



Letter From the LSIA President

Summer greetings to our Lake Sarah community! We're finally experiencing some real summer sun and temperatures, creating the perfect atmosphere to truly enjoy our lakeshore living! It's great to see all the boats and jet-skis enjoying tubing, wakeboarding, and water-skiing. The fishing boats are also out in full force as we continue to see a healthy catch of pan fish, bass, and an occasional walleye and northern. Several folks even did their part to reduce our unwanted carp population this spring!



The LSIA board members are excited to announce several major initiatives going forward in the next few years. First, please read Mark Holten's article on leadership and the structure of the LSIA Board. We have much talent, skill, passion, and determination among our LSIA membership and the LSIA Board needs to tap further into the diversity of our membership in order to meet the expanded committee roles we are looking to deliver to our members.

A second, and even more important issue facing all our lakeshore owners, is how we will respond to our TDML study, which was approved by the EPA in April. As this was the first critical step in our ability to make significant strides toward improving Lake Sarah's water quality (& clarity), we now need to educate all lakeshore owners as to the cost, benefits, and overall safety for what is recommended as a whole-lake treatment of curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) for our lake. The TMDL implementation plan will require a significant volunteer effort in order to manage the overall costs of this remedy. **Please consider volunteering, whether as a board member or to serve on a committee. It's a great way to meet your neighbors – and serve for a good cause!**

Finally, let's not forget the fun and fellowship that is at the core of our LSIA! Please mark your calendars to attend the General Membership Meeting and LSIA Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 24. Once again, we'll provide roast pork sandwiches – and you bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or any other "specialty" along with your own beverages. There will be games for the kids, door prizes, and a great time visiting with and meeting neighbors from around Lake Sarah.Don't miss this annual event!

Thank you for making Lake Sarah a great place to live!

Joe Baker
LSIA Board President

July 4th Boat Parade



Lake Sarah enjoyed another splendid 4th of July celebration with a variety of boats and pontoons showing American spirit as well as depicting momentous times in American History. Dock watchers experienced a couple lunar landings, the Twins' World Series Victory, the Lake Sarah Depot, and the "Spirit of St. Louis" airplane made a splash landing, along with other boats decked out in the traditional red, white, and blue. With the perfect summer weather, bright sunshine, and clear skies – it was great to see so many Lake Sarah residents on the water and on shore!

Thanks to all who participated in the Boat Parade! Our Association appreciates the participants and families who spent hours decorating their boats and pontoons, those watching from their yards and docks, and the judges who volunteered their time. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most Original (\$50), Patriotic (\$50), Lake Sarah History (\$50), Festive (\$25), Red, White & Blue, (\$25) at the Annual Meeting and Picnic on July 24.

LSIA Annual Meeting and Picnic



LSIA will hold the 23rd Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 24 on the shores of Lake Sarah in Jorgenson Park, Shady Beach Circle, on the south side of the lake off Highway 11.

At 3:00 p.m. LSIA will hold its Annual Meeting and election of board members. Games for children will take place at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. Back by popular demand, the picnic will include a pig roast provided by LSIA. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share, as well as beverages for yourself. You may also want to bring additional lawn chairs for comfortable seating. All are welcome to come. You will not want to miss the most popular LSIA event of the year!

At the meeting and picnic you will have the opportunity to:

- Elect new LSIA board members
- Learn about current Lake Sarah issues and updates
- Socialize with neighbors and enjoy family games
- Enter to win great door prizes
- Find out who won the Boat Parade awards
- Enjoy a pig roast and pot luck meal!



This is always a popular event. You won't want to miss it!

LSIA Annual Meeting Agenda

Lake Sarah Improvement Association
2011 Annual Meeting
July 24, 2011
3:00 p.m.
AGENDA

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| 1. Call meeting to order | Joe Baker |
| 2. Introduction of the Board and invited guests | Joe Baker |
| 3. Set agenda | Joe Baker |
| 4. Secretary's report | Donna Sheeley |
| 5. Treasurer's report | Roger Van Beusekom |
| 6. Membership report | Sonja Tilbury |
| 7. Fishery report | Joe Slavec |
| 8. Water level update | Scott Walsh |
| 9. Water quality update | Mark Holten / Joe Baker |
| 10. TMDL implementation plan (including Q&A) | Richard Brasch (TRPD) |
| 11. Introduce changes to the LSIA Board structure | Mark Holten / Joe Baker |
| 12. Election of new officers and Board members | Mark H. / Sonja T. / Carol B. |
| 13. July 4 th Boat Parade results & awards | Leah Pitzenberger & Marcia Moerke |
| 14. Lake Sarah Hors d'oeuvres Cruise | Len Nadasdy, Sonja Tilbury, & Bonnie Roeder |
| 15. Other questions or suggestions of members | Members |
| 16. Adjourn to the 23rd Annual Picnic | Rick Pratt (coordinator) |

