



Panorama Post

Keeping Invasive Species Out Is Priority

RIZ Dredge & Booster Pump Close to Completion

The replacement dredge and new booster pump being ordered by the Lake Panorama Rural Improvement Zone (RIZ) are pictured below at the Dredging Supply Company's facility at Reserve, Louisiana. Delivery of the \$2.2 million of equipment is scheduled for shortly after ice is out on the lake. The new dredge is similar in appearance to the HORIZON dredge put in service in 1999. The new dredge is accompanied by a booster pump that will allow vast increases in the distance the equipment can pump dredge spoil. This will enable more of the upper end of Lake Panorama to be re-dredged and pumped into the back of the County silt basin almost two miles away. This will provide considerable flexibility in future dredging projects in the head of the lake.

A new dredge was necessary to accommodate more energy-conserving engines since retro-fitting the HORIZON would have required extensive and expensive modifications to the hull and fuel tank modules. The old dredge is being advertised to the dredging community.

New Rule Focuses on Informing Boaters and Emphasizes Cooperation, Inspections, and Steep Penalties

The LPA Board has adopted new rules to help protect the Lake against the spread of invasive aquatic species, especially the zebra mussels and silver carp. These and other species threaten to cause severe damage to the quality of the lake and recreation opportunities. Infestations in other lakes and rivers have caused the loss of recreational boating and high costs of maintenance and repair of boats. **See more on pg.5**

Annual Meeting May 10

The only ballot issue for the 2014 Annual Meeting will be the election of two board members. Kane Powell, current board president, has served the maximum two consecutive terms and is ineligible to run. Dave Stolp, who has served one three-year term, has chosen not to run for a second term.

Three candidates will vie for the two board vacancies. Bob Batschelet, 6754 Panorama Drive, Gary Evans, 4411 Panorama Drive, and Tom Jeschke, 5201 Tie Road.



The LPA Website is found at <http://www.lakepanorama.org>
Our email is lpa@lakepanorama.org

To readers of the print copy of the POST—The website also carries a COLOR copy of this newsletter.



Look for the LPA's **Facebook page** by simply doing a search for "Lake Panorama" or by clicking <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lake-Panorama/281087776519?ref=hl> online.

The Facebook page is a great place to share images of Lake Panorama and to connect with other lake "likers." Images featured on the page are mostly contributions from LPA members!

2014 Yard Waste Site Update

The Yard Waste Facilities (brush dumps) are open **Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.** They are closed for maintenance burning and grading on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Access during the spring thaw may be difficult due to soft or slippery roads. *If access conditions are difficult, the LPA may have to temporarily close the facilities until access is improved.* Please call the office prior to hauling to check if the areas are open.

Reminders for Yard Waste Site Usage:

Soft materials—leaves, clippings, and twigs less than 1/4 inch diameter go **in the compost or mulch piles** for composting.

Larger materials go in the burn piles. No logs over 12 inches in diameter, no stumps, no rootballs, and no construction materials or trash are accepted. Violators will be prosecuted. Fines are steep.

The yard waste sites are managed by the LPA under an agreement with the Rural Improvement Zone to meet state disposal regulations concerning air pollution. The rules prohibit the burning of leaves and large items that produce smoke or smoldering issues that impair air quality. Individuals may burn things that grow on their lot within their lot boundaries, except burning is prohibited in ditches and drainageways to discourage erosion.

Burning on private property must be supervised and considerate of neighbors. Don't burn if windy conditions are present or anticipated.

The LPA Security Department
(641) 755-3101

For medical and fire emergencies—Dial 911

For LPA business—Call (641) 755-2301

Lake Panorama National Resort

Links Restaurant & Bar

Tuesday to Friday
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Breakfast Weekends!

Saturday
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

641 755 2080
800 879 1917

Easter Brunch

April 20

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations suggested
\$14.95-Adults, \$8.95 children--5-12
Under 5--Free

Easter Egg Hunt
10 a.m.

Coming
Soon:
New Menu
items!

Fin & Feather Obtains Tax-Exempt Status

The Fin & Feather club has obtained tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. This means donations to the 501(c) 3 organization may now be tax deductible.

Fin and Feather raises money for fisheries improvements at Lake Panorama through their annual membership drive and fundraising banquet at the Lake Panorama National Conference Center. This year's banquet is the evening of May 10.

Donations of cash or items valued at \$250 or more, will receive an appropriate IRS documentation from Fin & Feather.

