



GRADE 5 LAKE EDUCATIONAL DAY- MAY 26 TO BE HOSTED AT THE SENIOR LAKESIDE

JUNE 20 AGM- VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

JULY 18 BOAT REGATTA-MISSION BOAT LAUNCH

SEPTEMBER 12-13 CASINO-ST ALBERT

SEPTEMBER 26 OUTREACH AND SILENT AUCTION-RICH VALLEY AG

COMING SOON....

WORKSHOP ON INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS
INFORMATION ON DATE, TIME AND VENUE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.LEPA-AB.COM AND ON LOCAL BULLETIN BOARD

Why should I become a LEPA Member?

- To protect and preserve this lake
- Become and advocate for clean water
- Be pro-active
- To protect your investment
- Help restore the fishing that once flourished
- This is your lake; leave it to your children and grandchildren in better shape than you received it
- Conservation and preservation is contagious – catch it now!
- An excellent opportunity to meet friends; all with the same goals



May—2015

Lac la Nonne
Enhancement
and
Protection
Association

LEPA

Newsletter

Working together for the health of the lake and surrounding area

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greg Hall

2015 Winter Fish Kill in Lac La Nonne

Our Lake Needs Us Now More Than Ever

This past year the quality of the water in Lac La Nonne and the fish that live in it have suffered greatly. A strangle hold was placed on our lake's oxygen content to the point where extremely low levels of oxygen, and in some of the deepest spots no oxygen, have been recorded throughout our lake this winter.

The cause: Increased algae growth from last summer decayed beneath the ice during the winter.

The result: A significant fish kill!!

The Lac La Nonne Enhancement and Protection Association (LEPA) has been in existence for some 30 years. During that time LEPA has monitored our lake and, through various initiatives, put in place programs aimed at improving the lake's water quality. However, this past year indicates that we need a new plan to deal with the factors that are making our lake an even more fertile body of water for algae and other plant growth.

LEPA

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Annual Membership
\$10.00 per family

To do this LEPA needs more aggressive Board members and a larger more active membership. The present board of 6 people has been around for many years and they no longer have the energy to continue the fight. The active membership consists of another handful of people who also have given to LEPA across the years. So, as you can see, LEPA needs to be revitalized in order to make tough decisions and, design and carry out plans to enhance and protect our lake from the factors which have a negative impact. From May 15th to June 15th a volunteer member will be coming to your door to talk to you about becoming a member of LEPA. A member means that you can become a director who helps make decisions and plans, an active volunteer who helps carry out some of the plans and activities, or a volunteer at large who supports the LEPA goals and objectives but is unable to actively assist at this time.

The volunteer member may not be able to answer all of your questions about what LEPA has done in the past but the LEPA website can www.lepa-ab.com. Membership is \$10 so please take one of the membership forms and become a member of LEPA. The lake needs your help to keep its water healthy so we can enjoy it for many years to come.



**OUTREACH AND SILENT AUCTION SEPTEMBER 26
HARVEY THOMPSON**

Our Silent Auction is scheduled for September 26, 2015 at the Rich Valley Ag starting at 3:00

Donations are greatly appreciated please contact Harvey at 780-967-4008 or Darlene Sadoway at (780)-967-2790

CASINO SEPTEMBER 12-13

DOREEN HAGAN

HEAR YE !! HEAR YE!!

We have received word from the Gaming Commission informing us that the dates for our next Casino are Saturday and Sunday September 12 and 13, 2015.

We are looking for 26 volunteers to work with Board members to staff morning, afternoon or evening shifts over these 2 days.

No experience is necessary as you'll be working under the guidance of the Expert Casino Advisors group.

If you can help please contact Doreen at (780) 967-4008

FACEBOOK PAGE

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THAT LEPA NOW HAS A
FACEBOOK PAGE**

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UPCOMING EVENTS, NEWS, AND
UPCOMING WORKSHOP.**



LAKE WATER QUALITY & CITIZEN SCIENCE FORUM
Gisel Bourgeois and Greg Hall

A review of the result from the 2014 Lake Watch Monitoring Program was presented by Alberta Lake Management Society on April 21, 2015 at the Gunn Hall. the Gunn Hall,

The lakes included in this monitoring were Lake Isle, Lac Ste Anne, Lessard Lake and Lac La Nonne.

