



Fall Newsletter 2021

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Upcoming Events:

2022 Annual Meeting June 25th.

A Message from LJIA President

This is my first official newsletter as the president of the LJIA so I thought a bit of an introduction would be good. My name is Mitch Fabel. My wife Shelly and I along with our daughter and son-in-law Todd and Britney Burgess have a cabin on the South side of the lake off CSAH 18 for 6 years now. We spend a lot of time at our cabin enjoying all lake activities and the social environment of friends and neighbors on the lake. I have been on the LJIA board for a few years now and spend a lot of time fishing Lake Jennie and hope to continue the past work of the LJIA board in improving our great lake.

A Burning Problem

As we turn the corner into fall, many Lake Jennie residents will start enjoying campfires. As the kids and grandkids search for their roasting sticks, take a quick glance at your fire ring.

Has anyone tossed in a small piece of trash? Aluminum cans, bottles, even cardboard, can emit dangerous toxic compounds. These can coat the rocks or steel fire ring and not even be noticeable.

No one wants to see these chemicals getting on the marshmallows and hot dogs before we enjoy them. It can also harm wildlife in your yard and the lake. Do heavy rains wash some ashes into the lake?

Proper placement of your fire ring and keeping it trash free is the key to a family fun night at the lake.

Attention 3Mer's: Randy Newman

Lake Jennie has been added to 3M 's Volunteer Match program. Active and retired 3Mer's can do volunteer work and submit a minimum of 25 hours. 3M will then make a donation to Lake Jennie Improvement Association. Any questions email me at newman@newulmtel.net.

LJIA Facebook Page

A reminder you can use our LJIA Facebook page to advertise items for sale or give away.

Lake Jennie Bullet Points: Mitch Fabel

◆ **Annual Meeting**

The 2022 LJIA Annual meeting is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 25th.

Plan on attending to enjoy lake camaraderie, events, food, and etc. More details to come!!

◆ **Fall Cleanup**

It's that time of year again when we will all be cleaning up our yards and preparing for the long winter months. Here are a few simple tips to help keep the lake clean.

Leaf Removal

Do not blow your leaves into the lake as this only adds more organic matter to the lake. As the leaves break down in the lake it adds to the nutrient levels that result in Algae and "green conditions".

Fall Fertilizer

Be sure to use a Phosphorus free fertilizer this fall on your lawn. Runoff in the fall is as much of concern as the spring.

◆ **4th of July Firework Show**

The spectacular fireworks show we have had the past few years have become a popular event. This show is not a LJIA funded event and run by a private party. Donations are gathered for the fire works from individuals on the lake.

If you wish to contribute to the show, contact one of the board members.

Lets keep the show alive!



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LJIA Exploring Alum Treatments for Lake

The board has been actively exploring the option of an Alum Treatment to battle phosphorus levels in the lake. Because of high phosphorus levels and increased nutrient loading we have been gathering information about an Alum treatment. This article will answer some questions of the what and why of the treatment.

What is it and how does it work?

Aluminum Sulfate called Alum, is a non-toxic liquid form when added to a lake removes phosphorus through precipitation. It forms a heavier than water particle known as floc. This settles to the bottom of the lake to create a barrier that retards sediment phosphorus release. This in turn greatly reduces algae blooms, and green water conditions.

Is it safe to aquatic life and people?

Aluminum is found naturally in the environment. Many studies have been conducted to determine the toxicity of an Alum treatment. No obvious effects have been observed to fish or people. Guidelines would be followed by the application company as well.

How effective and how long does it last?

Studies have shown the treatments were effectively controlling phosphorus for up to 8 years. More feedback will be explored from area lakes that have tried the treatment to gain more knowledge.

Alum treatments for the lake would be a large investment. Cost's can run up to \$3,000 per acre. We are currently working with local agencies to possibly acquire a large grant through the BWSR Clean water Fund. The idea of investment vs. clean water will be looked at for future fundraising and expense. Other benefits such as increased property values and a lake everyone can enjoy are big positives as well!

Miscellaneous Picture From 4th of July Boat Parade



Understand Your Septic System

A septic system has three parts:

- household plumbing
- a tank to collect sewage and solids
- a soil treatment area

All three parts must be working to provide effective sewage treatment. Learn more:

Maintain your system

Many septic system owners assume as long as their used water “goes away,” their system must be working properly. Septic systems must be designed specifically for your site’s conditions and installed correctly. Only regular maintenance and evaluation of the system can ensure that it is actually treating your sewage.

