

# Buffalo Lake District News

by Al Rosenthal



BUFFALO LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

## Buffalo Lake Fall Newsletter

Although the weed cutters are put away and the buoy's are out of the channel, the commissioners have not quit working for the Lake District.

1. **COLLECTING SPECIAL CHARGES:** Since Labor Day the District has collected \$115,659.26. and have earned over \$350.00 in interest. The County Treasurer requests that the list of delinquent charges be turned in by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The list totaled \$35,450.00, which includes the penalty of \$10.00. This amount will be placed on the property tax bills that come out in December, and the District will receive the money from the City and townships in February.
2. **2006 BUDGET:** With two months left in the budget year we have \$6918.46 available. Knowing we have some set expenses in the next two months, it would appear we will have at a \$3000.00 balance going into 2007, plus the special charges collected for the year 2007.
3. **COUNTY LAKE ASSOCIATION:** Buffalo Lake, along with a lot of help from Pat Kilby, the Marquette County Conservationist, initiated a meeting of lake districts and associations in Marquette County. Since that initial meeting two more meetings have been held. Dennis Schroeder has attended these meetings as the representative from Buffalo Lake. The purpose of the meetings is to see if other lakes have similar concerns. And, if they form an association, will it help the individual lakes.

It has not been determined if the association will be formed, a similar association was formed in the 70's and was disbanded. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the group met and Dennis Schroeder and Al Rosenthal attended the meeting. 17 people were in attendance with representation from 11 lakes.

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**The Buffalo Lake Association Fisheree will be held in February, 2007. Watch for more information on our website and in the local newspapers.**

# Results of the August 2006 Annual Meeting by Colleen Huber

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## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution 2006-3**

Create a capital fund for major equipment repair/replacement or purchase of additional equipment. The assessments would increase per the following: \$140.00 increases to \$200.00; \$60.00 increases to \$100.00; \$30.00 (Business) would remain the same; \$12.00 increases to \$100.00; \$5.00 increases to \$50.00. These increases would generate approximately \$57,000.00 a year for the capital fund.

**RESULTS:** Approved

### **Resolution 2006-4**

Obtain, from a legal source, the necessary steps and process involved to raise the water level on Buffalo Lake.

**RESULTS:** Approved

**Volunteer Committee member:** Vince Quandt

### **Resolution 2006-5**

Create a harvesting committee that will look into the cost associated with repair/replacement/addition of equipment. This would be a 2-year commitment. This resolution is contingent upon district members volunteering.

**RESULTS:** Approved

**Volunteer Committee members:** Bill Lewis, Wally Dziedzic, Neil Johnson, Don Schoechert, Jim Sanders

### **Resolution 2006-6**

Create a water quality/clarity committee that will actively take Buffalo Lake water samples. This resolution is contingent upon district member volunteering. This would be a 2-year commitment.

**RESULTS:** Approved

**Volunteer Committee members:** John Hunter, Valerie Stabenow

### **Resolution 2006-7**

Create a committee that will investigate grants that are available for making Buffalo Lake more accessible for the disabled. The committee would also work with the city of Montello to establish a place for boats to dock and be accessible to the downtown Montello area. This resolution would be contingent upon district members volunteering. This would be a 2-year commitment.

**RESULTS:** Approved.

**Volunteer Committee members:** Gary Doudna, Colleen Huber, Jan Engle, Wally Dziedzic, Al Rosenthal

In addition, two new positions were approved for the Buffalo Lake District. The positions are: Assistant Chairperson (Bill Lewis) and Assistant Treasurer (John Hunter).

# Buffalo Lake District Treasurers Report

## By Al Rosenthal

### Buffalo Lake District October 2006

#### October Debits

7289	\$29.61	Adams-Columbia-Electric
7290	\$6.02	Marquette Cty. Trib-Public Notice
7291	\$115.00	Joe Cmelak-Mowing
7292	\$34.62	Marquette-Adams-Telephone
7293	\$17.98	Holliday True Value-parts
7294	\$222.60	Wisc. Dept. of Rev.-Sept. Tax
7295	\$1,302.96	Nat'l Ex. Bk. & Trust-Sept.Fed.Tax
7296	\$29.94	CarQuest-Parts
7297	\$26.83	AT&T Long Distance service
7298	\$573.13	Timbers-End of year dinner
7299	\$1,011.86	Aqua Marine-Parts
7300	\$104.00	Wheeler, VanSickle-Attorney Fees

**Total** \$3,474.55

#### National Bank Operation Fund

9/30/06 Balance	\$8,614.04
October Interest	\$12.86
Launch Boxes	\$0.00
Transfer to Checking	(\$3,000.00)
<b>Balance 10/31/06</b>	<b>\$5,626.90</b>
<b>Checking</b>	
9/30/06 Balance	\$1,764.89
Deposits	\$3,000.00
October Debits	(\$3,474.55)
September Interest	\$1.22
Balance 10/31/06	\$1,291.56

#### 1st National Bank Money Market

9/30/06 Balance	\$45,367.76
October Interest	\$256.79
Special Charges 2007	\$68,232.00
Accr. Earning payment	\$93.92
Balance 10/31/06	\$113,950.47
Unaudited Total for 2006	\$6,918.46
Unaudited Total for 2007	\$113,950.47

## Articles are needed for the March, 2007 Newsletter

### By Colleen Huber

Winter is approaching and you might be looking for something interesting to do in order to make the cold weather months move along quicker. Well, how about writing an article for the March, 2007 Newsletter? Here are some suggestions for you:

- Historical news
- Landscaping suggestions
- Funny ice fishing stories (you know, like the "big one" that got away!)
- Interesting news about what winter was like this year
- Bird/animal sightings



Please submit your articles to the address located on the back page of this newsletter. All articles are reviewed by the District Commissioners prior to publication.

