants and stands and report the locations. When you see a change or suspect milfoil plants please contact a person listed below.**

Property owners have volunteered to monitor 13 of the Lake Watcher Zones: the zone areas are identified by addresses around the lake to provide property owners with a contact person in your area. Should you view a possible Eurasian watermilfoil site, you can contact the person in your zone with the information.

ZONE 1: North Shore — addresses from 8009 to 9999 North Shore Drive (includes Old Mill Inn and Rush Brown Access): *Kelly TerWisscha, 796-5190*

ZONE 2: North Shore — addresses from 10011 to 11845 North Shore Drive (includes Lone Tree Bar): *Bill and Ann Latham, 796-5264*

ZONE 3: North Shore to Indian Beach Harbor — addresses 11867 North Shore Drive to 13426 Indian Beach Road (includes County Park 5 and Outlet area): *Jim and Jenny Olson, 796-5427*

ZONE 4: Indian Beach Road — addresses 13398 to 12040 Indian Beach Road: *Duane Hanson, 796-2246*

ZONE 5: Indian Beach Road to 1/2 Indian Beach Circle — addresses 12026 Indian Beach Road to 11024 Indian Beach Circle: *Mike Hanson, 235-2780*

ZONE 6: Indian Beach Circle to Lake Avenue S — addresses 11010 Indian Beach Circle to 10134 Lake Avenue S (includes Bible Camp, Emerald Bay and Gratz's Bar): *Dean Quale, 796-2448*

ZONE 7: City of Spicer, Lake Avenue N and South — addresses 271 Lake Avenue S to 334 Lake Avenue N (Whistle Stop, includes Melvin's, Lion's Park): *Tom and Pat Broman, 798-5611*

ZONE 8: Lake Avenue N, Skyline Drive to Old Mill Inn — addresses 335 Lake Avenue N to 7595 through 14474 Skyline Drive and 7595 through 7911 North Shore Drive: *Darrell and Mary Sunvold, 796-0204*

ZONE 9: Off Shore, lakeward of Green Lake Beach, Rice Estates and Rush Brown Access: *Bob Hodapp, 796-2009*

ZONE 10: Off-shore, includes Hultgren's Bar: *Robert Schemel, 796-0093*

ZONE 13: Off-shore, lakeward north of Bible Camp: *Roger Sowder, 796-2491*

ZONE 14 and ZONE 15: Lakeward off Spicer and lakeward north of Gratz's Bar: *Gene Kubesh, 796-6901*

Note: we need two Lake Watch volunteers for Zones 11 and 12, lakeward off County Park 5 and lakeward straight north of Indian Beach Circle. Please call Roger Sowder at 796-2491 or Ann Latham at 796-5264 if you are willing to Lake Watch these areas.

Please retain this Lake Watch information for your address location and contact person. **Please call in any observations you have that may assist GLPOA survey of Eurasian milfoil sites.**



A huge thank you to all the volunteers willing to make the Lake Watcher Program work for Green Lake!

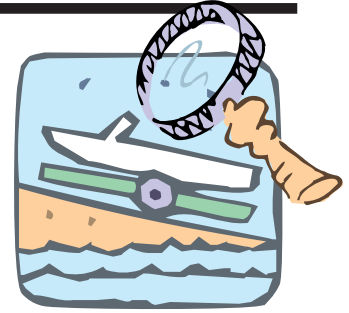
Ann Latham





Ineffective Response to Spread of Invasive Species

A law which is not enforced is not likely to be respected. Current Minnesota law allows DNR Conservation officers to conduct random roadside checks of boats being towed. According to the StarTribune on June 24th, 2012, DNR has delayed doing such checks because some county attorneys have reservations about their constitutionality. Two DNR roadside checks which had been scheduled for last week were cancelled. Local county attorneys would prosecute violations found in the checks. Where were the county attorneys when the legislature was considering adoption of the law?

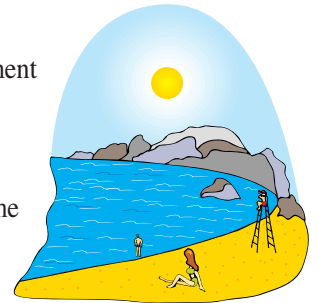


IS A DEVALUATION OF LAKESHORE PROPERTY LIKELY TO FOLLOW ZEBRA MUSSEL INFESTATION?

