

**LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**



# Happy Summer!

from your friends at Lake Sarah!



2017 LSIA Summer Picnic

Bring your family and come join your neighbors as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Sarah Improvement Association sponsored summer neighborhood picnic!

**Date: Sunday July 22**

**Place: Jorgenson Park – Shady Beach Circle**

**Time: 2pm-5pm**

## **Schedule of Events**

- 10:00am – Bass tournament begins
- 2:00pm – Picnic Begins / Kube Tournament Registration
- 2:15pm – Kube Tournament Begins
- 3:15pm – Brief LSIA meeting
- 3:30pm – Let's Eat! Entertainment by the Soul Sisters
- 4:15pm – Surprise Treat!
- 5:00pm – Group Photo

## **Bass Tournament**

5<sup>th</sup> annual Bass fishing tournament – see information in article below

## **Kubb Tournament**

Kubb is a fun lawn game that has become a tradition at our summer picnic. Teams of two compete in the tournament. Find a partner, register and be ready to play at 2:15pm.

## **Jump House**

We will have a jump house for the kids!

## **Annual LSIA Meeting**

A brief meeting will begin around 3:15pm New board members will be elected. The boat parade and bass fishing winners will be announced.

## **Food**

We will be providing yummy fried and grilled chicken! **Please bring a dish to share and beverages for your family**

## **Volunteers**

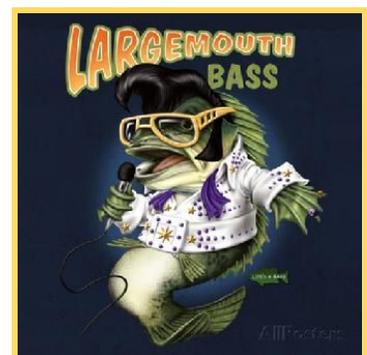
We need some help! If you could spend part of the picnic helping to make this an enjoyable event for all, please contact Anne Horn @ [annehutchhorn@msn.com](mailto:annehutchhorn@msn.com)

Special thanks to Ron and Mary Jorgenson and family for allowing us to once again gather at their beautiful park!!!

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# 5th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

Tournament runs from 10am- 1pm on July 22, 2018 (prior to the start of the picnic) with Start and End (Weigh in) at Joe Slavec's Dock.



Payouts: Largest Bass (Dependent on Participation) and Top 2 – 5 Bag Limits (Dependent on Participation)

Entries form and payment due on or before July 22 to Brent Lau

*Persons under the age of 16 must fish with a parent or guardian. Persons under age of 18 are required to have parent or guardian also sign entry form.*

Please visit [LakeSarah.com](http://LakeSarah.com) to register!

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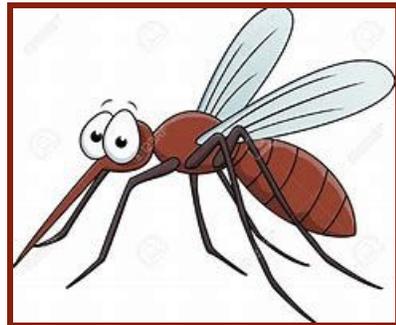
## Mosquito's getting thick

by **Scott Walsh**

This time of year mosquito's can be a real problem . The last couple of years the Metropolitan Mosquito control district did not fly the helicopter past Loretto and we noticed a huge spike in getting bit. Mosquito's can transmit West Nile virus, Encephalitis and Heart worm for dogs and cats. We all pay for the service in our property taxes. If you are having a problem contact [mmcd.org](http://mmcd.org) and fill out the problem report at the following location:

<http://www.mmcd.org/home-3/report-mosquito-problems/>

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## LSIA Membership

by **Anne Horn**

Thanks to all of you who sent in their 2018 membership contribution! We have 131 paid members this year. Your money is used to support many activities here on Lake Sarah! Members who contributed by April 30<sup>th</sup> will be receiving a discount from Randy's Sanitation and Finken Water. If you have not yet become a member please consider supporting Lake Sarah Improvement Association! All donations are tax deductible!

See [LakeSarah.com](http://LakeSarah.com) for details on how to register!

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# Summer Fun on Lake Sarah!

