



CHAIN OF LAKES PICNIC

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**All Lakeshore people welcome for an
old fashioned picnic**



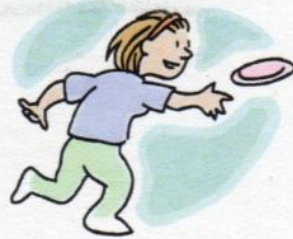
Saturday, July 19, 2014

Wabana Town Hall Pavilion

4:30 pm Outdoor activities and socializing

5:30 pm Picnic meal begins

We will provide: Hot dogs, Brats, Potato salad, Chips,
Beverages and Dessert

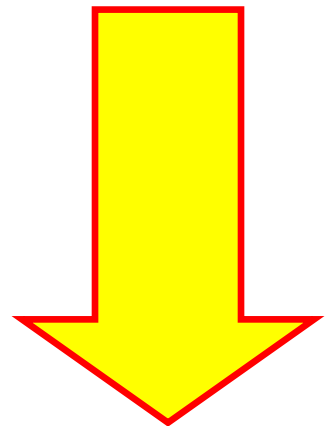


**Bring your neighbor(s) and come to socialize,
eat, and have some fun.**

You might make a new friend.

Membership Dues for 2014 are due - please bring a check or cash to the Picnic and see us at the registration table.

NEWSLETTER BELOW



The Chain Letter of the



July 2014

Dedicated to the care and preservation of our lakes, for the enjoyment and safety of all
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Updates, if any, noted in **Red** – update your address books!

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello members and neighbors,

This is just a quick newsletter - to share upcoming events with all of you. First - there is the annual picnic - which is just around the corner - July 19th - the details were mailed to all residents on a postcard - a copy of that card is at the top of the newsletter and has all the details. The same team headed by Roger Linder is doing all the work so you can expect another fine event. And as you will see in the minutes below - we have taken on a project to have Jack Velzen produce a set of three maps showing our lakes and property owners - they will be available for sale at the Picnic - first come first serve for \$25 for the set of three.

The WCOLA organization revamp group (advisory committee, officers and a couple other volunteers) are meeting this week to finalize our new format. As explained earlier:

- no Saturday business meetings
- preserve our program formats - but likely at a different time
- focus on social events, at least one major one per year and then smaller ones for smaller groups to attend all year long
- expanding the newsletter so we have an effective way of communicating
- keeping science and water monitoring as key to our mission

You can expect to hear more details about our events, the new newsletter, updated bylaws and more during the rest of 2014. If anyone has comments or ideas - please contact me one of the officers / committee chairs and let us know - emails and phone numbers are listed in the box on page one of every newsletter.

Finally - two more bits of info printed below - the firewise collection dates and contact numbers as well as a copy of the clipping from the Grand Rapids Herald Review explaining the no wake zone that has been in affect but lifted July 3rd. See you at the picnic.

Sincerely, John W. Zimmerman Jr.,
President - Wabana Chain Of Lakes Association

Visit our
web site www.wcola.org
Add your items to it by sending to Mark
Miner,
mminer@minergroup.com

MINUTES - WCOLA MEETING JUNE 21, 2014

The meeting of the Association was called to order by President John W. Zimmerman, Jr. at 9:05 am. He began by encouraging others to bring "historical" show and tell materials to future meetings by sharing many histories, novels and pamphlets from his collection on the local area.

The agenda as presented was adopted. The Treasurer's Report of June 21, 2014 (shown below) was received by motion, seconded and passed. The minutes of the May 2014 and Sept 2013 meeting as printed in the June Newsletter were also approved.



Ken Zimmer reported for Environment - he wanted us to be aware of a recently published book by Elizabeth Kolbert - "*The Sixth Extinction*" and suggested it as a good read.

John Zimmerman presented the details of the WCOLA Map project headed by Jack Velzen (who was not at the meeting). It was moved, seconded and approved that we purchase 100 sets of the maps - and sell them for \$25 a set. During this discussion - Dave Lick asked about the status of the WCOLA 501(c)3, Mark Zimmerman agreed to see if we were current on the states web site, Roger Linder stated he would add it to the audit function in future years and we agreed to obtain and inspect the original materials held by former secretary Art Merrill.

