

LSIA Newsletter

2017 LSIA Spring General Membership Meeting

Come and join us!

Tuesday April 4th
Independence City Hall

6:30p social time / 7:00p meeting

Mark your calendar!

2017 Dates to Remember

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Craig Mueller - Aquatic Solutions

Richard Brasch - Three Rivers Park District

We would like to invite all Lake Sarah area residents to the annual Spring General Membership meeting. Please feel free to come early for dessert/coffee and meet with the Lake Sarah Improvement Association board. As a part of the agenda we will be discussing the water quality "Report Card" of the lake from 2016 and the plans for lake treatment for 2017. Looking forward to seeing you!

April 4

Spring General Membership Meeting
6:30pm

July 4

Boat Parade
2:00 pm

July 23

Summer Picnic
Shady Beach Circle
2:00p-5:00p

October 10

Fall General Membership Meeting
Choo Choo Bar
6:30p social time
7:00p meeting

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LSIA Mission Statement

To promote policies and practices those represents and protects the interests of the Lake Sarah stakeholders and enhance their ability to maximize enjoyment of their shared resource.

LSIA TREASURER REPORT
02/28/17

	2017	2017
	BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE
<i>Assets:</i>		
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$ 35,897	\$ 35,897
21st century CD - 6 month (7378)	\$ -	\$ -
21st century CD - 12 month (0805)	\$ 8,976	\$ 8,976
21st century CD - 6 month (0003)	\$ -	\$ -
21st century CD - 6 month (0389)	\$ 37,019	\$ 37,019
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	\$ 81,892	\$ 81,892
<i>Receipts:</i>		
Membership for 2017	5,250	1,885
Contributions - Walleye Fund	500	100
Contributions - Water Quality		300
Contributions - Curly Leaf		
Contributions - Other		555
Interest -- checking		1
Interest -- CD's		2
Total Receipts:	5,750	2,843
<i>Disbursements:</i>		
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (news letters, postcards)	500	
Directory	100	
Membership/Board meetings	300	
Spring Meeting	150	
Spring Meeting Room Deposit (to be refunded)	1,000	
Boat Parade (prizes)	200	
Biff at Public Access	250	
Biff at Picnic Grounds	375	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	600	
Fall Meeting	150	
Winterfest	100	
Walleye Program	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	46,500	400
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(37,500)	
PayPal fees	125	22
Other Fees	600	
Total Disbursements:	13,850	422
Overage / (Deficit)	(8,100)	2,421
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	73,792	84,313



2017 Neighborhood Directory

We are currently updating the neighborhood directory as we receive membership information. If you have changed any information in the directory and would like it updated please let us know. Got any new neighbors? Please contact me with their name and phone number if possible so we can update the directory and welcome them!

The directory should be completed and sent out via email by mid-summer. We always print a few hard copies to be available also.

Questions? Updates?

Please contact Anne Horn @ annehutchhorn@msn.com



LSIA Membership Reminder!

A big thank you to all Lake Sarah area residents who have sent in their 2017 LSIA membership dues! We are about half way to our goal of at least 150 paid memberships. Once again, the dues are a low \$35.00 and any money donated to LSIA is tax deductible! We offer a couple simple ways to submit your membership dues. You can print the membership form at the end of this newsletter and mail it to the PO box noted. OR you can go to LakeSarah.com and find the link to PayPal. Please consider supporting LSIA by renewing your membership today! (see membership form at the end of Newsletter)



Boat Parade



With spring already here it's time to look forward to summer! It's time to start making plans to join the fun on July 4th for our annual boat parade!

This year, in addition to the always popular "Patriotic" theme, our theme will be "Music".



Yep it can be a favorite song, band, instrument or genre! Got any Prince fans out there? How about a Yellow Submarine? So get together with your family or neighbors and start making plans for the boat parade. Let's have some fun out there! The parade will start at 2:00pm and will be about an hour. More details to follow. PRIZES will be awarded at the summer picnic on July 23.



