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## **SPRING NEWSLETTER**

### **Welcome Back to Camp!**

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## President's Welcome & Update

Fellow Campers,

It is hard to believe another year has gone by. As I look back at the past year, a number of accomplishments and Camp enhancements come to mind. First, the electric project was officially completed and all members were transitioned over to the new system. I wish to again thank Doug Berton, Ed Newman and all of the other members who dedicated their time to make this project a success.

Second, we transitioned to a new Office Manager and Samantha Lehman has successfully transitioned into her role and we welcome her family to the Manager's house in the Camp. She has already made some incredible enhancements to the lodge. Stop and say hi if you have not already done so.

As we move into the new year, larger projects we are focusing attention on include addressing water and drainage issues, Chapter 69 and possible regulation changes with Lake Delton, and ideas for renovations and enhancements to the lodge. The Board meets monthly during season and every other month in the off season. All members are invited to attend and share their thoughts.

It has been an honor to serve on the Board and as President. I look forward to another enjoyable and successful year camping at Camp Delton.

Sincerely,

Rich Marshall

President, Site 84

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## Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone. For the third year in a row, the budget committee presented a balanced budget which should meet our operating expenses for 2017 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 4/18/2017:

Activities Fund	\$5,758
Professional Services (Audit) Reserve	\$7,021
Capital Improvements Reserve	\$49,758
Equipment Reserve	\$6,508
Gate Reserve	\$1,000
Managers Home Reserve	\$3,012
Recruiting Reserve	\$1,036
Road Reserves	\$7,942
Sewer Reserve	\$3,013

## Electrical Project Informational Update

I have also had several members asking for an update and a pay-off schedule for the Electric Project line of credit. With the project now complete, the current balance on the LOC is \$1,067,234.00

The current interest rate of 4.00% is guaranteed only until the maturity date which is 6/15/2018, therefore the amortization schedule is somewhat subjective, but at current rates and with our current annual assessment rate of \$380.00 per membership remaining constant, the final payment to the LOC will occur in June of 2027. (The final 2027 assessment would be about \$150.)

This season we will be surveying members to determine if there is sufficient interest in providing a one-time buy-out opportunity in 2018. This would allow members to buy out of the assessment by making a one-time final payment of approximately \$2,920. Those members who choose to buy-out will save themselves approximately \$650 in interest. At the same time, they will be reducing the remaining principal, thereby reducing the interest paid over the term of the loan and benefitting everybody. More information on this will follow later this season.

In the meantime, have a wonderful camping season, and I look forward to seeing you all at CDC.

Eddie Mallonen

Treasurer, Camp Delton Club

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## Activity's Report



Hello Camp Delton members:

Spring is here and I hope you are as excited as I am that the 2017 open season is here.

For activities this year our # 1 goal is to provide the Camp Delton Club members and their guests with activities that provide opportunities: to have fun, to meet and catch up with Camp Delton club friends and family.

Activities goal # 2: To raise money to fix up the activity area between the Lodge and Maintenance Shed and make improvements or purchases that will help with running of activities: to make them easier to hold and give the proper tools/items to make them successful.

Plans are currently underway to have some themed pot-luck dinners including a chili cook-off and Oktoberfest party, show movies and football games at the pavilion or lodge, a dinner theater night at the Wisconsin Dells Palace theater, a night at Ho-Chunk, a "Happy Hour" - Bingo, a raffle, and to put together a committee to plan and put on kids activities.

As the activities get closer we will post the details on the Camp Delton Website, send out emails, and have flyers/posters at the lodge. Each time you sign-in check out what is planned.

We have some wonderful ideas and we would love to do even more. The amount of activities we do will depend on the volunteers that will commit to set-up, run and clean up after the events. There will be volunteer sign up lists at the lodge. \* Please be sure to sign up and help with the events.\*

- Rod Rotar -

Camp Delton Club Board of Directors member -Activities



Children's Activities Committee:

We would like to host some events for the children this summer. To do this we need a committee that will plan, run and clean up the activities and recruit volunteer and participants. There will be a Children's activities committee meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11am at the Lodge.

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## **Raffle:**

We would like to kick off a raffle on Memorial Day weekend. To run a raffle we need donated prizes to raffle off. Do you have a favorite restaurant or attraction in the area? Please donate a gift card to one of your Lake Delton area favorite restaurants or attractions, or an item that would be fun for the winner to use at while at Camp Delton Club. Please turn in donations to the staff at the Lodge. Your donations are needed to run a raffle and are appreciated. Please make donations ASAP, we would like to start the raffle Memorial Day weekend. Let's have some fun!!

