

FISH HOOK LAKE AND RIVER ASSN NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter by Tom Harmon:

-In his book, "Voices in the Stones", Kent Nerburn quotes the Santee Dakota physician and author Ohiyesa:



"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light. Give thanks for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food and give thanks for the joy of living. And if perchance you see no reason for giving thanks, rest assured the fault is in yourself."

I often reflect on these words when I awake in the morning, look at the beauty of the lake and give thanks for the joy of living where I do. And whether you live on the Fish Hook Lake, River or Bay, my guess is you may feel much of the same.

As president of the Fish Hook Lake and River Association I have a great appreciation for all the works of so many people who help to keep our Lake and River clean and safe. In this newsletter you can be brought up to date on the CLP (curly leaf pondweed) treatment plan, the need for Boat Inspectors, the free watercraft decontamination facility, and a recent word on the Line-3 Pipeline.

An extra special thank-you goes out to all who made contributions to the AIS (aquatic invasive species) Fund at the city of Park Rapids. These tax deductible gifts help to insure the continued efforts to protect our water quality and property values.

Now I want to invite each one of you who reads this article to partner with us as the Fish Hook Lake & River Association by becoming or continuing as a member (2019 membership form enclosed). This membership is one tangible way to can show concern for the lake and the river. It is a way we can give thanks for living and enjoying the life we share together.

Annual Meeting: We will hold our annual meeting at Heartland Park on **Saturday July 6th beginning at 11:00 a.m.** It will be combined with a potluck lunch immediately following the meeting. The Board will provide hamburgers & hotdogs, coffee & juice, paper plates and utensils. We are asking you to bring a salad or dessert. You may also choose to bring your own beverage. We promise to keep the meeting portion short. Lots of parking is available at the park.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 6th– 11:00 am FHL&R Annual Meeting/potluck, entrée provided - Heartland Park Shelter

July 4th – Boat Parade @ 11:00 Red Bridge Park

Sep 7– 5:30 pm Fall Dinner Y-Steakhouse (rsvp by 9/4/18)

If you think you have identified curly leaf pond weed in the lake, please pull up a plant, place it in a clean plastic bag and bring it to Nicole Kovar at the DNR office 110 7th St. W Suite 301 Park Rapids.



AIS team report - Don Rumpza: We continue our concerns with the infestation of curly leaf pondweed in several areas of Fish Hook Lake. Once again, the Hubbard County AIS Prevention and Management Plan has been designed for the summer season. Hubbard County's share of the state funding is \$249,244 for prevention and education efforts. Components of the plan are: public awareness, prevention, early detection, a rapid response team and mitigation and management. The most effort and dollars are in the prevention area which includes the boat inspection program.

The Fish Hook Lake and River will get 720 hours of boat inspection time from State funds. In addition, our Association will spend another \$4,300 for 205 hours of inspector time. If you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer inspector, please contact Phil Smith at philsmithco@unitelc.com.

Special thanks to our AIS team members: Bob Stelter, Dave Mohn, Denny Diedrich, Don Rumpza and Peter Dieser. They could use some help. If you are interested reply to our email.

C.O.L.A. news: The mission of COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) – Protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. Hubbard county has some of the cleanest healthiest waters in our state.

As a reminder, a watercraft decontamination facility is available to everyone at **no cost**. It is located at the north side of the road as you enter the Park Rapids waste disposal facility off of Henrietta Ave.

HC COLA's Website Loaded with Information their website is continuously updated with the latest "good to know" information. Check it out here: <http://hubbardcolamn.org/index.html> you will see news, announcements, events and our meeting schedule. The HC COLA meets on the last Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwoods Bank Community Room. You are invited to attend.

NOTICE: At the time of this publication we didn't know if we would be given a permit to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed in the lake. As a result, we are including the following notice which will apply if CLPW treatment is necessary.

NOTICE

Fish Hook Lake and River Association
19403 Eagle Point Trail Park Rapids, MN 56470

The Fish Hook Lake and River Association has contracted to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed, an Aquatic Invasive Species in Fish Hook Lake in 2019.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to the Fish Hook Lake and River Association a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lakeshore property. Instead, the Fish Hook Lake and River Association will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate forms. This notice is one form that the Fish Hook Lake and River Association is using to notify property owners. Other forms may include but are not limited to notification through member email lists, website and or annual meeting.

With regard to the treatment for this year, 2019:

1. The proposed date for treatment: April 1 through June 1, 2019
2. The target species for the treatment: Curly Leaf Pondweed
3. The method of control or product being used: EPA and MDA registered aquatic herbicide
4. How landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property: If you desire that the treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed not occur adjacent to your property, please notify the Fish Hook Lake and River Association immediately at the following address or email address below:

19403 Eagle Point Trail Park Rapids, MN 56470 /tomharmon2012@gmail.com

Update on Line-3 Pipeline from NPR News: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/03/02/enbridge-pushes-line-3-timeline-back-a-year>) The Enbridge Energy company has announced that the Line 3 oil pipeline replacement project will go into service a year later than anticipated.

Enbridge had planned to begin construction of the controversial pipeline replacement project this spring, and has said throughout the permitting process that the line would be in service by the end of 2019. But the company said recently that it now doesn't expect the new northern Minnesota pipeline to enter service until the second half of 2020. Enbridge needs several state and federal permits in hand before it can break ground. Enbridge said in a recent news release that the delay comes after the state of Minnesota provided a timeline for the state permits it still needs in order to begin construction. It said it expects the state to issue its final permits by November, with the remaining federal and local permits to follow. The company said it is now revising its timeline for pipeline construction.....