## 4th of July Boat Parade

by **Anne Horn**

Many residents and their guests enjoyed the annual Lake Sarah 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade. Along with the “Patriotic” theme, this year the additional theme was “Super Hero’s”. What was your favorite boat?

Winners will be announced at the summer picnic on Sunday July 22. Special thank you to Brad and Lisa Spencer for judging and photographing this year’s boat parade!

Go to [LakeSarah.com](http://LakeSarah.com) to see the amazing pictures of all the participants!



# Neighborhood Directory

by **Anne Horn**

The annual Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory is nearing completion. A DRAFT copy will be sent out to our email list to look for any corrections. Once these have been entered the final copy will be sent by email. If you receive this newsletter you will receive a copy. If you know of a neighbor who may not receive emails we will have a limited number of hard copies available.

Please let us know and we will be happy to deliver a copy!

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# Curly Leaf Pond Weed (CLP) Update

by **Scott Walsh**

I would like to report another successful Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment (CLP) took place on May 21, 2018. 114.5 acres were treated, but lake wide control was achieved (290 acres were treated in 2017). I would like to thank those who donated their dollars and continue to support the effort to improve water quality on Lake Sarah. I know that LSIA said this would be a 5 year program based on other programs that happened before ours (Medicine lake, Lake Rebecca etc.), but what we are learning is that it takes 5 years to reduce the turion (seed) levels to a count where we can spot treat rather than do a whole lake treatment. Thus reducing costs.

I would guess that in 2019 we could continue to reduce the area we need to treat and be in the 50-80 acre range. This year we have seen so far a noticeable increase in water clarity. These improvements don't happen overnight and every year is a little different than the one before. If we keep trying to improve Lake Sarah we will start seeing our efforts pay off in increased recreational value, property values, fishing, etc. Hopefully in the near future Lake Sarah can be taken off the Impaired waters list. With that said, we are happy to report that Lake Rebecca will be taken off the impaired waters list this year for excessive nutrients.

Warm Regards, Scott Walsh

Let me know if you have any questions?

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# Thank you for your support!

by **Nate Uselding**

LSIA would like to say thank you to everyone who donated to the 2018 whole lake treatment of CLP. Your generosity paved the way for the 7th consecutive year of treating Lake Sarah. We want you to know we are truly thankful for your donations and we want to recognize your efforts by saying thank you!

There is still time to donate if you haven't had the opportunity to do so. Your \$150 donation will go towards our shared cost of the treatment. You may donate using PayPal on [Lakesarah.com](http://Lakesarah.com) or send a check to

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## Second Quarter Financial Statement

