



# Mitchell Lake Association

Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2010

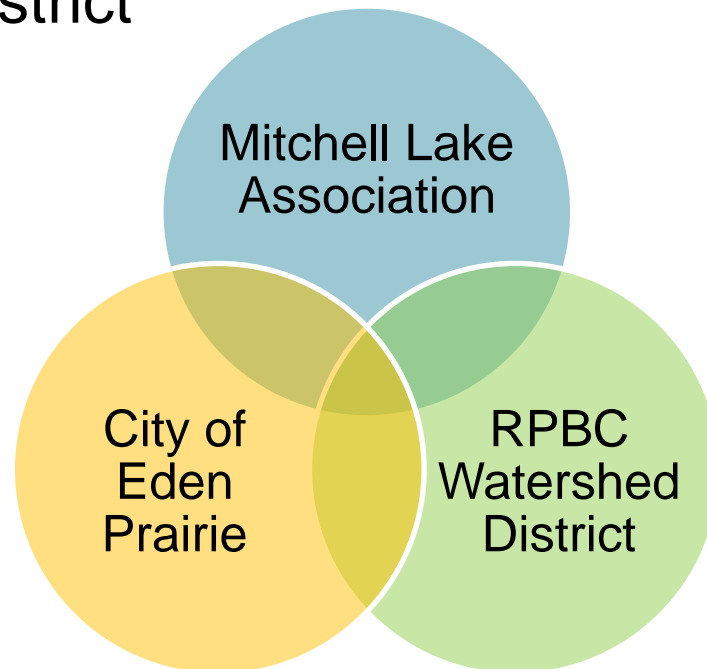


# Meeting Organization

- Jule Coughlan, Board Member
  - *If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, give your name to Jule before 8:00 tonight.*
- Identify yourself when you address the group

# Meeting Objective: Roles, Responsibilities and Plans Of the Major Stakeholders:

- Citizens/property owners (includes MLA)
- City of Eden Prairie
- Watershed District





# Agenda:

- Introduction of Current MLA Board
- MLA  
Background/Accomplishments/Objectives
- City of EP: Leslie Stovring  
(Environmental Coordinator)
- RPBC Watershed District: Perry Forster
  - Board Chairman
- MLA: Order of Business
  - Election of New Board Members
- Raffle Drawings



# MLA Board of Directors

- Jim Nehl, President- **Term Expired\***
- John Tyler, Vice President
- Frank Spahn, Treasurer
- Jule Coughlin, Secretary
- Bob Becker
- Ben Ernsberger
- Liz Fundingsland – **Term Expired\***
- Bob Shurson- **Term Expired\***
- Gordon Warner

\* We will be electing board members to fill vacant positions later this evening.



# MLA Roles and Responsibilities

- Board of Director Roles:
  - Directors are elected for three-year terms.
  - Attend a minimum of (4) Board Meetings/year
  - Oversee the activities and assets of the Association, including;
    - Educate and inform members about lake issues such as quality and conservation
    - Participate as citizen advisors at Watershed District Meetings to provide input and guidance
    - Initiate and advocate projects to improve Mitchell Lake water quality
    - Communicate through news letters, website updates, town hall meetings
    - Membership drive: “representation by numbers”



# MLA Background

- The Mitchell Lake Association (MLA) was officially founded in September, 2006 this stated purpose...
  - The purpose of the 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.
- MLA is now 4 years old with 114 members, representing (7) home owners associations, including;
  - Timber Lakes Association, Timber Lake Townhomes, The Villas, Townhomes of North Bay, West/Southwest Mitchell, Weston Bay, Terry Pine Association



# MLA Background

- Set an overall goal to achieve a grade level of B from a current grade of D as determined by the Met Council in ten years
- Key components that determines the grade:
  - Levels of Phosphorous
  - Levels of Chlorophyll
  - Sechie Disk (water clarity)



# MLA Accomplishments

- Sponsored 4<sup>rd</sup> annual Lakeshore Cleanup & Picnic in April, 2010 – Record number of participants



# MLA Accomplishments

- Shoreland Restoration

- Completed (4) Projects using original \$33,000 DNR Grant
- Received an additional \$6,000 for Timber Lakes Town homes

