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FALL NEWSLETTER

Goodbye for the Winter...



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Office Manager: Samantha Lehman

President's Fall Farewell & Update

Fellow Campers,

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I enjoy the change of season, the leaves changing color and yes, even the more brisk temperatures that exist, especially at night. I also believe fall is one of the most beautiful times to be in the Camp. I encourage you to partake in the beauty and enjoy the season as another camping season comes to a close. This newsletter contains important information about closing for the season including the need to winterize your trailers with water being shut off around October 15.

As I reflect back on this year's camping season, many positive things occurred. Campers came together through a variety of activities during the holiday weekends and beyond. A new pool heater was installed, which provided more efficient and consistent heating of the pool. Plans are in place to explore remodeling options for the lodge to make the space even more welcoming and conducive to member needs. The Budget Committee worked hard and brainstormed a path allowing us to remain consistent on the cost of dues. Significant progress was made to address drainage issues and flooding problems that occur in different parts of the Camp.

I wish to thank the Board of Directors, our camp staff and members of Camp Delton for all of your hard work over the past season. It is an honor to serve as President and I wish you well in the off season and look forward to seeing you in the next camping season.

Sincerely,

Rich Marshall

President, Site 84

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Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone. For the FOURTH year in a row, the budget committee presented a balanced budget which should meet our operating expenses for 2018 while also setting aside designated funding for the ongoing repair and improvement projects throughout the park.

Listed below are the totals for our various reserve accounts as of 10/8/2017:

Activities Fund	\$5,199
Professional Services (Audit) Reserve	\$7,153
Campground Upgrade and Maintenance Reserve	\$33,499
Equipment Reserve	\$4,127
Gate Reserve	\$2,000
Managers Home Reserve	\$3,013
Recruiting Reserve	\$1,537
Road Reserves	\$9,946
Sewer Reserve	\$3,764

The current balance on the Electrical Project LOC is \$980,899.

After reviewing the financial and bookkeeping consequences and reviewing options with our lender, *we are no longer pursuing the one-time buy-out option for members on the LOC project.* We can review this option once we get a few years closer to the pay-off date.

SIGN REPLACEMENT DEADLINE:

If you have an old plastic or wooden campsite sign and you want to have it replaced at no cost to you, please submit a request with the office prior to January 1st, 2018. After the first of the year, members will be responsible for the cost of replacing the old non-metal signs.

DRAINAGE ISSUES:

We completed our first round of water mitigation projects this season and will revisit our list of issues in the Spring. There are still projects in Wilderness and Overlook Villages which we are working to address.

CHAPTER 69/VILLAGE OF LAKE DELTON:

The village has agreed to sit down and discuss our concerns with our attorney present. That meeting should take place this month and we are optimistic that a mutually beneficial agreement will result. Updates will be provided at future board meetings and can be found within the meeting minutes.

Have a safe Fall/Winter/Spring season. See you next year.

Eddie Mallonen

Treasurer, Camp Delton Club



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Vince President's Report

Hello Everyone.

My name is Bob Glaman, the new Vice President. I greatly look forward to next year's camping season and serving our Members. Please feel free to contact me with any problems/comments. I hope to bring new ideas to improve the operations of the Camp and contribute its success.

I would just like to say to everyone, have a safe and enjoyable off season and all the holidays and family gatherings that will happen from now until next spring!

Bob Glaman, #500
Vice President

Activity's Report

Hello Camp Delton Club:

As the 2017 open season comes to a close, a big thank you to the members who volunteered to assist with this year's activities, to those who participated in the activities, for those who donated money and made potluck dishes for the meals.

This year we had three pot-luck dinners celebrating Memorial Day Weekend, Independence Day and an Oktoberfest themed potluck for Labor weekend. A parade for Independence Day, and a night out at the Palace Theater for dinner and the musical Grease were also activities held this year.

Next year will be having pot-luck dinners to celebrate Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day and Labor Weekend. We will go back to the Palace Theater to see Happy Days: A new musical & The Wizard of Oz and have a parade for Independence Day.

Volunteer sign-up sheets soon be up in the lodge for these events. For us to be able to hold these events and to turn the many more ideas and interest into activities, we need volunteers to sign up and help out.

