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Green Team Events for 2013

Provided below is a list of Green Team Events for the 2013 Calendar year, the Green Team is a partnership comprised of multiple local organizations (i.e. Green Lake Sanitary District, Green Lake Association, Green Lake Conservancy and Green Lake Schools) and volunteers who donate their time and talents to enrich our local community through special events and environmentally friendly activities. The Green Team has been in existence and providing volunteer-based events since 2008. This year's events include:

Event Description

1. Moonlight Walk and Campfire Cookout on Sugar Island
2. Out with the Owls at Green Lake Conference Center
3. Tap Into Sweetness: Maple Syrup Tour
4. Bluebird House Tour at Schattschnieder Family Farm
5. Earth Day Cleanup at Guskey-Miller Conservancy Property
6. Bird Watching and Banding at Sunnyside Conservancy
7. Kayak or Canoe Norwegian Bay at Norwegian Bay
8. Mitchell Glen Tour at Mitchell Glen Full
9. Beekeeping at Tuleta Prairie
10. Prairie Restoration Home Tour at Ratos Residence
11. Green Lake's Most Wanted: Invasive Plant IDs at Hammers Trail
12. Mitchell Glen Tour at Mitchell Glen
13. Better Nights with Bats at Town Square

Date of Event

- February 23rd
- March 9th
- March 30th
- April 13th
- April 20th
- May 4th
- June 8th
- June 22nd
- July 13th
- August 24th
- September 14th
- October 12th
- December 14th

Feel free to contact any of the four local organizations listed above for more specific times and other details. The Green Lake Association has been kind enough to offer assistance with registration information and more event details, their website can be accessed at www.greenlakeassociation.com. The only registration exception is the Mitchell Glen tours which need to be done by calling the Green Lake Sanitary District Office at (920) 295-4488.

The members of the Green Team Partnership can be reached at the following numbers: the Green Lake Sanitary District (920-295-4488), the Green Lake Conservancy Foundation (920-294-3592), the Green Lake Association (920-294-6480) and Green Lake Schools (920-294-6411). ❖

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Spring Newsletter 2013

Wisconsin DNR Approves Big Green Lake Management Plan

The Green Lake Sanitary District (GLSD) Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that on February 27th, 2013, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) approved Big Green Lake's Management Plan – see the letter to the right for the actual correspondence from the WDNR. The WDNR Approval culminates an 18 month multi-organizational team partnership project to lay out a clear, detailed plan for Big Green Lake and its Watershed for the foreseeable future (next 5 to 10 years) from a lake protection and improvement standpoint.

Without the WDNR Approval of our Big Green Lake Management Plan, we would not be able to move forward with a large number of lake protection and improvement projects requiring significant funding from both the State of Wisconsin and the United States Federal Government. The letter to the right allows our Local Partnership of Lake Organizations to proceed forward aggressively with 7 Lake & Watershed Grant Applications totaling in excess of \$1 million dollars for our lake beginning in the Spring of 2013 (right now).

All property owners can expect to hear much more about our newly adopted Big Green Lake Management Plan in the coming months and years. The GLSD would like to acknowledge our partnership of local, state and federal partners who all contributed so much to the 2013 Big Green Lake Management Plan (see "CCed list" in the approval letter for partner organizations). More details on the specific grants and lake protection/improvement activities will be forthcoming from our partnership team of organizations. ❖



These 2 photos illustrate the types of problems our new Lake Management Plan will correct, the first photo (upper left) clearly shows sediment runoff coming from Dakin Creek and going into the Silver Creek Estuary, then under the County A Bridge and into Big Green Lake. The second photo (upper right) shows an example of a stream buffer area that will be corrected during the initial phases of our lake protection and improvement project work.

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February 27, 2013

Green Lake Sanitary District
N5295 Cty Rd TT
Princeton WI 54968

Subject: Approval of Comprehensive Lake Management Plan

Dear Mr. Marks:

I want to thank you for submitting the Draft - Green Lake Management Plan. The Department reviewed the plan and it includes all of the elements listed in NR198.43 (1) and NR 191.45. It is well written and does an excellent job of setting the framework necessary to pursue comprehensive lake management efforts well into the future. Based on our review, the Department approves the plan.

