



## Delavan Lake Improvement Association

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### **The Delavan Lake Improvement Association Has a New President!**

At the February 2016 board meeting, the DLIA unanimously elected a new President. Current board member, Mary Pat O'Connor, now holds this position. The board is grateful to Sue Heffron for her long service as President. Sue remains a board member and continues to bring her knowledge and experience to the organization.

Mary Pat calls Assembly Park her lake home. Her family has owned property in The Park since the 1940's when her Grandmother O'Connor bought a cottage. Since then generations of O'Connors' continue to enjoy the lake tradition. Delavan Lake remains at the heart of her family as well as many other families on the lake.

Mary Pat returned to college as an adult and graduated from Northwestern University in 2012 with a BS in environmental studies. "I am excited to bring my knowledge of environmental issues to the lake I grew up on", says Mary Pat. "I have learned much over the past 3 years as a board member and look forward to continuing the mission of the DLIA".

Feel free to contact Mary Pat anytime through our website. "I'd be happy to get to know everyone and welcome questions or comments anytime"!

### **Summer Event**

Our Summer event in 2015 at the Delavan Lake Yacht Club attracted over 150 interested members and guests. Thank you for your support and attendance. The DLIA board decided to look into alternative informative events for 2016. In an effort to continue to bring live information to our members we are open to suggestions. If you want to share an idea for a social activity, email us at [info@delavan-lake.com](mailto:info@delavan-lake.com)

### **Farm Conservation Project**

This project remains among the top priorities for the DLIA and our support continues for this important work. Basically, the DLIA compensates farmers for taking acreage out of production eliminating some agricultural runoff. Since the release of the Watershed Implementation Plan we have a guide to potentially identifying additional opportunities where we can help educate farmers on best management practices. Look for updates on the Farm Conservation Project on our website and in future newsletters.



## Assembly Park Received Award for Storm Water Management

As discussed in newsletters over the past two years, the residents of Assembly Park recently took the bold step to install permeable paved roads on all 2.5 miles of the subdivision. The paver system is designed to prevent run off and divert storm water into the lake. In addition to the elimination of runoff, water infiltrating the pavers replenishes aquifers providing an added benefit. Recently the State of Wisconsin acknowledged Delavan Lake Assembly (DLA) with the Engineering Excellence Award for 2016. This recognition comes from the American Council of Engineering Companies. Congratulations to the Board members of the DLA and homeowners for their hard work in taking this innovative step to protect our lake.

## Town of Delavan Watershed Report

The greatly anticipated Watershed Implementation Plan by Peter Berrini and Northwater Consulting Group is now accessible on our website. Go to [www.delavan-lake.org](http://www.delavan-lake.org) to download your free copy. We intend to utilize this report as a guide to our future projects. Again, we welcome your comments and questions.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2016, please do so! We depend on our member support and appreciate your continued commitment to Delavan Lake.  
And, don't forget to check us out on Facebook and [www.delavan-lake.org](http://www.delavan-lake.org)