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DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS

Annual Meeting 2018

The 2018 Dead River Campers, Inc annual meeting is quickly approaching. It will be held at Westwood High School, on Saturday, June 30, 2018. The doors will open at 8am and the meeting will begin at 9am. It is very important that we reach a quorum, in order to conduct official DRCI business. Please take a moment and fill out your ballot and mail it back in the self addressed stamped envelope that was included in your mailing packet.

There are three candidates running for 2 seats on the DRCI board of directors. They are: Joe Ervin, Gary Goodman and Mike Nardi. The ballots will be counted and verified by the Law Offices of McDonald and Wolfe and the results will be posted on the DRCI website, as soon as we have them.

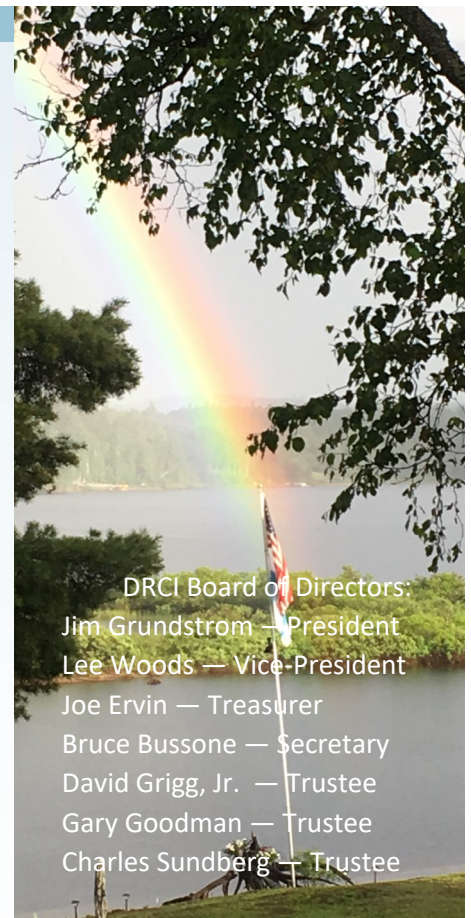
The following agencies will have representatives in the lobby before the annual meeting, to answer any questions you may have: Ishpeming Township Fire Department, NMU EAN Internet, Green Timber Forestry Management and DNR Invasive Species Management Unit.

FORESTRY UPDATE:

By: Bruce Bussone

Green timber forestry along with Nolta tree services have completed the planting of fruit trees, oaks and shrubs as part of the Wildlife habitat grant received through the DNR. There were five areas both on the north and south side of the Dead River where this was accomplished. Through the cooperation with Green Timber, Nolta and the DNR we were able to add 2000 additional trees to our habitat planting. In addition to the tree planting, this summer Green Timber forestry will be clearing three one acre sites to be planted with Clover to further enhance the wildlife habitat. Clover is a preferred foliage for both deer and small game species.

Holli forestry will begin our 2018 harvesting program shortly, starting and the end of the South Camp Rd. They will continue later with areas along Road 9, S. Basin Dr. and Co Rd. 510. If there are any questions please contact me at 906-362-2325.



DRCI Board of Directors:
Jim Grundstrom — President
Lee Woods — Vice-President
Joe Ervin — Treasurer
Bruce Bussone — Secretary
David Grigg, Jr. — Trustee
Gary Goodman — Trustee
Charles Sundberg — Trustee

Photo Credit: Shirley Sundberg

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Dead River Campers Association Annual Meeting and Banquet

Due to a HUGE snowstorm that was predicted for the weekend of April 14th, the annual DRCA meeting and banquet was rescheduled to May 12th. The delay didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the shareholders.

The banquet was attended by nearly 270 people and fun was had by all. Several prizes and gifts were given away and the grand prize of the beautiful swing (made by John Yeshe) was won by George Niemela.

If you missed this year's gathering, be sure to mark your calendars so that you can plan to attend next year's banquet. The 2019 gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th.

If you didn't get your DRCA clothing, or are looking for that perfect gift, be sure to stop by the Dead River Campers, Inc. office and see Denise Platteborze, at 213 E. Pearl Street. Clothing is on display and can be purchased at the office.



Mark your calendars!
Youth Fishing Derby — August 18th — East End Boat Launch



Have You Moved?

Many people flock to the south in the winter and then back to the basin in the summer. More and more, people are making the basin their year round home. These are all wonderful things, unfortunately, in the hustle and bustle of everything, updating addresses, is often at the bottom of the priority list. Please help us keep you informed! If you have moved, drop us an email or a note with your new address, so we can be sure to keep you updated with everything happening on the basin.



A Note from our Treasurer

by Joe Ervin

I am happy to report that our financial position continues to strengthen every quarter. Our financial management controls have improved and our partnership with our Accounting firm, Thompson and Paquette LLC, has ensured that we are staying compliant with changing tax laws and state and local regulatory requirements.

