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Greetings Everyone:

It's great to finally have summer. We hope you all had a great Independence Day Weekend!

**AMLAC Walkabout:** As most of you know, we had to cancel our Walkabout scheduled for June 14 due to nasty weather. We are happy to have rescheduled the Walkabout for September 13, 2014.

**French Regional Park Paving Project:** There will be an Open House at French Regional Park on July 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the French Park Visitor Center Oakwood Room to outline the upcoming boat launch and pavement projects. The projects will begin September 2, 2014 and the boat launch will be closed for the remainder of the season. The boat launch at West Medicine Lake Park, operated by the city of Plymouth, will be open during the time the French Park boat launch is closed. There are additional park improvements that will take place, causing partial closure of some facilities, but French Park will remain open. Please attend the meeting for more details. (See attachment for more details.)

**AIS 2014 Legislation:** Some highlights from the 2014 Legislative session addressing Aquatic Invasive Species, as provided by Jeff Forester of the MN Lakes and Streams Association, include the following

- \$10 million dollars ANNUALLY will come from the general fund directly to counties for local AIS work. The first installment will arrive in the counties on July 1, 2014 with subsequent payments to arrive in March and then July in future years. Counties will work to establish a coordinated AIS action plan. The Legislation allows counties to make grants to lake associations and other groups that support their AIS programs. The money is apportioned based on a formula of the number of public boat ramps in a county combined with the number of watercraft trailer parking spots. This will be a game changer in AIS work at your lake association. Special thanks go to Senators Rod Skoe and Ann Rest, and Representatives Ann Lenczewski and Ron Erhardt for their authorship of the bill and leadership.
- Change in the language of Delegation Agreements that local units of government must sign with the MN DNR to do work at public boat ramps. The changes make it easier for the counties or local government units to sign.
- Legislation that requires the Department of Transportation and MN DNR to work

together to use wayside rest areas for AIS education, inspection and decontamination.

- \$4.4 million in Legacy Funds for grants to support innovation and pilot projects around the state to control the introduction and spread of AIS.
- \$6 million in bonding to build a world-class lab at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of Minnesota.

**New AMLAC Logo:** AMLAC has a new logo we are excited to share. Thanks to Julie Rumsey for her diligent design work.



**Lake Levels:** The persistent heavy rains of June resulted in very high water levels in all area lakes, including Medicine Lake. The MN Department of Natural Resource granted temporary authority to declare “no-wake” restrictions to local governments. Even though the water levels have thankfully receded please check whether any local lakes you are going to use have the no-wake restriction still in place. While the restrictions limit certain activities they are necessary to prevent erosion and property damage, and they also help maintain water quality and clarity.

We hope you have a fun and safe summer, and remember to follow the rules for preventing to spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

Patrick Anderson

AMLAC President



Three Rivers  
Park District  
Board of  
Commissioners

Dear Members of the Association of Medicine Lake Area Citizens:

I would like to invite you to an open house to learn more about upcoming projects at French Regional Park in Plymouth. Details of the public open house are as follows:

Penny Steele  
District 1

**Boat launch/pavement construction projects  
open house**

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

5-7 PM

French Visitor Center Oakwood Room  
12605 Rockford Road  
Plymouth, MN 55441

Jennifer DeJournett  
District 2

Daniel Freeman,  
Vice Chair  
District 3

The purpose of the open house is to give the public a chance to hear more information and make comments about upcoming projects that are planned for French Regional Park. Beginning on approximately September 2, 2014, the boat launch at French will be closed for reconstruction for the remainder of the fall. The boat launch on Medicine Lake operated by the City of Plymouth will be open during this time for public use. This fall, the water mains within French Regional Park also will be reconstructed. There will be temporary park shutdowns during the week this fall and temporary road closures associated with the water main work.

John Gunyou,  
Chair  
District 4

John Gibbs  
District 5

Beginning in May of 2015, the roads, parking lots, and paved trails within the park will be reconstructed. Construction will occur in phases throughout the summer so that the park will remain open throughout the project. During the project, look for updates on [www.ThreeRiversParks.org](http://www.ThreeRiversParks.org).

Larry Blackstad  
Appointed  
At Large

Sincerely,

Josh Bowe  
Civil Engineer  
Three Rivers Park District

Steven Antolak  
Appointed  
At Large

Cris Gears  
Superintendent