





Lake Life

MMLMD

**The Official Newsletter of the
MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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Our district website (www.mmlmd.org) is being revised and will be available in early October. For additional District information, contact a Commissioner

**37th Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting
Mountain View Community Center,
Saturday, July 20, 2013, 9:00 am**

- 8:00 am: Open Breakfast for all District residents**
Meet your lake neighbors over a free breakfast and free talk.
- 9:00 am: Call to Order**
- Meeting Agenda Approval; Board & member introductions
 - Minutes from July 21, 2012 Annual Meeting - Joe Slezak
 - Chairman’s Report – Tim Dahlstrand
 - Treasurer’s Report – Greg Foster
- Presentations**
- Canada Goose Management – Dennis Sutton
 - Aquatic Plant and Lake Planning–Rob Adams
 - Lake Endowment Committee – Paul Brinkman
 - Updates on other current district activities and future plans
- New Business**
- Presentation of 2013-2014 Budget – Greg Foster
 - Election of Commissioners– Nominees are Tim Dahlstrand and Greg Foster; Nominations taken from the floor
 - Other topics for discussion as brought up by the floor

CHAIRMAN’S DISTRICT ACTIVITY SUMMARY

At the Annual Meeting in July, Tim Dahlstrand, District Board Chairman, will present an overview of the past year’s activities and accomplishments making note of these activities:

- ✓ MMLMD obtained a five year DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control grant. Aquatic plant chemical treatment was done in May 2013. Curly leaf pondweed (CLP) was treated along with areas of Eurasian Milfoil.
- ✓ MMLMD entered into a contract with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council who will provide 100 hours of Clean Boat Clean Water inspections at the boat landing. This is a requirement of our DNR grant.
- ✓ Formation of retention policies for MMLMD documents & computer records continues. Dennis Sutton leads this effort.
- ✓ The MMLMD website is being revised by Joe Slezak to communicate “need to know” information to the district.

The MMLMD Board leads the management of our lake system. We are fortunate to have this dedicated group of individuals who volunteer their time and expertise on behalf of all members. However, we need additional volunteers to help with our projects and take on ownership of activities that need to be coordinated by volunteers and not just Board members.

2013 LAKE CHEMICAL TREATMENT UPDATE

Rob Adams will manage the new 5 year AIS lake management grant. Our consultant, Onterra LLC, will be our scientific partners to design the activities to preserve our lakes’ quality. Prevention of contamination of lakes through spreading of vegetation by boats and the harvester is the key focus. This year, chemical concentrations were increased slightly. Water sampling was taken at multiple locations throughout the lake at specified periods of days and hours after chemical treatment. Gary Frank and Pat Knurowski collected 90 water samples from 3 hours to 21 days after treatment to monitor the water quality.

**WAUSHARA COIUNTY LAKES FAIR:
AUGUST 10, 2013 AT CAMP LUWISIMO**

This activity will have many informative demonstrations, displays, and information concerning watershed conservation and lakeshore preservation. Bring your family to this one day event learn how lakes work and what other lakes are doing.

**HIGH CAPACITY WELLS & LEGISLATION:
How Does this Issue Impact Area Lakes?**

At this time, there is no impact on Mt. Morris Lakes, but studies are always being conducted to determine any potential impact on local lakes. There has been an impact on Long Lake and Little Plover River. The right laws and policies are needed. Keep informed on this issue and provide information to your state representatives to formulate appropriate policies.

**GOOSE ROUND-UP QUESTIONABLE FOR 2013 :
Not Many Geese – Cost Per Bird May Be Too High**

MMLMD is permitted to capture geese on 117 consenting properties. However, the late spring has limited the numbers of hatching geese. The cost per bird should be no more than \$25, but now it could be as high as \$80. This year’s round-up might be postponed to next year. The current count is 31 chicks, 18 adults...a decision to proceed will come June 25.

**DAM SHORELINE RESTORATION:
Volunteers Needed to Continue Maintenance**

Greg Foster took the lead to start the dam flume shoreline restoration and to maintain it these past years. It is now time for volunteers to continue that effort. Contact Greg directly. We have a 10 year commitment to maintain this site, and it needs to be done through volunteers, not just Board members.

