



ShoreLines

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Things To Do...If You've Got the Nerve

by Gary Storandt, LLIA Secretary

By now, most of you have heard about the legendary Beast of Bray Road, a hairy, werewolf-like creature who feasted on roadkill and stalked the Elkhorn area in the 1980s and 1990s. Google it! The stories are wild. And sightings of the 7-foot tall monster have been reported as recently as 2018.

But that's not all. There is more ghostly lore and legend, in this very region, that just might make your blood run cold—especially if you enjoy a good ghost story.

1. The Witches of Whitewater. Whitewater, also known as Second Salem, is a city full of ghostly stories and sightings. While the UW-Whitewater dormitories are rumored to be haunted, the stone water tower—known as the Witches Tower—in Whitewater's Starin Park has a history of witches circling the tower and performing rituals. What's more, the town has three cemeteries that form a perfect isosceles triangle when viewed from above, often referred to as the "Witches Triangle." Google "Witches of Whitewater" if you dare to learn more.

2. Lake Geneva Ghost Walk. Hey, it's just a 90 minute paranormal guided walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and its creepy old mansions and landmarks. What could go wrong? While the tour uncovers some of the darker secrets of our neighboring town, you'll also learn more about the indigenous people who first lived here and you'll hear about the famous residents like the Wrigley, Sears, Maytag and Schwinn families who



summered around the lake. To learn more, Google "Lake Geneva Ghost Walk."

3. Walk of Terror. If you can wait until this fall, consider joining the Walk of Terror at the Alpine Valley Resort when, on Friday and Saturday evenings, the lights are turned out and creatures of the night are released into The Vault. You'll descend into the darkness with only a small beam of light to illuminate your path. It'll bring out the beast in you. Go to TheWalkOfTerror.com for more information.

If you scare-up any other crazy, silly or unusual things to do around the area, please share with our readers by sending us a note at LakeViews@LLIA.org.

The LLIA is an All-Volunteer organization devoted to monitoring water quality, promoting water safety, preserving the lakes' natural habitat, creating a superbly stocked fishery, and keeping lake area homeowners up-to-the-minute on what's happening around the area. For more information, visit LLIA.org.

At a glance...

- **June 1**—LLYC Kick-off event, "Cocktails With The Commodore" at 7:00 pm. Go to LLYClub.com for details.
- **June 8**—The LLIA Annual Meeting will be held at Lutherdale on Saturday, June 8. Free breakfast and registration starting at 9 a.m.
- **June 29**—New! LLYC Cardboard Boat Regatta. Find details at LLYClub.com.
- **July 6**—The spectacular 4th of July Fireworks display will be held Saturday, July 6. Don't forget to tune your radio to 96.1 to enjoy the simulcast.
- **July 20**—The Kids' Fish Jamboree will take place on July 20. LLYC BBQ Fest follows.
- **August 3**—Venetian Night, 7:00 pm. Details at LLYClub.com
- **August 10**—The ever-popular Fire Department Steak Fry fundraiser will be back at Lauderdale Landing on Saturday, August 10.

Haven't Joined LLIA For 2024 Yet?

To continue receiving *ShoreLines* and enjoy full privileges, please return the Membership form you received from us or simply go to LLIA.org and complete a membership form. Believe it or not, annual dues are still just \$35.

LLIA Special Reports

Critters, creatures and other things to keep an eye on

by the LLIA Lake Preservation Committee

The Lake Preservation Committee has been hard at work determining how best to preserve our lakes. We are continuing to focus on the Healthy Lakes and River initiative, expanded invasive species control activities, and researched critters to keep an eye on this season.



The LLIA Lake Preservation Committee: Amber Bixler (Chair), Sue Markus, and Elisabeth Partyka. Photo by Jim Dion.

17-Year Cicadas: While the Midwest is home to annual cicadas that emerge every summer, starting in mid-June, two broods of periodical cicadas will emerge in parts of southern Wisconsin. This emergence is an amazing natural phenomenon because the broods emerge every 13 or 17 years in Wisconsin; both broods emerging at the same time only happens once every 221 years. While we might not see many of these cicadas at Lauderdale Lakes, a nearby hot-spot area will be Lake Geneva. In hot-spot areas, expect it to be very loud when the cicadas are out and active, particularly at dusk. However, cicadas are not a threat to humans or pets as they do not bite or sting, and they are not toxic. They also will not cause much damage because adult cicadas don't eat. Adult females cut a slit in small branches to lay their eggs, which can cause some leaves to brown. This is generally not an issue for mature trees but can cause some damage to smaller trees. So, it is recommended to wait to plant new young trees until after adult activity has subsided. In most cases, there is no need to attempt to control periodical cicadas, and the adults will only be active for a few weeks. Pesticides are not needed or recommended for periodical cicadas.