by **Mike Malone**

Lake Sarah Improvement Association  
 Financial Statement  
 6/30/18

Prepared by: Mike Malone  
 7/1/18

	2016	2017	2018	2018	NOTES
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	YTD to June ACTUAL	APPROVED BUDGET	
<b>Assets:</b>					
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$ 24,916	\$ 35,897	\$ 31,981	\$ 31,981	
PayPal cash balance	-	-	83	83	
21st century CD - 6 month (7378)	6,991	-	-	-	
21st century CD - 12 month (0805)	8,967	8,976	8,985	8,985	
21st century CD - 6 month (0003)	30,038	-	-	-	
21st century CD - 6 month (0389)	-	37,019	37,056	37,056	
<b>Total Beginning Cash Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 70,912</b>	<b>\$ 81,892</b>	<b>\$ 78,105</b>	<b>\$ 78,105</b>	
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Membership for 2018	-	-	4,620	4,900	140 x \$35 budgeted 132 members to date
Membership for 2016	5,310	-	-	-	
Membership for 2017	-	4,790	-	-	
Contributions - Walleye Fund	505	565	380	500	
Contributions - Water Quality	-	70	15,125	-	104 donations to date
Contributions - Curly Leaf	-	17,130	-	16,500	110 x \$150 budgeted
Contributions - Other	-	400	-	-	
Interest - checking	14	6	4	-	
Interest - CD's	46	47	23	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>23,008</b>	<b>20,151</b>	<b>21,900</b>	
<b>Disbursements:</b>					
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (news letters, postcards)	102	56	78	200	
Directory	47	21	-	100	
Membership/Board meetings	-	-	-	300	
Spring Meeting	63	46	-	150	
Spring Meeting Room Deposit (to be refunded)	-	-	-	-	
Boat Parade (prizes)	150	258	-	250	
Biff at Public Access	250	-	-	250	
Biff at Picnic Grounds	367	302	283	375	
Water Quality materials / equipment	-	-	100	-	
Water Quality Education Seminars	-	-	-	500	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	597	531	-	600	
Fall Meeting	-	41	-	150	
Winterfest	-	-	-	100	
Walleye Program	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	40,943	44,893	30,734	36,000	CLP \$30, EWM \$4, AIS \$2
Lake Improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(49,203)	(20,177)	-	(15,000)	DNR \$0, PSC/TRPD \$15
PayPal fees	233	170	149	200	
Other Fees	-	(346)	35	-	reconciling item
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>(5,451)</b>	<b>26,795</b>	<b>31,378</b>	<b>25,175</b>	
<b>Overage / (Deficit)</b>	<b>11,326</b>	<b>(3,787)</b>	<b>(11,227)</b>	<b>(3,275)</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$ 82,238</b>	<b>\$ 78,105</b>	<b>\$ 66,878</b>	<b>\$ 74,830</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b>					
6-mo CD - 7378	-	-	-	-	
PayPal cash balance	-	83	185	-	
12-mo CD - 0805	-	8,985	8,989	-	
6-mo CD - 0003	-	-	-	-	
6-mo CD - 0389	-	37,056	37,074	-	
Outstanding checks written	-	-	(2,933)	-	
Checking	-	-	31,981	23,561	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 78,105</b>	<b>\$ 66,877</b>	
<b>Difference</b>			-	1	

Note: We have billed PSCW \$11,551 for their CLP cost-share on 6/26/18



# Letter to the Editor

“The Good Old Days”

by Terry Wise

Last week John and I along with our neighbor, Kraig Smeby were talking out on our dock as we looked at the condition of the lake. We have both been on the lake for a long time (Wise's 1975 and Smeby's 1992). John was fishing and he and Kraig were reminiscing on how the lake used to be taken over by Curly Pond Leaf (CLP). This is mid-June and by this time of the year CLP would have been matted and taking over about one third of the far west basin, 500' out on the North Shore and it had grown farther and farther out each year from all the shores to these extreme conditions. Yes everywhere, the East Basin was not exempt, it had the similar problems, a lot just after entering through the narrows and again all along the shores eating up the space to navigate. This is hard to imagine or remember.

By this time of year we would have been in the “Spring/Early Summer Nightmare” driving our pontoons back and forth out beyond where the buoys are today in order to create channels just to get our boats out from our docks to open water. We had friends that drove by on Highway 55 and would ask us, “What is wrong with Lake Sarah?” You could see the recreation space being consumed from the highway. We had to forget about using our sea doo until the weed died, which we also hoped would be before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It certainly was a big relief when CLP finally died but then for the next month it floated to shore and if you wanted any beach at all, you had to haul the decayed weed out of the lake. It was so thick you could almost walk on it, smelly, turning brown, nothing like today. Believe us, hauling it out of the lake was only accomplished by a few younger and determined people. Most people began to get very mucky lake bottoms.

We were driving around last Sunday and saw two lakes that looked similar to what Lake Sarah looked like in those days even though the ones we direct you to are smaller. One is Parkers Lake on County Road 6 Plymouth. The other lake is on Beebe Lake Road NE. We took 19 from Loretto past Hanover and then turned left the only way you can go... on Beebe Lake Road NE it's about 6 miles west on your left side.....Not Beebe Lake.

We now have refreshed our memories of what Lake Sarah became and we now want to thank all the volunteer board members who over the last decade decided to take action. Thank you, Thank you. We also thank all the block captains, what a job.

We do not know what Lake Sarah would look like today without both the Lake Sarah Improvement Association and all its MEMBERS!!!! Here is a special thank you for your contributions to total lake quality improvements and the exceptional donations from a couple of you. We need to keep it up!

So now we'll just get out and rake these new, but native weeds and quit complaining.....we know we are better off.