

LAKE DETROITERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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The Detroiters Association was founded in 1948 with the overall goal to improve the water quality of Big and Little Detroit Lakes. Membership is open to residents or property owner within 1000 feet of the lake. Detroiters is a supporting member of the Becker County Coalition of Lake Detroiders. \$3.00 of your dues passes through to COLA. As the latter editor, Sally Hauskens produces an informative newspaper. Be sure to get your copy with new neighbors after reading.

Becker County COLA is sponsoring a Lake Conference "Lake Associations Speak on Saturday, August 24 at the Holiday Inn from 8:30 to 11:30. There is no fee. Agencies invited to give short presentations include: MN Pollution Control Agency, MN Department of Natural Resources, Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mark your calendars for a great meeting.

Minnesota Lake Association also hosts an Annual Meeting. It was in Duluth past in May. National Association of Lakes Management Society will be in the cities this summer. Lake Detroider Representatives will attend.

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 Lake is part of the Pelican River Watershed District. These practices as well as Watershed Rules protect Detroit Lake. Raking the washed-up weeds from your edge for safety, but also need to be possible for pickup by a bobcat. Raking the washed-up weeds from your shoreline removes excess vegetation and nutrients from your beach. Big harvesters cut excess aquatic vegetation and Flowering Rush in Big to operate and cannot cut Carra.

1995 survey showed that the # 1 concern with Lake Detroiders is lake water quality. The # 2 concern is aquatic plant growth and control. With a water quality of Detroit Lake is a reflection of its watershed. A primary source of sensitive shoreline development, our lake collects much run-off from residential homes and from the construction of homes and roads. Check out the landscape of your lawn, continued rise in phosphorous blooms. Check out the landscape of your lawn, increased growth and increased algae blooms. Can the lake be protected by an ice ridge or offer strip? A zone of unmowed grass or vegetation can stop run-off at the lawn. Phosphate-free lawn fertilizer is available or sprinkling with lakewater nutrient rich.

any changes in your shoreland area, especially soil/sand moving or tree removal need to be discussed with the City of Detroit Lakes Building Inspector and/or the DNR. Permits may be required. Weed Rollers require DNR permits. The Secchi disk readings for the summer of 1995 ranged from 14' to 5'. The readings tend to improve and worsen in a cyclic pattern of five to seven years. The readings are compiled and evaluated state-wide by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Detroit Lake is also tested for total phosphorous, total suspended solids and dissolved oxygen. Water testing is done by Ginny Imholte and the PRWD.

1996 Secchi Disk readings for Big Detroit:

5/2	14.5'
5/13	10.0'
6/16	19.0'
7/2	14.0'
7/15	8.0'

WOW-this great for D.L.

The residences north of Big Detroit Lake along the Pelican River have potential to greatly affect the water quality of Detroit Lake. The river needs to be buffered from these yards by a 16' riparian strip.

The Water Plan of Becker County is currently being reviewed and updated. Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District is the lead agency. This version expected to be finalized by 1997. The Water Plan committee and advisory represent a good cross-section of citizens and agency personnel from Becker County. Nancy Henke is continuing as a committee member. The Becker County Water Plan serves as a county-wide environmental policy for soil and water district, solid waste management, surface water, ground water wetland conservation and land use planning.

The Shoreland Ordinances are also being re-written. These ordinances are set minimum standards by the State of Minnesota, and are then adapted and adopted Counties and Cities. Tom Oakes serves on the Becker County Planning Commission.

A reminder about boating laws for Summer 1996: These laws will change again January 1, 1997.

Boats less than 16 feet, all canoes and kayaks must have a PFD (personal flotation device) readily available for each person in the boat. Boats sixteen feet or longer needed a life jacket available (not hidden under the seats) for each person in the boat, plus a throwable seat cushion or ring buoy.

Age limits are in place to operated a watercraft: Persons under the age of 12 may operate a motor boat under 30 HP with restrictions, a motorboat 30-70 hp with someone at least 18 on board and may operate a motor over 75 hp even with an adult on board. Persons 12-17 years old may operate motor boats over 30 hp with a watercraft operator permit or with someone at least 18 years old on board.

Jet skis-personal watercraft-all horsepower-cannot be operated by anyone under 13 years old. 13 year olds must have someone over 18 riding with them or have a watercraft permit and be in unaided visual contact by someone at least 18. Persons 14-17 years must have a watercraft operators permit or have some one at least 18 on board. Watercraft permit applications can be picked up at the Becker County Sheriff Department on Lake Avenue (the Jail).

New board members are needed for Lake Detroiters, especially from West and North Shores. Election will be at the annual meeting, August 10, 1996.

Board of Directors:

- President - Ginny Imholte
- Vice Pres - Mara Bergen
- Treasurer - Harlan Holly
- COLA Rep - Sally Hauskens
- Dick Campion
- Bev Dobrenski
- Nancy Henke
- Mark Lindquist
- Andy Lindvig
- Tom Oakes
- Tom Rogstad
- Clem Tevogt

- City of Detroit Lakes Building Inspector 847-5658
- Department of Natural Resources 847-1580
- Pelican River Watershed District 847-9089
- Becker County Zoning 846-7310
- (Deadshot Bay-Lakeview Township residents)

- South Shore Drive 847-4236
- South Shore Drive 847-0568
- South Shore Drive 847-9822
- South Shore Drive 847-8032
- South Shore Drive 847-5343
- South Shore Drive 847-4760
- South Shore Drive 847-4004
- North Shore Drive 847-5344
- Shorewood Drive 847-9530
- Shorewood Drive 847-5181
- North Shore Drive 847-7866
- Lake Avenue 847-5241