Spongy Moths: Spongy moths have been a nuisance on and around the lakes for the past few summers. With the mild winter, we are expecting infestations again this summer. Please keep in



Scraping an egg mass into soapy water. Photo from WDNR Fact Sheet.

mind that chemical pesticides are a last resort, especially near lakes where they can harm fish populations. However, there are non-chemical ways you can manage spongy moths and protect your trees. In early spring, look for egg masses,



Mature spongy moth caterpillar. Photo from WDNR Fact Sheet.

and scrape them off into a soapy water solution. In late April, put barrier bands around tree trunks to prevent young caterpillars from climbing back into trees. Maintain the barrier bands throughout June and July, when you will see the fuzzy blue and red bumped caterpillars. For additional information on how to identify various stages, use barrier bands, and manage the pests, visit <https://spongymoth.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx>. Also, UW-Madison will be giving a talk about tree troubles and spongy moth management at Matheson Memorial Library (in Elkhorn) on May 9 at 6:00 p.m.



Caterpillars cluster below a sticky barrier band. Photo from WDNR Fact Sheet.

Spotted Lanternflies: The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect species native to Asia. It was originally found in the US in 2015 in Pennsylvania but continued to spread westward and has recently been found in Illinois. Spotted lanternflies are not a threat to humans, but they can be a serious threat to various plants and trees. The adults are not strong fliers and do not travel far on their own. Therefore, they are most likely transported to new locations by accidental human transport of egg masses from nursery shipments or on vehicles. Please be on the lookout, especially if you are



The spotted lanternfly, photo by Erica Smyers from WDNR website

getting nursery material (mulch, seeds, plant plugs, etc.) from another state. Spotted lanternflies feed on leaves and branches of virtually any plant they encounter, and in the fall, adults gather in large numbers on Tree of Heaven, willow, maple, birch, poplar, tulip poplar, ash, oak, grape, apple, and stone fruit trees (e.g. cherries and plums). If you suspect that you have found spotted lanternfly, please contact the UW-Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab at (608) 262-6510 or e-mail pliesch@wisc.edu.

For more information on these and other species, UW-Madison is hosting free on-line webinars and in-person talks in Walworth County. Check out these websites for more information:

On-line Webinars: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/free-online-programs/>

Events Calendar: <https://extension.wisc.edu/events/>

Lake Preservation Webinar Coming Soon!

The leaders of the LLIA Lake Preservation Committee will soon provide a webinar presentation on the Healthy Lakes program and other issues in support of protecting and improving our lakes' natural habitat. Check our website for details at LLIA.org.

Water Safety Reminders

by Peg Thelander-Eggert, LLIA Water Safety Chair

With summer approaching and boating safety in mind, please remember: anyone born January 1, 1989, or after (and at least 12 years of age) who wishes to operate any personal watercraft (PWC) or any motorized boat without an adult onboard, MUST have a valid "Boaters Safety Certificate". This is obtained by completing an online course from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. However, it

does not replace hands-on boating experience of the actual operation of a watercraft. It is advisable to have a "new" boater be assisted in learning not only the mechanics of the equipment, but also the "on water" operation.

In addition to the State of WI DNR laws, there are special boating laws that apply specifically to our lakes. We have a printed brochure, "WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN BOATING ON LAUDERDALE LAKES", that will be available at the boat launches and from our Water Safety Patrol.

Looking forward to a Safe Summer Season for ALL!

Before you use pesticides, always read and follow the label directions!

Some are specially formulated for use in and around waterways, while others may not be used within 25 feet.

Permits or a license may be required if applying near water. Contact the Wisconsin DNR for permits for pesticide use near water.

Consider the weather during the pesticide application and up to 48 hours afterward. Rain can wash chemicals off the site into waterways.

Healthy Lakes Update

We are pleased to report that our latest Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant application has been approved.



According to the Wisconsin DNR, over 400 surface water grant applications were submitted requesting over \$9 million. Since only \$6.2 million in state funding was available, it was a competitive process. On Lauderdale Lakes, this grant cycle includes homeowners installing 4 native shoreline planting areas.

We are hoping to continue expanding this grant program on the lakes. If you think a healthy lakes best practice could be right for your yard, please contact us at LLIAHealthyLakes@gmail.com to be included in the next grant application and keep the momentum going!

Invasive Species Control Activities

The Lake Preservation Committee is teaming up with LLLMD to hire a contractor to expand the purple loosestrife removal program that Herb Sharpless has been leading for years. Purple loosestrife has been found in Mill and portions of Middle Lake along the shorelines and wetlands such as in the KMLT Island Woods Marsh, the LLLMD Golf Course

Wetlands, and the mud flat in Don Jean Bay. This summer, a contractor will access areas of purple loosestrife by boat, treat the plants with herbicide, and cut, bag, and remove any flower heads. We expect this to be an annual program as we continue to control this aggressive invasive plant species.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE

by Mark Curcio, LLIA Water Quality Committee Chair

Happy Spring! It has been a crazy winter to say the least.

