



SDRA NEWSLETTER February, 2022

DRAWDOWN: This year, a **successful drawdown was achieved!!!** The parameters that had to be met were: **3 consecutive days where temperatures remained below freezing, with no snow cover.**

Many thanks to:

- **Mike Benoit** for all his hard work to handle the tedious process of adjusting water levels, in small increments, across many days, mostly in cold weather;
- **Rico Colaluca and his family** who, for more than 3 months, recorded data daily (then periodically in January & February) regarding weather factors that determine the likelihood of success for that process to kill the milfoil in the exposed areas, and
- **Art Searle** who maintains the valuable database.

The above detail is presented here to remind us all of the many volunteer efforts and hours that go into the process of trying to keep our lake healthy. This is clearly one of those major efforts!

LAKE REFILL: Will start on **March 7th, 2022** and usually takes only a few days to complete. If possible, let's use the upcoming weekends to clean our shore areas

FUNDRAISER - SAVE THE DATE: **May 14, 2022!!!** NEW LOCATION

Wine Tasting & Dinner - Fine wines by Kevin Kitson & Music by The Black Tie Affair!
Silent Auction & Raffle
Crystal Lake, Burrillville

- This year we have more space, with seating for 170-80, and tables of 10 that you will be able to reserve ahead of time. (At Bella's, allowable seating was about 140-150.)
- **SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS:** Our preparations are starting NOW. Send a note to Marissa at mjdanville@gmail.com letting her know what you can donate, including but not limited to:
 - a piece of equipment
 - a work of art - yours perhaps!
 - gift baskets
 - gift certificates
 - services you can provide
 - a one-week time-share
 - OTHER IDEAS.....???

We're excited to be doing this popular event again & are looking to **ALL to participate in as many ways as possible.** Following the 30-acre treatment last summer with Procellacor to combat milfoil, as well as no major fundraiser each of the last 2 years (covid), SDRA's coffers need refilling. It will "take the village" - ALL OF US - to make this event a huge success. Details forthcoming!

The Board will be meeting via Google Meet on February 28th at 7PM to continue its planning for this event. Please send an email to Janice: neverneverlandjb@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

VOLUNTEERING TO COLLECT TRASH

In spite of numerous efforts to achieve a solution, the trash problem along our lake shore on Chestnut Hill Rd. continues - and that trash then ends up in the lake. We are asking each member or family to **“adopt” that area of the lake for a 2-week/15-day period to cleanup these trouble spots:**

the area along the lake across from the transfer station, and the “parking area” just outside the transfer station entry gate

Please see the block of dates on the form below. Hoping that many will respond, including signing up for the less desirable, colder dates. If there are duplications, Judy and Carol will work it out with you.

FYI, we have by no means given up on seeking Town Council support to have our local police enforce the law requiring that trucks have their beds covered so that loose trash or bags do not escape.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT for Trash Cleanup

Area across from Transfer Station: Wilmarth Rd. to the NW corner of the Lake & the “parking area” just outside the Transfer Station entrance, directly across from the lake.

Each volunteer or volunteer family is asked to sign on for half month increments.

Mar. 1-15 _____	Mar. 16-31 _____
Apr. 1-15 _____	Apr. 16-30 _____
May 1-15 _____	May 16-31 _____
June 1-15 _____	June 18-30 _____
July 1-15 _____	July 16-31 _____
Aug. 1-15 _____	Aug. 16-31 _____
Sept. 1-15 _____	Sept. 16-30 _____
Oct. 1-15 _____	Oct. 16-31 _____
Nov. 1-15 _____	Nov. 16-30 _____
Dec. 1-15 _____	Dec. 16-20 _____

Please send the block of time you are volunteering for to:

Judy Colaluca colalucajudy@gmail.com 401-486-8414 or
Carol Lariviere thelariviere@kw.com 401-241-4895

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT.
PLEASE MARK THE DATES YOU’VE CHOSEN IN YOUR CALENDARS!**