

## DLIA – Annual Meeting Set for October 12th

You're invited to the Annual Meeting of the Delavan Lake Improvement Association, to be held on Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. The location will be Town Hall, 5621 Town Hall Road, Delavan.

Business to be conducted includes election of directors, review of 2013 accomplishments, and a discussion of 2014 goals.

After the formal meeting there will be a question and answer session with a Town Lake Committee representative. You will have the opportunity to ask about lake quality and future lake projects such as Brown's Channel and the Mound Road ponds as well as bringing up your concerns so the Town can hear from citizens about what matters to us.

At the 2012 Annual Meeting, Kim O'Keefe represented the Lake Committee and took questions about the growing carp population and what the Town planned to do, how the Inlet dredging project affected water quality, controlling the dam and the summer drought. There were also comments from citizens that the number of boats launched at the Park seemed to be on the rise, leaving less room in the lake for taxpayers' boats and the desire to have more water safety patrol hours on the Lake.

Kim explained that one potential aid to reducing the number of carp was to stock large muskies, which the Town did in September. He also said that although the dam is owned by the Town, it is managed by the Delavan Lake Sanitary District with regulations provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, so even though the drought caused the lake level to be down by eighteen inches at some times, WDNR requirements still called for some water to flow over the dam.

State Senator Neal Kedzie was at the meeting and reported that Madison scientists said it could be several years before Wisconsin lakes rise to normal levels, depending on winter snowfall amounts and spring rains.



*Senator Kedzie and Mrs. Kedzie enjoyed the Lake Fest.*

The DLIA has been following up on these member concerns and will report on progress at the October 12th meeting. We hope all members can attend!

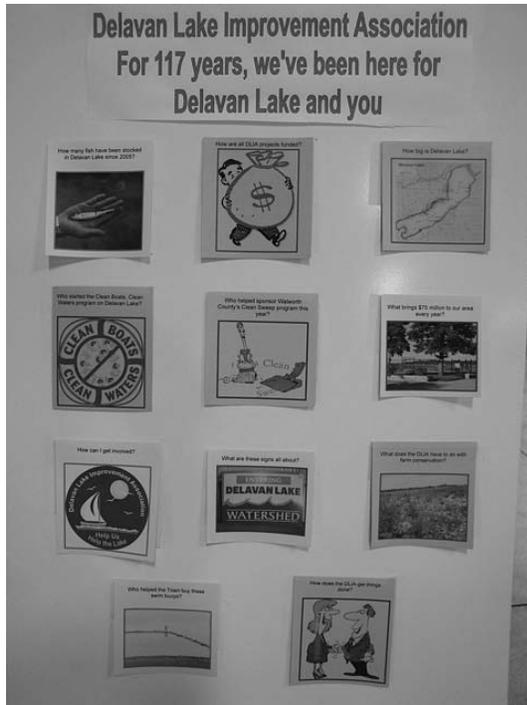
## Save The Date

Delavan Lake Improvement Association  
**Annual Meeting**

9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 12th, 2013  
Delavan Town Hall  
5621 Town Hall Road  
Delavan, Wisconsin

**DLIA Participates in Town’s First Lake Fest**

The Delavan Lake Improvement Association was honored to be a sponsor of the Town’s first Lake Fest, held June 1-2, 2012. The DLIA had displays and sales in the Pavilion on Saturday morning.



*The DLIA interactive Q&A board*

Lisa Reas, native plant landscaper, brought plants and trees for sale and also gave plenty of landscaping and planting advice.

The DLIA sold Harriet Llewellyn maps, map note cards and postcards and had several displays about farm conservation projects and an interactive question and answer board. There was a free raffle for prizes including bait containers, tackle boxes, and hanging baskets.

For kids, there were balloon animals, water safety coloring handouts and wildlife cards.

Other displays included the Delavan Historical Society, Delavan Sailing Club, Reed’s Marine,

Wisconsin Lakes, Walworth County Invasive Species, and the Delavan Lake Sanitary District; and the Town’s Water Safety Patrol officers came to answer questions.

Food was available and the bands started playing at 3 p.m.



*There were two interns who explained the DLSD weed harvester’s operation to people*

Saturday morning there was a fishing clinic and contest for kids and on Sunday there was a boat show.

The DLIA was proud to be part of this event and hopes to participate in the Second Annual Lake Fest next year.

**Protect Your Investment – Keep Our Lake Clean**

- Choose zero-phosphorus fertilizers
- Properly dispose of hazardous waste
- Minimize erosion
- Reduce water run-off
  - Less driveway and asphalt
  - Plant trees and shrubs
  - Foster your shoreline buffer
  - Direct downspouts onto lawn





*Rachel Beers, a Delavan Lake Sailing School Instructor.*



*DLIA board members Susan Alness and Lori Stahl at the raffle table.*



**Fast Facts**

Invasive species hamper recreation on Wisconsin lakes and rivers and hurt our economy as well:

- Many aquatic invasives damage fisheries that provide Wisconsin \$2.75 billion dollars annually in economic benefits and support more than 30,000 jobs.
- Studies show that an invasive aquatic plant, Eurasian water milfoil, can reduce Wisconsin lakefront property values by 13 percent.
- Zebra mussels clog water intake pipes. Annual maintenance and control costs for 18 municipal water systems added up to \$450,000 per year.
- For electric utilities on Lake Michigan, zebra mussels cost \$1.9 million/year in maintenance and \$1.2 million/year in lost generation costs.
- Since their discovery in 2009, Red Swamp Crayfish control has cost Wisconsin \$400,000.



**Seen Around - New Welcome Signs**

You may have noticed the three “Welcome to Delavan” signs at the City’s boundaries. For several years there has been one open spot and the Delavan Lake Improvement Association wanted to be on the sign. We are a historic and important civic group, although not in the City, but serving the entire community.

Then we had an idea. We received a memorial gift from the Delmar Improvement Association for one of their director’s family members. Instead of putting the gift into the general fund, we decided to use this and future memorial gifts to purchase three 18” signs for the “Welcome to Delavan” signposts.

The signs have been ordered and should be placed this summer, so as you are driving around,

look for our round blue signs with the white sailboat.

Thank you to the Delmar Improvement Association and Tony Petrancosta for making this possible!



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