**\*To run the raffle we need donations for the raffle and volunteers to sell tickets at group activities\***



## **Bingo:**

We would like to have a "Happy Hour"- bingo this year. The idea is to start around 4:30pm going until 6pm. Depending on the weather we will have it out at the Pavilion or in the lodge. Participants bring their own beverages of their choice or buy a soda or water from the lodge. (We will have a pot-luck of appetizers and snacks.) The idea is to sit back and relax while having fun with friends playing some bingo.

**\*To run the event we need volunteers to: set-up, run the game and clean up and some fun prizes\***

**Ho-Chunk Night:** There are many members who have spent a dollar or two ☺ at Ho-Chunk playing slots, black jack, poker, roulette, craps, bingo, horse race betting, having dinner, enjoying entertainment, or just people watching. We thought it would be fun to pick a night or two this year and call them Ho-Chunk nights. This would give us the opportunity to explore Ho-Chunk and enjoy what appeals to you, while also giving us the opportunity to meet and mingle outside of the Camp Delton Club grounds with our fellow members and their guests.



## **Pot-luck Dinners:**

This year we are planning on having a pot-luck dinner on the following Saturday's nights: May 27, July 1 & September 2 starting at 5:30pm going until 7:30pm. We ask that those attending bring your favorite homemade dish to pass. We will work on providing a main dish, plates, napkins, eating utensils, a fun theme, and some background music. We will collect money to cover the main dish and to raise money for our projects.

**\*To run the event we need volunteers to: set up, cook the main dish, serve, sellers for the raffle and 50/50 drawing and to help clean up\***

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### **Movies/ Football games:**

We would like to host some outdoor movie nights at the pavilion and to have some family movie Saturday afternoons (in the lodge). We would also like to have some Badger/Packer/Bear football games at the pavilion or club house.

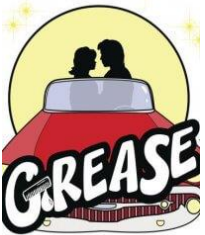
**\*To run the event we need volunteers to: set up, serve as host during the movie/game, make popcorn and to clean up after\***



### **Bake Sale:**

We would like to host another bake sale. Donations would be sold on a Saturday morning and if there are any items left over we would hold another sale on Sunday Morning.

**\*To run the event we need volunteers to: set up, work the sales table, clean up and most importantly bakers to donate items to sell\***



### **Dinner Theater Night at The Palace Theater – Grease**

<http://www.dellspalace.com/nowplaying/grease>

On Saturday night, July 22, 2017

Join us for a wonderful night seeing the musical Grease with dinner at the Wisconsin Dells Palace Theater. Join your fellow Camp Delton friends for a night of food and fun.

Details:

Arrive at the theater between 5pm-5:15pm. Seating and Dinner start at 5:30pm. Grease starts at 7pm.

We have reserved 24 tickets (3 tables of 8). The tickets cost \$46.66. To reserve a ticket pay the \$46.66 at the Lodge.

Your spot is reserved when you pay for the ticket. Money is due by Saturday, June 3, 2017. Ticket includes: Dinner with coffee or tea and the musical Grease. There is a cash bar for those who would like a beverage other than Coffee or tea.

**\*Tickets are non-refundable after June 3, 2017**



### **By-Laws & Insurance Report**

Dear Members:

For the Bylaws committee – The committee continues to work on the Rules & Regulations document and will have it finished so that a vote can be taken at the July Membership Meeting. We will provide the updated document to the membership 30 days in advance of this meeting.

I welcome all questions & concerns regarding by-laws/insurance.

Have a wonderful season!

Cheryl Sorenson

By-Laws & Insurance Director

### **Building & Ground's Report**

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

- The two ancient lodge furnaces were replaced with a single high efficiency furnace, removing the side-mounted furnace that was slowly deteriorating the lodge ceiling.
- The outdated and malfunctioning pool heater was replaced with a high efficiency digitally programmable pool heater.
- Both water heaters in the Dells Village laundry/bath rooms ceased to function and have been replaced.
- The leaky lodge windows overlooking the pool have been replaced with beautiful dual pane, glare reducing windowpanes.
- The torn and faded pool umbrellas have been fashionably replaced along with the rusted umbrella bases.
- The rotting moss-covered roofs on the bathrooms and shower buildings in Overlook and Wilderness are in the process of being replaced with metal roofing.
- The old, noisy, upright cooler in the lodge has been replaced with a high efficiency merchandising cooler and freezer to offer members a more visible variety of selections.

As we move into Spring and Summer, we will also be replacing the stairs leading from Overlook to the pool and begin the work on several drainage control projects around the park to address the more severe flooding issues.

We sincerely hope you enjoy all of the investments that have been made to benefit the camp's future.

*Roland Eisch, Building and Grounds Director*



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**Very Important**- do not flush the following down the toilets (they are not bio-degradable & do not disintegrate):

*Tampons or applicators*

*Pads*

*Condoms*

*Rags*

*Towels*

*Clothing*

*Diapers*

*Wipes*

*Paper toweling*



*Por favor no desponer. .... Cualquier tipi de producto femenuno, panales o toalles pie el bano.*

*-Gracias.*

These items are getting caught in the lift station components & causing serious damage.