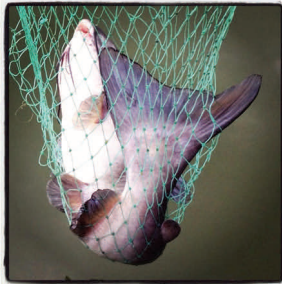


Photo contributed by Dawn Winkler Larson

Items suitable for donation include gift certificates, wildlife art, wildlife themed novelties, hunting and fishing equipment, boating equipment, outdoor gear, collectibles with wildlife themes and very gently used, quality items related to the outdoors.

To donate, contact the LPA office at (641) 755-2301 or Steve Brannan, club president, at (641) 755-3046.

For more information and links about deductibility, go to the following link:

<http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc506.html>

Want to Help with Fish Habitat?

Members desiring to help by adding fish habitat structures to the lake should contact the office to be connected with the Fin and Feather Club.

Members should not put wood pallets, brush, Xmas trees, or other objects on the ice or in the water. This task has been relegated to the club, which does so in a coordinated manner and according to good fishery habitat principles.

Wood items in particular may simply float and become safety hazards to those trying to enjoy water recreation. Items must be placed in a secure, planned manner.



Hydrant Flushing—

March 31 to April 4
April 7 to April 11

Flushing helps remove sediments accumulating in system from high mineral levels in our Dakota wells. Use caution when doing laundry during these flushing dates to avoid possible staining or discoloration.

Schedule Your Water Meter Change-Out

If you have not had your mechanical water meter exchanged for a new, non-mechanical meter, (it only needs to be done once!) please call the LPA office at (641) 755-2301 to make an appointment.

Appointments can be made for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Someone must be home to allow access. There is no charge for the service unless existing plumbing needs repair or modification which is the responsibility of the owner.

Boating Update

Lake Level—Current lake level is over 6 inches below normal. The lake level won't be adjusted upward until ice is out. Moving the gate with ice on the lake could cause damage to docks and lifts that were left in for the winter in small coves. Normal level is expected later.

No Rule Changes Concerning Operation—The only changes for boaters is recognizing the threat of invasive species and avoiding bringing them to the lake. Page 5.

Registration Reminder—Boat permits will not be issued unless the 2014 assessments are paid or have been arranged to be paid by electronic funds transfers. Accounts with outstanding balances also will be denied permits until the balances are paid.

Buoys Mean Business—Navigational buoys have the force of the rules. Violation results in a fine. Violating the message of the hazard buoys may result in a broken prop or lower unit. Many boaters fail to understand that warning buoys are placed in the area of hazards and do not identify an individual rock or shallow area. **The area between and around hazard buoys likely is too shallow for most boats and should be avoided.**



The President's Letter

It's that time of year again, where we're all anxious to declare that winter is over. Some of you have even ventured out onto the golf course for your first round. It's a little early to pull the boats out of storage, but it won't be long before Lake Panorama is up and running for another great season.

2014 marks my sixth and final year on the LPA Board of Directors. I've served as president the past year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community – it's been a great experience.

As I prepare to wrap up my term, I look ahead at LPA's future with great confidence. Over the past six years, I've learned success doesn't always come easily. LPA has many good days ahead, but we also will face challenges and obstacles as we navigate the next 40 years of our history. Even our best successes will come with growing pains.

My confidence for our success is drawn from all of you. The quality of people who make up our community is truly amazing. Employees, board members, committee members and volunteers all pull together to make Lake Panorama a special place. This is the secret to why Lake Panorama remains a great place to live, play and raise a family. Thank you all for doing your part!

In closing, I want to invite you to the LPA annual meeting on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at the LPN Conference Center. We look forward to updating you on the progress we've made in 2013 and the projects being worked on for 2014.

Please also mark your calendars for the Fin and Feather banquet that evening. It's a fun event that raises money to improve fishing at Lake Panorama. I hope to see you there!

Kane Powell

LPA Board President

HALO Group Welcomes Snowbirds Back

The Home And Lot Owners (HALO) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Panorama West Clubhouse to welcome the "snowbirds" back to the lake. Bring a favorite breakfast item for the potluck brunch. Dick and Lynda Pawlowski are chairs of the group for 2014. Candidates for the LPA Board of Directors election also will be present for HALO members to acquaint themselves and ask questions.

Invasive Species Rule Key to Lake Protection

This summary will be followed later by more details to all LPA members.

The LPA Board has adopted, effective immediately, rules to assist in preventing zebra mussels, silver carp, and other animal and plant species that could invade and infest Lake Panorama with serious problems that would be costly to LPA members in several ways. The following is a summary of the regulation's requirements. The rule should not be a problem for boaters who keep their boats at the lake, but will add additional responsibilities and expectations for boats who travel elsewhere and for all boats brought in by guests, LPN guests, and Clover Ridge Timeshare members who bring boats.

LPA Invasive Species Rules Summary

All vessels and water-related equipment are subject to LPA invasive species rules—members, guests and commercial included.

