

Lake Belle Taine Association Fall Newsletter

October
15, 2022

Quote

*Skip a stone, take a hike, sit a spell, listen, daydream, just breathe. This is Lake Living.
Quote by "Routinely Nomadic"*

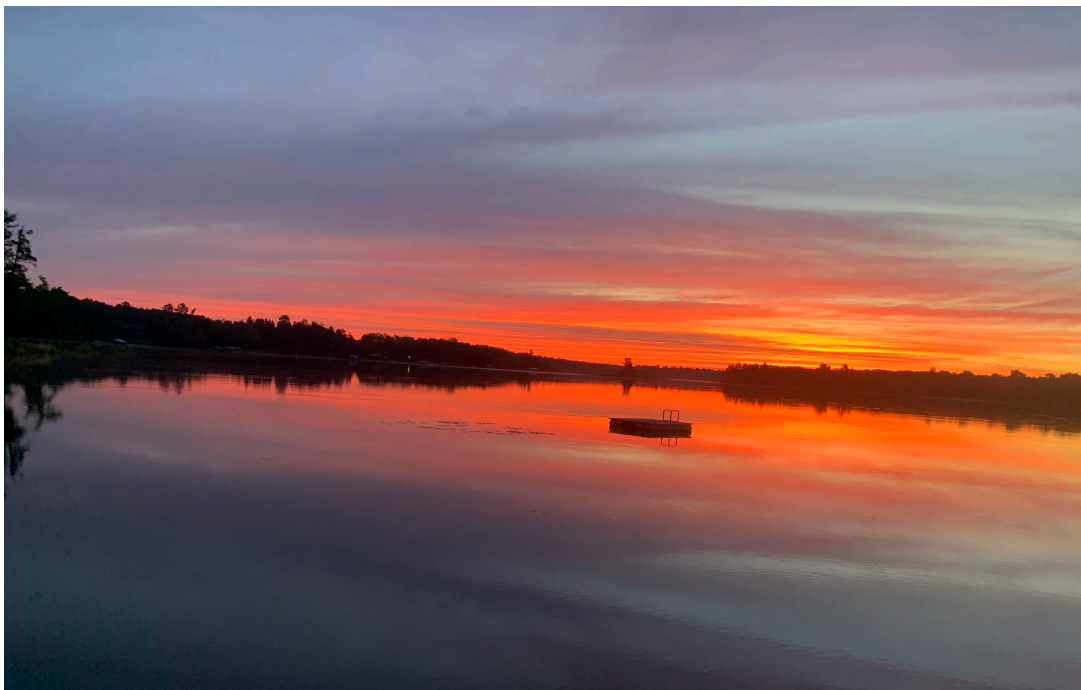


photo courtesy of Wayne Fox

Meet your Board Members

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lynn Swaggert. My husband Pat and his family have been the owners of Campers' Paradise since 1960.

We have 1 son - Kurt (deceased) and 2 granddaughters; Kennedy 6 1/2 and Kora who is 2. We also have 2 Siberian huskies that keep us busy. Their names are Minnie and Maya.

I have recently retired from the Athletic Department of New Prague High School. My Husband Pat was a captain in the Minneapolis Fire Department. Upon retirement we moved full time to Nevis. I am currently also active in the Nevis Chamber of Commerce.

We as a lake association are blessed with the many talents that our directors have! This enables us to keep up to date with all that Lake Belle Taine has to offer and keep all of you up to date on events that are happening.

*Fall
Together*



We Have a New Website!

Our new Lake Belle Taine website that is now live.
www.lakebelletaine.org

Water Depth Update

As you may have noticed the water levels on our lake were high for most of the year this year. Current level of the lake (10/10/22) was 1427.3. This is about 7" higher than it was at this time last year which is good news as it gives some room for additional water for the spring melt. The lake reached a high of 1428.43 on June 25th. If you attended the annual meeting, you also heard discussion about a lake improvement district. There is more information about what a lake improvement district is on our website at www.lakebelletaine.org. Those present at the annual meeting strongly supported the board and the committee to explore this as an option.