There are many objectives and corresponding implementation strategies outlined in the plan. The Department has had substantial input in developing these strategies and fully supports future efforts to pursue Planning, Protection and AIS Grants. Please keep in mind the following:

1. Lake Management Plans are meant to be dynamic and iterative.
2. Future work should be tracked carefully and results added to the existing plan as addendums.
3. It is likely that new problems / objectives will arise and that priorities will change over time.
4. The Technical Team framework should be kept active so that communication networks remain open and stakeholders stay fully involved.
5. Public outreach efforts are critical, so please continue to make this a major priority.

I want to thank you, along with the many stakeholders, for the hard work and dedication that was necessary to complete this Lake Management Plan. I am confident that we can greatly improve the ecological condition of Green Lake.

Sincerely,

Ted M. Johnson

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WDNR – Lake Coordinator

CC: Mark Sesing; Consultant
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Lynn Mathias & Paul Tollard; Fond du Lac County
Jen Kaiser; Green Lake Association
Tom Eddy; Green Lake Conservancy
Glen McCarty; City of Green Lake
Caleb Zahn; NRCS
Dave Bartz, Dave Bolha, Rob McLemman, Scott Bunde, Gary Hanson, Jim Holzward; DNR

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Big Green Lake Conservancy Partnership News

We do need to take the time to provide a special and sincere "thank you" to all of the many buckthorn volunteers who have offered their services over the past several years. Working under adverse conditions with a nasty plant can really test the good intentions of most normal people; however, our buckthorn volunteers continue to amaze us and we need to recognize you special folks.

Great strides have been made in cleaning up buckthorn in most of our conservancy sites and WOW has it made a difference, to say the least! I think all of us who have helped over the past several years have come to know the good feeling after a tough morning's work to look back over our shoulders and appreciate the beauty of our conservancy sites; especially after buckthorn has been removed.

We understand that we have embarked on a 10 to 20 year project; however, we are making great strides and we will reach our goal of "buckthorn free conservancy properties". Refer to the "Green Team Article" for more details on Conservancy Property Cleanups/Restoration Activities.

Special events for 2013 include two items worth mentioning: First, if you are interested in volunteering and making some life-long friends, we invite you to join us this April 20th when the Green Team embarks on an Earth Day experience at the Guskey-Miller Conservancy Property – we plan to cut a trail through this property's woods. Secondly, we have made plans to burn the Tuleta Hill Prairie this Spring, the exact date will depend on weather and our contractor's schedule.

If you are interested in donating to our efforts (i.e. time, money, etc), we ask that you contact one of our partnership organizations and we would be glad to work with you. If you volunteered or helped out with any conservancy related work or activities in the past, we would like to thank you again. The core members of the Green Lake Conservancy Partnership include: the Green Lake Sanitary District (920-295-4488), the Green Lake Conservancy Foundation (920-294-3592) and the Green Lake Association (920-294-6480).❖



These pictures show before and after photos of the ABA conservancy site referred to as Hammers Trail/Assembly Springs, work done this Winter make this property much more accessible to the public beginning this year.

2013 Spring Cleanup

The Green Lake Sanitary District's Annual Spring Cleanup will be held from Saturday, May 25, 2013 through Saturday, June 1, 2013. Garbage containers will be available at the GLSD Wastewater Treatment Plant (located at N5295 County Highway TT in the Town of Princeton) during the dates and times specified below.

The garbage containers will be located within the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility fences and identification of being a GLSD property owner will be required (same rules as last year). The containers will be available for garbage drop off from 8 am until 3 pm for the following days: Tuesday (5/28/13), Wednesday (5/29/13), Thursday (5/30/13) and Friday (5/31/13). The containers will also be available for garbage drop off from 9am until noon for the following days: Saturday (5/25/13) and Saturday (6/1/13). Most trash will be accepted as well as scrap metal and yard waste. Hazardous materials such as used oils, paints, batteries tires, microwaves, dehumidifiers, recyclables and appliances containing fluids etc. will not be accepted.

