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June 13, 2024 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge welcomed all members. New Board Members Liz and Vicky were introduced along with current board members Birdie, Tami, and Pat. A total of 21 members were in attendance. Birdie has been personally contacting Lake George property owners. She reminded us that 2024 dues and forms need to be returned ASAP even if you are not able to join this year so we have all information in the database updated.

Pat introduced our guest speaker Jim Gruenke, Water Treatment Manager for Traut Companies. Jim presented Wells and Water 101. He provided an overview of the three types of wells: dug well, sandpoint, and drilled/ cased which is the most common. The common reasons to treat a well are water hardness, iron, sulfur, and manganese. These issues are treated with water softeners, whole house filtration and speciality applications. The most common reasons for treating our drinking water are nitrates, bacteria, arsenic, PFAS, and Manganese. Jim recommended the best treatment for drinking water is a reverse osmosis with a beverage faucet. Wells can also be shocked every 5-10 years with chlorine bleach for bacteria. But it's best to have wells checked for bacteria. It is recommended that your water be tested every 5-10 years and yearly if arsenic is discovered. It is recommended your water is tested at a MDH Certified Lab.

Well water test kits are available at the Oak Grove City Hall. Anoka County also offers testing; <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/2009/Well-Water-Testing>

For more information on wells and locating a MDH Certified Lab go to

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wells/waterquality/index.html>

Consult with a water treatment specialist or an experienced contractor.

Lake Report/Tom Rotramel: Lake Level Monitoring Gauge was installed near Rotramel's dock on May 16, 2024 with an initial reading of 1.24. By month end we had in excess of 3.55 inches of rain and the gauge read 1.36. So far, through 6/12, we have recorded 4.26 inches of rain and the lake level gauge now reads 1.68. By my reasoning that is an increase of .44 feet or 5.28 inches since May 16th. During this period we have conducted three clarity observations: 5/17 at 12 feet 3 inch, 6/3 at 12 feet 8 inch, and 6/10 at 10 feet 6 inch. Surface water temperature has increased from 68 degrees to 72 degrees over this period. While taking the water temperature and clarity readings on June 10, we collected seven weed treatment marker buoys. Birdie has recycled the plastic buoys and returned the anchors to the lake treatment company in Rogers, MN for future use.

Treasurer's Report: Tami reported that as of May 31, 2024, the available balance was \$12,781.00 with expenditures during the month of \$961.00.

Donation to Anoka County Parks: The board approved a \$200 donation to the Anoka County Park Summer Camp program to purchase life jackets. The LGID also donated \$300 to the program to purchase life jackets.

Loon Update: Larry reported that two loons nested and there were two eggs spotted. Shortly after the Memorial Day weekend, the nest and eggs were abandoned. Larry has the eggs in his refrigerator and will be turning them over to the DNR. Birdie saw a loon nesting in the channel earlier in the season, but canoed into the channel on June 14 and there were no loons seen and no loons nesting.

4th of July Parade: The parade theme is Red, White and Blue or anything related to celebrating our freedom. Meet at Alex and Becky's dock at 11:15 am and be prepared to leave at 11:30 am.. There will be a boat with judges on the lake. Please contact Becky or Birdie if you are interested in being a judge.

Annual Picnic: Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on July 21 @ noon at the Stitt/Ridge residence located at 21125 Old Lake George Blvd NW, Oak Grove, 55303. Smokey's BBQ will cater the picnic and delicious pulled pork, pulled chicken and a taste of ribs will be served. There will be adult and kids raffle baskets. Birdie welcomes donations of new items or gift cards to create the baskets. Please have donations dropped off by July 10th. For questions call Birdie @ 764-438-6888

Lake George Improvement District (LGID): Juanita reported that the mapping and treatment of the lake has been completed. Good news-there was no curly pondweed detected. A total of 39 acres of Milfoil was treated by the beach and the south and southwest portion of the lake. Inspections will continue at the boat landing and the weed sticks were replaced after they were vandalized. There are volunteers monitoring Zebra Mussels. Fortunately, there has been no evidence of them in the lake. The LGID received a grant for boat inspection, a DNR grant and money from the City of Oak Grove. At the August 20th Annual Meeting, they will elect two candidates for three year terms on the board. Dick Werner is retiring from the board after 15 years of service to the LGID. Nominations to the board are now open and must be received by July 16th. A posting and job description for the LGID Recording Secretary was distributed. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Contact Juanita at 763-753-4636.

The Oak Grove City Council and Parks Commission voted to establish a park in the old boat access on Lake George Parkway. The forty foot frontage has reportedly been used for unlawful activities and unauthorized access to the lake. An adjacent property owner has reported people have been anchoring their boats and pontoons all summer and treating this area as their own personal marina. He would like the city to address the boats/pontoons anchored in front of the old access.

A gift card for the Refuge was given to Charles Weed, Perry's son in law, in appreciation for creation and maintenance of the Lake George Conservation Club website: <https://www.lakegeorgemn.org/>

The door prize winner was Alex Stitt. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Upcoming Events: LGCC Picnic on Sunday, July 21