.....In April, Gov. Tim Walz announced his Commerce Department would continue with a challenge to the project that the state initiated last year. Several additional legal challenges to the project are in progress, and more are expected. More information is available at Friends of the Headwater's website at www.friendsoftheheadwaters.org and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/savemississippiheadwaters>.

In 2018 we spent more than \$5,000 hiring boat inspectors at the two boat launch areas, water testing and other actions directly related to preventing AIS in our lake and river. We need your contributions to the AIS fund to pay for these expenses in 2019. If we need to treat Curly Leaf Pond Weed we will need substantially more contributions to pay the treatment expense. Your contributions can be included with your Lake Association annual dues, or, if you prefer to make a tax-deductible contribution it can be mailed to: *City of Park Rapids, Treasurer, Angela Brumbaugh, 212 W 2nd St. Park Rapids, MN 56470. Reference Fish Hook Lake & River AIS Fund on the Memo Line. Remember: If our lake has a serious AIS issue it could result in a 15-20% drop in property values.*

A special THANK YOU to the following individuals that made contributions in 2018 totaling \$6,000 to the AIS fund at the City of Park Rapids. Peterson, Leroy & Arlene; Gravdahl, Steven & Dawn; Morlock, Rod & Sharon; Selid, Orville & Adeline; Andvik, Galen & Deb; Wing, Paul; Bloom, Jon & Jan; Selid, Orville & Adeline; Pertsch, Jerry & Barbara; Carey, Julie; Dieser, Pete & Wendy; Dieser, Pete & Wendy; Osgood, Wallace & Rita; Andersen, David & Amy; Kraska, Dwayne & Julie; Brubaker, Roger; Brubaker, Roger; Brattlof, Brian; Smith, Diane; Knox, Jim; Tupa, Mike; Moe, Terry & Mary; Hagen, Dennis; Vanderwal, Thomas; Lingle, Emmett & Shirley; Clark, Steve & Becky; Clark, Steve & Becky; Frazee, Mrs. K.B.; Bokinskie, Bruce & Jean; Hektner, Candice; Lovin, Julie; ; Logue, Jerry and Pam; Vettel, Mike; Driscoll, Charles & Gayle; Mondry, Jay; Nagle, Raymond & Janet; Serafen, Tina; Schultz, Jack & Helen; Serafin, Tom; Bakken, Curtis & Ruth; Hartz, Vicki; Erickson, Paul; Perpich, Gerald & Joanne; Fredell, John; Corder, Tom & Terry; Meartz, Paul & Sue Ann; Wolfe, Susan; Egloff, Susan & David; Peterson, Helen; Warren, Ruth; Mondry, Jay; Carey, Dan; Monroe, Richard; West Jr, John; Ackerson, Luann & Dennis; Nelson, Don & Char; Brattlof, Deborah; Bloom, Jon & Jan; Stone, Liz; Jordheim, Neil and Nancy; Krogh-Zent, Gwen; Tronsgard, James; Stone, Liz; Sells, Donald; Osgood, Wallace & Rita & Egloff, Susan & David

Public safety remains a concern particularly with increase traffic on County Highway 18 on the west side of the lake and County 1 on the east side of the lake. Residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 218-732-3331 anytime they witness driver behavior that endangers the lives of others such as speeding and/or distracted driving. If you are able, please write down vehicle description and license plate numbers and report them to the Sheriff's Office. **Let's all have a safe and relaxing summer.**

Many of us have spent all of our lives on or near the lakes. Growing up there was always this gentle, unwritten rule that there be no toys or noise, especially on the weekends, prior to 9:00 a.m. in the morning. This is on many weekends a special, peaceful, quiet time as folks crawl out of their beds, enjoy some coffee while sitting on their decks or docks. So, avoiding water toys such as jet skis and lawn mowers, etc. during this time would be much appreciated. Enjoy this quiet time with YOUR family and friends.

Join the Fish Hook Lake and River Association for 2019 (January 1 – December 31)

Name: _____ Email: _____

___ Please check here if you are a current member and your information is current.

Telephone: (lake) _____ Phone (cell) : _____

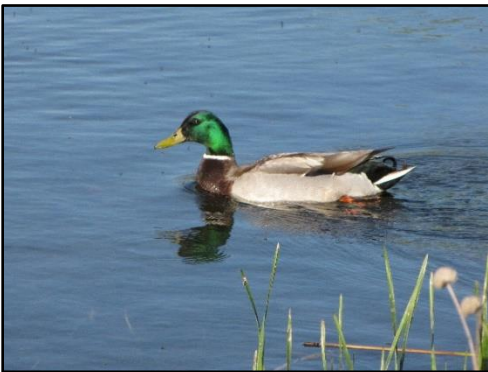
Lake Address: _____ Other Add: _____

(NOTE: Please provide your email address and save us postage.)

\$35.00 Dues; \$ _____ Environmental Fund; \$ _____ Total

Mail to: FHLRA PO Box 225, Park Rapids, MN 56470

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Fish Hook Lake & River Association shall be an advocate of the environment of our lake/river systems. We shall be a partner with other lake associations and agencies which have an impact on water quality. We shall act as an educator in community understanding of the issues and goals of our association. The objectives of our efforts are better water quality and property values for everyone. As a group, we have a stronger voice than as separate individuals.

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