Completed  
Projects

Saxton  
Residence

Timber Lakes Home  
Owners Association  
Commons

Tyler  
Residence


Nehl  
Residence



New  
Project

Timber Lakes Town  
Home Association  
Commons

Shoreline Habitat  
Restoration Project

 = Lakeshore  
Restoration  
Project Site

# MLA Accomplishments

## Mitchell Lake Shoreland Restoration

Project: Timber Lakes Home Owners Association Commons

May 2008  
Before Restoration



June 2008  
Right after Planting



July 2010  
Two Years Later



# MLA Accomplishments

## Mitchell Lake Tree Planting

May 2005 - 55 trees planted  
May 2008 - 12 more trees planted



Planting Area

### Objectives:

- Minimize noise from Highway 5
- Provide visual barrier from Highway 5



# MLA Accomplishments

## Mitchell Lake Tree Planting North Shore

**June 2002  
Before Planting**



**July 2004  
Before Planting**



**July 2010**



**July 2010**



# MLA Accomplishments

- **Communication:**

- *Annual newsletter* published and distributed in Jan, 2010
- *Website* provides latest news, key information, photos, etc
  - Check it out at <http://www.mitchelllake.org>



**Mitchell Lake Association**  
www.mitchelllake.org January 2010

**Restoring Our Shoreline/Capturing the Runoff**

Efforts to improve the water quality of Mitchell Lake need to come from a variety of approaches if the clean water results can be achieved. At the same time shoreline naturalization and beautification can be a plus as well. Mitchell Lake Association is actively involved in both. We are partnered with the City of Eden Prairie, the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District and Dept. of Natural Resources to achieve both ends. This past summer my wife and I completed a significant pair of projects along our shoreline to do what we can to both protect Mitchell Lake and improve the beauty and functionality of our 160 ft. of shoreline.

Our lot is on the SW shore of the lake and when we moved in we found our shoreline choked with 14 ft. buxomans, barbed wire, metal fence posts and significant amount of rough debris. In addition the builder carved a deep "V" ravine into the back of the lot so direct water runoff from our lot plus the adjoining two lots just north of ours. A total of 2 acres of lawn and roof drain through this steep back ravine into Mitchell Lake each heavy rain. The cove we live on borders a shallow cove that has significant weed problems in July and August. We know ours is not the only lot on the cove, but we have the incoherence situation of above.

ing the run off from across of lawn through the back of our yard. No doubt the weeds and poor like water quality and the runoff are connected.

Over the decade since then the buxomans was brought under control, the posts and barbed wire and rough debris removed but the water runoff remained a perplexing problem. We involved ourselves with the Mitchell Lake Association Board of Directors and I became a Citizen Ambassador representing Mitchell Lake to the local Watershed District. We also attended three Emvrou-Park put on by Lake Savoring, Environmental Coordinator of the City of Eden Prairie. Lake shore restoration and water run off control were big parts of the educational process and a lot of fun to learn about. The frequent presenter was Forgie Consulting out of Hamel. Shoreline restoration and rain garden design are specialties of theirs.

Cheri Nehl representing Mitchell Lake Association applied for a DNR shoreline restoration grant and it was approved. With the assistance of many Mitchell Lake Association members and Timber Lakes Townhouse Association and their families a large commons area along Island Road was planted both in the water and along the shoreline under the guidance of Forgie Consulting. (Continued on page 2)

**MITCHELL LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD**

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**  
www.mitchelllake.org



**The Mitchell Lake Association**

Home | About the Lake | Strategies | Restoration | Photos/Events

Welcome!

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Founded September 19, 2006

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[Click here for more information on Mitchell Lake Association](#)

To learn how Mitchell Lake residents can help improve our lake quality, please visit the [Strategies Tab](#).

**Upcoming Events**

- **Mitchell Lake Association Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7 PM  
Chanhassen American Legion  
290 Lake Drive East  
Chanhassen, MN 55317

**What's New on the Website?**

- Buckthorn in Eden Prairie
- Check out Highlights from [MLA 2009 Annual Meeting](#)
- Check out updated [Shoreland Restoration/Raingarden link](#)
- Check out updated [Photos/Events](#)
- Mitchell Lake made a "splash" in local news in 2008-09

**Not a member yet or need to renew your membership for 2010?**  
To support this important effort...

[Download Membership Application](#)

**Key Links**

- MLA Newsletters
- MLA Annual Meetings
- Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District



# 2011 Objectives

- Host 5th annual lake cleanup
- Assist in Continued Education for Lakeshore Restoration, rain gardens and barrels
- Continue to actively participate with the Watershed District as Citizen Advisors
- Additional projects as decided by new board



**Leslie Stovring**  
Environmental Coordinator  
City of Eden Prairie





**Perry Forster**  
Chairman,  
Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek  
Watershed District



- Current Financials: Frank Spahn
- Identification of Board Candidates
- Vote



# Other Business

- Volunteer Opportunities
  - Membership drive
  - Newsletter, communication & distribution
  - Other

Special note 1: visit [www.mitchelllake.org](http://www.mitchelllake.org)

Special Note 2: Watershed District  
Townhall meeting on Dec. at Legion

We need your help...



# Volunteer

**WITHOUT  
VOLUNTEERS WE  
CAN NOT BE  
EFFECTIVE**

Sign up sheets are located at the exit



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## RAFFLE: