

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: As in years past, the Loons returned within days of ice out. Their haunting call is back for 2019! As of this writing, they have not picked a nesting site, so please keep a watchful eye 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 Funding and Fall Planting: Thanks in large part to the Winter Ice Fishing Tournament (*a.k.a. Ice Party which netted \$1,340 for fish purchases!*) a generous spring fish planting was planned. This was going to include 150 Hybrid Bluegill, 2 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, 275 Perch and 850 Black Crappie. Unfortunately, the Minnesota hatchery we planned to use for our supply of Black Crappie lost most of their fish to deeply frozen ponds this winter. The Club's revised spring planting will likely include 250 Hybrid Bluegill, 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows and 350 Perch. The fall planting will hopefully include 850-1,000 Black Crappie and Large Mouth Bass all depending on availability and pricing.

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 for overall health of the lake.

You can donate with cash, check or PayPal Donate Button at <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html>.

(Note that PayPal charges a 2.9% service fee, so please account for that in your donation.)

Fish Planting History:

2018 740 Hybrid Bluegills (5-7"), 6 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, 600 Black Crappie (4-5"), 400 Perch (4-6")
2017 950 Large Mouth Bass (5-8"), 100 Walleye (6-9"), 300 Black Crappie (3-4"), 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
2016 25 gallons of Perch
2015 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Bass (very small sized at 2-3")
2014 300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
2013 250 Bass (4-6"), 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The Perch should spawn Spring 2013
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 Bass (5-7"), 160 Black Crappie (4-6"), 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6")

Lake Health Management: This is the fifth and last year of our five-year (Dec. 2014 - Dec. 2018 tax bills) Special Assessment District (SAD) which provides funding for aquatic management of our lake. The overall health of Henderson Lake is A-Rated in large part because of funding from the SAD. Continuing the SAD is critical. So, for the past 18 months, the Milfoil Committee has been working closely with the Townships (Cumming & Hill) in which Henderson Lake resides. Both Townships have recently voted to renew the existing SAD for seven more years (Dec. 2019 - Dec. 2025 tax bills) by Board Resolution as allowed by Public Act 188 of 1954. The assessed monetary amount and technical content of the SAD are not changing.

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. **Please see [HendersonLake.org](http://www.hendersonlake.org) for downloadable copies of all the various reports and studies.**

Henderson Lake Fishing Club Volunteers:

North End	Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger, Mike Kujawa	50
Allen Sub	Bryan Pepper	25
Henderson Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia, Brad Bellville	30
South End	George & Barb Losee, Bill Olsen	85 = 190

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 do not 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.**