The committee has been busy over the summer meeting with the DNR, Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District, County Administration, and the County Commissioners to explore their willingness to explore the option. On Tuesday, September 13th the lake quality committee attended a workshop with the County Commissioners to discuss their willingness to approve the creation of a district if we presented a petition from property owners requesting that a LID be established.

There was unanimous agreement of the commissioners that the water levels on Lake Belle Taine are an issue, but there was little interest by the board in creating a lake improvement district currently. The board prefers that the issue be dealt with through the One Watershed – One Plan process. The Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District, as Fiscal Agent, was awarded a planning grant to develop the Crow Wing plan in late August 2022. There will be several committees established and the Commissioners would like to have a Lake Belle Taine representative on one of the committees which are expected to start sometime after the first of the year. The planning process could take up to two years before completion.

The Lake Quality Committee has decided to align its efforts with the county commissioners direction as without their support for a LID one could not be established. The Lake Quality Committee will continue to be involved and work to get representation on one of the Crow Wing planning committee's but in the meantime Lake Belle Taine Property owners will be at the mercy of mother nature.

Here is a link to an article in the Enterprise. <https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/news/local/hubbard-county-commissioners-favor-watershed-plan-over-lake-improvement-district-for-belle-taine>

Submitted by John Maczko

Water Safety, Rules, and Courtesy

I will put how to report issues and regulations as well as common courtesy guidelines here.

A friendly reminder when putting your buoys in for the colder / winter months of the year.

Mooring Buoys

Buoys designed for mooring boats are all-white with a blue stripe midway between the top and the waterline. A minimum of 16 square inches of white reflector, part of which must be visible from any direction, is required on all mooring buoys. (Obtain a permit from the county sheriff before placing a mooring buoy in the water.)



Here are some tips on waterway markers:

- Waterway markers, especially buoys can move off station due to wind, waves, current, ice or other reasons.
- Buoys and other waterway markers may not be present outside of the normal boating season. Check locally before heading out.
- Red and green channel markers may be numbered: green (odd) and red (even).
- Size specifications for buoys:
 - For all buoys except mooring buoys, the minimum height above water is 36 inches and the minimum diameter is 9 inches.
 - For mooring buoys the maximum size is 24 inches in diameter, if spherical, or a maximum of 24 inches wide if some other shape. Mooring buoys must extend at least 8 inches above the water.

DNR Information Center: 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367
Turn in Poachers (TIP) Hotline: 1-800-652-9093

Park Rapids Enforcement Area
 Michael Cross, Conservation Officer

Radio Call: K172

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Resource: MN boating Guide 2022

Let's be Safe and Considerate

There were many reports of people boating close to loons, encroaching on fishing boats and other unsafe behavior.

Did you know that there are online Boating classes available and are required for certain age groups? Check it out here. There is also a link to the Minnesota Boating Guide.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/education.html>

What's Happening Around the Lake?

Annual Lake Belle Taine Association's Christmas Gathering

When: Saturday December 3rd 2022 Social hour starts at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30

Where: Cindy Lou's in Nevis, MN

More details to come – Stay tuned to the Nextdoor app, Lake Association emails, The Park Rapids Enterprise, The Nevis Northwoods Press, and KDKK for more information.

Local Happenings: Many local venues are open year-round and have events scheduled.

Revel Brewing: <https://revelingbrew.com>

Iron Horse Bar and Grill: <https://www.ironhorsenevis.com/events>

Carters Fall Festival: <http://cartersfarm.org>

WineNot Wine Bar and venue: <https://www.winenotparkrapids.com>

Little Dorset Shop: Hygge Event <https://littledorsetshop.com/shop>

Craft and Vendor Show in Park Rapids:



Images From Around the Lake:



Aurora from September 3rd through the 4th taken by Jenny Meyer





Fall Foliage – Taken 10/4 by Linda Fox



Fall Fishing – Taken 10/10 by Linda Fox