When it's too cold to be outside, how about staying inside and writing an article?

# MUSINGS ON AN OCTOBER DAY BY BUFFALO LAKE

by: Mary F. Lein

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Fall is rapidly flying by! Autumn is by far my favorite season and living on Buffalo Lake makes the season even more dear to me. The sound of the geese honking always reminds me of the old Frankie Lane song, "My Heart Knows Where the Wild Goose Goes". Am I giving away my age? That sound always evokes such pleasant memories of when I was young. My father, Uncle Joe and I would go mushroom hunting every Fall. The sounds of the leaves crunching underfoot brought happiness to my young ears and I still get a kick out of that sound today when I walk through fallen leaves.

Leaves, do we have leaves! The colors are constantly changing from the early yellow walnut trees and yellows and oranges of the ash to the majestic purples, burgundies and reds of the oaks. My favorite is the sugar maple's yellow, orange, and reds. A kaleidoscope of color. I take it all in with wondrous joy. Raking leaves and the smell of burning leaves adds more joy to the senses of sound and smell. No other season is so sensual to me.

There is a little sadness too, with some of the birds leaving. The bluebirds flocked in the horse field near my home. Everyday as my dog and I walked, I would wonder when the bluebirds would be leaving as I watched the group get bigger and bigger. Sadly they left the beginning of October after stripping our Mountain Ash tree of all its berries. The Bohemian Waxwings helped eat the berries also. The hum of the Humming bird left around that time too. I will have to wait until March to see the Bluebirds again and May for the Ruby Throated Hummingbird. Happy to have helped them on their migrating journey with food to go. My husband and I purposefully planted bushes and trees to feed the birds and we are glad to see the birds taking the berries. Some of the vegetation that the birds enjoy besides the Mountain Ash berries are Honey-suckle berries, Bittersweet berries, berries from the Viburnum bushes, Arrowwood species, to name a few. The Humming birds enjoyed our salmon impatiens and various blooming hostas. The Goldfinches liked to perch on our black-eyed susans. The robins loved to bath in our birdbath.

Don't you just laugh to hear the Sandhill Cranes flocking and flying South. They have not left yet and it is almost the end of October. Turkey and Geese are found abounding around us. The turkeys stay here year round and some of the Geese do also. Did you see the large flock of Coots on our lake? And did you notice how beautiful Buffalo Lake looks now? Today on my walk I noticed that the Juncos are back. When they fly their tail has such pretty white markings and of course their breasts are pure white. I enjoy watching them scurrying around in the snow for seeds during the winter. I was happy to see them back.

Another source of amazement is the beautiful sunsets we have on Buffalo Lake in the Fall. The sun sets in just the right spot to light up the lake with vibrant colors. I always wonder why only in the Fall the sunsets are so breath-taking. I know there is some scientific explanation for it, but I choose to simply enjoy the sunsets. Every day I thank God for letting me live in beautiful Marquette County and on Buffalo Lake!

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After much discussion, it was decided that a subgroup would meet and make recommendations to the total group for discussion and action in April or May of 2007. Buffalo Lake will have representation on this subgroup which will meet for the first time on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

4. CAUSEWAY-PIER COMMITTEE This committee has not met yet, but hopes to have their initial meeting shortly.
5. On November 13<sup>th</sup> Dennis Schroeder and Bill Lewis attended the Wisconsin Waterway Commission meeting in Fitchburg at the DNR office. The Buffalo Lake District had submitted a grant for funding towards the purchase of a new weed cutter, and this commission distributes the funds. The grant requests from lakes in the State total \$1.1 million dollars, and the Commission had only a little over \$200,000 to distribute. The Buffalo Lake District received 40% funding towards there new weed cutter, which amounts to \$41,000. Congratulation to the Weed Harvesting committee and especially to Dennis Schroeder for getting all the paper work in on time.
6. WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE: Vince continues to pursue actions to raise the water level.
7. HARVESTING COMMITTEE: Organizational activities are taking place. Additional information will be available in the March, 2007 Newsletter.
8. WATER QUALITY/CLARITY COMMITTEE: Organizational activities are taking place in order to proceed with water testing activities starting in Spring. Additional information will be available in the March, 2007 Newsletter.

### **Mark your calendars:**

The next Commissioners meeting is on January 13, 2007 at the Packwaukee Town Hall at 9:00 a.m

## A Little Humor

[www.laughspot.com](http://www.laughspot.com)

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A sweet little boy surprised his grandmother one morning and brought her a cup of coffee. He made it himself and he was so proud. Anxiously, he waited to hear the verdict. The grandmother, in all her life, had never had such a bad cup of coffee. As she forced down the last sip, his grandmother noticed three of those little green army guys were in the bottom of the cup.

She asked, "Honey, why would three of your little army men be in the bottom of my cup?" Her grandson replied, "You know grandma, it's like on TV. 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup'."

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Meeting Reminders:  
Next Annual Meeting: 08/11/2007

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**District Commissioners**

Neil Johnson, Chair  
Bill Lewis, Assistant Chair  
Dennis Schroeder, Secretary  
Al Rosenthal, Treasurer  
John Hunter, Assistant Treasurer  
Dale Walters, Town of Packwaukee Rep.  
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