Look for symptoms of a poorly functioning septic system. These include a pipe that goes directly to the lake or ground (even laundry water!), sewage surfacing in the yard or a ditch, sewage odors, high levels of nitrates or coliform bacteria in well water tests, or algae blooms and excessive plant growth in nearby ponds or lakes.

Septic system maintenance will increase system life. The MPCA suggests that septic tanks be evaluated at least every three years and pumped out when sludge and scum accumulate to the point of endangering the soil treatment system. For some homes, the accumulation can take many years; in other homes this process may take less than a year. The accumulation depends entirely on how the system is used. For example, routine garbage disposal use will increase accumulation of material in the tank. Septic tank additives are not an alternative to pumping the accumulated solids from the tank.

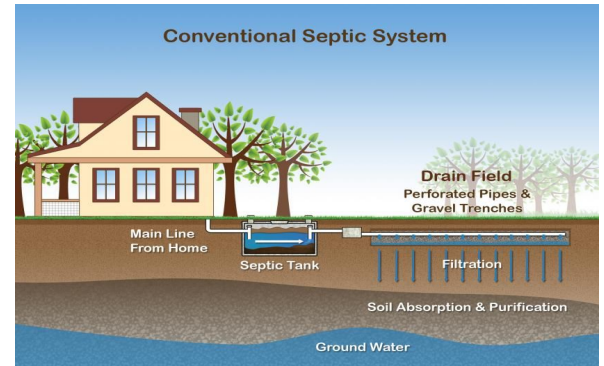
Manage your system

These operation and maintenance guidelines will prevent costly repairs or premature replacement of your septic system:

Household plumbing

- Conserve water, repair leaks and use low-flow fixtures.
- Spread water usage throughout the day and week. If you have periods of high use, talk to a septic professional about options that will help your system manage your lifestyle.
- Minimize use of harsh cleaners, bleach, antibacterial soaps and detergents.
- Do not dispose of paints, medications or chemicals through your septic system.

Keep grease, lint, food, feminine hygiene products and plastics out.



Understand Your Septic System Continued

Septic tank

- Pump solids through tank's maintenance hole regularly — at least every three years.
- Do not remove solids through inspection pipes.
- Install and insulate risers to maintenance hole for improved management access.
- Have baffles inspected when tank is pumped.
- Install an effluent screen and service as necessary.

Do not use tank additives or cleaners.

Soil treatment area

- Maintain grass, native grasses or flowers over the treatment area. Mow, but do not fertilize, water or burn.
- Do not plant trees, shrubs or deep-rooted plants on or near the area.
- Do not grow vegetables or locate playgrounds above the area.
- Keep heavy vehicles off area (cars, tractors, snowmobiles, boats, etc.).

Don't let your septic system freeze

- Place a layer of mulch 8 to 12 inches thick over the pipes, tank, and soil treatment system to provide extra insulation. This can be straw, leaves, hay or other loose material that will stay in place and not become compacted. This is particularly important for new systems that were installed so late in the year that vegetative cover didn't get established. However, if the system is currently frozen, don't add mulch now; it will delay thawing in the spring.

New Residents On Lake Jennie



The Lake Jennie community welcomes Jason and Gina Jennissen (back row), along with their 4 children, Ivan, Lucy, Henry, and Anders. They're enjoying a home along the south side of the lake, purchased earlier this summer.

Miscellaneous Picture From 4th Of July Boat Parade



Bob Lindee:

The Lake Jennie community mourns the passing of Bob Lindee on August 21

Bob and his wife, Jeanne, had a cabin on Eagle Point for many years, and retired to a year round home on the south side of the lake 5 years ago.

Bob was a very active board member for our lake association, and cared deeply about making Lake Jennie a better neighborhood.

His interests included dogs, entertaining, grilling, fishing, hunting and promoting conservation. He was involved with Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and Gopher Campfire.

He guided many youth to walk away from screen time, and get outdoors. He was very happy to see kids catch their first fish, or bag their first pheasant, deer, or turkey on his land nearby.

Bob was one of Lake Jennie's all time great characters and will be truly missed.



LJIA Paid Membership 2021-2022

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Noe & Julie Arteaga
Eric & Kris Bateman
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Dave & Connie Carlson
John & Vickie Curtiss
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Membership Goal 90% for July 2021 – June 2022

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- ___ \$50
- ___ \$100
- ___ \$500

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