

WINDEMERE LAKE AND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION



WINDOW

Spring 2011

"if you want information, just open your window"

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

Your lake association has started a library and these items can be checked out.

Landscaping for Wildlife and Water Quality

New ten year Pine County Water Plan.

CD from our August 2010 General Meeting

MPCA Steve Heiskary's power point presentation- **A Guide to Lake Protection**
Lap reports

Interested? Contact Pauline Dee at 218-485-8578

"Get the Lead Out"

Every year water birds die from lead poisoning due to swallowing lead sinkers and jigs that were attached to fishing lines and now may lie on the lake bottom or are still inside a fish. One single lead sinker or jig can poison a water bird. Eagles could eat a fish that has a lead piece still attached to a fishing line that has been cut. We have had an **unsuccessful "Get the Lead Out"** campaign going on in our association for 3 years. The DNR has dropped the program due to lack of funds. We will still continue to collect lead at our 3 General Meetings. Let's turn this from "unsuccessful" to "**SUCCESSFUL.**" Clean out you tackle box and bring in the lead!

2011 General Meeting Dates:

JUNE 11-Rich Rezanka, Evasive Species Specialist

July 9-DNR Fisheries

August 13-Clair Strandlie-Chairman Windemere Township Board
Curt Rossow-Pine County Commissioner

Buy only what you need, use what you buy, and store or dispose of leftover products safely!! See Recycling inserts!

All general meetings will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church, 204 Elm Avenue, Moose Lake at 9:00a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Fresh Water Fair will be held in Pine City on May 19, 2011

FAILING SEPTIC? LOW ON CASH? CONTACT PINE SWCD!

Pine SWCD is participating in a revolving loan fund with Pine, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Aitkin and Isanti SWCD's to offer a low interest loan for new septic systems.

Specific Loan Information:

- existing septic must be deemed failing by licensed designer/installer/inspector
- residential septic systems only (not city/sewered communities)
- 3% loan for 10 years

Fill out an application and submit it to Pine SWCD with copies of 2 years income taxes, and 2 bids from licensed installers. The Pine SWCD will review the application during their monthly board meeting. Once the Pine SWCD board approves it, the application and information is sent to Kanabec SWCD, who works directly with the lending institution. Homeowners will be contacted directly by the lending institution loan approval.

For more information or an application, contact Jill at 320-216-4241, or jmcarlie@co.pine.mn.us

TOP ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE FOR HEALTHIER LAKES AND RIVERS

- o Leave an un-mowed natural area along your shore
- o Leave native water plants and fallen trees in the lake/river for fish habitat
- o Keep your septic systems up to code, well maintained and pumped frequently
- o Minimize driveways, sidewalks, and mowed lawn areas on your property
- o Keep yard waste, pet waste, household and garden chemicals out of the lake/river
- o Get to know your neighbors and help them do the right thing for the lake/river
- o Take part in the land-use decisions in your community
- o Volunteer for a leadership role in your lake association or river group *Minnesota Waters*

GOOD IDEA

If 200 shoreland property owners stopped mowing all the way to edge of the lake, and left a 25-50 foot wide un-mowed area along their shoreline during the summer of 2011, at least 30 fewer pounds of phosphorous would enter our lakes. And since every pound of phosphorous can produce a thousand to ten thousand pounds of algae, that's a lot less algae in our lakes! *Minnesota Waters*

RAIN BARRELS, A Great Way to Utilize Rainwater

University of Minnesota Extension



Have you ever watched a river of rainwater run down your driveway in the lake or storm sewer? Or even worse, seep into you basement? Collecting roof runoff in rain barrels is a good solution to these problems and it also helps alleviate stressed water systems and conserve limited resources. Rain barrels will help protect our lakes and rivers while saving money on water bills. A rain barrel is any type of container that is placed underneath a shortened downspout, diverting the roof runoff into the rain barrel. The water that is collected can then be stored and used to water your lawn or flowers at a later date. This rainwater is better for your flowers and lawn because it is natural. It does not have the chlorine, minerals and chemicals found in city tap water. The water collected is not suitable for human or pet consumption. Due to lack of research, using it to water vegetable gardens is also not recommended. If you are interested in making or purchasing a rain barrel, contact Sam at the Pine SWCD office at 320-216-4242 for an information sheet on rain barrels and a sheet of directions on how to construct a rain barrel.

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