

Lake Francis

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Starry Stonewort Found in West Lake Sylvia

On Sept. 29, Chris Jurek, DNR aquatic invasive species specialist reported to the Greater Lake Sylvia Association that Starry Stonewort was found on West Lake Sylvia at the public access. The access has been posted to notify boaters of the infestation.

Starry stonewort are grass-like algae that are not native to North America. The plant was first confirmed in Minnesota in Lake Koronis, near Paynesville in Stearns County, in late August 2015. Since that time, the DNR has reported infestations at Lake Winnibigoshish, Moose Lake, Rice Lake, Upper Red Lake and Cass Lake.

The GLSA Board is meeting with the DNR to discuss treatment options. For more information, see page 4 or visit the Minnesota DNR's website.

Annual Lake Francis Picnic Brings Friends and Neighbors Together

The annual Lake Francis Picnic was held Saturday, August 6, at the Lee & Connie Crawley home in Hidden Forest. Well over 100 guests enjoyed grilled pork chops and a never-ending buffet of salads and desserts one of the most beautiful Saturdays of the summer.

LFARCC President Jan Anderson welcomed guests, recognized Board members, thanked picnic volunteers and provided a quick update on Lake Association activities. Luck drawing winners were surprised with \$20 cash prizes and each child in attendance chose their own prize of a game or toy.

Special thanks to hosts Lee and Connie Crawley and family, Tim and Mary Lou Pivec, Brian and Cheryl Knox, Mike and Pam Oesterreich, Jay Gustad, Jim and Tina Shaw, Larry Jeurisson, Marv Jeurisson, Bob Bellefeuille, and Don Hauptert and family for their help in organizing, hosting, setup and tear-down.

Thank you to all who attended! Don't miss out on next year's picnic, which will be hosted on August 5, 2017, by Ranta Lane and Pirate's Cove.



Eagle Creek Cleanout

Eagle Creek has once again been cleaned of debris thanks to LFARCC Board Member Jim Olsen and a local landscape company. The group spent a full day removing grass, reeds and a beaver dam from the creek.



First-Ever LFARCC Golf Outing

The inaugural LFARCC golf outing was held August 7, 2016, at the Kimball Golf Club. Over 30 golfers participated, raising \$410.

Thank you to all the golfers who attended and supported the Lake Association. **Special thanks** to LFARCC Jan Anderson and Kore Grate for organizing the event, John Ruth for making the flier, Jennifer Severson for working the beverage cart, Bob Deen for providing prizes and hosting us at the golf club, and Michael Lemke from Custom Comfort Beds in Waite Park for the gift certificate donation.

Mark your calendars! The LFARCC plans to make the golf outing an annual event and hopes to continue holding the event the day after the Lake Francis Picnic in August.

Apparel Sales Raise Money for LFARCC

The Association sold Lake Francis apparel this summer, which raised \$388 for the organization. Sweatshirts and baseball caps were the biggest sellers. **A big thank you** to LFARCC Secretary Jiselle Graves (pictured above selling apparel at the Lake Francis picnic) for organizing the fundraiser.

HOW TO IDENTIFY STARRY STONEWORT

Starry stonewort is similar in appearance to native grass-like algae such as other stoneworts and musk-grass. Native stoneworts and musk-grass are both commonly found in Minnesota waters. Starry stonewort can be distinguished from other grass-like algae by the presence of star-shaped bulbils.

If you suspect you have found a new infestation of starry stonewort, or any other invasive species, note the exact location, take a photo or keep the specimen, and contact the Minnesota DNR.

Why is starry stonewort a problem?

Starry stonewort can interfere with recreational and other uses of lakes where it can produce dense mats at the water's surface. These mats are similar to, but can be more extensive than, those produced by native vegetation. Dense starry stonewort mats may displace native plants.

Like all plants, starry stonewort may grow differently in different lakes, depending on many factors. At this time, we cannot predict how it might grow in any one Minnesota lake.

How does it spread?

Starry stonewort is believed to be spread from one body of water to another by the unintentional transfer of plant fragments and bulbils, the star-like structures produced by the plant. These fragments, or mud containing them, can be transferred on trailered boats, personal watercraft, docks, boat lifts, anchors or any other water-related equipment that is not properly cleaned.

What can people do to prevent its spread?

The most important action you can take to limit the spread of starry stonewort and other non-native aquatic plants is "Clean, Drain, Dispose." Clean all vegetation, animals, mud and debris from your watercraft and any water-related equipment before you move it from one body of water to another. Drain all water from your watercraft and bait bucket, keep drain plugs out during transport, and Dispose of any unwanted bait in the trash. Clean, Drain, Dispose is required by law in Minnesota.

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2016 & 2017 Lake Francis Events & Area Happenings

Oct. 11, 2016..... Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7 p.m., Kingston Community Center

Dec. 3, 2016 Kingery Family Concert, Kingston Community Center, free will donation and food drive

Feb. 11, 2017..... L FARCC Board Meeting, Triple R, Kimball

April 8, 2017 L FARCC Board Meeting, Triple R, Kimball

June 24, 2017 L FARCC Board Meeting & Annual Member Meeting, Kingston Community Center

Aug. 5, 2017..... Lake Francis Annual Picnic hosted by Ranta Lane & Pirate's Cove

Aug. 6, 2017..... L FARCC Golf Outing, Kimball Golf Club

Sept. 16, 2017 L FARCC Board Meeting, Triple R, Kimball

**All events subject to change*

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