LPA may inspect all vessels and water-related equipment for potential invasive evidence.

Vessels will be designated resident boats if they are only used here.

Vessels trailered in, whether guests, members, or otherwise will be considered non-resident boats.

All non-resident boaters must fill out questionnaire which has invasive species information and will require usage information and certification that the owner is knowledgeable of the threat of invasives. All those will be subject to inspection prior to being given a permit to be on the lake. See below.

Some trailered craft will be residentially classified if they don't leave lake.

If resident vessel leaves lake, it will then be non-resident until re-establishment by certified cleaning.

Inspections look for the following: plant parts, mud, animal specimens on boat or trailer or fishing equipment and water in live wells, bilge tanks, ballast tanks or engine cooling systems. (State Law requires cleaning and drainage prior to leaving previous water body.)

For all non-resident boats:

Finding any sign of above items produces denial or revocation of permit, no access to lake.

Findings may be reported to DNR (possible \$500 fine)

Members may be fined \$250 by LPA.

Member boating rights can be re-established with certified cleaning and drying practices.

Both resident and non-resident boats failing inspection—quarantined until cleaning certified.

Non-members found boating without inspection and having shown to have violating materials, banned permanently, and reported to DNR for fines and action.

Members found boating without inspection, fined \$500, reported to DNR, boat permits revoked, and banned for one year.

Falsified information on questionnaire—Permanent boating ban for all, plus revocation of permits.

No water-related equipment previously installed in other lakes can be brought in (used lifts, docks) with out extended treatment qualification.

No invitational boating, fishing, or other activities allowed.

Resident Boats will have no limitations. All other boaters will have to have a questionnaire/ survey/ agreement filled out that will have information about invasives species and an acknowledgement that boats trailered in, but kept locally and not taken to other water bodies, will be declared resident boats.

A process will be developed to survey, inspect and designate qualified boats. The process is meant to educate boaters of the threats, identify potential problems, and apply severe penalties to those who violate or attempt to violate the regulations. Invitational boating and fishing activities now will be banned to prevent boats that have most likely been on numerous other potentially infected water bodies.

From the Desk of the General Manager

Welcome back to another year at Lake Panorama! Each quarter, I sit down to write a column for this newsletter. I have to be careful because I want to start every one by saying we're approaching my favorite season. I am fortunate to genuinely feel this way.

Spring is always an exciting time, and 2014 will be no exception. The beloved "polar vortex" has left us with late exit of lake ice and ground frost. Everything from dredge assembly to road repairs will be started a few weeks later than we'd hoped. We'll catch up – but thanks in advance for understanding our workload is already stacked up for the push to Memorial Day.

Here are a few highlights of what lies ahead for LPA in 2014:

New Dredge - Delivery of RIZ's new dredge and booster station is scheduled for late-April. Mike Monthei and I traveled to Dredge Supply Company in March to observe construction and inspect the vessels. Some work still remains, but we were very pleased with what we saw. This dredge/booster combo will serve Lake Panorama well for the next 20+ years.

Silt Basin Planning – RIZ's 2013 purchase of the Cory farm, west of the LPA maintenance shop, will provide us with several options for silt basins and preventative structures. This suite of projects is currently wrapping up the concept and broad planning phases. Design and construction will be a main focus of the RIZ Board's efforts in the coming year or two.

RIZ Continuation – Both the LPA Board and the RIZ Board have placed top priority on continuation of RIZ funding at Panorama. Conversations are underway with the Guthrie County Board of Supervisors on this topic. Stay tuned for updates on the progress of this conversation.

Road Repairs – An additional \$20k was added to LPA's road budget for 2014. This represents the equivalent of one mile of seal coat surfacing. Please thank our crew for their efforts by showing caution and care as you pass them working on our streets.

As always, there's more happening at LPA than can be expressed in one page of a newsletter. Please join us for the annual meeting as we discuss what's coming for LPA in 2014!

Best wishes –

John Rutledge
General Manager

Fishing Licenses Available at LPA Office

The LPA office sells fishing and hunting licenses. Costs are the same as all other outlets. Fishing licenses are required at Lake Panorama. For more information, check out the Iowa DNR webpage about fishing at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/FishingLicensesLaws/AdditionalRegulations/FishingLicenses>. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. (641) 755-2301 Fax# (641) 755-3810. Or email us at lpa@lakepanorama.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

THE LPA NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO CONTACT MEMBERS!

Any number of circumstances may arise that require the LPA to contact members—the latest example is UPS packages being left at the office during the embargo. For many people we have no way of immediate contact. If you have not updated your contact information—current email addresses and cell phone numbers are especially valuable—please email or phone the information to the LPA office at (641) 755-2301 or lpa@lakepanorama.org.