If this issue persists, **Membership Dues may be increased to pay for the continuous Sewer Problems!**

### Grounds Manager

A few reminders to campers –

Everyone needs to have an anti-syphon valve on their water spigot it prevents back-flow into the trailer. They're available in the office for \$5.50

The two farthest dumpsters from the Lodge are for recyclables or food containers; plastic chairs, old siding and hide-a-beds are not recyclables.

Thanks,

*Vince, Grounds Manager*

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## Membership Report

Members, another season is fast approaching. We have numerous memberships for sale! This would be a great time to have your friends and family take a look at the sales section on our web site... [www.campdelton.com](http://www.campdelton.com)  
There is always room to join our membership family!

Dues include:

- City water and sewer
- Property taxes  
(excluding personal  
property taxes)
- Staff Payroll
- Pool operating costs
- Building/Grounds  
maintenance, Mowing  
and snow plowing
- Campground  
insurance
- Office expenses
- Campground Utilities

This is such a great place to come for summer fun and relaxing enjoyment. Feel free to contact me or our office manager – Samantha, if you have questions or interest in looking at any of the memberships for sale.

Also, Members- it is so important to inform your guests about the rules & regulations. Ultimately, the primary member will be held liable for the consequence/fines resulting from their guest's actions.

Have a great season everyone!

*Sue Whitaker*

Membership Director



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## Office Manager

Hello Members!

My name is Samantha Lehman, the new office manager. I have had the pleasure to meet some of you and others I hope to meet upon your return!

There are a few updates to be aware of:

- We will be conducting a gate card inventory check. Some memberships have been issued too many gate cards & that will be addressed as it is a safety concern.
- It is important to direct your questions to the correct people in a proper manner. Grounds questions/issues should be address with the Grounds Crew. Their shop phone number is 608-254-8333.
- Membership Dues installments are for members to manage. Once the invoice is past due, we will then proceed with Collection Notices.
- This season we have two wonderful ladies working in the office: Jasmine Haugland & returning employee - Julie Bychinski! For the Grounds Crew we have two nice gentleman returning – John Rickert & Arty Leggett.
- We've moved out of the Stone Age and will be setting up a credit card machine for Dues Payments & Resale Items! There will be a \$1.00 convenience fee & will offer the option of \$20 (max.) cashback.



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For Sale in the Lodge!



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

2017 Membership Dues must be paid in order to avoid gate card deactivation!

ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS MUST SIGN IN, IT'S STATE LAW!

Don't forget your gate card after 10 pm or you'll be walking to your site.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at the pool & in the Lodge.

No caffeinated beverages will be sold to children who look or are under the age of 12 without parent's permission.

Please watch your mouth & your behavior; this is a family facility.

Drink responsibly or be prepared to deal with the Lake Delton Police. Stupidity or belligerence will not be tolerated.

**Lodge Renovation— Open Forum: Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am** ... This is the beginning of the discussion and idea generation. We would like this to be something everyone in camp is a part of and proud of. With your input, we could make this dream a reality. No work has begun yet or been approved. Approval from membership will take place before that occurs. Please come to this meeting to voice your opinions and share your thoughts!

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## **2017 Season Board Meeting Dates**

***May 20<sup>th</sup>***

***June 17<sup>th</sup>***

***July 15<sup>th</sup>***

***August 19<sup>th</sup>***

***September 23<sup>rd</sup>***

**Meetings start at 9 am!**

**All Members Welcome!**

**Call in advance & have your topic put on the agenda.**

**Office: 608.254.8361**

**Meeting Minutes Available on our website:**

**[www.campdelton.com](http://www.campdelton.com)**

**\*Post this on your refrigerator.\***

## **Disposal Fees**

Mattress	25.00
Box spring	25.00
Couch	30.00
Grill	10.00
Refrigerator	50.00
Stove	25.00

ALL TELEVISIONS, VCRS, COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER SCREENS  
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**ABSOLUTELY NO TIRES OR BATTERIES!**

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT PUTTING ANY ITEMS IN THE DUMPSTERS  
**WITHOUT PAYING** OR ANY ITEMS THAT ARE **NOT ALLOWED**, YOU  
WILL BE FINED DOUBLE!

**\*Post this on your refrigerator.\***



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## Safety & Regulations Reminders

Properly Secure Your Canoes & Kayaks to Avoid This!!



**\*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!!**





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One major inspection issue is the cinder blocks under your trailer.

