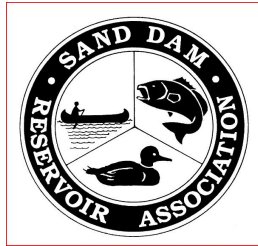


**SAND DAM RESERVOIR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

**April 2020**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE: DIRECTOR POSITION OPENING**

**3-year term; & must have been an SDRA member for 1 year**  
*Experience not necessary; only a willingness to serve*

**Few people feel they have extra time to volunteer, but your help is needed to help preserve and protect our beautiful lake. Contact any Board member if you have questions.**

**Please put your name forward for consideration by contacting:**

Rico Colaluca at 603-986-7532 or by email at: [Rico@smithfieldsupply.com](mailto:Rico@smithfieldsupply.com)

or

Janice Baker at 401-710-7139 or by email at: [neverneverlandjb@hotmail.com](mailto:neverneverlandjb@hotmail.com)

or

If mailing, please send information to: [SDRA, PO Box 284, Chepachet, RI 02814](mailto:SDRA, PO Box 284, Chepachet, RI 02814).

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for considering service to the SDRA in a Board member capacity.

*"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever." Kofi Annan*

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**CORONAVIRUS IMPACTS ON SDRA**

**EARTH DAY:** Originally scheduled for Saturday, April 25th has been postponed; if viable, Judy Colaluca will lead us in a cleanup effort on another date yet to be determined.

**SAND DAM DAY:** May also have to be cancelled until we are able to meet as a large group.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Board is looking at moving this meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of September, the 16th, or not holding it at all, as some Boards are doing. Ways are being considered for communicating the reports that would have been given, procedures for possibly voting online if needed, and methods for ensuring that membership views and concerns can be communicated.

**PROGRAM DELAYS:** It is likely that our *Boat Greeter Program* will have a late start, and possibly other programs and activities will be affected as well.

**FUNDRAISING:** Our biggest fundraiser, Bella's, had to be cancelled; the Board is exploring a wine tasting fundraiser for the Fall at Mulberry Vineyards, hoping it will be viable.

Please contact Janice (see contact info above) if you have concerns or suggestions regarding any of these items.

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### **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!**

**Please help preserve & protect our lake by avoiding the application of fertilizers to your lawn!!!**

The phosphorus in fertilizers is especially harmful and the runoff water from our lawns typically heads straight for our lake. If you have not yet:

- heeded the scientific proof of this negative influence on our lake;
- heeded Judy Colaluca never-ceasing pleas to stop applying fertilizers to our lawns;
- made the commitment to stop fertilizing your lawns ~

**Then 2020 is the time to do so!**

**THANK YOU** to all who have already made the switch to non-fertilized lawns and to those who will find the courage this year to quit implementing a bad practice.

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## UPDATES

**HERBICIDES:** ESS/Solitude has obtained the required DEM permit and is expected to conduct the annual lake survey toward the latter part of May. More information will follow. As always, we are hoping that an herbicides treatment will not be needed.

**WEBSITE:** SDRA is now working to update and begin utilizing the website. We are excited about bringing this valuable communication vehicle back into the picture. Please have patience; it is a work in progress.

**NON-PROFIT STATUS:** Work is still underway to try to re-establish recognition as a non-profit. Changes were made to the Articles of Incorporation which reflect our mission and which are consistent with our by-laws. The specific language changes are documented in the minutes of the March 25th Special Board Meeting; that meeting was held to accommodate the tight timeline given to SDRA. Legal assistance from SDRA's attorney has been helpful as we wend our way through this challenging process.

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