Keep an eye out for updates to next year's activities schedule that will appear on the Camp Delton Club website will be sent out to the Camp Delton Club email list and posted in the lodge.

Thank you,

- Rod Rotar -

Activities Director

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By-Laws & Insurance Report

Happy fall!

As this season comes to a close, just a few reminders:

1. Please, leash all pets, and clean up the pet waste
2. Please watch your speed, 10 mph, is the limit, it is OK to go under 10 mph, just not over.
3. Camp fires, must be watched at all times, no unattended camp fires. ALSO, if you plan on being up in the off season, you do need to follow, and abide by the rules for the camp fire, as well as having a form signed, and on file.
4. This year there has been multiple cars coming thru the gate, on 1 person's gate card, this is not allowed! 1 car thru the gate at a time!
5. Many members have allowed children to be unattended in the pool, and at the lodge, please be responsible and supervisor the children in your care.

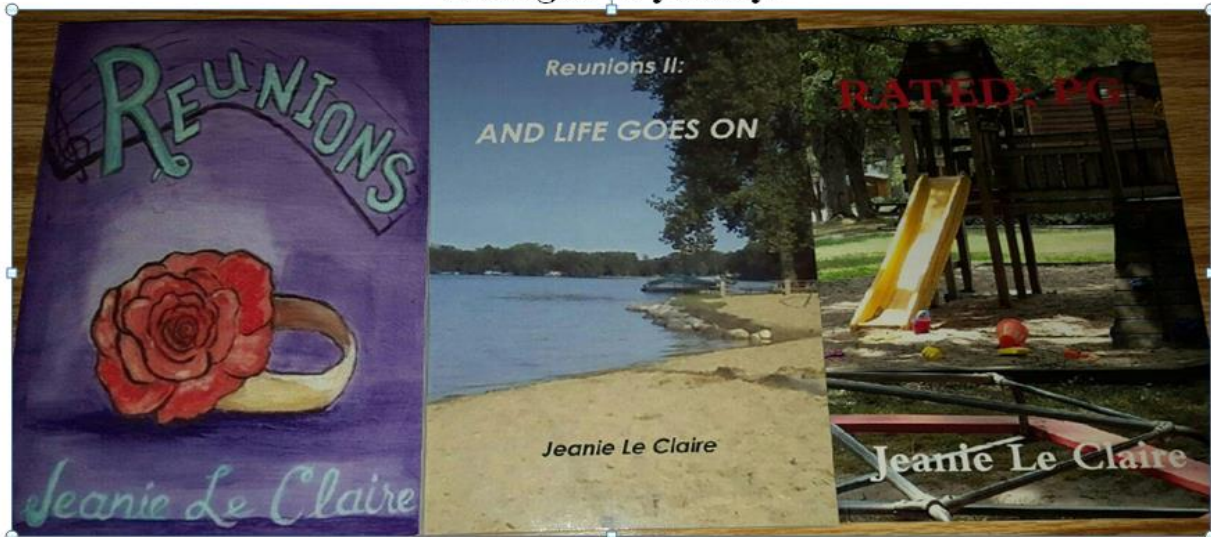
As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank Cheryl Sorenson, and the Bylaws committee for all the hard work they have done over the past 3 years to update the articles of incorporation, the Bylaws, and the rules. You have all done an amazing job, with much dedication, and hard work that is greatly appreciated. Please remember that come the spring, to have your sites cleaned up by Memorial Day weekend, meaning, trailers clean, grass, and weeds in an orderly appearance, as well as leaves raked, and signs in a visible location.

Your assistance in making this camp great is appreciated. Have a safe and warm winter.

Lindsay Wikel

Bylaws & Insurance Director

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Building & Ground's Report

It was a busy camping season for buildings and grounds. Here is a list of improvements made to the campground in the last several months:

- The old wooden fence and sign at the Camp entrance has been replaced with plastic and split rail fence, complete with the big, metal logo! A new flower bed was also built in front of it.
- New metal roofs were installed on the Overlook & Wilderness bath houses.
- The two French Drains installed in Wilderness have been doing a fantastic job of drawing the water out of the low lying areas. The lawns have been overall puddle free!
- There are now two paddle boat posts to tie them to. Please contact the office for availability of storage lots.
- We now sell small bundles of fire wood for \$5 in the lodge for guests & members after the grounds staff has left for the day.

