



Josh Hecksel and his team also brought in a large mouth bass and several pan fish. They were visiting the Hafterson family for Independence Day.

Thank you to all that participated in the fishing contest, *Brandon Ruhr* for donating the prizes for the contest and *John Pippert* for hosting the weigh in.

Locke Lake board member elections; your vote counts!!

Attached is the ballot for board member elections. There are three (3) open seats. Please bring your ballot to the August 20th meeting or email it to lisaevans@izoom.net by midnight, Friday, August 19th. The Friday evening emailing deadline allows for your vote to be counted at the August association meeting where the election ballot count will be completed.

Locke Lake Property Owners Association Mission Statement

Our goal is to reduce the impact of how our properties affect the natural state of the lake and to endeavor to work together as a community to make Locke Lake an oasis just 40 miles from the big city. Please consider becoming a paying member of our association.

Update on 2016 Dues Drive:

We have 59 paying residents. **Thank you** for making Locke Lake a great place to live and/or spend the weekends!

**2016
Calendar of Events**

August 20 – Association Meeting & Elections
September – Creek cleaning

August 20 Association Meeting & Elections

Time: 10:30 a.m. general meeting
Place: Silver Creek Town hall
Beverages and a snack will be provided

4th of July Fishing Contest Winner: Bobby Kasper and the Josh Hecksel and his team

Bobby Kasper took home the fishing contest trophy with the largest fish, which was a large mouth bass. This is the second time in four years that Bobby has won the fishing contest. Way to go!



Monticello, MN

Locke Lake Happenings:

New Residents: Welcome to Locke Lake, Joe and Darla Denne!

Congratulations to Meghan and Brandon Ruhr on their beautiful baby boy, Ryland!

Congratulations to Lisa and Dave Olson who tied the knot in July!

July association meeting:

Thank you to all that attended the meeting at the Silver Creek town hall. The board received input from residents that not all residents are following Wright County personal watercraft laws or operating watercraft safely on the lake.

The below information is from Minnesota's DNR website:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html>

Minnesota DNR and Wright County Watercraft Regulations and Safety Reminders!!!

WRIGHT County All lakes

1. Observer (spotter) required on weekends, holidays and in congested areas when water skiing.
 2. No overtaking, passing, meeting, obstructing or speeding in channels that will endanger watercraft, seaplanes or property.
 3. No swimming, diving, jumping or water skiing in channels.
- http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/local_regs.pdf

Watercraft are now prohibited from towing passengers from one-half hour after sunset to sunrise of the following day.

Boating regulations taken from MN's DNR Website:
http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boating_guide.pdf

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

One example-LIFE JACKETS

The following are life jacket requirements in Minnesota:

- State law requires children under 10 years old to wear a life jacket while a boat is underway.
- A readily accessible and wearable life jacket is required for each person onboard a boat, this includes canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and waterfowl boats.
- One Type IV throwable is required on boats 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and must be immediately available.
- Personal watercraft operators and passengers must each wear a life jacket.

For your safety, we strongly recommend everyone on board wears a life jacket at all times.

Check the label on the life jacket to make sure it is a U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation device and what type of device it is

Other safety items to check out on the MN DNR website:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boating_guide.pdf

- Navigation lights
- Fire Extinguishers
- Whistle/horn requirements
- Rules of the Road: passing, meeting, crossing, nonmotorized crafts
- Water-skiing, tubing and wakeboarding
- 150' from docks/shore

Age of operators:

**Motorboat Operator Age Restrictions
(Personal watercraft see page 37)**

It is against the law:

- To ride or sit on the gunwales, bow, transom, or decking over the bow, sides or stern of any motorboat while underway, unless it is equipped with an adequate railing. It is also illegal to operate a motorboat while any person is so riding or sitting.

Personal Watercraft Laws:

- Anyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard- approved wearable life jacket that is compatible with that activity (check the label).
- Personal watercraft must travel at slow no- wake speed (5mph or less) within **150 feet of nonmotorized boats, shore** (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water); **docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.**
- Operation of personal watercraft is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset.

Additional personal watercraft laws can be found on the MN DNR website <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf>

Silver Creek Township information:

For more information on upcoming township meetings, mailbox standards, hall rental, the recycling program or ordinances, please visit www.silvercreektwp.com.

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Thank you for your support of the association. Be safe and see you on the water!