



BEACH TALK



2012 Boat Parade Winners:

1st- The Cat in the Hat, Kleins

2nd- Miss Sandy Lake, DuBois

3rd- Red Solo Cup, C. Brinwall

Honorable mentions to Van Slykes for Gilligans Island and Horns with Sandy Lake Sportsmen

A few words from our President:

I want to start this note with a big thanks and congratulations for a job well done to Chuck and Teresa Cullinan for hosting the Sandy Lake Potluck. This was our 4th year and each time it has grown in size with people from all sides of the lake attending. When we get a chance to talk with people from the other sides of the lake it really reminds us how much we have in common and how special this lake is. We continue to see some great water sports this summer and I think we have done a good job of respecting each other's space on the

water. I have not seen or heard of any really close calls. Safety must be at the forefront of any boating activities and patience will help us all to stay safe. The South Launch seasonal swimming beach is apparently working better than we expected. During the recent string of hot days we have seen many families with young children taking advantage of it. The township has re-graveled the roads on the south side. Hopefully with that and the rain garden, the run off into the lake will be greatly reduced. It had really gotten to be a problem with heavy rains and has impacted the shape of the

shoreline across the launch area, not to mention the dirty water which flowed into the lake. It has been a slow fishing season with the warm water temps, but the cooler weather should change that. If you have not had a chance to go fishing the time is coming soon, and if you go fishing, take a kid. I want to invite everyone to the North Launch next Saturday August 11th 10:00 AM for the SLIA meeting and, as with our potluck and meetings, if you can bring your neighbor even better. The more people involved the more we can do to help the lake.

-Dave Horn, President

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Updates

Oak Wilt

As some of you might have noticed we have lost more trees in the area. Some have chosen to cull their woods as a preventative measure while others have been chasing the disease, taking down the damaged individuals one at a time.

Oak Wilt is a problem for a number of homeowners and forest managers in Minnesota with no end in sight. There are a few things we can all do to help prevent the spread of this aggressive disease.

Don't prune during the sensitive spring months of April, May and June.

If you do prune, carry a paint can with you and immediately paint over the tree "wound" to keep the disease out. Quick is

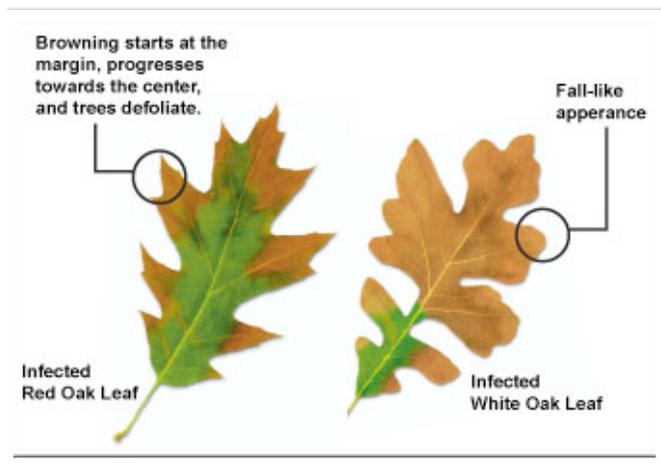
the name of the game, a few minutes left open can mean the difference between a healthy tree and losing one.

Avoid construction during those sensitive months and protect trees damaged during projects.

Do not move firewood. Yes, it is tempting with all this free wood up here but it isn't worth it to end up with a barren lot at home, staring at your neighbor in all of his shenanigans.

Currently our risk status for the spread is low so now is the time to cull your damaged trees.

For further information look on the MN DNR website or contact the U of M extension office.



Don't forget to renew your dues, \$20 per year

For more information on lake happenings this fall and winter go to mysandylake.com



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Saturday, August 11, 2012

10 am

North Access



Talk to your neighbors about joining the Sandy Lake Improvement Association this fall and be ready to participate in the happenings next year.