

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The Loons returned within days of ice out and their haunting call is back for 2018! As of this writing, they have not picked a nesting site, so please keep a watchful for their presence on the lake and leave ample distance. Once they pick a nesting site our protective buoys will be placed to give the loons the space they require.

Fish Fund Raising: HLFC currently has about \$1,600 in the bank. So far, we have received about half of the requested /targeted \$800 from the Face Book posting of several weeks ago. We are again asking for a minimum donation of \$30 per family. Many families give much more than the basic donation, and some families who don't fish also contribute because they believe it is the right thing to do. You can now donate through PayPal Donate Button at <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html>

Fish Planting: The spring planting is planned for Friday, May 25 and will include 550 Large Hybrid Bluegill and two gallons of Fat Head Minnows for the predators. We have been planting plenty of Bass in recent years, with a large planting of Bass and Crappie last fall. We will plant more Bass and Crappie in 2018, but not till fall (funding permitting, obviously). The total plantings for 2017 consisted of 950 Large Mouth Bass (5-8"), 100 Walleye (6-9"), 300 Black Crappie (3-4") and 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows. A very good season. Thank you for your donations! We have found a new supplier who seems to have good fish stock, competitive pricing and is quite reliable.

2017 950 Large Mouth Bass (5-8"), 100 Walleye (6-9"), 300 Black Crappie (3-4"), 3 gallons of Flat Head Minnows
2016 25 gallons of Perch
2015 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Large Mouth Bass (very small sized at 2-3")
2014 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Minnows
2013 250 Large Mouth Bass (4-6"), 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows.
2012 500 Perch
2010 300 Black Crappie (4-6"), 300 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 300 Perch
2008 500 Large Mouth Bass (5-7") 200 Black Crappie (4-6") 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6") and 100 Walleye (4-6").
2006 500 Large Mouth Bass (5-7"), 160 Black Crappie (4-6"), and 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6").

Lake Health Management: This will be the fourth of our five-year Special Assessment District which is providing funding for overall health management of our lake. The Milfoil Committee is already working with the Townships (Cumming & Hill) toward renewal of the SAD in the fall of 2019. In 2017, **water quality samples** were collected in the spring and another sampling in late October. On June 9th, a **bio-base map** of the entire lake was created. It shows weed bed locations and bottom contour and composition. Our first weed control treatment was June 15th and targeted invasive aquatic plants, nuisance weeds and algae along the developed shoreline. The second treatment was July 20th and targeted algae and nuisance shoreline weeds. The final weed treatment was September 12th. **Muck-buster enzyme treatments** (June / July / September) for the canal, northeast tip and south developed shoreline have continued with positive results. Water quality samples from three areas of the lake were collected on October 4th.

Invasive species of weeds (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leaf Pondweed, etc.) found anywhere in the lake, and nuisance weeds only along the developed shoreline out to five feet of water depth are being treated. See HendersonLake.org for downloadable copies of all the reports. Also, the various reports will also be posted to **Facebook** as they become available.

HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB VOLUNTEERS

North End	Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger and Mike Kujawa	50
Allen Sub	Schweihofer Family and Bryan Pepper	25
Henderson Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia	27
South End	George Losee	90 / 200

Please mail your generous donation, or use PayPal from <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html>

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Make all checks payable to HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB.

Basic Family Donation \$ 30.00 (More is always welcome!)

- **Practice CATCH AND RELEASE! Please don't keep all that you catch.**
- **Keep a rake-by-the-lake to remove / clean-up weeds washed ashore. Milfoil spreads by fragmentation, so get those weed fragments out of the water.**