





Lake Life

MMLMD

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

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Be sure to access the MMLMD website at www.mtmorrislakes.org for expanded news and information about the articles published in this newsletter.

38th Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting Mountain View Community Center, Saturday, July 19, 2014, 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 20, 2013 Annual Meeting - Joe Slezak
 - Chairman's Report – Tim Dahlstrand
 - Treasurer's Report – Greg Foster
- Presentations & Reports**
- Lake Endowment Committee & Motion: Paul Brinkman
 - Flood Insurance: Greg Foster
 - District Website Revisions: Joe Slezak
- New Business**
- Presentation of 2014-2015 Budget – Greg Foster
 - Election of Commissioners– Nominees are Joe Slezak and Denis Sutton; Nominations can be taken from the floor
 - Other topics for discussion as brought up by the floor

2014 LAKE MANAGEMENT: Rob Adams

MMLD has just completed it's ninth consecutive year of chemical treatment to control aquatic invasive species in our lakes. This year's treatment was done to control both Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil, the two invasive species in our lake.

This year was the second year of treatment under our new five year financial support grant from the Wisconsin DNR. Under this grant the state covers 75% of the actual cost to treat these invasive species.

We continue to be impressed with the quality of the guidance we get from our consultant, Onterra, and the results that have come from their recommendations. You can read their comprehensive lake management plan on our web site.

If you want to see data on the trophic state (overall health) of our lakes and the trend in that health since we began collecting data please go to this website:
dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN

MT. MORRIS LAKES DISTRICT BOARD WILL PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH A LAKE ENDOWMENT FUND AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

As authorized at the July 21, 2012 annual meeting, an Endowment Fund Committee has explored the feasibility and advisability of establishing an endowment fund for the Mount Morris Lakes Management District (MMLMD).

This designated fund is specifically for the protection and rehabilitation of the Mount Morris Lakes. Recognizing the known future expenses for the MMLMD (such as AIS treatment) and that State grant money may not be available, the committee and MMLMD commissioners recommend that the Friends of Mount Morris Lakes Endowment Fund be established.

The purpose of the fund is to allow individuals to make tax deductible donations for the care of our lakes.

Endowment Fund Goal





The endowment fund goal is to have sufficient assets to fund all annual aquatic invasive species management and treatment activities from the earnings on those assets. Assuming treatment costs remain as current and a 5% annual endowment fund payout rate, an endowment fund balance of \$600,000 will be needed..

The District goal is to have this endowment fund goal achieved in twenty years by both individual contributions and earnings from the accumulated assets. Donations can be made directly to the Friends of Mount Morris Lakes Endowment Fund.

Proposed Annual Meeting Action

Come to the annual meeting to hear the full committee report and ask questions. A motion will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting to establish the Friends of Mount Morris Lakes Endowment Fund with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation (more information on the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation will be presented at the annual meeting).

How the Endowment Fund Works


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Donors'
Gifts

Safe
Investments

Interest

Future Lake Stewardship

**GOOSE ROUND-UP CANCELLED FOR 2014:
Another year of low geese population**

Another slow geese birth season. Observers have counted only 34 chicks and 26 adults. There are 6 pairs with chicks with the largest being 10. A number of pairs had no chicks. The total goose population is about the same as last year at 60. It is not advisable to spend the money this year on the limited number of geese that would be rounded up.

CAROL GREATHOUSE DONATES EQUIPMENT

This past year, Carol Greathouse, wife of past District Chairman Bob Greathouse, sold her home on Hannah Lake (Lake C). She contacted the District to offer some tools, chains, compressors, and other items that the District could use. We thank Carol for her donation, and we will miss her presence on the lake. We also thank Jim Unger for facilitating the transfer of the equipment to the District's equipment locker.

**CHECK OUT OUR REVISED WEBSITE:
www.mtmorrislakes.org**

After a few months of revision and conversion to a new website host, the district website is now live and available to provide much more District news that can be printed in this newsletter. It is a cost effective way for the District to provide vital information to its electors. The website is strictly informational and is not meant to win any awards for artistic design. The objective is to provide clear and constant updated information about key news of importance to district electors.

LAKE LIFE INFORMATION LINKS

Internet links provide information about lake issues and resources. Here are a few regarding current hot lake topics:

Blue Green Algae:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/bluegreenalgae/?a=1>

Invasive Species:

<http://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/home/Topics/InvasiveSpecies.aspx>

Water Health Tips:

<http://www.dhs.wis.gov/Water/index.htm>

**MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2014 – 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET**

ACCOUNT	BUDGET 2013-2014	ACTUAL 2013-2014	PROPOSED 2014-2015
AIS CONTROL	\$ 63,665.00	\$ 21,761.00	\$ 32,500.00
AP HARVESTING			
Contract Labor	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,817.00	\$ 7,500.00
Parts/Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 300.00
Fuel & Oil	\$ 650.00	\$	\$ 650.00
Storage/License	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,113.00	\$ 2,300.00
Commissioner's Compensation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Lake Convention Fees	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Newsletter/Website Newspaper Notices	\$ 725.00	\$ 828.77	\$ 725.00
Dam Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 910.00
Affiliation Dues	\$ 704.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 425.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 6,035.00	\$ 5,822.00	\$ 4,800.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 650.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 650.00
TOTAL	\$86,679.00	\$ 40,853.00	\$ 53,460.00

FUNDING SOURCES

DNR GRANT – AIS		\$ 23,465.00
OPERATING FUNDS		\$ 13,566.00
LEVY & LATE FEES		\$ 16,000.00
INTEREST & MISC.		\$ 429.00

TOTAL PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET: \$53,460



Pontoon Parade 2013

•Pontoon Boat Parade: Last Saturday in July... this year the date is July 26, 2014. Decorate your boat!

• Please! Install side shields on yard lights:
<http://www.darkskysociety.org/handouts/talktoyourneighbor.pdf>

• Two commissioner positions on the Board: Joe Slezak and Denis Sutton, are open for re-election at Annual Meeting. Anyone can run for these positions by floor nomination.

• Meeting with Free breakfast at 8:00 am: At the Mountain View Community Center, HWY 152

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014, 9:00 am - Annual District

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