

# The Loon Call

Official Newsletter of Pipe and North Pipe Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District

## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

### **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MAY 29, 2010**

**CHRIST CHURCH  
INTERSECTION OF CTY T AND CTY G  
9AM – 11AM**

MINUTES - 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

YTD FINANCIAL REPORT

2009 AUDIT REPORT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2010

BOAT PARADE AND PICNIC DETAILS

REPORT ON BOATING SAFETY CLASS

UPDATE ON LAKE MONITORING

UPDATE ON GRANT ACTIVITIES

Invasive Species  
Quick Assessments  
Cost Sharing Projects  
Tree Falls  
Retention Basin

NEW BUSINESS

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION - CHERYL CLEMENS, HARMONY  
ENVIRONMENTAL

## EURASIAN MILFOIL FOUND

The DNR reported finding Eurasian Milfoil in Pike Lake in Amery, WI this spring.

If we are to avoid the cost and problems milfoil presents to other lakes, it is critical that each of us is careful to clean our boats before entering Pipe or North Pipe Lake. Art Ringsven will assist boaters in checking for milfoil and other invasive species at the public landing again this year.

## SAVE THE DATES!!!

### **SHORELAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP –**

Friday, May 21

Christ Church - 2-5PM

Call 715-822-3097 for reservations

### **BOAT PARADE – JULY 3 1PM**

Rain Date - July 4 1pm

### **DISTRICT PICNIC – AUG 21 1PM**

Food, Fun and Friends

County Line Tavern

### **ANNUAL MEETING – SEPT 4 9AM**

## Fishing Survey

There is a fishing survey on [www.pipelakes.org](http://www.pipelakes.org) Please visit the site and fill out the survey.

## Web Site Want Ads!

Now you can advertise those Yard Sales, Boats, or anything else you want to sell on [www.pipelakes.org](http://www.pipelakes.org)! You may even advertise your house if you are selling it yourself. Go to the web site and start selling or buying today.

May 15, 2010 [www.pipelakes.org](http://www.pipelakes.org)



**Lake-Friendly**  
**SHORELAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

**\$10**  
*Free to Pipe Lakes District residents*

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**  
**2-5 PM**  
*Workshop limited to 25 people. Register now!*

Learn about simple to more involved ways to improve water quality and wildlife habitat on your waterfront property. **Friday, MAY 21, 2-5 PM**

**WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT:**  
**Christ Church, 1994 20th St (Junction of CTY T and G), Comstock**

**To register, complete this form and mail to:**  
Joan Mears • 205 220th Avenue • Comstock, WI54606

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
I am a Pipe Lakes District resident:  YES  NO

Cost: How Many: Total \$:

Cost	How Many	Total \$
<input type="checkbox"/> MAY 21 WORKSHOP		\$0

**TOTAL FEES**

\*WORKSHOPS ARE FREE TO PIPE LAKES DISTRICT RESIDENTS. Other residents, please endorse your check for the total registration fee.

For more information...  
Call: 715-268-9992 or  
Email: [harmonyenv@amerytel.net](mailto:harmonyenv@amerytel.net)

## NO STRINGS ATTACHED!

The District is offering property owners a free, quick assessment by a professional consultant to help you learn more about what you can do on your property to help our lakes. There are no strings attached to this assessment. During the 45 minute visit you can explain your desires for your lot and your erosion concerns. Our friendly consultant will review wildlife and water quality opportunities with you and share information on steps you can consider for the future. You are in the drivers seat on what you decide to do.

We have room for 25 quick assessments in 2010. Call Joan Mears at 715-822-3097 to sign up for a visit June 1, June 7, June 25 or July 9.

New boating rule continued:

This change is in addition to current law which already prohibits boaters on lakes from operating at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of docks, rafts, piers and buoyed restricted areas.

## All Boats Required To Operate at Slow-No-Wake Within 100 Feet of Shoreline

A new boating rule in Wisconsin is designed to make lakes safer while protecting shorelines and improving water quality. The law prohibits boaters from operating their boats at speeds greater than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of lake shorelines.

The law applies to all lakes, including the lake areas of flowages.

“The law will make it safer for people wading, swimming or fishing near shore, and it should help reduce conflicts between near shore recreationists and boaters,” said Scott Bowe, a DNR conservation warden in Chippewa County.

Moreover, boats operating in shallow waters often churn up sediment and chop up vegetation, decreasing water quality, and potentially spreading invasive aquatic species like Eurasian water milfoil. Slowing these boats will reduce this problem. In addition, the eliminating near shore wakes will reduce shoreline erosion.

Personal watercraft (PWC) operators must also follow these laws in addition to speed restrictions that apply specifically to PWCs. PWC operators cannot operate at a speed greater than slow-no-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline of any lake. They also are required to cut back to slow-no-wake speed when passing within 100 feet of other boats, including other PWCs. This law applies to both rivers and lakes.

Slow-no-wake is defined as the minimum speed required to maintain steerage. Speed violations are the primary source of boating complaints in the summer.

People operating boats at night need to slow down to avoid colliding with people, boats or structures lawfully on the water. Running lights are required from sunset to sunrise.

When on unfamiliar waters, boaters are responsible for knowing all the rules. This means checking at boat ramps for local ordinances that might further regulate boating on that body of water.

From the Turtle Lake Times, April 28, 2010