Important Changes:

- *We will no longer allow storage trailer in the rental locations. These spots are for recreational vehicles and their trailers only. Storage lockers can be rented right down the road from us.*
- *Firewood orders must go through the office. The grounds staff will not be taking orders for firewood or accepting payment for it. You must pre-pay in the office. Orders have to be received by 2 pm to ensure same day delivery.*

Upcoming Projects:

The replacement of the stairs leading from Overlook to the pool has been pushed back until Spring of 2018. After the water is turned off, the stretch of road from the Wilderness playground up towards the small Wilderness bathrooms will be regraded to aid the French Drains in moving water in the right direction.

*Members with sites in this area, please watch for bulletins on when this road will be closed. There will be no access to these sites until the road project is complete.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to make improvements in Camp!

Roland Eisch, Building and Grounds Director



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Personnel Director

JUST A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

1. Site cleanup must be done before Memorial weekend. The day after Memorial Day we will be going through camp and writing sites up again. At this time you will also get a bill for cleanup of your site. At the July board meeting it was voted that you no longer get a two week extension with the write up. We have too many members taking advantage of the extra two weeks or even longer before the site is cleaned up. So if your site is not cleaned up before Memorial weekend we will have it done for you and you will be billed at an hourly rate and fined \$50.00
2. Storage areas are for boats, watercraft and RV storage if you have any other items in the storage areas it needs to be removed by Dec. 31. The board voted that these spots are not to be used for storage trailers. Your contract for these sites will not be renewed unless you have a boat, watercraft, or RV parked on the site. If the storage trailers are not removed by Dec. 31 you will be charged a daily storage fee and be notified to have them removed.
3. SITE SIGNS you must have your site sign outside of the trailer and visible from the road even if you have a vehicle parked in your drive. The village has ordered us to do this and the fire dept. will start writing sites up and give that site a fine if it is not visible from the road or is in your window. When you have it in the window the bright light just shines back in the face of the driver. If the fire dept. can't see your sign they can't get there to possibly save your life.
4. Please note that we will now be on winter hours. They will be Thursday through Monday 9 am to 1pm. The office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have a clip board in the mailbox by the gate for you to sign in on when the office is closed. We will also be checking the sign in sheet to when you use your gate card if you don't sign in we will deactivate your gate card. IT IS A STATE LAW THAT YOU MUST SIGN IN WHEN IN CAMP. It is also in the camp rules and regulations.

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Janet and Riley Schloemer at site 127 would like the camp to consider pushing forward with trying to get a wall put up along the freeway. As this summer a tire came off of a car and come through the trees into their yard. Luckily it happened two hours before he started grilling for dinner or there would have been severe injuries along with the damage it did to the grills, deck, and tables.



Grounds Manager

A few very important reminders to campers –

- ***Oak Trees cannot be trimmed from April 15th until the first frost.*** It is safe to cut back branches in late fall (after the 1st frost) and during the winter months up until April. Cutting branches during the spring and summer months will kill the tree.
- ***Bag wet leaves. Damp leaf piles will not be picked up with the leaf vacuum. Large bags available in the office – 5 for \$1.***
- ***During the off-season, we need a 2 day notice if you would like your driveway plowed.***

Thanks,

Vince, Grounds Manager

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Membership Report

Well 2017 season is coming to an end and it's that time of the season when members start to close up their campers. Be sure to stop by the Lodge and pick up a winterizing form. The completed form authorizes the office to release your keys to whoever you select to winterize your camper.

I would like to give a very big thanks to Tim Moore for donating the scooter we raffled off at the final Oktoberfest Potluck on September 2nd. The lucky winner was Rich Clark. The money collected will be used to purchase a nice range and maybe a new refrigerator to go along with the proposed remodeling of the Lodge.

Camper/membership sale have been going pretty good! Remember, if you are planning to sell your camper, contact the office to find out the process and what forms you will need to complete.

