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2017 Meetings
 Westwood - 7 PM

January 17	July 18
February 21	August tba - Annual
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to all persons interested in the improvement of Lake Washington. Members are invited to vote on gambling business.

Annual Meeting

Date to be announced
 Camp Patterson 6 PM

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New Lake Washington Sanitary District Billing Option

The Lake Washington Sanitary District is now offering e-billing. If you would like to receive your sewer bill via e-mail instead of conventional mail, please e-mail the district at lwsd@hickorytech.net with your name, account number from a recent bill, and preferred e-mail address.

Significant savings will be realized in postage and printing costs.

New Street Lights

You may have noticed the new street lights at many points around the lake. LeSueur County has installed lights at many locations around the lake to improve safety. We thank them for the safety improvements.

A street light is planned for the corner of highway 2 and highway 19 but to achieve the desired safety, lights need to be installed on both sides of the intersection. One side of the intersection is LeSueur County and one side of the road is Blue Earth County. We hope to get cooperation from both counties to get lights on that corner next year to improve the safety for the fishermen coming from Westwood and for the lake residents who use that road each day.

Please Provide Email Addresses

We would like all lake residents to provide their email addresses to the Lake Association through klugh001@hickorytech.net or jfoldenlwia@gmail.com. From time to time the lake association is requested to provide help to recover a boat that has floated away or to alert residents of some criminal activity on the lake.

Addresses will not be shared with businesses.

2016 Lake Washington Crappie Tournament and Take a Kid Fishing Day — Glenn Miller

The 30th annual Lake Washington Crappie Tournament which included the "Take A Kid Fishing" event took place on Saturday, May 7th. 48 boats participated in the 5 hour event and included a number of young anglers. 18 kids took part in the event and were paired up with the experienced anglers. Each youngster received a rod and reel donated by the Lake Washington Improvement Association thanks to board member Greg Schwarck and Shakespeare Fishing. It was a perfect day with temperatures in the 70's and light winds. 383 crappies were caught during the tournament with 27 of them over 1 pound. All fish were healthy and all were returned to the lake.



DNR Fishing Report

— Bruce Klugherz

The DNR did a fishing survey in various locations around the lake in early August.

Walleye numbers look great – they got 9 walleyes per net of all size classes. The smallest walleye was 7.6 inches and the largest fish was 27 inches. Most of the fish were in the 12 - 14-inch size.

The DNR will be aging the scales removed from the fish to determine year and class strength and grow rates. The DNR considers the walleye population to be very healthy.

The DNR averaged 18 crappies per net and the crappie averaged 9 inches. The largest crappie was 9.6 inches. Bluegills averaged about 7 per net and averaged 7.5 inches. The largest bluegill was 9.6 inches.

The DNR is coming back to LW to access the pan fish reproduction by using a beach seine. This will be a one-day survey to determine how well the bluegills and crappies are reproducing.

The Northern Pike averaged 2.3 per net and averaged 21 inches in length. The largest Northern Pike was over 31 inches in length. Yellow Perch averaged about 18 per net but were small. The average length was 6.5 inches. Perch are very important prey fish for predators like walleye and pike.

The DNR saw plenty of freshwater drum (aka sheep head). The sheep head were the most abundant species in the survey. This was also the case in 2013 when they last surveyed Washington.

The official DNR report with all of the analysis will be available on the DNR site sometime in January 2017.

Lake Washington History Book

Lake resident Dan Sachau has produced a 115 page book, *History of Lake Washington, 1855 - 2016*, with pictures and stories collected from residents of the lake. Some of the chapters of the book include: First Residents, Settlers, Resorts, Businesses, Fishing, Water, Clubs, Camps & Parks, Neighborhoods, and Lakers (early residents who helped to build the Lake Washington community).

The book is available for the price of \$25.00. Part of the proceeds from the sales go to the Lake Association and the remainder of proceeds are the cost of printing. You can purchase a book by contacting Dan at bsachau@hickorytech.net or on the Lake Washington web site <http://www.lakewashingtonmn.com/> under the "Contact" link.

This book would make a great Christmas holiday gift for current or former lake residents or for your favorite fisherman who visits Lake Washington.

New Lake Association Board Members

Casey Reeder will replace retiring member Ed Sorenson representing Area 1.

"I am originally from Albert Lea, Minnesota. My childhood was spent in small town Manson, IA where I enjoyed playing sports as well as hunting and fishing. After high school I served 6 years in the United States Air Force as a Firefighter with duty stations in Aviano, Italy and Fairbanks, Alaska. I served overseas in Iraq and Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

My wife Kathryn and I reside in Bakers Bay with our daughter, Ruby and Chocolate Lab, Natty. We moved into the area back in 2014 and are extremely excited and happy to be a part of the Lake community. I am a member of the Mankato Fire Department and work at Cambria as a Safety Manager. In my free time I enjoy spending time on the Lake with my wife and daughter as well as hunting, fishing and golfing in the area."

Rod Garness will replace retiring member Dean Otto representing Area 3.

Rod has a farm in Blooming Prairie Minnesota where he raises pigs. Rod and his wife Judy have five children ranging in age from 24 to 30 years old. They became summer residents eight years ago and now plan to make Lake Washington their full-time residence. They love the lake.

Many thanks to Ed Sorenson and Dean Otto for their loyal service to Lake Washington and the Association.

LWIA on Facebook — Pam Olson

Are you looking for a place to get notifications on Lake Washington events, news and general lake information? Then check out the Lake Washington Improvement Association Facebook page! We do our best to keep lake users up-to-date on current events and activities on this page. It's the best way to get notices from the county sheriff or information from the DNR and there are often messages from local residents about items lost or found. You can also find information and pictures from lake events. Don't be left uninformed - like our page today!

When it Rains it Pours — Pam Olson

Yes, it's been wet. Very. If you were around the lake this September you were probably well aware of the flooded roads, fields and lake properties. The rains came hard and fast, and brought with it lots of headaches. Docks were underwater, yards were flooded and basements were wet. Watercraft floated off lifts, dock sections went missing and in general it was a soggy mess.

Unfortunately, hard rains like this also bring runoff and pollutants into the lake. LWIA has been working hard to identify and tackle problem areas around the lake - but when rain comes 7 inches at a time, it's hard to manage!

Regardless, we will continue to work to make improvements when and where possible.

In the mean time - keep your fingers crossed that the flooding is over...now we just have to worry about shoveling!



2016 Lake Washington Improvement Association Golf Tournament — Glenn Miller

The annual Lake Washington Open was held at Shoreland Country Club on Saturday, August 27th, dinner was held afterwards at Westwood Marina. Eighteen teams participated in the event with all proceeds going to the Lake Washington Improvement Association. Over \$7000 was raised through hole sponsors, green fees and raffle tickets. LWIA wants to thank all of the golfers who participated, the hole sponsors and the businesses that donated prizes. Please support the following businesses that sponsored holes and provided raffle items:

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A special thanks goes to the committee that organized the golf tournament - Bruce and Mindy Annis, Matt Tyree, Dan Sachau and Lisa and Glenn Miller. Also thanks to Pam Olson who ran one of the games at the course. The 2017 golf tournament will be held either on September 9th or 16th depending on availability at Shoreland.