

Lake Jennie News

Spring 2013

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2013 Dues and donations

2013 membership due statements are enclosed in this newsletter. If you have questions about your dues, contact LJIA treasurer or board member. We are working to set up an online payment system, but it may not be in place by this membership year. Please remit your membership payment by June 22nd, or at the annual meeting. Your dues ensure that the board can continue to make lake improvements on your behalf. See inside for more information!

Cans CAN!

The Association's can recycling project provides a good source of revenue for lake projects and services. For example, the Association pays the electrical service to the streetlight at the South landing with this income.

Unfortunately, the cans have been stolen several times over the winter, and the can receptacle and locks damaged. Until we find a better way of dealing with the problem, you can email Randy Nass, a board member and resident on the lake, who will coordinate with you for a can pickup. We thank you for your continued donations to the can project!



Lake Jennie Improvement Association - FAQs

Q: I've heard that Lake Jennie is "impaired"- what does that mean?

A: Lake Jennie is a 1056 acre recreational lake that receives flow from a watershed of over 11,000 acres. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MnPCA) has classified the lake as "impaired" due to high phosphorus levels. Phosphorous promotes undesirable levels of aquatic plant growth and algae blooms which deteriorate water quality, clarity and recreational usability.

Q: What is the MnPCA doing to address this?

A: The MnPCA is near completion of a study of the entire Crow River watershed. The report will document water quality issues in the lakes and rivers of the watershed. They are making broad recommendations for improvement strategies that will be implemented through local lake and river projects.

Q: What is the Lake Jennie Improvement Association (LJIA) doing?

A: 1) The Association has the responsibility to educate lakeshore owners on septic systems, lawn care practices and shoreline restoration. The board has recently completed an aerial survey to assist in identification of inflow sources, and is contracting for vegetation mapping. These projects will support the nearly completed Lake Plan so we can access grants for improvement projects. The LJIA has already completed many lakescape projects on lakeshore lots using the available grants.

2) Volunteers monitor the water clarity and depths while the board has contracted with a water quality lab for monitoring the phosphorous levels.

3) Pursues carp management to reduce disruption of sediments on the lake bottom.

4) Reaching out to landowners in the watershed to identify potential improvement projects.

Q: What types of projects will be considered for grants and LJIA support?

A: *Along the lakeshore* –Managing runoff with lakescaping (natural shoreline buffers); redirecting runoff; rain gardens or sedimentation ponds. Manage sources through septic system repair; reducing lawn care pollutants; rebuild or relocate bon fire pits;

In the watershed – Managing runoff with agricultural buffer strips; sedimentation ponds; grass erosion control strips or field dams, wetland restoration. Managing sources through improved fertilizing methods or feedlot management practices; reduce direct runoff by reshaping pastures; reduce overgrazing; or providing alternative livestock feed sources.

Q: Where does the grant money come from?

A: Grants are available through the Meeker County Association of Lakes, CROW River Association and the MnDNR. Low interest loans are available for some types of projects (i.e. septic systems).

Q: How can I help?

A: Local land and shoreline owners know your property the best. If you identify opportunities for improvement, or would like help with learning what you can do, contact a member of the Association Board.

Want more information? Check out

www.lakejennie.com

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/index.html>

<http://www.crowriver.org/>

Ask the Board...

Q: Is the Lake Jennie Improvement Association a non-profit?

A: The Association is considered a non-profit through the state of Minnesota, but the board is working on getting a federal 501 (c)3 designation.

What does 501 (c)3 mean for members?

- Annual "dues" are a donation that is tax-deductible.

- The Association can apply for and receive grants and other donations – including donations from members and others interested in supporting the lake improvement work of the board.

- Stay tuned, as we are working to make this a reality by the end of this year!

Q: Can we get the porta-potty for more time during the fishing season?

A: The DNR only provides Biff services during the summer months. The Lake Association will be extending the duration of the mini-biff at the South public access fishing pier to better accommodate early spring and late fall fishing.

Q: Last summer, the south landing was a weedy mess...what can be done about that?

A: We got the permit and OK to remove vegetation from the south public access boat ramp. As many users recall last year it was virtually unusable due to the curly leaf, etc. washed up onto the ramp. Several board members will be monitoring this throughout the summer.