There have also been a lot of rule infractions this summer, both by members and guests. Members need to reread the rules and regulations of the Camp and this information needs to be passed on to their guests. Thanks for your cooperation.

Have a safe off season and see you in the spring!

Sue Whitaker

Membership Director



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Office Manager

Hello Members-

What a great season! We had resales of over \$5,000 & a total of 19 sites sold!!

I wanted to bring to your attention several points:

- The gate card inventory is still an ongoing project. If any Membership has more than 4 gate cards, we will be deactivating the extra. Come next spring if your gate card does not work, we will need you to verify all of the cards you have & we will reactivate the appropriate ones.
- Monthly Dues payment plans can be set up anytime and you can even autopay directly from your bank account. This can be a great option if you're on a budget or just want to get ahead of the game! We can also process Dues payments over the phone with our credit/debit card machine.
- We are requesting Members to call the office to authorize non-member, family/friends that will be staying in your camper when you are **not present**. There has been unauthorized use of Member's trailers and it is creating security hazards for Campers and Staff. Look for the new Member Consent & Authorization Form with your Dues invoice. For family/friends that regularly stay at your site, this form will give them full access to use your site any time without you having to call. There is also a section for key authorization for those whom you trust to have full access as well.
- We ask everyone to help us keep the Pool area neat & tidy. If you use any of the pool flotations, chairs or tables please return them to their proper location. Also, when you use an umbrella close it when you're leaving. Office staff cannot leave the office unattended or lock it up to go close umbrellas. Four of them were destroyed by the wind because they were not closed properly.
- Please supervise your children & grandchildren. The pool's safety rope is not to be hung on. If it breaks, the member will be charged for the repair & the pool will be closed for days or even weeks, until a new rope is installed.
- Invoices will be sent out mid to late November. Double check with the office to verify we have the correct email or mailing address. Late charges will be assessed April 16th if a signed payment plan has not been set up prior to this date.

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**FOR SALE
IN LODGE:**



T-Shirts Youth \$10 M-XL \$10 2-3XL \$15

Polos M-XL \$20 2-3XL \$25

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**They Would Make Excellent
Christmas Gifts!!**

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Safety Reminders:

Properly Secure Your Canoes & Kayaks to Avoid This!!

Proper way to Secure Canoe & Kayaks!!



***When canoes/kayaks are not anchored properly, they fill up with snow & water which can damage your watercraft and/or your neighbors. It can also break the new racks.*Canoes & Kayaks must be secured at BOTH ends!!**

CAMPSITE MEMBERSHIP SIGNS:

CAMPSITE/TRAILER MAINTENANCE:

Our rules and regulations require that all leaves and yard debris be cleaned up by Memorial Day. Additionally, trailers are to be maintained and cleaned so as to avoid a build-up of moss or mildew on the siding. Many trailers and add-a-rooms have been neglected and are covered (especially on the north side) with a green mossy build-up. Many other trailers and add-a-rooms have dirt streaks and stains running down the sides from a build-up of debris on the roof.

It is the member's responsibility to perform these maintenance tasks on their property. If you are unable to do so, there are contractors available to perform these tasks. We have been lax in the enforcement of these guidelines and it shows.

There will no longer be any extension to this rule. After Memorial Day, fines will be assessed, NO exceptions.

Member Responsibilities:

It is NOT the responsibility of the camp's office staff to do any of the following:

- Turn on your trailer's air conditioning or heat prior to your arrival at the camp
- Monitor your add-a-room or deck roof in the off-season for snow accumulation or make arrangements for snow removal from your roof
- Arrange for contractors on your behalf to complete maintenance or repair projects on your trailer, add-a-room or deck.

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2017/18 Off-Season Board Meeting

Dates:

November 18th

January 20th

March 17th

Meetings start at 10 am!

All Members Welcome!

All correspondences to be read at meetings need to be received no later than 1 week before the meeting.

Office: 608.254.8361

Meeting Minutes Available on our website:

www.campdelton.com

Post this on your refrigerator.

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Janet Bach's son, Dan, from site #141 was deployed to Iraq again. Please keep our Military service men & women in your prayers, keep them out of harm's way & help bring them all home safely.



~Contact Information~

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