



**LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE
PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 129
St. Germain, WI 54558**

Elected Commissioners
Dave O'Malley, Chairman
Tom Schwartz, Treasurer
Cheryl Kelsey, Secretary

Appointed Commissioners
Tom Christensen, Town of Saint Germain

<http://www.littlesaint.org>

Little Saint Germain Lake Spring News - 2016

Hello everyone, we wanted to give you a brief heads up regarding all of the things happening on the Lake this summer. We have had a lot to follow up on since the annual meeting last year and we wanted you to know about the management activities that are planned to benefit Little St. Germain.

- This year's aquatic invasive weed chemical treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leafed Pondweed will occur in late May or Early June. Our contractor will be spot treating a number of areas that total approximately 40 acres. Those of you close to the treatment areas already received a letter and map from us. (See website for map?)
- We have scheduled a contractor and received a permit for mechanical harvesting of native weeds in areas where they are expected to become a nuisance based on growth last year but of course that could change based on actual conditions this year. The harvest is scheduled to start July 5th for about 5-7 days. The harvest is planned to be done in S. Bay and No fish bay in areas where nuisance weeds were matting on the surface last year. Note the DNR permit we received is very restrictive and cutting is very limited based on that permit. A final cutting map will be completed based on actual weed growth this summer and that final map has to be approved by DNR before we begin. (See website for the cutting map?)
- We are working on doing a better job of updating our website, www.littlesaint.org, and trying to spruce it up a little bit. We welcome your suggestions and your help in doing this.
- In February we received a grant from the DNR to update our aquatic management plan which guides our efforts in managing plant growth in the lake and our efforts to improve lake water quality. This plan is required in order to remain eligible for grants and for receiving permits for weed control. Our Consultant for this grant,

- Onterra, will be hosting a meeting this summer to kick off this planning project and we welcome everyone to attend to provide their ideas. This meeting has not been scheduled yet, but stay tuned. We will send out an email when we have the final detail. Please send Cheryl your email address if you want to be included in this mailing. (Maybe we can pin down a date with Eddie before the newsletter goes out)
- Boat landing monitors will again be present at the landing to monitor for aquatic invasive species hitching a ride into or out of the lake. We again received a Clean Boats Clean Waters grant to provide for student monitors at the landing. Please provide your support to them. Special gifts will be handed out to boaters around Memorial Day and July 4th.
- Our DNR fisheries staff has recently completed surveys of fish populations and they also completed a creel survey last summer. Some impressive numbers of larger walleye fingerlings have been stocked over the last few years. Please look at the website for more details on this or talk with Steve Gilbert, fisheries manager in Woodruff.
- We need to be able to give folks information more quickly when things are happening. We are building an email list for this purpose but it is woefully short and we would like to have every lake owner on this list. Please help us help you, by providing your emails to us.
- Help! We are looking for a few volunteers to help with some of the Lake District management tasks. This does not have to take a lot of your time and it is a good chance to get more involved with improving Little St. Germain for everyone. Also note we are looking for a new commission member. Dave O'Malley is not seeking another 3 year term as Chair so we encourage interested property owners to consider how they could become more involved in improving the lake by being a commission member. The election will be at the annual meeting.

*****Don't forget the annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 4th at 9:00 am at the St. Germain Community Center.** As usual, donuts, coffee, and tea will be provided. Come and participate in making your lake a better place to live, fish, and play.