



Hello Members

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The garage sale is done, the harvesting season is over, and temperatures are cooling off. It always seems like the summer just buzzes right on by and fall shows up too soon. As everyone prepares to do the fall clean up of their yards, I encourage you to take advantage of the composting sites provided by the township. One is located on highway #6 approximately 1 ½ miles east of Bann's and the other is located near the Ranger Station on county road 14. Enjoy the fall colors!

1. The garage sale was a huge success! Thanks to all the donations throughout the summer, we had more merchandise available at this year's sale than we have had in the recent past! I want to also thank all the dedicated volunteers that took time out of their Labor Day weekend to work at the sale. Without your volunteering, the LMA could not have the success it has at this annual event
2. The annual Highway Clean Up will be held after the October 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. We will start at approximately 10:30 AM. Please consider meeting us at the LMA garage on Hwy. #6 and helping out. The LMA sponsors a 2-mile section of Hwy. #6 from the Sportsmen's Club, past the LMA garage, to the curve past Bann's each May and October. Thank you to those members that volunteer each year for this event!
3. The Habitat for Humanity project in McGregor is looking for volunteers to help with the laying of sod this Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM. Any and all able-bodied volunteers are needed! Lunch will be served to all volunteers. This is a great opportunity to help with wonderful community support activity. Please contact Bob or Barb Bass with the Habitat of Humanity @ 218-927-5656.
4. The DNR will be conducting a walleye survey sometime later this fall. This survey will help to show the survival rate of the 2.3 million walleye fry that were stocked in the lake this past May. Once I receive the survey data, those results will be shared with the membership!
5. On a serious note, an invasive plant species, the purple loosestrife, was found in the channel between Horseshoe Lake and Lake Minnewawa. Officials with the MN DNR have been contacted and the plants have been eradicated. I have asked the DNR for a brief description of the plant, a photo, and further contact information that can be made available to the membership. Early detection and treatment is the only way to control this invasive plant! Please keep an eye out for this plant!
6. As always, please support the local businesses and groups that help the LMA. When you are at their establishments, please thank them for their support. Current 2011 members are Bann's, Christian Reality North, Country Meadows Inn, Freeman Electric, Horseshoe Inn, Shamrock township, Sportsmen's Club, Tamarack Sno-Flyers, Willey's Sport Shop and Spirits and Willey's Marine.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 763-767-4842 or check the website for all the board member contact information.

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