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DRCI was established in 1995
It is comprised of 399 Shareholders

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DRCI Board of Directors:

Jim Grundstrom — President
Lee Woods — Vice-President
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Bruce Bussone — Secretary
Rudy Goupille — Trustee
Mike Nardi — Trustee
Charles Sundberg — Trustee

From the desk of the Operations Manager:

If you are like me, you are looking forward to spring. The recent sunshine and mild temperatures have excited many of us, but logically, I know that Mother Nature still has a storm or two left to deliver to us.

As spring approaches, please be careful with your travel and plowing. As the ground thaws and the snow melts, be conscious of the road work that has been completed over the past couple of years. We would hate to see damage to the basin road system, from driving heavy trucks or plowing too deeply.

UPPCO is closely monitoring the basin water levels, however, DRCI would like to caution everyone, to please be aware of where your personal belongings are, near the waters edge. Every spring we have shareholders who lose property, due to it being washed out into the water. Please be sure this doesn't happen to you, don't leave your belongings on the shoreline.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the DRCI office. We will do our best to answer your questions.

Think Spring!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 31st is the deadline for Annual Meeting resolutions and Director Nominations. There will be 1 seat up for election this year.

Saturday, May 9th: DRCA Annual Dinner at Joseph's Hall

Saturday, June 27th: DRCI Annual Meeting, 9am at Westwood High School

Saturday, June 27th: The Doc Turino Memorial Basin Fireworks Display will be shot off at dusk

Friday, July 17th: Pastor Stacy Pethkey of Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding a Blessing of the Boats at 7:30pm where the Little Dead meets the Big Dead/Holy Oak area. All are welcome to attend.

August 2020: TBD The Annual Kids Fishing Derby will take place at the East End Boat Launch . Details to follow.

In November 2019 DRCI board member David Grigg announced that he would be stepping down from the board, effective January 1, 2020, in order to devote more time to his family. We were saddened by his decision, but graciously accepted his resignation. At that time, the DRCI board began a search to find a replacement to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Grigg's term. After much discussion, Rudy Goupille was appointed to the DRCI board, effective January 1st, 2020.

The DRCI Board of Directors is excited to welcome Mr. Goupille and we feel as though he will add great insight to the board. Below is a short bio from Mr. Goupille:

My name is Rudy Goupille and I am 53 years old. Our family cabin was purchased in the early 70's. My wife, Colleen and I remodeled the cabin in 1994 and have lived there since with our two sons, Rudy and Dustin.

I am a lifelong Negaunee township resident and a US Army veteran.

Along with my brother Art, we own and operate Rudy Goupille and Sons, Inc. a trucking and excavating company in Negaunee township.

My interests include hunting, boating, traveling, sports and sporting events.

I am honored to be selected to represent the 400+ campers on the Basin

Doc Turino Memorial Basin Fireworks:

The fireworks are set for Saturday, June 27th at dusk. In the past the fireworks have been funded by DRCI providing the first \$5,000 dollars and the built upon by shareholder donations. At the February 11, 2020 meeting a motion was made and approved to continue the practice of DRCI providing the first \$5,000, however, the decision was made that DRCI will match dollar for dollar all shareholder donations, in an effort to grow the fireworks display. We will be accepting donations for the 2020 fireworks until April 15, 2020. After April 15th, any donations received, will go towards the 2021 display. If you would like to donate to the fireworks fund, please send your donation to the DRCI office at P.O. Box 323, Ishpeming, MI 49849

DID YOU KNOW???

A Note from Keith Moyle
UPPCO

Thanks for being proactive by making UPPCO aware of the outbreak of the Eastern Spruce Budworm disease. We have seen other areas of the Upper Peninsula effected by similar diseases and/or insects like Beech trees, so we are familiar with this type of concern. One of the most affective approaches we have seen to address these types of issues is for the land owners to harvest the areas of concern before the trees become infected and die. If these trees are in close proximity of our power lines UPPCO will assess each situation for assistance with the Tree Removal, or dropping the powerlines.

For reference, the Dead River area is covered by 3 different UPPCO Line Clearance zones. These zones were last trimmed in 2015/2016, with the next cycle scheduled for 2020-2022. Our line clearance process includes regular trimming cycles that are inline with best utility practices for rural service territory companies. In our line clearance process we do have a Tree Removal Criteria. It is to be proactive with assessment and removal of hazard trees near high voltage power lines. These trees typically are dead, dying, diseased, decayed, or leaning towards the line and are considered, by the Utility, to pose an imminent danger to the continued safe operation of the energized primary conductors.

If customers have specific trees of concern that they think are an imminent hazard to powerlines, have them clearly mark the tree and call UPPCO at 906-449-2013 to make up an order and we can assess the situation.

Real Estate for Sale:

DRCI currently has 2 pieces of property for sale:

Ishpeming Township:

Road One (on the Little Dead)

Lot dimensions: 200 x 197 x 394 x 389

\$39,100

Champion Township:

Stickney Road (Lot 4, Plat 23)

Lot dimensions: 200 x 835 x 200 x 783

\$80,400

For more information please contact the DRCI office at (906) 485-1975



UPSET Tip Line:

(906) 228-1002

Looking for new Dead River Apparel? Stop by 213 East Pearl Street and check out the new shirts, sweatshirts, hats and license plates.





2020 Dr. Bruce Turino Memorial FIREWORKS ON THE BASIN

History of the Fireworks on the Basin: In 2011, Dr. Bruce Turino came up with the idea of having a Fireworks Display on the Basin. It was his wish to provide a very safe Fireworks Display attempting to eliminate or curtail illegal launching by neighbors that have in the past actually started a few fires in the forest. Kurt Collins, (DRCI shareholder) is the professional launcher along with his crew. The Fireworks are now in their 10th year.

Future Fireworks Funding: Since the annual Fireworks event has been such a huge success and with ever larger numbers of folks in attendance, at its July 20th, 2016 meeting the Board passed a motion to approve \$5,000 per year from DRCI for all future firework displays. In addition, on February 11, 2020 a motion was approved to match all shareholder donations dollar for dollar in order to build a bigger display. The 2020 budget will be announced on April 15th, 2020. Any donations received after that will go toward the 2021 display.

The Fireworks display takes place by "Turtle Island" across from the "Fingers." The Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 10:30 PM. (June 28th if the weather is inclement on the 27th).

If you would like to contribute to the fireworks fund, please fill out the form below and mail it to DRCI Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 323, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the display.

DRCI Board of Directors

I would like to contribute to the Dr. Bruce Turino Memorial Fireworks Display. Enclosed please find my contribution in the amount of:

\$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ Other: _____

Checks may be made payable to: DRCI Fireworks Fund
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