MMLMD CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS (CBCW)

This summer, an assigned CBCW monitor, Erika, a student at UW Stevens Point who is studying environmental law enforcement, is providing 100 hours of service at our boat landings. She will assist boaters to inspect and clear their boats and trailers of lake vegetation, and empty dirty live well water before entering or leaving the lakes. These surveys are conducted during early morning fishing hours, 10:00 am skiing, and after 5:00 pm for boats entering or leaving to prevent spreading aquatic invasive species from lake to lake.

MORRIS LAKE BOAT LANDING PIER PLACEMENT, REMOVAL, & STORAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the beginning and at the end of the boating season, we put in our boat landing pier, and take it out for storage. Volunteers are needed to take charge of this activity. A show of volunteer hours helps to secure future State cost sharing grants. Contact Joe Slezak at 920-787-7111 or Greg Foster to provide assistance. It only takes a half a day to do this work.

MT. MORRIS LAKES ENDOWMENT FUND

At the July 2012 Annual Meeting the MMLMD created a committee to explore the formation of an endowment fund for MMLMD. The committee comprised of Tim Dahlstrand, Paul Brinkman, Jayne Neuendorf and Clem Maslowski has completed its work and will report its findings at the July 2013 annual meeting. Grants may not always be available to support our lake management efforts. A separate, independent charitable not-for-profit organization that will have 501(c)(3) status can be set up to ensure future monetary support.

HARVESTING: Prevent Spread & Contamination

Lakes will need to be free of contamination by the harvester. Cutting will be a maximum of 30 feet wide from the front of your pier. You are responsible for cleaning inside area of your pier. The harvester can't go beyond your pier and into the shoreline. Surface lake vegetation debris will be collected and navigation kept clear through channels and to your pier.

**MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2013 – 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET**

| ACCOUNT | BUDGET 2012-2013 | ACTUAL 2012-2013 | PROPOSED 2013-2014 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| AIS Control | \$ 65,512.00 | \$ 4,891.93 | \$ 63,665.00 |
| PHASE 1 STUDY | \$ 906.00 | \$ 906.50 | \$ - |
| PHASE 2 STUDY | \$ 3,731.00 | \$ 1,783.00 | \$ - |
| PHASE 3 STUDY | \$ 4,673.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - |
| AP Harvesting | | | |
| Contract Labor | \$ 9,890.00 | \$ 5,856.56 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Parts/Equipment | \$ 250.00 | \$ 222.09 | \$ 300.00 |
| Fuel & Oil | \$ 300.00 | \$ 362.00 | \$ 650.00 |
| Storage/License | \$ 1,575.00 | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 2,177.00 | \$ 2,167.00 | \$ 2,300.00 |
| Commissioner's Compensation | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 960.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Lake Convention Fees | \$ 300.00 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 200.00 |
| Lake Improvement | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Newsletter/Website Newspaper Notices | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 903.77 | \$ 725.00 |
| Dam Operation & Maintenance | \$ 2,085.00 | \$ 1,377.19 | \$ 1,450.00 |
| Affiliation Dues | \$ 425.00 | \$ - | \$ 704.00 |
| General Operating Expenses | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ 420.50 | \$ 10,035.00 |
| Annual Meeting | \$ 650.00 | \$ 583.00 | \$ 650.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$90,330.00 | \$ 23,358.66 | \$ 90,679.00 |
| FUNDING SOURCES | | | |
| DNR GRANT – AIS | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 21,008.00 |
| LAKE STUDY GRANTS | \$ 5,190.00 | \$ 5,191.00 | \$ - |
| OPERATING FUNDS | \$ 55,040.00 | \$ - | \$ 39,571.00 |
| LEVY & LATE FEES | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 29,545.27 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| INTEREST & MISC. | \$ 100.00 | \$ 60.45 | \$ 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 90,330.00 | \$ 34,796.72 | \$ 90,679.00 |

TOTAL PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET: \$ 90,679

The District Tax Levy will remain the same at \$30,000.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013 - Annual District Meeting

- Greg Foster attended the 2013 DNR Dam Safety Workshop
- Hal Neitzel attended the 2013 Wisconsin Lakes Convention
- Ice storm damage caused de-branching and de-foliation of many trees, revealing brighter yard lights. Consider placing side shields on your lights to preserve night sky viewing. Go to: <http://www.darkskysociety.org/handouts/talktoyourneighbor.pdf>
- Two commissioner positions on the Board - Tim Dahlstrand and Greg Foster, are open for re-election at Annual Meeting. Anyone can run for these positions by nomination from the floor.
- **Pontoon Boat Parade:** Last Saturday in July (July 27, 2013).