

Dear Christmas Lake Homeowners,

Remember that our Memorial Day Fun Run Walk starts tomorrow at 9 am from the bus turnaround on Christmas Lane. Please be sure to get there 10-15 minutes early for registration and to meet your neighbors! The participation fee is \$25 per person and the proceeds go to a charity of our choice. Please let Todd Erickson at todderickson33@gmail.com know if you have any recommendations for where we donate the proceeds.

Here are a few tidbits from our annual meeting:

AIS inspections to protect the lake from additional aquatic invasive species remains our largest expense. This year the grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District has been reduced to \$16,000 as they are phasing out their AIS grants. We have received a \$10,000 grant again from Hennepin County and we hope that the City of Shorewood will also provide some funding for this year's expenses.

Our annual dues have been increased to \$550, primarily as a result of the AIS funding cut from the watershed district. If you are coming to the fun run, that is a good time to pay your dues! So bring along a check and get it done now, then spend the rest of the summer knowing that you have done your part to protect the lake this year.

John Newhouse is leading our 2019 efforts to control Eurasian watermilfoil, one of our most problematic AIS. We believe 2019 will be our last year of special efforts to manage the milfoil by massively increasing the number of milfoil weevils in the lake. We have had tremendous results in prior years from this biological control technique and the invasive milfoil has been reduced to barely a nuisance. John is looking for homeowner with a sunny lot to be the headquarters for our 2019 effort. Please contact John at jnewhouse@hayscompanies.com if you think you can help.

The Elections Committee announced that The following people were elected to fill the 3 open Board seats on the Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association Board: Todd Erickson, Paul Cosette, and Joe Shneider. Paul is new to the Board and we really appreciate his willingness to get more involved. We want to thank Greg Swirtz for his participation on the Board for many years.

The Board is happy to announce that effective immediately, Todd Erickson has agreed to be our new Homeowner's Association President taking over from Joe Shneider.

Carl and Ali Zinn graciously provided updated maps of the homeowners around the lake. For those of you who did not pick yours up at the annual meeting, we will have extra copies available at the Fun Run tomorrow. After that, you will need to contact Todd Erickson, or me to get a copy.

We had guest speaker at the meeting who discussed Electric Shock Death as a result of improper and potentially hazardous electrical wiring at your docks. The speaker was Ed Lethert. Ed has agreed to tour the lake in mid-late June to identify potential wiring problems on Christmas Lake docks. Let us know if you are concerned and would like Ed to specifically look at your situation when we come around. Just send an email to me at jshneider@icloud.com to let us know.

Have a great Memorial Day!

Joe Shneider

Past-President, Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association

*** Please note that as of June 30, 2019, my email address is changing from jshneider@visi.com to jshneider@icloud.com.