

Lake Charlotte News

Spring 2012



Board Orders Plant Survey

The Charlotte Lake Association Board has contracted with PLM, Inc. to conduct a Point-intercept Aquatic Plant Survey, to monitor the health of the lake's vegetation. A survey will be done this spring and a second one will be done in the fall. This survey will determine the extent of the growth of invasive weeds, such as Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pond Weed. It also establishes a baseline for future reference. A summary of the results will be posted on our web site.

Mark Your Calendars!



- The Spring Social is 6:00 P.M., Friday, April 20, 2012 at Wild Marsh
- Annual Charlotte Lake Assoc. Meeting is 9:00 a.m., Sat., June 2, 2012, at Earl & Agnes Dixon's shed.
- July 4th Boat Parade on the lake
- National Night Out; August 7, 2012. More information will be provided later.
- Charlotte Lake Fishing Contest; Saturday, September 8, at the Association Boat Landing

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LID Update

The Charlotte Lake Improvement District (LID) reports the average electrical cost for pumping last summer was \$2050/month. In 2011 the pump ran steady from April-October, with an unusually high level of precipitation.

The LID assessed \$150/parcel payable in 2012; this is on your 2012 property tax bill. Other annual costs are insurance (\$2,000.00), line locating (\$1000), and lake testing (\$250.00). For 2012, it appears that lake levels are very low, but, as you, this can change. Check out the MN DNR web "lake finder" for Charlotte Lake water level and water quality results.

Wright County COLA

In 2011, the Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WCCOLA) was formed and Lake Charlotte became a member. Part of the mission of the WCCOLA is; "to work together with citizens and public agencies to protect and improve water quality through state and local resources." The coalition is a forum to share information, and promote and advance common goals of preservation and enhancement of Wright County lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater.

The last WCCOLA meeting in October 2011 was an invasive species forum, where representatives from several Wright County Lake Associations presented their experiences battling eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP).

Jeremy Paatela is Charlotte's representative on the COLA.

To avoid spreading aquatic invasive species BEFORE launching... BEFORE leaving...

- * **Remove aquatic plants and aquatic animals**
- * **Drain lake or river water away from the landing**
- * **Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash**

It's the Law...Do Not:

- * **Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on public roads**
- * **Launch a watercraft or place a trailer in the water if it has aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species attached**
- * **Transport water from infected waters**

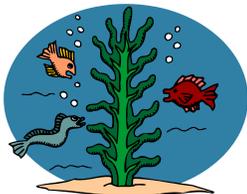
Zebra Mussels

The Charlotte Lake Association, along with anyone concerned with preserving the quality of Minnesota's lakes and rivers, is monitoring closely the expanding impact zebra mussels are having in Minnesota waters. For example, last year the DNR counted an average of 14 zebra mussels per square foot on Mille Lacs Lake. This year, the average has exploded to little more than 1,000 per square foot, 73 times more than last year. There is no known way to treat a lake infested with Zebra Mussels, so the impact could be huge.

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Spring Social at Wild Marsh

The Spring Social is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2012 at Wild Marsh. Social Hour starts at 6:00 P.M. Dinner is at 7:00 P.M. It is a great way to reconnect with your neighbors on the lake. This year we are also inviting residents of Lake Martha. The cost, including tax and gratuity is \$20. Please bring your dinner payment by April 1 to Molly Kraft, 445 Halsey Ave, NE or to Linda Robeck, 138 Gillard Ave, NE.

Help Wanted on Social Committee

Are you interested in helping out with the Fall Fishing Contest, the Spring Social or other social activities that Charlotte Lake Association hosts each year? Do you want to get to know your neighbors on the lake? Sign up to be a member of the Lake Charlotte Social Committee. The time commitment only 3 or 4 meetings per year and you have to be able to help out at the events. If you are interested contact Bob Derus at 477-5845.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Charlotte Lake Association Annual Meeting; 9:00 a.m., Sat., June 2, 2012, at Earl & Agnes Dixon's Shed. The Board will go over current activities, and ask for volunteers to serve on the Board.

Charlotte Committee Members

Charlotte Lake Improvement District (LID):
Ray Johnson, Tom Larson, Mike McDough
Dennis Olson and Joyce Stecker

Lake Charlotte Association Board:
Carl Chalupski, Bob Derus, Tom Haas, Molly Kraft, Julie Prince, Rebecca Reynolds and Linda Robeck

Lake Charlotte Education Committee:
Carl Chalupski, Bob Derus, Tom Larson, Jeremy Paatela and Lon Voight

It costs only \$25 to become a member of the Lake Charlotte Improvement Association. By doing that, you are able to support and participate in the many Association activities, including the Fall Fishing Contest and Spring Social. You will also get to know your neighbors. But most importantly, you will be making an investment in preserving the water quality of Lake Charlotte!