

LAKE DETROITERS

NEWSLETTER

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The 1995 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 17 at the Holy Rosary Parish Center on Washington Avenue at 9:30AM. There will be doughnuts and coffee served, we look forward to seeing you all there!

The road is done!?? Beautification projects will now begin to replant the roadside ditches and holding ponds. The Lake Association would like to develop a uniform plan to enhance the scenic lake drive. Any ideas and volunteers should call Nancy Henke. The final coat of asphalt on the East and South Shore of Big Detroit Lake should be complete by the annual meeting. We all need to become **walk, bike, jogger, and rollerblade friendly**. There will be many young people and visitors out enjoying our beautiful new road, let's remember safety first. The **maximum** speed limit is 30 MPH - so set your cruise control and enjoy the ride.

Flowering Rush on Lake Detroit. Flowering rush is an aquatic perennial plant with showy pink flowers. It grows in lakes, rivers, and marshes. Flowering rush spreads by seeds and rhizomes, but not by the leaves and stem alone. The DNR and Pelican River Watershed District are controlling and harvesting this "undesirable aquatic exotic plant."

No phosphorus fertilizer, a good thing. A special mix of 30-0-15 fertilizer is safer for lakes and good for lawns as well. Encourage all your neighbors to use this type of fertilizer, if they feel the need to fertilize. Green lawns make for green lakes.

Best Management practices should be used

while doing any construction on your yard improvement within 30 feet of the lake. The guidelines to follow include: naturalizing the shoreline, erosion control, wave breakers, reducing fertilizer pollution, and protecting wildlife habitat.

Water Clarity. Ginny Imholte is one of our Lake Monitoring Volunteers. Ginny has been monitoring Lake Detroit now for over four years. Thanks to volunteers like Ginny, Jan Rootham and John Emery, the Becker County COLA can collect lake readings and water levels and forward them on to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The Secchi Transparency readings for 1994 showed a reading of 4.5 to 19.5.

Beach Ambassadors. To improve the lake association, volunteers are needed to be Beach Ambassadors. Beach Ambassadors provide a liason between the association members and the board of directors. The Beach Ambassadors would welcome new property owners and address any questions or concerns. We would like a Beach Ambassadors from each of the four shores, can you help?

Save our Lakes