**Summer Picnic
Sunday July 23rd
2:00pm - 5:00pm**



Plans are underway for the always fun LSIA sponsored summer picnic. Once again Ron and Mary Jorgensen have generously offered their Shady Beach Circle park for our event. This event is open to all residents of the Lake Sarah area. This is a family centered event to celebrate summer and bring lake neighbors together. The picnic will include the popular "Kube" tournament, a jump house for the kids, games, and a coloring contest and of course good food! This is our biggest event of the year and we need a few VOLUNTEERS! We are also open to any new ideas to continue to make this event enjoyable to all. Please contact Anne Horn (annehutchhorn@msn.com) if you can volunteer or have any fun ideas!

WANTED!

LSIA Board Members



We have a few upcoming vacancies on the LSIA board starting this July. If you share a love for working to improve the quality of Lake Sarah and enjoy meeting new neighbors please consider volunteering some time. We have around 4-5 board meetings a year in addition to the 3 general membership meetings. It's a wonderful opportunity to help our lake community in many ways and meet some great people from around the lake! If you are interested or have any questions please contact Anne Horn at annehutchhorn@msn.com



LSIA Group Discount Programs

Randy's Sanitation: Trash Pickup

For Calendar year 2017 discounted rates are available for LSIA members through Randy's Sanitation. Current LSIA members who have completed their 2017 Membership dues will receive the discounted group rates through December 31, 2017. LSIA members receive about a 15% discount from the standard rates for the weekly collection of trash. For example, 95 gallons service for LSIA members is \$13.45/month, whereas, Randy's charges for non-members can be \$15.95 or more. The weekly rate does not include the Hennepin County surcharge, MN solid waste tax and the 2017 fuel surcharge fee. Contact Deb Gatz at Randy's 763-972-3335 to request your LSIA member discount for trash collection.

Randy's also offers an optional Extended Yard Waste program. **For more information you can contact Randy's at 763-972-3335 or [on line at their web site](#).**

Finken Companies: Water softener salt and drinking water

For Calendar year 2017 discounted rates are still available for LSIA members through Finken. **However, you must participate in their auto pay program in order to obtain the LSIA discount rate.** Otherwise the Finken current pricing applies. Please see the below table for a summary of products and pricing. **For more information please contact Chris at 1-877-Finkens (346-5367) or at cblaskowski@finkens.com or visit their website: <http://www.finkens.com>**

Finken Current Prices:		LSIA Prices:	
Product:	Price:		Price:
40# Solar Salt:		40# Solar Salt:	
1-2 Bags:	\$9.25		\$9.25
3-4 Bags:	\$8.25		\$7.25
5+ Bags:	\$7.25		\$6.65
40# Pellets:		40# Pellets:	
	\$8.50		\$8.25
40# Iron Out Pellets:		40# Iron Out Pellets:	
	\$9.50		\$9.00
Bottled Water: 3 Bottle Minimum Deliver:			
Drinking Water 5 Gallon:	\$6.20		\$5.70
Spring Water 5 Gallon:	\$7.45		\$6.95
Distilled Water 5 Gallon:	\$7.45		\$6.95
Fluoride Water 5 Gallon:	\$7.95		\$7.45
Drinking Water 3 Gallon:	\$5.75		\$5.25
Spring Water 3 Gallon:	\$5.95		\$5.45
6x1 Distilled Water:	\$7.00		\$6.60
6x1 Drinking Water:	\$7.00		\$6.60

Water Quality



LSIA's Whole Lake CLP Treatment Plan for 2017

This spring we are once again partnering with Craig Mueller of Aquatic Solutions to complete our fifth consecutive whole lake Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) treatment consistent with our 5 year Lake Vegetation Management Plan. CLP is an invasive species that sprouts earlier than all natives, grows aggressively (to the point it mats the water surface), and then dies in early July and releases phosphorus which causes large algae blooms. With an early season - low dose treatment, we can kill CLP before it matures and forms turion seeds.

We anticipate the application to cost around \$40k. To help cover this cost, we secured a DNR grant of \$5k, and were able to increase the cost share from the Pioneer Sarah Creek watershed and Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) that should net us about \$15k, leaving about \$20k to cover with donations and/or LSIA funds.

As a result, **this year we are requesting a donation of \$150** (down from \$250 last year) to help pay for the treatment. Your donation to the LSIA is tax deductible. **We appreciate your support of this treatment program!**

Soon after the CLP treatment, we will again target Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) - another invasive species that causes matting on the water surface. We will treat EWM where it most impacts boating navigation, and will do so earlier this year to ensure effective control before the July 4th holiday. **The EWM treatment will be paid for with LSIA funds.**

Volunteer "Block Captains" will again be back to help further explain our treatment program and assist in collecting donations and LSIA membership renewals. Please welcome them and thank them for their volunteer efforts!