Because of the law that went into effect in September 2010 electronic waste WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Below is a list of the items that will not be accepted:

Television (any size), desktop or laptop computers, mice, keyboards, any computer cables, computer speakers, desktop printers, CD players, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, and other video players, CPUs, monitors, fax machines, scanners, video recorders/players, video game consoles, zip drives, hard drives, external modems, copy machines, fluorescent light bulbs.

The City of Princeton will be collecting E-Waste on May 13, please call the City of Princeton Clerk's Office for more information 920-295-6612. You do not have to be a City resident to take advantage of this event.

If you have any type of hazardous waste materials (i.e. chemicals, paints, etc) that you want to dispose of properly, Green Lake County Land Conservation (920-294-4051) will be holding a "Clean Sweep" on Aug 9, 11am to 6 pm. Please contact Green Lake LCD for more information.

For the ninth year in a row, we plan to provide an area set up for Reusable Items. If you have gently used items that are not ready for the landfill, we will accept them and donate them to people and organizations that can reuse them.

If you are unsure about an item, contact the District Office at (920) 295-4488 between 8am and 4:30pm for clarification.❖

FYI...for your information

Aqweed Program for 2013 – The GLSD Aqweed Crew will begin cutting during the week of May 13th and continue to operate throughout the Summer until Labor Day Weekend.

If you had called in last summer to be harvested, you do not need to call our office this Spring. In early May, you will be mailed a letter notifying you that you are on the harvesting list for the Summer of 2013 and you will remain on the harvesting list unless you call our office and ask to be removed. Furthermore, your mailing will include a "pink fluorescent ribbon" to be tied to the end of your dock, these pink ribbons allow our harvesting crew to better identify properties wishing to be cut as they move around the lake throughout the Summer season.

Please remember that the DNR limits each riparian property to a cutting width of 30 feet. Requests for cutting of greater than 30 feet must be made by the property owner directly to the DNR. If you have any other questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (920) 295-4488.

Green Lake Fishing News – It has been a good year for Lake Trout rearing at our Fish Rearing Facility, on April 5th, 2013, we released over 30,000+ Lake Trout into Big Green Lake from our rearing facility. Once again, the majority of these released fish ranged in size between 9 and 11 inches.

None of the Lake Trout stocking would be possible without the continued support of the Big Green Lake Fishing Partnership. It is very important to recognize all of the Partners who support the Big Green Lake Fish Rearing Facility. Besides the GLSD, our partners include: **City of Green Lake, Green Lake Association, Green Lake County, Fishing Guide Mike Norton, Citizen Volunteer Steve Siders, Walleyes For Tomorrow and the Wisconsin DNR.**

RSVP Available Again in 2013 – RSVP and grant funding will once again be offered in 2013. Please keep in mind that RSVP funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis so don't wait too long if you are considering a project. Shoreland restoration is a vital component in our "environmental toolbox" for lake protection.

Garbage Reminder – Garbage is picked up on Monday mornings, except for the Holiday weekends. This Summer: In May, garbage will be picked up on the Tuesday (5/28/2013) the day after Memorial Day. In July and August, garbage will be picked up on ALL Mondays. In September, garbage will be picked up on Tuesday (9/3/2012) the day after the Labor Day Holiday. If possible put your trash out on the morning of pickup by 7am. If you have to leave before that, spray the inside of your garbage bags with an ammonia/water mixture to discourage animals from creating a "garbage mess". Recycling for property owners

signed up is the first Monday of the month, except if a Holiday weekend, then see Tuesday dates above.

Name, Address, Marital Status Changes

- As an ongoing reminder, please notify our office of changes in your property status (i.e. owner, address, etc). Mail and E-Mail is our most effective way to keep in touch with you and keep our records accurate. Emails should be sent to paulettej@glakesd.com and Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 417, Green Lake, WI 54941.

Sewer Related Work

- If you are involved in or planning a building project in a sewer area, please contact the GLSD Office (920) 295-4488 for permit and inspection related information. Please remember that new homes as well as newly created lots in sewer areas are assessed for sewer, please call our office at (920) 295-4488 if you have questions.