



Mitchell Lake Association

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

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March 31st, 2016

Dear Neighbors and Mitchell Lake Association Members,

On behalf of myself and your Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your continuing commitment to this association and to our combined efforts on behalf of Mitchell Lake. Our goal remains the same - to be the best stewards possible of this beautiful natural resource we call home. Enhanced water quality and shoreline naturalization and beautification remain our main focus. We are not alone in this, as the City of Eden Prairie and the local Riley, Purgatory, Bluff Creek Watershed District (RPBCWD) remain our partners in this effort. Last year we saw this partnership combine a weed harvesting and herbicide treatment that greatly reduced the weed level in the lake. It was much easier to navigate the lake and I think much improved aesthetics were the result. Last year MLA committed \$3,000 toward the cost of this harvesting effort but the second weed harvesting of the year and was not deemed necessary, so the donation was not needed nor made. We will see what is needed this year. We have just learned that both the weed harvesting and herbicide treatments will happen again this year. So we will hope for the same good results. Your MLA Board has approved a \$75 reimbursement for harvesting your shoreline instead of the previous \$50. You need to provide a paid receipt please for this.

Many of you may recall that over 150 individuals from the several lake associations contained within the RPBCWD watershed came together at city hall to voice our concerns over the proposed rules and rule making authority over the 4th of July weekend, 2014. Severe shoreline management rules that would supersede Eden Prairie city ordinances already in place, and also compete with the other two Eden Prairie Watershed's rules were addressed. As a result of that session, the South West Metro Lakes Coalition (SWMLC) was formed, of which Mitchell Lake Association was part. We have had numerous meetings with the Eden Prairie City Council members and made formal presentations to the EP City Council. The crux of the issue at hand was who had legal precedence: Watershed Rule making authority or the already in place EP City Ordinances. As part of that effort the SWMLC had monthly planning meetings, of which I and your VP and former Watershed Chair Michael Casanova participated. While we were successful in greatly scaling back the severity of the shoreline management rules, the EP City council ultimately conceded to the authority of the Watershed as to which governing body holds legal sway over the rules under which we, as shoreline owners must comply. While it pains me to write this, I feel it necessary not to sugar-coat the results of this effort. The legal alternative was to incur serious legal costs and alienate our city and watershed partners in a court fight that would have drained our financial reserves and likely not result in positive results.

On a happier note, we are planning a pot luck summer party in our back yard at 17574 Belfast Cove. It has been a few years since our last Summer Party. We are prospectively looking to Saturday, July 30th as the date of the get together, 5 – 9 p.m. So please mark your calendars and come socialize with your neighbors as we celebrate the 1st ten years of Mitchell Lake Association's existence!

We will be looking into a possible RPBCWD shoreline maintenance grant and possible City of Eden Prairie grant to assist in the financing of further shoreline restoration efforts. So if you have an interest in shoreline enhancements, please let me or one of our MLA Board members know! We will let you know the results!

John Tyler/MLA Pres/MLA Board of Directors

Harvesting Rebate for 2016 Increased to \$75!

The Mitchell Lake Association once again is offering a rebate to members who have their private lakeshore harvested at the same time as the City contracted vendor harvests the general lake in 2016. Watch for future notice for the City approved vendor and the date(s) the lake is to be harvested. For reimbursement, send a copy of your paid invoice directly to Treasurer Frank Spahn, 17083 Terrey Pine Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55347. Phone: 952-934-6121.

Mitchell Lake Potluck Party!



Save the date of Saturday, July 30th, to join us for a summertime BBQ at John and Kathy Tyler's beautiful yard overlooking the lake.

Time: 5 pm to 9 pm
Address: 17574 Belfast Cove
Bring: An appetizer, salad or dessert to share.

Entrees, wine, beer, soda and water will be provided by the Mitchell Lake Association.



10th Annual Mitchell Lake Cleanup & Lunch Social!

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

**Meet and join your neighbors at: Miller Park
Warming House (near the hockey rink)**

Help clean our lake by removing trash from shoreline and shallow water. Primary cleaning areas: lakeshore in park area and north shore along Highway 5. Bring gloves, rakes and waders (if you have them.)

Once again, PRIZES will be awarded for the most unusual trash found.

Lunch at the warming house @ 11:30. During lunch hear Association updates on lake improvement projects.



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Annual Lake Cleanup Luncheon Menu

Saturday April 30, 2016

12 noon to 1 pm

Entrees

Teriyaki Salmon -

Marinated Salmon cooked to the perfect temperature. Served with a side of fruit salsa

Juicy Lucy Burgers -

Our own version like you have never had before. Almost a dozen ingredients go into this spectacular prestidigitation of culinary magic. Served on Brioche rolls.

Frank's Footers

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Get them red hots straight from the grill!!! Put your favorite fixins on them.

Sides

Need a few volunteers for some side salads. Salad recipes should be able to accommodate 8 - 10 people. We are looking for two- potato salads, 2 or more pasta salads, 1-2 cuke/tomato salads, or 2 of any other type of salads. Try out a new recipe!

Frank's Tri-color Pasta

Condiments: mustard, ketchup, sweet pickle relish, dill pickle slices, sliced onions

Dessert

Chocolate - Cherry Brownies

Drinks: Coke (regular and diet), Sprite (regular and diet) Water, Apple Juice

Let us know if you're coming. We want to have plenty for everyone, even if its last minute.

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Membership Form

Mitchell Lake Association Mission Statement: The purpose of the Mitchell Lake Association is to create awareness, knowledge and appropriate actions with property owners, local government and community agencies to enhance the water quality and thereby the boating, fishing and aesthetic values of Mitchell Lake, as a recreational facility for today and for future generations.

We are strength in numbers, please continue as a founding member or join today. Thank-you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date Paid _____ Check ____ Cash ____

Please forward a \$35.00 tax deductible donation made payable to Mitchell Lake Assoc.:

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C/O Kevin Persinger
17595 Belfast Cove
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

- I am interested in "light" volunteer activities.
 I am interested in an "active" role in the association.
 I am interested in help with a lake "buffer" zone.
 I would like to make an additional monetary gift of \$ _____
to be used for weed management.
 I would like to make an additional monetary gift of \$ _____
and would like it to be used for the following.

Not a member yet?

If you would like to support this important effort

- Visit our website to learn more <http://www.mitchelllake.org>
- Annual Membership fee is \$35