Another Great Summer in the Books

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Concerts in the park were a huge success this year. It was wonderful to see so many audience members on the grass along the shoreline as well as out on the lake in boats and on paddle boards! Next year will bring more amazing music from West Metro Big Band again and a little south of the border music with a steel drum band!

Pleasant Lake continues to be a great lake for Standup Paddle Boarding! Lessons were provided by Sunnyside SUP and Clearwater Outfitters. Demo days were held by Anchor Dock and Lift as well as SUP ATX through Sunnyside SUP. Please remember to treat paddle boarders like kayaks and sailboats. Keep a safe distance. Next year, there is hope of bringing SUP rentals to beach on Pleasant Lake as well through Sunnyside SUP. Those plans are just in the works, but what a beautiful lake to enjoy and play on a summer day!

Boat Inspections Provide Important Service

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When we took our boat out of Pleasant Lake last week there was an inspector at the public access. He inspected our boat and thanked us for having it cleaned. Then, we read that Lake John, as well as Clearwater Lake, has zebra mussels. It should give all lake owners caution especially when we take our boats to other lakes, as well as the boats that enter our lake. We asked Jerry Geske, a level one-boat launch inspector, what he does and how we can keep our lake clean of these infestations. Here is his response:

“In doing my job throughout the summer, I have checked a lot of boats, and they were clean. Although, if a boat came from infested waters, they need to be decontaminated or out of the water for seven days and live wells dried.

My duties are to check that plugs are out, no weeds on boats and boat trailers and no weeds on motors. Live minnows and leaches have to be drained and refreshed with clean non-lake water.

This fall when removing docks, boats lifts, etc. please check all areas that were under water for zebra mussels. They are the size of a dime and for more information go online to the DNR site.”

Let’s all be sure to heed his advice to preserve our lake.