There are approximately 63,000 feet of Green Lake shoreline. If the average value is \$5,000 per foot, the total value is \$315 million. Realtors expect that there would be something like a 10% decrease in market value of \$31.5 million as a consequence of an infestation.

The City of Spicer is involved in a significant residential development which has the potential to degrade lake water quality.

Spicer has purchased land in the Woodcock Lake area and is currently making improvements to it. This has the potential to increase the inflow of silt and phosphorus into Green Lake, depending upon whether best management practices are followed.



The June 23, 2012 issue of Lakes Area Review indicates that the city intends to annex land in Green Lake Township "... as part of bringing a paved street and utilities to the new Lakeview Ridge development." The same issue disclosed that Spicer intends to mitigate reduced wetlands in this area as a part of its 2012 improvement project. Jeff Bredberg, Kandiyohi County Director of Environmental Services, noted that "wetlands are important because they filter out sediment and waste, including chemicals, before they reach lakes."

Currently the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District is involved in an effort alleviating the inflow of sediment into Green Lake.



It is recognized that with appropriate management practices ground water runoff can be reduced and water quality enhanced if curb and gutter and minimal impervious surface (e.g. narrow street width) are kept to a minimum. Ideally all storm water should be filtered before entering Green Lake. What happens in the development is important to the lake's welfare.

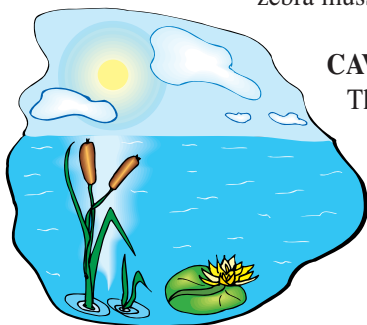
VOLUNTEER INSPECTORS/POWER WASHERS

Both Bob Schemel and Terry Frazee have given substantial time to controlling the spread of milfoil and power-washing of tournament boats. Their contributions have taken time from their families. This is the third summer that they have attacked the zebra mussel threat. Terry has lost count of the time that he's given in defending our lake against milfoil. They deserve our gratitude.



The failure of our legislature to provide the \$10 million which DNR recommended to fund an effective, state-wide AIS containment program has made Green Lake more vulnerable to a zebra mussel infestation.

Our association has been generous in providing support to our lobbying effort. Let's hope and let's work to achieve a meaningful, effective zebra mussel control program based upon long-term, regular fund from tax dollars.



CAVEAT!

The cost of not mitigating the zebra mussel threat now dwarfs the cost of doing mitigation in the future. Only two years ago there were but 24 lakes to contain. Today there are eighty infested lakes. How many will there be next year?

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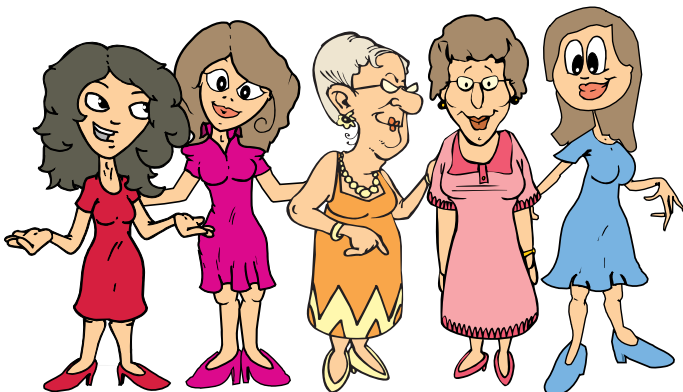
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Women's Luncheon

This handout was given to women and men (for wives/significant others) at our Annual Meeting. We were asked 'why no Saturday dates' as some do not arrive until the weekend. So, we set one for Saturday, August 18th.

We met for our first gathering and had a wonderful lunch, made new friends and had many laughs. We are trying to make this a day, as in the past, a fun relaxed time to enjoy. Come and bring a friend (who maybe knew nothing about it).

See you at the Castle!



Women of Green Lake
we invite you to a
Women's luncheon

June--13 Little Crow Country Club
July--11th the Spicer Castle
RSVP by Tuesday the 9th

August--8th Little Crow Country Club
August--18 MCKALE'S New London
Sept.--5th Spicer American Legion

Seating and serving 11:30 A.M.

Any questions-please call
and/or
RSVP to Linda @ 796-6031
Kathryn @ 796-2502

Bring a friend
and meet a new one !