

2023 NEWSLETTER



HALLOWEEN APPROACHES



NORTHERLY ISLAND

On the last three September Saturdays, a dedicated team of volunteers from the Nippersink Watershed Association and the Sportsman Club worked together to clear overgrown buckthorn and other invasive species on Northerly Island. They managed to clear enough to create and subsequently burn two 10'x20' piles. Then, in early October, the group reunited to introduce new life to the area, planting

hundreds of native plants and vibrant flowers. This successful conservation effort was made possible through the generous support of a \$5,000 grant from NiCor.



WL SPORTSMANS CLUB

The club has been busy! In late September the club embarked on an exciting mission stocking over 800 6-8 inch Large Mouth Bass at strategic locations throughout the lake. Just days later, on October 1st, the annual Bass Derby took place, with 39 enthusiastic participants. They managed to reel in 47 fish, with the largest bass weighing in at an impressive 3.41 pounds.

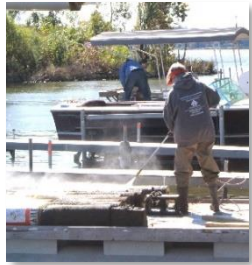


Then, on October 8th, 15 members participated in the electrifying spectacle of fish electroshocking below the dam. Walleye, Bass, Crappie, and Blue Gills were thoughtfully relocated to various spots around the lake.



YACHT CLUB

Oct 7th 20 volunteers removed, cleaned and stored the 54 buoys around the lake.



SEDIMENT

Sediment samples from the dredging are currently being analyzed for content and quality for future potential sale.

DAM MAINTENANCE

Our required, annual dam inspection will be in October, weather permitting. We will also be looking at the damaged threaded rod for the sluice gates.

MERCHANT CREEK BRIDGE

Work continues on the bridge including plantings this month. The stones around the bridge are there to prevent erosion, so if you happen upon children playing with the stones, please ask them to stop and explain the importance of those stones.

Finally, unless you want to be added to a new corner of shame in the newsletter, please do not dump any trash or litter over the bridge (or anywhere except a proper trash container for that matter)!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB EVENTS:

Goose Hunting: October 21st opening day!

\$100 Raffle Event: November 11th, the ever entertaining \$100 raffle event will take place at Alibi's! Make sure to connect with a Club member to secure your tickets for this thrilling event.

WONDER LAKE'S FIRST EVER FALL FEST!!!

October 28th 3-9PM @ 4444 Thompson Rd.



Wonder Lake is gearing up for its first-ever Fall Fest, set for October 28, featuring a colossal bonfire with a massive brush pile at its heart. The event will be sponsored and funded through community support, with features like food trucks, trunk-or-treating, games, vendors, a costume contest, and live music. The festival aims to unite the growing community, bringing together both existing and new residents. Join your friends and neighbors! Come in costume! Entry is free!