The ice-on this year was very late compared to previous years. Both Middle and Mill Lakes happened around the January 20th. Green was around the 22nd. Ice-off for Middle and Mill was around March 20th and Green was around the 22nd. Two months of ice coverage was, I believe, the shortest length of time we have ever seen. I went back into the data and found that on average all three lakes had total ice coverage for 3 to 3 1/2 months.

What this means is that we may see more algae blooms forming this year due to increased sunlight. There was not enough ice and snow coverage to shut out the sun's rays. I will know more once we begin collecting water samples and analyzing the data.

I would like to thank Larry and Kim once again for their assistance in gathering data. Happy boating!



Middle of January. 15 inches of snow on the ground and wind chill -32°. Still wide open areas of water on the lake. Photo by Debbie Ferrari.

The Fishing Hole

The Expansion and Evolution of the Fish Committee

by Jim "Corky" Corcoran (former) and Rick "Deetz" Dessent (new), LLIA Fish Committee Chairs

Hey lake friends, Corky here. I am back from the warmth of the Gulf Coast and ready to tackle "Mud Season!" It seems this was not a typical Wisconsin winter to escape from, and we did have some cooler weather "down South", so I am back to take on the spring. That said, the relatively warmer temperatures and the lack of long ice coverage have had me thinking of the effects of this winter on our lakes. I really don't see it affecting the ecosystem too greatly except for reduced fishing pressure due to the shorter ice fishing season. We had a deficit in snowfall this season, but March made up for the lack of meltwater with a fairly high amount of rainfall. Northern Pike usually spawn just after the ice goes out, but with that so early this year, I would expect you could see some of the really big females back in the springs right now. With the open water and warming temperatures, I would expect to see more early boaters out there!

As you may know, our new Fish Committee Chair, Rick "Deetz" Dessent, will move into the leadership role. **Corky's Corner** will now be named **The Fishing Hole**. With my continuing support, Deetz will assume leadership of all Fish Committee responsibilities. Since Deetz will be delivering the Fish Committee news in the *ShoreLines* here is an introduction from Deetz himself:

Hello everyone. My name is Rick "call me Deetz" Dessent. I have been on Lauderdale since the early 70's when I fell in love with these lakes. In earlier years, you would find me skiing behind a boat, but soon enough I figured out that fishing was a lot easier on the body...Ha! I want to thank Corky for letting me take the reins. Rest assured that any decisions regarding stocking or any other management decisions will be in the best interest of the lakes. I'm always open to thoughts or suggestions. So, feel free to email me at deetzfish@gmail.com.



Hardwater Heros are honored with a moving ceremony to start the event.



Hardwater Heros enjoy a pizza lunch provided by Lauderdale Landing.

This past winter the Fish Committee was again busy hosting two major winter events: Hardwater Heroes in January and Fishapalooza in February. If you are not aware, Hardwater Heroes is an event LLIA co-hosts with other entities to support First Responders and Veterans with a free day of guided ice fishing and a fantastic after party. The participants received a hearty breakfast, a full day of guided ice fishing, a goodie bag of swag, and a pizza luncheon following fishing. There were raffles and bingo and the proceeds will benefit various veteran charities. It was nice to see such a great turnout from the lake community to support our heroes. Many fish were caught, some decent Bass and Pike and a bunch of Crappies. A big thanks

to Brian Walsh who did a fantastic job MC-ing the event. And more thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who provided us with gifts for the swag bag—and, as always, thanks to Lauderdale Landing for hosting the luncheon.

While Mitch Flueger and I took the lead on Fishapalooza, Mother Nature didn't cooperate and the fishing portion of the event was cancelled due to unsafe ice conditions. Nevertheless, we had a fine time. After bingo and raffles, we moved to the outside tent to enjoy live entertainment with the David Marshall Band.

This summer, the Kids' Fish Jamboree will be held on July 20th. Again, registration will be free. **However, you must pre-register online using the link on the LLIA website (LLIA.org) so we can have accurate numbers for our prize buckets and lunch.** Corky's "School of Fish" will also continue for a nominal fee. Pre-registration for "School of Fish" will also be online. Each participant will receive instruction, a rod and reel to keep, and some tackle to get them started on their fun fishing hobby! An adult must accompany the youngsters and all participants need to wear a life vest and protective eyewear while on the dock fishing.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as a "guide" for "School of Fish", or help with registration, raffles, prizes, etc...please reach out to me at deetzfish@gmail.com or Corky at fishboycorky@sbcglobal.net. Another big thank you to Lauderdale Landing for providing the location and lunch for this longstanding event. The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht

Club (LLYC) and the LLIA Fish Committee will continue to collaborate with a BBQ event following the Kids' Fish Jamboree.



Log cabin style crib built and dropped in 2023.

