Greetings to the Upper South Long Lake community! The ice is off of the lake, the docks are going in and it looks like another wonderful summer season is just around the corner.

We are excited to be launching our Lake Improvement District (LID) this year and this will be our top priority. The USLL LID will be a separate legal entity that will work closely with the lake association in focusing on water and ecosystem quality programs.

The updated USLL Directory is ready to be distributed. Thanks to Beth Larson and Jack Rolfs for updating the information and redesigning the directory. The cover picture looks terrific. You will also note that there is advertising in the new directory so please patronize our local merchants and USLLIA supporters.

To learn more about the LID, and Water, Land and Recreational committee updates and to socialize with your neighbors, please join us at the Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 28, 10:00 AM at the Green Lantern.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on our boards and committees so please consider volunteering your talents and energy.

Thanks for your ongoing lake stewardship and support.

Ron Trosvig – USLLIA President

P.S. Some of the recent USLLIA topics of concern were recently in the Star Tribune. They focus on the invasive species. You can read them online:


http://www.startribune.com/opinion/commentary/113411249.html?elr=KArksc8P:Pg:Og8P:Pg:UiD3aPc:Yyc:aULPQL7PQlanchO7DiUr
Upper South Long Lake Lake Improvement District (LID) Update

By Bruce Dybvig, Vice President

Last year the Crow Wing County Commissioners approved the petitioned request for the creation of the Upper South Long Lake LID, and the initial by-laws that now govern this newly created entity. An interim Board of Directors was appointed and included: Ron Trosvig, Dan Martonik, Mary Reetz, John Pietruszewski, Don Crust, Brad English and Bruce Dybvig. The primary focus of this interim Board is to comply with the governing by-laws of the LID until the first elected Board is established via election by the LID membership this summer.

As the name “Lake Improvement District” implies, the LID will have a primary focus of funding activities that support continuous lake quality improvement. This will include our ongoing ‘battle’ with aquatic invasive species, shoreline improvement efforts, educational programs etc.

One of the most important immediate duties of this interim Board is to secure nominees for the new Board of Directors which will be elected by our LID membership at its first Membership Meeting to be held at the Green Lantern on Saturday, July 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am central daylight time. If you are interested in being a board member, please contact one of the board members listed above with your interest, or by sending an email to usllia1@gmail.com.

Zebra Mussels

MEMBERSHIP!!

Membership in the USLLIA is still important! It can do things that the LID cannot.

Such as:

Respond to current Issues
Print a directory
Contact County Officials
Maintain website
Newsletters
Education
Relationships with other Gov’t entities
There is strength in Numbers!
Manage everything that is not in LID plan

The LID can only perform tasks which were outlined in the original proposal to the county. It cannot get involved in political matters.

Please pay your dues if you haven’t already! The cost is only $25.

BIGGER REALLY IS BETTER!!
(When it comes to lakeshore buffers anyhow!)

One of the most important improvements we can make to the lake is to stop the runoff by leaving a buffer zone between the lawn and the lake. The bigger the better!

Upper South Long Lake Improvement Association

Spring Meeting
Green Lantern
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Saturday, May 28, 2011

Let’s get the whole flock there!!
Unlike Bald Eagles, an Osprey can become completely submerged during its dive into the water and still be able to fly away with its prey. Bald Eagles are usually limited to plucking fish.

**Facts:**

1. A biologist who studies fish is called an ichthyologist.
2. The most poisonous fish in the world is the Stone fish.

---

**OAK LAWN TAVERN**

Great Burgers and Broasted Chicken

15483 State Hwy 18, Brainerd, MN 56401
218-829-7656

---

**Wild Bird Store**

At Little Farm Market

Shelly Stanley · John Lonsky
516 C St. NE, Brainerd, MN 56401
·218-829-5436· fax: 218-828-2045
NEW LAWS THAT WILL AFFECT YOU!!

As of July 1, 2010, the following regulations, apply to the transportation of water by boaters from all waters in the state (violations are misdemeanors):

- a person leaving waters of the state must drain boating-related equipment holding water and live wells and bilges by removing the drain plug before transporting the watercraft and associated equipment on public roads; and
- drain plugs, bailers, valves, or other devices used to control the draining of water from ballast tanks, bilges, and live wells must be removed or opened while transporting watercraft on a public road.

We’re on the web!!!
http://usllia.org/index.html

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day!

Hey! What could be better than that?

HERGET CONSTRUCTION


For Quality Work call Joe at: 218-764-3554
10064 Leisure Ln, Brainerd, MN, 56401
MN Lic. #20238723