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## UTLA 2017 July Newsletter

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### Upper Turtle Lake Association

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**Aquatic Plant Survey Update:** Matt Berg, Research Biologist with Endanger Resource Services, LLC, completed the curly leaf pondweed survey on Upper Turtle Lake. The June survey was a point-intercept and bed mapping survey of the exotic and invasive curly-leaf pondweed. Matt followed the standard WDNR methods, and was "shocked at how much it (CLP) has expanded". In July, Matt completed the DNR required native aquatic plant survey, and is preparing the statistical analysis. These surveys were paid for with a portion of the collected Jump Start funds. You can find the survey results on both the UTLA website and Facebook page.

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### Important Lake District News

As you know, we are working hard to secure support for the establishment of an Upper Turtle Lake District. Having a Lake District in place will allow us to deal with the current Curly Leaf Pondweed invasion and will ensure we have the ability to fight other invasive species that may come our way in the future. Having a healthy lake is vital both to our recreation and to maintaining property values. As of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, we have collected 193 signed Lake District petitions. This is roughly 50% of eligible votes. Thank you to all who have donated your time and efforts to this endeavor! If you haven't yet signed the Lake District petition, one has been enclosed with this newsletter. Please mail



### Upcoming Events

#### UTLA Social Hour

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Please join us at the County Park on the southeastend of the lake. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverages. Plates, napkins, forks, and bottled water will be provided. Come by boat, come by car, come by bike, it's not too far!! A Lake District Update will be provided.

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#### Jump Start Program Update:

As of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, we have collected \$11,750 in Jump Start Funds. Thanks to all who have contributed to the important effort! There is still time to contribute, so if you would like to contribute, please send a check to Carol Timmerman, 6315 Shady Lane Dr NE Rochester, MN 55906. The check should be made payable to UTLA Jump Start. The suggested donation is \$250, but any amount is appreciated!

your signed petition to Carol Timmerman, UTLA, 6315 Shady Ln Dr NE Rochester, MN 55906. Please return by August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If your property is owned jointly, all owners should sign the petition.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade Winners!

Thanks to all who participated in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade! There were many wonderful entries, and fun was had by all! Around 40 pontoons and boats participated in the parade.

The "Most Original Theme" award went to the Bressler family for their Upper Turtle Lake Fire Department Truck. The "Red, White, and Blue" patriotic award went to the Bowie/Wold families for their patriotic entry. Congratulations to all!



**Boat Landing update:** The Parks and Recreation Department from Barron County evaluated and resolved the cement slab separation issues at the boat landing. Thanks goes out to Gary Taxdahl for getting this taken care of!

**Jump Start Funds Update:** Current collected funds total \$13,500. Required lake survey expenditures total \$4,250. We need to update our Upper Turtle Lake Management Plan, and have contracted LEAPs (Dave Blumer) of Chetek to accomplish this. The cost to do this is \$1800. We have also contracted LEAPs (\$2500) to write an Upper Turtle Lake state grant to assist with the cost of invasive species treatment. Although the state grant isn't guaranteed, LEAPs has over an 80% success rate in grant writing applications. The updated lake management plan needs to be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and the grant application needs to be submitted by February 1, 2018. Other miscellaneous expenses include postage, newsletter printing, etc.

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