As for crib building for the coming season, we will continue with the log cabin style cribs. The teepee-style cribs appear to have some longevity and placement issues. Our plan is to complete two log style cribs per year and place them in either novel locations or continue with the "reef" concept and add to those already in place. Currently there are 40 cribs on the bottom! If you are interested in volunteering to help build or drop the cribs please email me at deetzfish@gmail.com.

The Wisconsin DNR conducted a comprehensive fish population survey last year during the spring and fall. Information regarding fish species populations and overall fish health was gathered and the official report will be released soon. These surveys are usually conducted every 5 years and the data collected is used by biologists at the DNR to make management decisions such as stocking rates and regulations.

Our last survey was conducted in 2013 ... there was a gap due to Covid and staffing issues at the DNR. It will be interesting to see how the diversity and health of the fish has changed since the last survey. Using the new data, management decisions will be made, with one of the possible decisions being a new panfish regulation. I also expect a possible change in the 2018 Bass regulations which were put in place in 2018 and have improved the bass population. We'll see.

As always, a big thanks to our many donors and volunteers. Give a call if you'd like to help out.

***And as always,
take a kid fishing!***

Fish Committee Webinar Now Available Online!

Corky and Deetz recently shared insights on the types of fish in Lauderdale lakes, their habitats, the fish stocking program, and fish crib building and placement. Their webinar presentation, "What Lurks Beneath the Surface of Lauderdale Lakes" is available on our website, LLIA.org, under the "Fish" tab on the task bar.



History Column

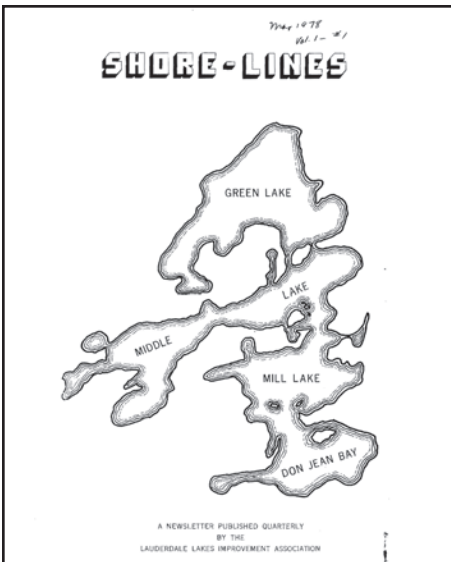
A Peek At the Past: The History of The History Column

By the ShoreLines Team

The first edition of **"SHORE-LINES"** was published in Spring 1978, making this the 46th Anniversary of the LLIA newsletter! That issue included a section entitled **"Yesterday"**, predecessor of our current **History Column**, which has been in the very capable hands of our History Chair, Kathryn Ingle Calkins, since 2006.

So, we thought it might be fun to take a peek at the past and reproduce that original article for our 46th Anniversary. While there is no identified author for the original article, in those days there were seven members on the LLIA Publicity Committee chaired by someone many of us know, Gerald "Jerry" Petersen, who was also LLIA President at that time.

So, let's take an unedited look back to 1978...



March 1978 Shore-Lines cover

YESTERDAY

One highlight planned for SHORE-LINES is a look over our shoulder. It's amazing how many of our current concerns are not really as new as we think. Hopefully, this format will provide our readers not only with interesting background information on projects of past years, but also with ideas and suggestions for future Association activities.

ON THE ROCKS

At the turn of the century, Lauderdale was already a popular summer retreat for a couple dozen families from neighboring cities. In those days, it was a full day's trip to get out from Chicago. Roads were all gravel and the train was by far the best means of getting as far as Elkhorn. From there a buckboard taxi service could be hired to get the trunks and passengers out to the lake. With all the effort involved in getting there, most families came to spend several weeks at a time.



Postcard from 1905 showing Gus Rendell's icehouse

Of course, there was no electricity. Fresh milk, meat and vegetables were available from the local farmers. Fortunately, there was also an enterprising young man named Gus Rendell who took over a fledgling icehouse business and offered the ice important for food preservation as well as refreshments on the rocks. The photo is reproduced from a 1905 postcard showing Gus Rendell's icehouse on the south side of Pleasant Point in Mill Lake. Jerry Petersen (LL 116/117) points out that his grandparents' home was on the hill behind the icehouse. Their boathouse can be seen to the left. Once electricity came to the lake, Gus Rendell went on to become the owner/operator of the Sterlingworth and the Petersens acquired the icehouse property and had the structure moved away.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BOATING ORDINANCES

In May, 1953 the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association started its continuing effort to improve our boating ordinance. From the start we have worked with and through the LaGrange Township Board. This is required by law. Once an improved ordinance was developed and approved, enforcement is clearly necessary. The Association even indicated that it would be responsible for a portion of the enforcement cost, if necessary.

During the Association Directors' meeting in July, 1953, all directors present supported an ordinance to regulate both fishing and power boats. LaGrange Town Board support was obtained. The boating ordinance was finally approved by the Town Board and became an improved vehicle for boating standards on our lake.