This forum was part of the Lac Ste Anne County's Agricultural Conservation Program organized by Lorraine Taylor, Horticulturist Conservation Coordinator and was hosted by the Lac La Nonne Enhancement and Protection Association (LEPA).

The water quality report revealed, as we have seen in the past water quality studies, that the phosphorus remains high in our lake and oxygen levels are dangerously low. The phosphorous contributes greatly to plant growth while low oxygen levels impact the survival of fish in the lake.

Other factors which can impact the aquatic life in the lake include: air temperature, lake shape, watershed size, growing season, and storm season. Brad Peter, Biologist with the Alberta Lake Management Society (Alms) left us with this message; Monitor what you love, manage what you monitor.

Come help LEPA protect and enhance Lac La Nonne.

Septic System Maintenance
Darlene Sadoway

As LEPA stated in last year's newsletter, unmaintained fields or mounds, faulty septic systems and out-houses are still a concern,. Proper systems and maintenance of those systems are factors for a healthy lake. The safety Codes Act has had an amendment to it that provides the ability for municipalities to make bylaws on private sewage issues subject to limitations established in regulation.

These regulations are still being developed, however, it is still up to the municipality to move in the directions of sewage system bylaws.

The Standard of Practice is also close to being up-dated, adoption of the new Standard will potentially be ready for this fall.

Municipal Affairs can continue to pursue non-compliant systems according to Joe Petryk, Senior Field Inspector, but he feels that it would be more efficient if the municipality would look at it from a global sewage management issue around their lake developments. He has also stated that once all the new Regulations are in place, he may be able to start some conversations again with County of Barrhead regarding putting some bylaws in place.

For any concerns or questions on your system or others, please contact Alberta Municipal Affairs Public Safety Division at (780) 421-6929 or e-mail safety.services@gov.ab.ca

PROJECTS

We are looking for some ideas as to potential projects or activities that can be feasibly and of course legally be carried on or around Lac La Nonne
Contact Greg Hall
780-886-9000



BOAT REGATTA

Lac La Nonne Regatta

In years gone by LEPA has organized and held a Boat Parade in August. This popular event has seen as many as 50+ boats of all shapes and sizes, follow a designated path that ventures into many of the bays and inlets to all parts of the lake. This year, on July 18, a new twist will be added. LEPA President, Greg Hall, is asking that water sport enthusiasts from around the lake put on a demonstration of their skills for the passengers of the boat parade and for onlookers from the shore. Water sports may include: water skiing, tubing, wake boarding, wave surfing, knee boarding or any other activity. To ensure your involvement and to find out more information contact Greg Hall (780)886-9000.



WHY DO WE CHERISHES LAC LA NONNE- GREG HALL PRESIDENT

During a recent planning session LEPA directors came up with the following list of why he or she cherishes Lac La Nonne. These are also good reasons why we need more members to help continue to protect and enhance Lac La Nonne. Here is their list:

- ◆ Life close to the water
- ◆ Birds, especially the eagles
- ◆ The rural life style – it's home
- ◆ Great people – neighbours
- ◆ Friendships and get together
- ◆ Great place to raise grandchildren
- ◆ Water sports and lake activities
- ◆ Close to nature – seeing deer
- ◆ Weather, fishing, wildlife, and the smells
- ◆ History about the lake
- ◆ Small community, people know and trust their neighbours
- ◆ Area is safe
- ◆ Lake is relatively unknown
- ◆ Water quality – deep lake
- ◆ Visitors cherish this environment
- ◆ Winter activities – fishing, curling, and hockey on the lake.



DID YOU KNOW?

RIPARIAN AREAS
SUPPORT 80% OF ALL
WILDLIFE AROUND

Lac La Nonne and
Native bird

populations are 2 to 3
times higher in healthy
riparian areas than un-
healthy ones

Only You can protect
these lake and stream
shore areas.

To find out how you can
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