

Summer's End

A Seasonal Recap Berry Lake 2023

Fireworks

I think everyone that enjoys fireworks were very impressed and appreciative of the great show put on by Aaron and Nicole Dallaire. I know people like to do their own fireworks but a “main” show does help reduce the firework debris left in the lake. Having a defined time for the show is also helpful to those that do not like fireworks, have sleeping children and/or pets that are terrified of the noise. It allows them to be elsewhere or otherwise prepare for the noise. On that note always be respectful of your lake neighbors when shooting off fireworks.

The Dallaire's are planning a 2024 show and will once again accept donations to make it as great if not better next year. You can contact them at ndallaire3@gmail.com to make a donation.

Fishing Contest

Berry Lake's first kids fishing contest was a huge success. Through the hard work of a number of people all the kids got to experience a memorable day on the lake. Nearly 50 kids participated each receiving gear, lunch and camaraderie. The

2024 contest is already in the planning stages and from what I hear the prizes will be even better. Keep a watch on the Berry Lake Facebook page for details.



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

This summer, we continued to monitor the west basin and saw a boom in Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). We received the permit to perform Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH). Two divers spent two 8 hour days in targeted areas in the east basin where EWM has returned. There was little fragmentation and floaters with their newer collection system. For more information, please reference the short video posted

on the BLPOA Facebook page. The DASH bill should be around \$5,700 and is covered by the grant.

Onterra (our water management consultant) was out twice this summer. Once in July doing a Point Intercept study to get through Stage 1 of the next grant process. Recently, they conducted a Whole Lake Mapping to check EWM density which will help us plan for EWM treatment at the next stage of the grant. We need this information to help us make a solid plan of attack based upon current water level, and growth patterns.

As we continue to prepare for the September 15th grant deadline, get your volunteer hours turned in ASAP. We always NEED volunteers to help hand harvest EWM in low water areas. Pull by the roots and toss on land.

Hopefully everyone saw the [water clarity videos](#). The spring survey indicated property owners wanted more education about lake issues. If you have any ideas let us know via a direct message on the Facebook page or an email to berrylakewi@gmail.com

Clean Boats Clean Waters

Clean Boats Clean Waters is the official moniker of the volunteer group that monitors boat landings. Their mission is to help reduce the transmission of invasive species and educate the boaters on good practices when moving boats from lake to lake.

As a bonus every volunteer hour put in on the boat landing helps reduce the amount of money the BLPOA has to contribute to the lake management costs.



We only had FOUR people who monitored the boat landing this entire summer. They put in almost 50 hours. We need more people to take time at the landing. It is vital since Berry lake seems to be getting more daily and/or weekend boat traffic.

What do you do?

- Sign up to be at the landing for a time that works for you.
- When boats arrive or leave the water inspect them and remove any weeds on the boat or trailer.

- Ask the boaters a few simple question and record on a provided form
- Educate boaters on aquatic invasive species with brochures and conversation
- Bring a book or a podcast to fill in during down times
- Bring a friend and we earn double the volunteer hours!

Annual Social/Corn Boil

Unfortunately the annual corn boil/hot dog roast had to be canceled due to the terrible fire at Northern Grace Camp. This event should be back on the calendar in 2024. The social did go on at the Cismoski's. Sadly the social was not highly attended. Attendance seems to be going down over the past few years. If someone has any ideas on how we can increase the attendance please send them to berrylakewi@gmail.com or message us on Facebook. If there is another type of event that you think will increase a sense of Berry Lake community let us know what you are thinking.

Boating Safety and Times

This summer we clarified the Slow No Wake rules on the lake. It's good to see people are



respecting these times. If you have guests using your place it may be a good idea to have a copy of the "[courtesy rules](#)" available so they are familiar with the expectations.

Boating safety has come up in our survey as an important topic to address. If you need a boaters certification or a refresher you can get everything you need online. [DNR Boating Safety](#)

OTHER NEWS

We have a lot of new residents here, please contact us for any information about Berry Lake, and WELCOME!

If you are new to the lake and have not yet provided your contact information Please contact Kay (berrylakewi@gmail.com) It's the only way we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. We never share your information. Those of us who live here year round do our best to keep an eye on things and will report anything out of the ordinary to you and/or the

authorities. We have over 120 people receiving our emails, and it's the main way that we stay in contact with residents throughout the year. If you're not getting our news, please email us at berrylakewi@gmail.com to get on the e-list.

If you have any items to sell or are looking for something to buy, email us your information and we'll post it to our website's Marketplace Page and/or to our Facebook page.

Ice On!

Yikes, it looks like this might be the next lake event! Watch for the email from Kay once we get closer.