It was through the initiative and continuing effort of our Association that the need for these guidelines were recognized and appropriate action initiated so these boating ordinances could be developed.

For the last two years the Association has been involved in the related effort of manning the Township boat ramp on Green Lake over the weekends. This Association effort, which has been entirely voluntary, has raised over \$400 per year to help defray our water safety patrol expenses. All of the fees collected have been turned over to the Town Board for this purpose. The end result of a couple hours support by each of dozens of our members has been a much less crowded lake on weekends for all of us to enjoy. We thank all of you who have so generously given of your precious holiday time to help out.

THE AMPHIBIOUS TOILET ISSUE

As early as July, 1956, the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association recognized the need for controlling boats equipped with toilet facilities. At this time a handful of cruiser type boats with lake discharge toilets were enjoying our lakes area. At this time, only the State Board of Health was interested in the problem. Through their offices, the Association was able to obtain guidelines which were forwarded to our local resorts calling a halt to their launching such craft.

Later the Association was able to get more definitive State legislation prohibiting toilets. Hence, our water safety patrol is now able to prevent any cabin cruisers with toilets from entering our lakes.

Member's Post

All LLIA members are invited to contribute to the MEMBER'S POST. Maybe you have a favorite recipe to share...or a great photo capturing the alluring beauty of our lakes...or maybe you'd like to pass along a thought, suggestion or reflection about life on Lauderdale Lakes. If you have a message to share (in 75 words or less, please) email us at LakeViews@LLIA.org. And please specify if you would like to remain anonymous.



Got beavers? Here is what they can do in 4 days!
Photo by Jim Dion



Osprey, you don't see them here often!
Photos by Ken Klancnik



Turkey Trot. Photo by Jim Dion



Sunrise over Middle Lake.
Photo by Shari Stoffel



It's a family affair. Photo by Jim Dion

Lake House Fixin's

The World's Absolute Best Banana Bread

Oh, it's banana bread all right but it's so incredibly delicious you can actually serve it as a dessert with a drizzle of maple syrup or a scoop of vanilla ice cream...or both. Always serve warmed.

Submitted by Mary Howard

Yields one loaf, serves 10

Ingredients

- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 4 well-ripened bananas, mashed
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp. vanilla

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Cream together butter & sugar.
3. Add eggs and mashed bananas.
4. Combine well.
5. Sift together flour, soda & salt. Add to creamed mixture.
6. Add vanilla and mix just until combined. Do not overmix.
7. Pour into greased and floured loaf pan.
8. Bake at 350 for 55 minutes. It's done when a toothpick comes clean.
9. Keeps well, refrigerated.

SMILE!

- The older we become, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- What matters is not what people call you, but what you answer to.
- When you beat yourself up during a competition, you've doubled the number of people trying to beat you.

Other Lake Organizations

Yacht Club Launches Another Great Season

by Linda Johnson, LLYC Commodore

Established in 1953, the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club is the social club that puts on the spectacular 4th of July Fireworks display, hosts the popular BBQ following the Kids' Fish Jamboree, and hosts a variety of other popular activities and events like Rib Fest and Venetian Night—all designed to "Bring the Lake Together." And remember, owning a boat is not a requirement, it's optional! Everyone's welcome.



This year we will be introducing "Large Marge", our latest acquisition making her debut this year. Marge will transport fireworks to the launch site along with helping with other social activities on the Lake.

Also new this year, the Fireworks program will include a live broadcast trailer from the golf course, updated music, new pyrotechnics, and a one minute warning shot before the start of the spectacular display for all to enjoy! Please donate generously to this outstanding show and watch your mail for more details in early May.

Our calendar of events this year includes:

- June 1** – Cocktails with the Commodore at the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club
- June 29** – Cardboard Regatta at The Landing
- July 6** – Fireworks on Lauderdale Lakes
- July 20** – BBQ Cook Out in conjunction with the Kids' Fish Jamboree
- August 3** – Venetian Night on Lauderdale Lakes
- August 24** – Golf Tournament at the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club
- September 14** – Poker Run on Lauderdale Lakes of Lauderdale Lakes

Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson,
LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

Highway 12 Summer Construction 2024

This summer, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be resurfacing US 12 from the NORTH interchange at Elkhorn to WIS 20, replacing the bridge that carries US 12 over Sugar Creek (between County ES and County A), and reconstructing the intersection of US 12 and County ES to replace the stop signs with signals.

The roadway surface needs replacement to restore a smooth driving surface and limit future maintenance efforts. The bridge over Sugar Creek is at its intended service life and has deteriorated beyond reasonable efforts to repair. The intersection of US 12 and County ES has been identified as a location for safety improvements. The new intersection will be signalized, and County ES will be realigned to provide more suitable roadway approaches for the signal.

