

LILLY LAKE NEWS

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SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY MIKE ADAM

The August 2009 annual meeting of the Lilly Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was a lively and productive meeting. A packed room discussed issues ranging from weed control to lake water levels. It became clear that the residents of the District are interested in their community and want to ensure that the lake and surrounding area be maintained and continue to be a favorable place to live.

It also became clear that residents were interested in more information on many subjects. A newsletter was suggested as a way to provide information and inform people of lake and community issues. This first issue of the Lilly Lake News will attempt to fulfill that role.

Of course the content of this newsletter is up to you. We have folks living in the District from all walks of life and we should capitalize on the varying degrees of experience.

I am a relative newcomer to the area, having only lived here five years. Last year I rode around the lake with a couple of long-time residents. It was a tremendous history lesson for me.

Knowing the history of the lake greatly helps in looking forward and guiding future management decisions.

Hopefully we can use this newsletter as a conduit for dissemination of information. Please feel free to send me information that may be appropriate for future newsletters. Contact me (mikelly@wi.rr.com or 262-537-2413).



LILLY LAKE BEACH & LAUNCH UPDATES

Thanks to the Wheatland Town Board for approving funds to install a new fence along the beach and replacing some signage at the launch!



AQUATIC PLANT STUDY COMPLETED

"Controlling exotic plants and protecting the native plant population is crucial to the ecological balance of the resource." - Aron and Associates

Aron & Associates was contracted by the Town of Wheatland in 2008 to conduct an aquatic plant survey and to create an Aquatic Plant Management Plan under a grant awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Lakes program. The completed report can be found at: www.townwheatland.com, then click on "Directory", then on "Lilly Lake Protection and Rehabilitation", then on "Reports".

A total of 15 plant species were found, most being high quality native plants. Two species, curlyleaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil, are exotic invasive plants we don't want in the lake. Recommendations were to manage these two plants before they outcompete the beneficial native plants.

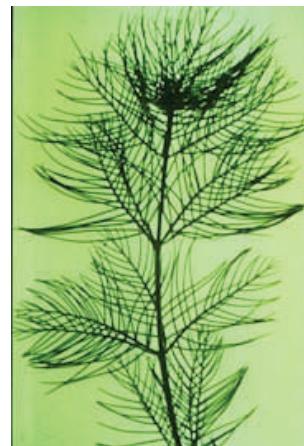
In addition, the swimming beach area was also treated.



As a result of this study, an aquatic plant management committee was formed to address the concerns mentioned in the plan. In both 2009 and 2010, chemical treatments targeted areas of Eurasian water milfoil. In



Robbin's Pondweed (native)



Eurasian water milfoil (exotic)

GET INVOLVED!!

Next Issue:

- Water Quality Monitoring
- District Annual Meeting Highlights

If you live around or use Lilly Lake in any way you probably have an opinion on how things could be improved or how you would like to see them remain the same. You may not know a weed from a rock, or a fish from a snail, but you can still help out the lake and your neighborhood. There are many ways you can help.

At previous meetings there has been a call for volunteers to serve on committees to provide insight and information to the Lilly Lake Rehabilitation Board.

Currently we have the following committees:

- Water Quality Monitoring
- Weed Management
- Newsletter

- Lake Level

If these are areas of interest to you, please consider volunteering to help.