LSIA Membership at All Time High



The LSIA membership committee is thrilled to report that it is 179 members strong! That count has broken the previous record high membership number for the association. Thank you to Sonja Tilbury and her team of volunteers for their continued efforts to make LSIA the best and strongest it can be.

TMDL Update

The Lake Sarah Nutrient (phosphorus) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study was approved by the EPA in April. The final step in the TMDL process is the development of an implementation plan utilizing the Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) staff for technical services. This TMDL Implementation Plan provides a brief overview of the TMDL findings; describes the principles guiding development of the implementation plan; describes the proposed implementation activities; and identifies the proposed sequencing, timing, and lead organizations for execution of those activities. The specific projects, estimated costs, and timelines are also summarized in this report. It is a must read for all lakeshore owners and residents of our Lake Sarah watershed. This will be reviewed at our LSIA Annual meeting which starts at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th at Jorgenson Park. We encourage all to attend and ask any questions you have. The 19 page draft report can be found at www.lakesarah.com on the TMDL page.



Curly-leaf Pondweed



Our aquatic arch nemesis curly-leaf pondweed is reaching its seasonal senescence and as it dies off, the wind carries the mats of dead vegetation to our shorelines. The good news is the seasonal end of this aquatic invasive plant will allow us to navigate the lake more easily. The bad news is it will quickly settle to the lake bottom, decay, and release nutrients and creating muck and algae blooms.

Shoreline property owners are advised to remove as much of this dead plant material as possible while it is still floating and easy to gather. Best methods to gather the weeds are use of landscaping rakes or long tine potato forks. Pile the weeds on your dock or shoreline for a day or two to allow them to drain most of their weight and then mulch them. If you do not have a mulch bin or pile, Mel Knapton (Raspberry Farm) has been allowing neighbors to dump their lake weeds in his mulch pile. If you prefer to hire the job done, contact Josh Lawman as he may be willing to provide the service for a fee. Removing these weeds can dramatically reduce the muck around your dock and shoreline over time. Every small thing we can do to remove nutrients from our lake is a step in the right direction!

LSIA Board of Directors Update

Every summer Lake Sarah residents are nominated and elected to the LSIA Board. This year, LSIA plans to make some changes to the structure of the Board. The LSIA Board is made up of four offices (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and between three and nine Directors. Over the past few years, it has had a flat structure, with board members acting as committee chairs and volunteers for a variety of activities and projects. However, being the board has so much going on right now, it needs to streamline and reorganize some of these activities to ensure there is time and resources to prioritize the most critical projects. Therefore, the plan is to create four groups of committees:

Communication

- Newsletter creation and distribution
- Educational information packaging and distribution to membership
- Meeting minutes
- Website/database/directory
- General communication

Water Issues

- Quality (TMDL, weeds, health)
- Level
- Walleye Program
- Navigation and safety (buoys, no-wake zones, channel markers)
- Lake cleanup

Membership

- Member recruiting
- LSIA fundraising
- Social activities (picnic, boat parade, membership meetings)
- Member value (retailer discount cards, Randy's, salt, etc.)

Outreach / Liaisons

- Cities (Greenfield, Independence, Medina, Loretto)
- Department of Natural Resources
- Three Rivers Park District
- Sarah/Pioneer Creek Watershed Commission

LSIA NEEDS YOUR HELP! It is looking for one or two people on point for each of the four groups. Those volunteers can be included on the board, but board nomination and attendance is not required. LSIA is also looking for volunteers for its various committees and activities. The nominating committee is working hard to identify and recruit LSIA members to participate in the activities that provide value to our lake and members. If you have an interest in joining the board, filling one of these on-point positions, being one of the committee chairs, or volunteering to help, drop us an email or give us a call! The nominating committee includes:

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National Night Out—August 2



The 28th Annual National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. National Night Out is a popular program that heightens crime and drug prevention awareness; strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved many Lake Sarah residents as well as citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2010. Thank you to those Lake Sarah residents who organize and attend local National Night Out festivities, making our community friendlier, healthier and safer!