The bridge replacement will take approximately 3.5 months to complete and require US 12 to be closed with a posted detour along I-43 and WIS 20. Local traffic with a destination within the work zone, between the interchange at Elkhorn and WIS 20, can still use US 12 north or south of the removed bridge to access their destination. Please use caution when traveling on US 12 within the work zone to keep drivers and workers safe. Roadway resurfacing will be accomplished with traffic being flagged around work operations which may cause some delay for motorists. Both resurfacing and reconstructing the intersection of US 12 and County ES will be completed while the road is closed for the bridge replacement.

You may wish to use County Highway H from Elkhorn to county A and then back to Highway 12 during the closure of Highway 12 from Abell's Corner to Highway A when the bridge is under construction.

Lutherdale Celebrates Its 80th Anniversary



And everyone is invited to the events!

We have some big plans to celebrate our 80th Anniversary!

Consider this your personal invitation to all things 80th Anniversary.



Lutherdale Quilt Fest Auction - August 10th (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

The annual Lutherdale Quilt Fest is a day not to be missed. And this year will be no exception! We will be adding bits and pieces of 80th celebration into the mix for this year's 38th annual fest.

Fall Festival Celebration Culmination - October 26th

You won't want to miss out on our 80th Anniversary finale event! Check our website and Facebook page for updates and details for this family-friendly community event. We are planning a fun run, food trucks and more!

DINNERS at the LAKE - Dine In Or Carry Out (4:30 - 7:00 pm)

Fridays: May 10, June 7, July 12, August 9

Experience the perfect lakeside setting for a Friday night fish fry in our family friendly atmosphere. Our Wisconsin fish fry includes hand-breaded cod (baked or fried), parmesan lemon roasted potatoes, soup, macaroni and cheese, seasonal vegetables, rye roll with butter, creamy coleslaw, tartar sauce, a sweet treat and beverage. Chicken available upon request.

Tickets at the Door or Online
Adults \$18 • Children (10 & under) \$10
Sales tax and gratuity are included in the price of meal tickets.

Go to our website for more information at lutherdale.org

Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

by Ben Johnson, LLSC Commodore

Come join the 2024 Race Action, our 57th year!

How to get the most out of watching a sailboat race.

If you've ever been out on Lauderdale on a Sunday morning, you've probably seen the majestic white sails of the racing boats from around the lake. The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club has been sailing on these lakes since 1967. They sail every Sunday, weather permitting, starting the week after Memorial Day until the week after Labor Day. Normally they race on Green Lake but try to schedule a race on Mill and Middle during the season. On the Sunday after Labor Day, we have a race called the Harry S. Truman when we sail one race covering all three lakes.

Typical racecourses involve the sailboats starting at the downwind end of the racecourse. Here, there is a buoy and the Race Committee Boat (the pontoon boat with the Flag). The starting line is between these two points. The sailors are given a horn 5 minutes before the start, another at 4 minutes, another at 1 minute and then the starting horn. They cannot cross the starting line before the starting horn or they must turn back and restart. Upwind = towards the wind, wind in your face. Downwind = wind at your back.

Following the start, the boats are headed upwind to the upwind mark, an orange buoy, known as a Mark. When they reach the Mark, they round it counterclockwise careful not to touch it or they incur a penalty and must make a 360-degree spin. There is a second mark called the offset. The sailors must round this too before heading downwind. Going downwind they head back toward the starting line where there are also two marks. These two are called a gate and sailors must pass between these

marks and then go to the right or left. The course is generally 3 1/2 laps and they will always finish at the up-wind mark. The finish line is between the Race Committee Boat with the Flag and the up-wind mark.

Because they rely on wind power, sailboats cannot sail in a direct line between the starting line and the finish line. They cannot sail directly into the wind. Normally they sail about 45 degrees off the wind. At this angle they can go fast, actually faster upwind than the wind is blowing. Instead of going directly to the upwind mark, they sail a zig zag pattern always trying to maximize the winds lift on the sails.

Remember, sailboats don't have brakes or reverse, so they are limited in the direction they can go and how fast they move. That's why the laws give sailboats right of way over powerboats. The kind of boats raced on Lauderdale are called MC Scows. It is 16 ft long and weighs over 400 lbs. Normally it is sailed by one person, but sometimes you will see two. Scows are unique sailboats in that they have a flat bottom. For this reason, they are fast, but are greatly affected by large waves and swells. So do them a favor and maintain a slow-no-wake speed when within 100 yards of the racecourse.

You will know the race is coming to an end when you see the Race Committee Boat with the RC Flag anchored near the up-wind mark. As each boat crosses, you will hear a horn from the Committee Boat.

After the race, the sailors are offering free rides. So, if you or anyone on your boat would like the experience, stop by the Race Committee Boat after the race has started and before the finish. Let them know and they will arrange for a sailor to come to your boat to pick up the passenger for a great ride.

Interested in Joining?

Please contact:
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 pvk1655@gmail.com
Ben Johnson:
 312.532.3997
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2024 Race Schedule Sunday Event

Races begin in Green Lake at 10am unless noted.

