

Notice and Media Release

Lake Leota Water Draw Down and Fishery Closing

This information will be shared at a public Common Council meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, July 9th at 6pm

The City commenced work with Lunda Construction to replace the spillways at Lake Leota this year. The southern spillway reconstruction is complete, however the contractor notifies the City that the northern most spillway will require a different reconstruction method due to the discovery of a natural shelf rock. This contractor cannot use sheet piling to dewater the work area and will instead have to draw the lake down. The City has been permitted by the Wisconsin DNR to draw the lake level down to a level that is workable for the contractor to finish the dam repair. Drawing the lake down that far (3'-4') below normal will concentrate the fish to pockets the following are steps the City is going to take to prevent fish loss:

- We are going to build a screen to put in front of the sluice gate.
- The lake will be closed to fishing starting July 8th.
- For the safety of boaters the lake will also be closed to boating starting July 8th.

The Lake drawdown will start Friday July 5th at 7:00 am.

The drawdown will last until approximately August 2nd, when we should be able to start filling the lake again at 6" per day. The fishing will be closed until the lake level is returned to normal approximately August 9th.

The City of Evansville

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