

Greetings Chippewa Neighbors!!

We had our annual Lake Association meeting on June 1st. Thanks to all who attended, we appreciate you taking the time on a Saturday morning to help foster a better lake environment for all Chippewa residents. Reminder, Our meeting is the First Saturday of each June.



Little carp lesson for all us, we certainly do have common and mirror carp in our lake, but many of the very large carp we see in Big Chip are really not carp. They are bigmouth buffalo, a member of the sucker family. Lake Chippewa has a sizable population of them.

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/06/10/new-appreciation-for-a-minnesota-fish-long-considered-junk>

A quote from the article above *"They're filter feeders, eating tiny plankton in the water. And in another interesting twist, Lackmann said he discovered they eat veligers, baby zebra mussels, a major and problematic invasive species in Minnesota. He hasn't published that finding yet, though."*

Could there be an upside to this remarkably long-lived fish?? We most likely have fish that are well over 100 years of age in our lake. I encourage all to read the article above. We have the link to the article on our Chippewa Lake Association Facebook page.

A reminder, we are in the Central Zone for Northern Pike regulations, be sure to read the 2019 Minnesota fishing regulations. We are working with the DNR to get a posting at the boat landing encouraging fisherpersons on the lake to keep smaller northern pike, under 22 inches and largemouth bass under the length of 12 inches. These fish are prime prey of the perch in our lake. Perch that are a primary source of food to our walleye population. Hence, removing these smaller pike and bass, help our walleye population to grow faster, in both numbers and size.

Through dues paid to the Association, we continue to provide a Porta-Potty at our public access. We plan to continue this ongoing as a courtesy to those visitors enjoying our lake.

The DNR, once again added more gravel to our landing to help shore it up, and dare we say it looks better than we've seen it in quite some time. Hats off to the DNR.

You've noticed the Big Chip Lake Association dues stayed at \$15. We will continue to evaluate the rate on an annual basis, looking a few years out. And thank you to all who also donated for the walleye stocking fund. There is still time to become a paying member. Make checks payable to Big Chippewa Lake Association and mail to: PO Box 457, Brandon MN 56315. Thank you!!

We'd like to add new members to our Lake association board. If you are interested, please contact anyone on the board. We'd like to rotate a members every couple years or so.

Thanks all who cruised the boat parade this year!! Winning results and photos are posted on the Chippewa Lake Facebook page. Check it out. While you're there, feel free to post photos to share with others as well, sunsets, sun rises, pictures of our local loons, etc....

The contributing members of the Lake Association will host another end of the season picnic, on Big Chip. David and Bonnie Tressler have graciously volunteered to host this year to give us another viewing area of our lake. We have set the date for Saturday, August 24th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at 9810 Nursery Lane NW. We'll post a banner on the lot as it get closer to make it more recognizable from in the Northwest corner of the lake. All lakeshore owners regardless of being members or not are encouraged to attend and meet their neighbors on all sides of the lake. We will serve burgers and brats and the fixings and provide bottled water. Please bring a lawn chair and a cooler with your favorite beverages, if so inclined. We will have some chairs available, but for those willing to bring them it will certainly help. We would love to see a great turn out, and please do RSVP with the included postcard. If you have guests staying with you that weekend, they are welcome as well, as we'd love to see all of you, our Chippewa neighbors. Thank you! Even if it's a last minute decision, please do stop by.

Dennis Lund has done water quality testing on Big Chip for many years. He finished up last season, thank you Dennis for your years of assistance. This season David Timmerman has agreed to perform the steps necessary to test our waters with the State. We all very much appreciate your time dedicated to this effort on our behalf!!

Help us find new members for the lake association. If you know of new neighbors who have moved in near you, please let us know. We will send them information on the lake association, and previous newsletters and where they may find further information about our lake.

The very best to all of you, and we hope to see you on Saturday, August 24th.

On behalf of Cheryl Pennington, Annette Byman, Todd Strom and Paul Andersen, Thank you!!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Hodorff at 952.221.4280