

LOON LAKE – WESCOTT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Fall 2021 NEWSLETTER



It's hard to believe that it is August and we are starting to think about the end of summer! Hopefully you all had a chance to take some time to enjoy the lake. We have had many beautiful sunny days and lots of wildlife to enjoy including a baby loon, the Eagle and Osprey residing on the island and occasional sightings of beaver, muskrats, snakes and bears. Unfortunately, the tree holding the Eagle's nest on the island came down a few weeks ago. We are hopeful that they will find another suitable tree for nesting as we sure would miss them on the lake.

As we get closer to the Labor Day holiday, with the rise again in COVID 19 numbers, the board has been discussing how to handle the upcoming annual meeting. The district is bound by state law to have an annual meeting before Sept 8th, but with the recommendations to again avoid large indoor gatherings and to mask, the board has made the decision to hold a meeting outside in the Camp Tekakwitha parking lot with a shortened agenda, covering the "must cover" items only – see agenda on the backside of this newsletter.

One of the "must cover" items is the annual budget. We have provided a "pre-read" of the proposed budget on the back side of the newsletter. Please review before the meeting as we will not be reviewing it line by line during the meeting. We will answer any questions before asking for a vote to approve.

In alignment with keeping the meeting to "must cover" items, below are some updates on other topics normally covered in the annual meeting.

- **Land Purchase** – As reported last fall the land purchase on the west end of the lake is finalized. We are happy to announce that the DNR has approved a grant to cover \$35,460 of the purchase cost. A special thanks goes out to Dick Koeller who worked for several months to write the grant and work closely with the DNR to get it approved!
- **Lake Conditions** – This summer brought lower water levels and good growing conditions for the weeds. The water level is currently at 34", thanks to the recent rainfall it is a little above the 29" reading after the ice went out in Spring. We have seen growth in both the Eurasian milfoil and native weeds. With these conditions, the board will work closely with Onterra and the DNR to monitor the lake through Fall and early Spring to determine the best Eurasian milfoil treatment plan for Spring.
- **Boater Activity** – We had another active boating season and wanted to remind everyone again to observe the no wake ordinance on the lake. We had several instances this year where boats coming from lake properties have violated the ordinance. Please continue to remind your family and neighbors of the no wake rule after 5:00 p.m. to allow fisherman and kayakers time to enjoy the calm waters.
- **Island Gatherings** – It is great to see people are using the point of the island as a place to gather and enjoy the lake. Unfortunately, the board has received reports of broken glass in the sand, beer can pop tops, plastic popsicle wrappers and lots of charcoal briquets in the water and at the edge of the island. Please be respectful of the lake, wildlife and your neighbors by leaving only footprints behind.
- **Garbage Concerns** – The Town of Wescott management has asked us to remind all residence that the garbage cans are to be used for household garbage only. Do not use BLACK bags for garbage and no PLASTIC bags are allowed in the recycling cans.

As we work through these unusual times, the board remains committed to taking actions to preserve and improve our lake. As the board tries to balance Covid 19 restrictions with compliance with state regulations, we ask that you align to changes in meeting agendas and formats so the district can continue to take actions to improve our lake while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

The Loon Lake Board