May 26	Kick Off Brunch
June 2	Ro Jo Trophy
June 9	Club Race
June 16	Walsh Trophy (Father's Day)
June 23	LLYC Regatta (1st race)
June 30	Des Johnson Trophy
July 7	Founder's Trophy
July 14	LLIA Trophy (new)
July 21	LLYC Regatta (2nd race)
July 28	Cartland Trophy
August 4	Ingleside Cup
August 11	LLYC Regatta (3rd race)
August 18	Melges Cup
August 25	Ladies Appreciation Trophy
Sept. 1	Beisswanger Trophy
Sept. 8	Harry S. Truman (all 3 lakes) & Awards Picnic

KETTLE MORaine LAND TRUST UPDATE

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, KMLT Secretary

Petersen Island Woods Preserve: Restoring a Glacial Gem

Stretching along Oak Park Road and overlooking Middle Lake, the 40-acre Petersen Island Woods Preserve (PIWP) is among the Kettle Moraine Land Trust's first and most iconic preserves. The landscape encompasses the classic glacial landforms: moraines, or ridged hills, and the steep-sided kettles, or depressions, that make our region geologically unique and precious. The oak-dominated woodlands that developed over the past 10,000 years on this region's topography are ecologically special communities that face significant challenges. Impacts from invasive plants, lack of fire, lack of oak regeneration and diseases like oak wilt are all affecting the health of lands like Petersen Island Woods.



KMLT's work plan for 2024 improves access to the preserve, while also addressing invasive plants, conducting controlled burns and over-seeding with the native plants that will support the woodland and wildlife. In particular, restoring periodic fire and gradually thinning the canopy will encourage oak regeneration, so that younger oak trees can

establish themselves. Some of the next steps for this plan, outlined in the accompanying table, will make trails more walkable and includes tree maintenance to help prevent blocked roadways and trails.

Importantly, KMLT will leave the forest floor at Petersen Island Woods in its natural state, allowing fallen trees to decompose and return their nutrients to the soil. Healthy forests include fallen timber and dead leaves. This is how soil is replenished to continue its support of vegetation, like the young oak trees and microbial life. KMLT hopes our friends and neighbors of the preserve will come to enjoy the beauty of this process along the trails and by volunteering at our

stewardship days. Together, we can improve the health of the woods and the whole surrounding ecological community.

For more information about stewardship, programs and events, visit <https://kmlandtrust.org/events>.

Petersen Island Woods Preserve 2024 Work Plan	Planned <input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Seasonal Progress			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall		
Development of work plan for 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Quotes for hazard tree maintenance (perimeter and trail)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Hazard tree maintenance (contractor felled ~27 trees)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Prescribed burn of management unit A (dependent on crew and weather) Overseeding burn area with native grasses and wildflowers			<input type="checkbox"/>			
April 27 - Stewardship day for hiking trail cleanup			<input type="checkbox"/>			
Begin update of PIWP Long-Term Management Plan			<input type="checkbox"/>			
Improvements to PIWP's stairs at trail entrance				<input type="checkbox"/>		
Installation of kiosk at trail entrance for sharing updates about PIWP				<input type="checkbox"/>		
Stewardship day(s) for removing invasives				<input type="checkbox"/>		
July 21 - Full moon rise event (stories and a campfire in the preserve!)				<input type="checkbox"/>		
Installation of selected educational signs along trail (nature and wildlife)				<input type="checkbox"/>		
Preparation for prescribed burn in the fall				<input type="checkbox"/>		
September 28 - Oaktobfest event (time to celebrate the Oaks!)					<input type="checkbox"/>	
Prescribed burn of management unit B (dependent on crew and weather) Overseeding burn area with native grasses and wildflowers					<input type="checkbox"/>	
Completion of PIWP Long-Term Management Plan						<input type="checkbox"/>

Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District: Keeping You In-The-Know

by Dean Bostrom, LLLMD Chairman

For the most up to date information on all Lake District matters go to our website at lauderdalelakedistrict.com. Please subscribe by clicking the “subscribe” button to receive notification of important updates throughout the year.

Golf Course Clubhouse

The Construction Committee of lake residents Jack Sorenson, Scott Ryan, Paul Lopardo and Greg Wisniewski as well as Project Manager Jack McAndrews have been working diligently with the architect firm McCormack + Etten to complete the construction bid documents and secure all the required building permits. Construction of the new clubhouse is currently scheduled to start in late August following the demolition of the building. Golf operations will continue to operate out of the maintenance building following the demolition of the clubhouse. To date, the construction schedule is still on schedule for a planned opening in late spring 2025.