Correct Way—

Cannot See Through Them



Incorrect Way—

You Can See Through Them



### CAMPSITE MEMBERSHIP SIGNS:

The Lake Delton Fire Department has requested for the last year that all official membership signs be mounted outside on a post or structure adjacent to the road and in a clearly visible manner. This has been relayed to the membership at board meetings and through newsletters, yet many of these signs remain inside trailer windows or not mounted at all. This is a safety issue and one taken very seriously by our local fire department and emergency responders.

**\*\* EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL CAMPSITES MUST MEET THIS REQUIREMENT \*\***

Any site failing to meet this requirement by July 4, 2017 will have the sign mounted appropriately by the grounds crew and the member will receive an invoice for any materials or labor used. If you are missing a sign or have any questions about this requirement, please inquire at the office or speak with a board member.

### 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.

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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. Over the next couple of months, notices will be given to sites failing to meet these responsibilities.

Again, if you have any questions about this requirement, please refer to the rules and regulations that you, as a member signed; and/or inquire at the office or speak with a board member.

## **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.

Each of these issues are the responsibility of the member. If you need assistance with locating a local contractor, there are references available in the office, but all arrangements with that contractor are the responsibility of the member.

## **Washer Replacement:**

In addition to replacing your smoke detector and CO2 monitor batteries, please consider replacing the washer on your water hose where it connects to the spigot. The existing washer has typically been allowed to completely dry out and has been exposed to bitterly cold temperatures over the course of the Wisconsin winter, compromising the washer's ability to properly seal the connection.

Replacing the washer at the start of every season literally costs pennies, will save the camp money, and will reduce the amount of soggy ground around your trailer.



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**The speed limit is 10 mph &  
don't text while driving!!**

**There are too many  
precious lives on our roads!**



**Have a safe & happy camping season!**

### **~Contact Information~**

Grounds Shop: 608-254-8333

Office: 608-254-8361

Emergency Cell: 608-432-1590

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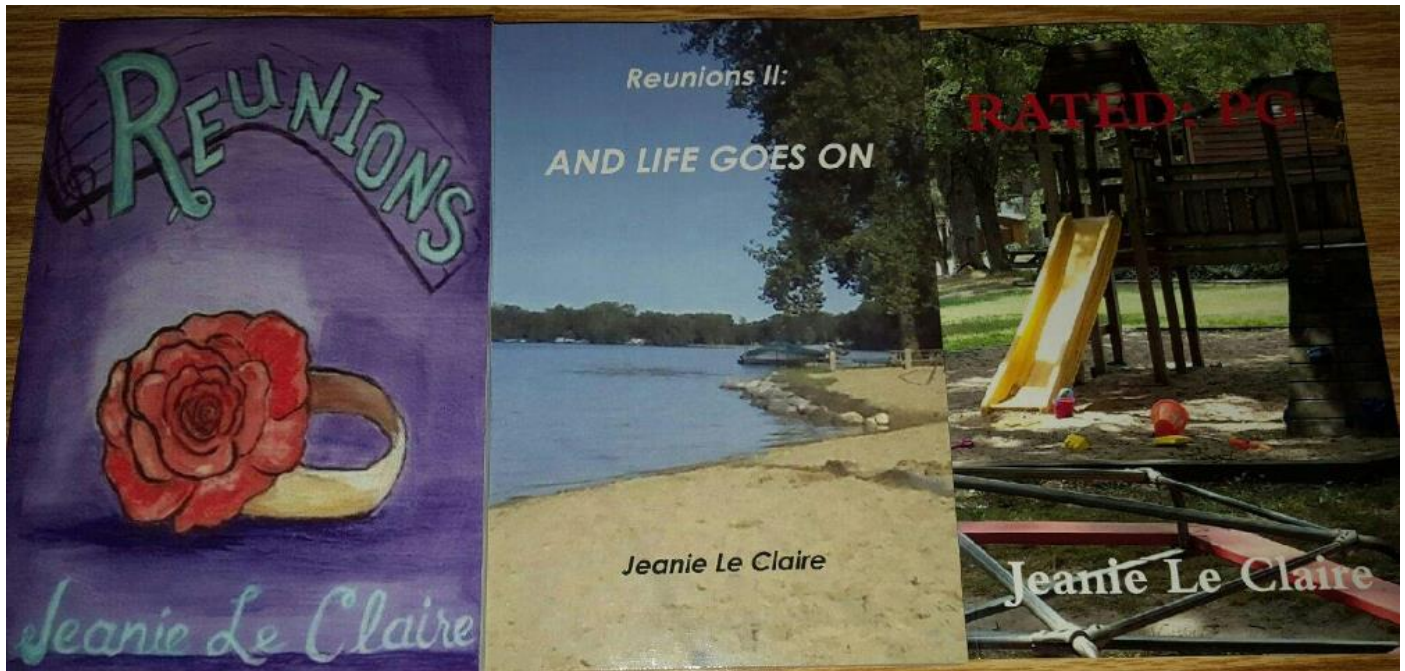


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