I look forward to the opportunity to share with you, in more detail, our financial position and demonstrating our state of the art business banking tools at our upcoming Annual Meeting, June 30th. We will also be sharing the results of the Audit of our 2017 financial and business activities.

See you out on the Basin.

Neighbors helping Neighbors

Tom Connors is putting together a neighborhood work crew to attempt to do some road maintenance on Three Mile Road. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Tom at: (906) 486-6820



Got Garbage??

By: Jim Grundstrom

As a potential solution to the age old problem of Garbage Collection around the basin, North Basin Drive has developed a very good plan that works almost 100% of the time, and it is shown in the pictures below. Signage at our pick up location asks for residents to only place garbage in cans with lids, and if possible strap the lid down. This has dramatically improved our ability to keep birds and animals out of our garbage, and a huge mess off the ground at the site. It seems to be a no brainer for the residents, and it sure beats the closest neighbors having to rake up the aftermath.

We do understand that the weekend only residents struggle a bit with retrieval of the can(s) if only out on the weekends; however, if they sit there for a day or two, is it really a crisis until picked up? Another thought would be to have caring neighbors pick up their close neighbors cans and return them to their drive-ways. We have also encouraged the cans be labeled with the house number, so they all get back home to their proper residences.



Photo Credit: Jim Grundstrom



Want to know how we communicate with the State and Federal Agencies?? Be sure to check out the DRCI website and click on Documents: State and Federal Agency Communications.

DRCI Fireworks

This year's display promises to be one of the best. The fireworks will begin at dusk (10:30ish) on Saturday, June 30th. (Sunday, July 1st will be our rain date). We hope to see you out on the basin.

Holyoke Creek Waterfalls:

A note from the desk of :
Jim Grundstrom,
DRCI President

The Holy Oak water falls are both beautiful and also a very attractive nuisance, unfortunately. The situation still seems to be not completely under control with regards to signage not being understood. Although posted as private property, which it is by the way, there are still people attempting to climb the falls. They are slippery, and very dangerous, and certainly not a place to play. The land owner is thrilled to have people look and enjoy the view and the sounds of rushing water. Please, Please, Please, do not attempt to climb or play on the Holy Oak water falls. As recently as this spring, there were visitors who engage with the owner, in a conversation that went something like this. "I know that they are dangerous, but I am different and will not get hurt". Our best solution is "Take only Pictures, and leave no Foot Prints". Please.





Youth Fishing Derby 2018

The 2018 Youth Fishing Derby is set for Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the East End Boat Launch. Activities will begin with check-in starting at 8:30am and fishing from 9:00am—12 noon. Coffee and donuts will be served at check-in and we will end the morning with lunch, games, gifts and prizes. This year promises to be one of our best derbies yet!

The Youth Fishing Derby is open to all children ages 16 and younger. If you know of a child who would like to participate, please fill out the registration form that was included in your annual meeting packet. If you have misplaced the registration form, or just need another one, they can be downloaded from the DRCI website. www.deadrivercampersinc.com

Please send your completed registration form to:

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Beware of Invasive Species

By: Elise Desjarlais
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The long-awaited warmer weather might finally be here! After a good Yooper snowstorm, we're finally seeing sunny days and some warmer weather. As the weather warms, we all get excited about upcoming outdoor activities like swimming, hiking, fishing, boating, camping, and more! As we all prepare for these activities, some things that you might be doing include purchasing your fishing license and tinkering in your tackle box, preparing for that first day of seasonal summertime fishing.

April 1st kicked off the 2018 fishing season in Michigan waters, and while everyone is excited to get out on the water, take just an extra moment to check yourself and your gear to ensure you're doing your best to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species this season

While your fishing gear and boat may have sat all winter, if you participated in early spring stream or winter ice fishing, be sure all of your tackle and equipment has been cleaned off and dried out. Thoroughly drying any materials and equipment that was in a water body is one of the best ways to ensure that any aquatic hitchhikers have been eliminated.

When purchasing your bait for your first fishing trip, think about what type of bait you're buying, and make sure you have a proper way to dispose of any unused bait at the end of your day. Unused earthworms, flies, or other insects belong in the trash can, and bait fish should be disposed of on dry land, not dumped into the water! Dumping unused bait fish into a water body has the potential to introduce a new fish species; the bait bucket water can also introduce diseases or invisible invertebrate larvae.

Cleaning your boat when moving from one waterbody to another is not only a law in Michigan, but is your way of preventing aquatic invasive species from spreading. If you can visibly see mud or vegetation hanging off of your boat or trailer, clean it off and leave it upland at the launch site to dry out. Always drain excess water from your boat, including live wells and the bilge.

At the end of the day, we hope that you've had a successful catch and helped to do your part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species!