Jefferson German Lakes Association

**The annual meeting is May 23, 2015 at the Marysburg Church at 10:30 AM. Please plan to attend.** Topics on the annual meeting agenda include:

Aquatic Invasive Species update

Buffer Strips update

2015 weed spraying program

Cape Horn retention pond repairs

County 104 project

Errors, omissions and liability insurance

Election of Board members

**Weed spraying in the lake**

Last summer many people were pleased with the reduction of weeds resulting from the spraying last year. Recently a $5,000 grant was awarded to the Association to make the program available again this year. Weed spraying is a Lakes Association project and you must be a Lakes Association member to participate. Maps showing the areas to be sprayed this year will be available to view at the meeting. For additional information please go to the Lakes Association website: http://jgla.org

**Weed spraying along your shore line**

Individuals may apply to the DNR for a permit to treat their shoreline for several problems. To find out more go the DNR website or directly to http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/apm/index.html After you submit an application, the DNR will do an onsite inspection before issuing a permit.

**County 104 road project**

A project to reroute and hard surface a segment of County Road 104 has been approved by the Commissioners and is scheduled for construction in 2016. We plan to have a copy of a map showing the extent of the project and the new alignment of the roadway at the Lakes Association meeting for those interested in looking at that.

**Septic Systems and the Wenck study of options**

The Wenck study requested by the LeSueur County Commissioners was released earlier this spring. A series of meetings are being held to explain the study results and get input from all property owners. This is a VERY IMPORTANT issue and everyone needs to attend a meeting or at the very least fill-out a petition either for or against installing a sewer pipe around the lakes. There is more than one petition so be sure you use the correct one to reflect your view. All property owners in the German Jefferson chain of lakes must have their septic system inspected by Dec 15, 2015 and must have a compliant system by Dec 31, 2017. The Lakes Association, understanding that this is a divisive issue, is not taking a position in support or in opposition to a sewer pipe. Each property owner must make the best decision based on their circumstances. It is vitally important that you be heard. It’s not true that if you already have a compliant system this does not affect you, the decisions that are made will affect EVERYONE.

The county commissioners adopted a new ordinance on April 7, 2015 that reiterates the deadlines for having your septic system inspected (Dec 15, 2015) and to be in compliance (Dec 31, 2017). The ordinance allows for exemptions from inspections:

SECTION 5. Exemptions from Inspection. No Compliance Inspection is required for an SSTS that:

1. Has a valid Certificate of Compliance issued after April 1, 2008; or
2. Was inspected as part of the JGSIP.
3. Sign Waiver for Compliance Inspection of an Existing Septic System.

**Little Jefferson 2015**

**4th of July Boat Parade**

Decorate in red, white & blue or pick a theme and be creative!

1:30 registration at floating dock

2:00 parade starts

(Stop by floating dock after parade to see if your boat has won!)

**If you have questions or have a prize to donate, please call**

**Jamie 380-3984 or Carynn 382-1680**

Thanks to all who participate...boaters and shoreline fans!

See you on the lake!