Roger Linder stated the importance of having a secretary - Louie Gueltzow volunteered to serve - it was moved, seconded and approved by a quorum of members present.

We spend most of the meeting discussing the previously communicated WCOLA organization revamp. Key points of the discussion included the importance of the educational programs, the uniqueness of WCOLA as one of the rare lake associations that was more than a social organization - based in science around water testing, septic system upgrades and aquatic invasive programs. After a good discussion on our organization - Mark Conover moved that we let the executive committee and the committee

heads implement the suggested changes - reporting back to the members as those changes were adopted. John Zimmerman agreed to set a meeting prior to the 2014 picnic. During the new business discussion - Roger Linder and Jim Olijnek agreed to head the team that would organize our annual picnic - it was moved and seconded and approved that this be so and that the team be authorized to spend up to \$1,000 on the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.
Respectfully submitted - John W. Zimmerman, Jr.
(President in the absence of a Secretary)

WABANA CHAIN OF LAKES TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 21, 2014

Balance – May 16, 2014	\$13,364.87
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 1,530.00
Contributions	\$ 160.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1,690.00
Disbursements:	
Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Membership Contribution	\$ 100.00
Postmaster, 180 Stamps for the June Newsletter	\$ 88.20
Wal-Mart, Coffee, Napkins, Nametags, Mailing Labels	\$ 25.43
Treasure Bay Printing June Newsletter-190 copies -8 pages	<u>\$ 165.04</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 378.67

Checkbook Balance-June 20, 2014 \$14,676.20

Total Paid Households: 59

Designated Funds:

2014 Water Testing - \$3,697.00
Historical Committee - \$48.56
Membership Committee - \$50.42

No wake zones were lifted July 3

STAFF REPORT

The no wake zones in Itasca County were lifted on July 3.

According to a statement from the Itasca County Sheriff's Office, the no wake signs have been removed from the public accesses to

Pokegama and Jay Gould lakes, as well as the Mississippi River.

"Due to high water levels, law enforcement will continue patrolling all area lakes to address various water craft laws and ask that you respect property owners and use caution when navigating

the water ways," the statement said.

No wake zones on area waterways have been in effect in Itasca County since June 19.

For questions or concerns, contact the Itasca County Sheriff's Office at (218) 326-3477.

Firewise Communities/USA® Recognized Sites 2014



Itasca County Chipper Days Pickup Dates

Project Area	Pickup Date	Contact	Email address	Contact Phone#
City of Deer River	June 23rd	Mark Box	cityofdeerriverfirewise@gmail.com	246-8195
Deer River Twp	July 7th	Terry Greenside	deerrivertownshipfirewise@gmail.com	246-8723
Deer Lake Association	July 7th	Joan Ratzlaff	deerlakeassociationfirewise@gmail.com	246-9652
Tioga Rd	July 14th	Dick Rohloff	tiogafirewise@gmail.com	259-5959
Sunnybeach	July 14th	Rick Gould	sunnybeachfirewise@gmail.com	326-8170
Johnson Lake	July 16th	Carolyn McElfratrick	redpinefirewise@gmail.com	326-6195
Turtle Lake	July 21st	Tom Morneau	turtlelakefirewise@gmail.com	832-3211
Warba / Feeley	July 28th	Mark Seeley	feeleytownshipfirewise@gmail.com	492-1650
Wabana Chain of Lakes	August 4th	Bud Sage	wabanafirewise@gmail.com	326-4535
Sand Lake Twp	August 11th	Rick Hauck	docview@paulbunyan.net	659-2683
Suomi Area	August 18th	Norm Ford	suomifirewise@gmail.com	246-9398
Morse Twp	Aug 25th	Rita Fidely	morsetownshipfirewise@gmail.com	246-2189
Bowstring Twp	Aug 25th	Chris Schultz	bowstringfirewise@gmail.com	832-3360
Prairie Lake	Sept 2nd	Jim Sop	prairielakefirewise@gmail.com	507 380-7820
Itasca County Firewise	Coordinator	Bill Brink	itascafirewise@gmail.com	218 360-1114
Itasca County Firewise	Asst. Coordinator	John Moore	itascafirewise@gmail.com	218 244-6351

Please call designated area for more information about Chipper Days pickup dates



Please support your local fire department