Boat Launches

The boat launches open in May. The Clean Boats Clean Waters program is looking for several part time people to work the launches this summer. Hours

2024 Greens Fees

	Walking	Riding
Weekends And Holidays:		
9 Holes	\$18	\$26
18 Holes	\$24	\$36
Weekdays:		
9 Holes	\$17	\$25
18 Holes	\$23	\$35
Twilight (After 3:00):	\$17	\$25
Seniors (Over 60):		
Monday - Friday		
9 Holes	\$14	\$22
18 Holes	\$18	\$30
Juniors (15 & Under): \$15 For 9 Holes, walking or riding with paying adult, Weekdays & Weekends After 11:00		
\$10 Mondays (Open - 5pm)	\$10	\$18
Wednesdays: Twilight Rates Run All Day!*		
*Limited up to 18 Holes		

are flexible, contact Jane Larsen at Lauderdale910@gmail.com for more information.

As a reminder, each of the boat launch ramps have signs posting a designated number of parking spaces. Vehicles with trailers that are not parked within the designated parking spaces on nearby roads may be ticketed and towed.

Don Jean Bay Shoreline Restoration

We will be working with LLIA to spray invasive Purple Loosestrife along the Don Jean Bay shoreline as well as other select areas around the lakes. This is part of the on-going maintenance of the area.

Watershed Plan

We are working with our consultant to more closely evaluate six of the areas identified in the Watershed study. This will help us determine specific projects that could be completed and allow us to apply for additional grants from DNR for the construction of improvements.

We hope to work with the Towns of Sugar Creek and LaGrange on their upcoming road projects around the lakes.

Water Safety Patrol

Our Water Safety Patrol will continue to operate the same as previous years. Walworth County has upgraded their radio system so we will have new radios in the boats. This will allow for better communication between the various patrol and safety operations in the County.

We are looking into replacing the outboard motor on one of the boats this summer and we will also begin to look at replacing one of the boats in a few years.

Please review the rules for operating a PWC on Lauderdale Lakes. This continues to be the greatest number of citations that are written each year. Thank you for being safe!

We are hiring! If you know a law enforcement officer that may be interested in working for our Water Safety Patrol please have them contact Chief Chris St. Clair at cstclair@lllpatrol.com.

Dam

The dam continues to operate as designed. The previous improvements are functioning well and provide a much safer structure. Our water levels continue to be a little lower than previous years, due to a lack of rain, but are still controlled effectively by the dam. National Dam Safety Awareness Day is May 31. Put it on your calendar and celebrate!

Financial Report

The Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District finished 2023 with revenues exceeding expenses by \$227,000, which included \$71,000 in surplus revenue from the golf course. Golf course total revenue exceeded \$439,000, while Lake District overall revenues were in excess of \$950,000. Cash balances of \$408,000 at the start of 2023 combined with 2023 surplus provide cash balances at the end of 2023

of \$635,000. Over half of the year end cash balances (\$353,000) were invested for future anticipated Capital Project Reserves, for Aquatic Plant Management Equipment, Golf Course Projects and Equipment, and Water Patrol Equipment. These reserves help ensure that the Lake District has necessary funds to meet the long-range capital projects and equipment needs of the District. Highlights from the 2024 budget include a 2.8% increase in the property tax levy and the voter approved \$80,000 for the new clubhouse loan principal and interest. The total anticipated clubhouse annual loan repayment amount of \$120,000 will be offset by a \$50 per parcel assessment and a \$40,000 payment from golf course surpluses. Communication has been started with the organization that financed the purchase of the golf course years ago, it appears they will

be the best option for financing the new clubhouse. Many of the other line items within the budget remain virtually the same as the 2023 budget.

Piers

If you have questions regarding piers or permit applications please contact: Board Member John Gilmartin (312.485.5875) or Pier Inspector Kai Cook (262.903.8351). Pier permit applications can be found on the Lauderdale Lake District website.

Septic

Septic pumping for the season started around April 8th. There is more detailed information coming on our website and social media, so please make sure to check in periodically. If you have questions regarding the lake district septic program please contact: Lake District Board Member Jane Larsen (630.258.7237) or Associates Septic Services (262.495.7004).

ADAPTIVE ADVENTURES RETURNS TO LAUDERDALE LAKES

Adaptive Adventures waterskiing and kayaking will be back on Lauderdale Lakes once again this summer. The program has been running at Lauderdale for the last eight years. The events take place on Wednesdays from 10am – 3pm on June 5th & 12th, July 10th & 24th, and August 7th & 21st. The program will launch from Lauderdale Landing and will utilize Middle Lake. For the safety of the participants and



volunteers, they kindly ask you to utilize either Green Lake or Mill Lake during these times.

Adaptive Adventures is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults, and military veterans with physical or visual disabilities and their families. Adaptive Adventures strives to create an inclusive community where everyone can get involved. The

Adaptive Adventures community is made up of local, national and international members including participants, families, caregivers, volunteers, donors, corporations, organizations, interns and dedicated staff.



To participate or learn more about this program, please contact Jourdan O'Connor, jourdan.oconnor@adaptiveadventures.org, or visit our website at adaptiveadventures.org.





ShoreLines

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