Lake Jennie Upcoming Events Calendar

Scheduled Board meetings:
(Saturdays 9:00 am)

- April 27

- May 11

- Carp Tourney Opener

- May 1

- Annual Meeting of the
Membership and
Community Fish Fry

- June 22nd at the Randy
and Mary Nass home

- July 4th Boat Parade

PRIZES for

- 1) the most patriotic boat and
- 2) most creative
- 3) Best dressed dock

**The fun begins at 2:00
pm from the South
landing.**

Lake Jennie Tidbits



- The Hutchinson DNR completed a full Summer(trap nets, gill nets) and Fall (electro-shock) survey in 2012 to determine the status of the fisheries. See the full report on our website under DNR Fisheries.

- Ice ridges are numerous this Spring around Lake Jennie - the DNR has an excellent link on the causes and what the lakeshore owner can do to restore their beach:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/pwpermits/ice_ridges.html



- Lake Washington is heading up a committee to carry efforts forward on cormorant and white pelican control. The associations of Jennie and Collinwood will join efforts to educate, expand the foraging ratio discussion and define potential solutions that can be proposed to the DNR. Watch for updated information on our website: www.lakejennie.com



Legislation update on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Please email your legislators this week to let them know you want them to support the passage of the following bills that are under consideration at the legislature that would create ongoing and dedicated funding to implement a comprehensive statewide plan to fight AIS. See samples below:



Dear Senator XXXXX:

I hope you are supporting SF 1442 (Hoffman) that creates stable ongoing funding to fight the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). We can't let AIS ruin Minnesota's aquatic tourist industry.

Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,

(your name here)

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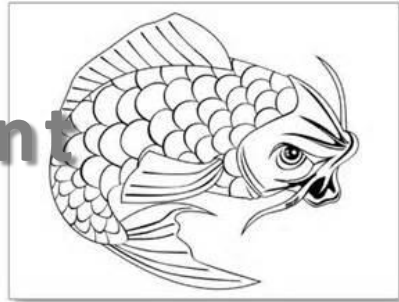
Sincerely,

(your name here)

Lake Jennie Improvement Association presents

2013 Lake Jennie Carp Tournament

May 1 – June 22



Dassel, Minnesota

Prizes!

\$25.00

- for the
biggest

\$25.00

- for the
most

- ***Fun for
Everyone!***

Official Rules

- Tournament is open from May 1, 2013 to noon on June 22nd, 2013.
- Participants must have a valid Minnesota Fishing license.
- Angling or bow catches allowed.
- Participants must legally dispose of their catch, and no release.
- Only carp from Lake Jennie will be considered.
- Participants are encouraged, but not required to join the Lake Jennie Improvement Association.
- Participants must register their entries with an email with a photo to miamooch@yahoo.com. Include your name, date, number and/or weight and length of your catch for the “biggest” contest.
- Submissions are based on the honor system.

Registration information is available on lakejennie.com
or call Randy at 320-587-0643 (home)

Lake Management Plan Update

Last year at the annual meeting, the membership did some good work and provided input into the Jennie Lake Management Plan. Brad Lahr and the board are working to complete the plan. One of the steps that needs to be done is a full vegetation survey of the lake. We've contracted with a Twin Cities firm who will begin this summer. They will be on the lake twice: The first time will be just after the ice out, and will assess the curly leaf problem in the lake. This step is required if we ever chose to gain a permit from the MnDNR to treat it. The second visit will assess the natural and invasive species we may have such as Eurasian Milfoil. Completion of the Lake Plan will allow us to apply for grants for Lake Jennie area improvement projects. Thanks to Brad, the board, and to the membership for participation in this effort!

Want Ads

Pet Care Services

The Lake Jennie Paw Patrol

Paul and Isaac Nass are offering *Lake Jennie Paw Patrol* for area residents. They can be hired for walking, feeding, yard clean-up and even TLC for your pooch! Very reasonable rates! (320) 587-0643

Pontoon Boat

20' 1998 Sun Patio, 40HP w/trim & tilt, Bimini Top, Depth Finder, Live Well, Radio. Pontoon lift w/wheel kit and canopy. Canopy top used one season. \$8,900.00. 952-237-9479



Ice and ditch cleanup

These wonderful kids volunteered for the annual ice and ditch cleanup for the Lake Jennie community. The project keeps our lake area looking nice, and prevents garbage and pollution from ending up in our lake. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer for projects like these, contact Randy Nass, who coordinates these efforts.

Ahhh, winter sure has it's beauty here,
but we are ready for summer at Lake Jennie!

We'll see you here!

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