The Block Captains this year are as follows:

North Shore Drive - **Terrie Wise** and **Doris Smeby**

Lake Sarah Heights Dr (East) - **Joe Baker**

Lake Sarah Heights Drive (West) - **Terry Holten** and **Paulette Speed, Molly Lewis**

Sunset Lane - **Nate Uselding**

East Bay Channel - **Jerry Horazuk**

Fern Drive / County Road 11 - **Ron Lyrek**

Woodhill Drive - **Anne Horn**

Shady Beach Circle - **Kent Roers**

S. Lake Sarah Dr (East) - **OPEN**

S. Lake Sarah Dr (West) - **Mike Malone**
Rachel Ridge / Genaker Way - **Greg Koopman**

What if I have concerns and/or do not want to be treated?

For anyone that prefers not to have their shoreline treated, we will respect that decision, and stay 150 feet offshore. Please call Joe Baker at (612) 868-8702 who can explain in more detail the chemical used for each treatment - and the safe dosage levels of each.

Has our CLP treatment program proven to be effective?

YES! The Three River's Park District staff independently performs detailed lake vegetation monitoring twice each year - in late spring and again in late summer. They also take sediment samples each fall to survey the number of turions (CLP seed) we have. After four years of data collected, their surveys confirm we are progressively gaining control of CLP as the viable turion counts have declined 90% from the peak numbers recorded prior to our CLP treatments. The surveys also confirm that our native lake weeds have been doing just fine. This is great news - and validates our treatment program is working as expected.

What will be our approach over the next 5 years?

This summer we will complete and submit a new Lake Vegetation Management Plan that once approved by the DNR will allow for us to continue treating CLP as needed - where we see it. We will also ask for approval to treat EWM where it most impacts navigation. As we back off from whole lake CLP treatment, we'll also be able to reduce our donation requests.

What if I want to additionally treat weeds around my dock?

As the LSIA treatments are only targeted at invasive species, there are options for you to additionally treat native weeds like Coontail, Elodea, etc around your dock. If interested, please come to the LSIA General Membership meeting on April 4th where Craig Mueller of Aquatic Solutions will provide options and special pricing!

OUTLET PROJECT UPDATE



The outlet project is a combined effort project with the cities of Greenfield, Independence, Three Rivers Park District and LSIA. The project is designed to help Lake Sarah stop loose bogs before they enter Sarah Creek and move them to a channel with a lot of storage capacity, so they can be removed at a later date. Historically these loose bogs have created a dam effect, greatly slowing down the flow of Sarah Creek in high water. Once the bogs were removed they needed to be cut up by hand and pulled from the lake, then removed once piled up. This effort took a great amount of man power and time. Once this project is completed the loose bogs will be directed down the channel and stored for removal later with a backhoe.

The project was on its way to being completed this year until we had the warm weather in February, which thawed out the path the excavator was to go in on and created early road bans. Three River Park did a great job removing fallen trees and brushing so the excavator had a clear path to remove the loose bogs(see pic). I anticipate that the project will be completed in 2017 when things start to freeze up again in November or December. Let's thank the Cities and TRPD for their help in this project!

Scott Walsh

Lake Sarah Improvement Association

Membership Form

Member Information:	
Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Lake Address (if different from above)	
Telephone(s)	
Email(s)	
Annual Dues:	Amount:
Membership Fee:	\$35.00
Additional Donations:	Water Quality Fund
	Walleye Fund
	Other
*All fees and donations to LSIA are tax deductible	Total:

Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to LSIA and mail to:

LSIA
PO BOX 25
Loretto MN 55357

You may also pay with PayPal on www.lakesarah.com

Interested in getting involved? Volunteer on one of our many committees! Please check here to be contacted with more info!

Membership committee

Water Quality committee

Summer Picnic/Boat Parade

Bog/Outlet Army

Fishery committee

Ice Clean up committee

Thanks for supporting LSIA! We are looking forward to another great year on Lake Sarah!!!