



ShoreLines

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Year-End Water and Ice Update: All Clear!

By Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair

The water testing season came to a close in September. The abnormally high water clarity readings in early/mid 2021 tapered off in late August and September. Overall, the water clarity for our lakes was slightly higher than average. Phosphorus levels were also average or slightly lower than average (lower phosphorous levels are good). We had a relatively late and weak algae bloom this year that was reflected in the chlorophyll data. All three lakes recovered very well from the summer's heavy boat traffic. During the last week of October, I was able to see the lake bottom at 20+ foot depths. I'd like to give a big shout out to Mark Curcio for helping with the data collection this year. I could have not done it without him!

4" 5-7" 8-12" 12-15"
MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NEW, CLEAR ICE
Ice is never 100% safe!
Always be cautious on the ice. For additional important safety tips, see the Special Report in Fall/Winter 2019 *ShoreLines* which can be found on our web site, LLIA.org.

The next phase will be collecting and reporting the ICE-ON and ICE-OFF dates for the 2021-2022 winter. Typically, Middle and Mill Lakes fully freeze over on the same day with Green Lake freezing over 5-7 days later.

And please remember: Ice is never 100% safe. With so many new homeowners on Lauderdale

Lakes, I'm including an ice safety refresher list. With so many springs and an active current below the ice, it's easy to forget that not all areas of the ice are safe for foot traffic and winter activities.

New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly-formed ice may support one person on foot, while 6 to 8 inches of old, partially-thawed ice may not.

Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two thick just a few feet away.

Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near springs, streams, bridges and culverts.

The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice.

Be Safe and...See You On The ICE!

At a glance...

- **Fishapalooza Annual Ice Fishing Derby** will be held on Saturday, February 12. Specifics will be posted on our website at LLIA.org.
- Check out the Kettle Moraine Land Trust article in this issue and learn about their new series of **educational nature programs** for kids and adults. Or go to kmlandtrust.org.
- **Reminder:** If you want to use an **underwater aerator** over the winter, an annual permit from the Town of LaGrange is required. Permits are issued in very limited situations and specific rules must be followed. Contact the Town of LaGrange for details.
- If you've never visited the **Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce**, give it a shot. You'll get helpful advice on the oodles of things to see and do throughout our area and region.

Happy New Year, all!

By Rich Siok, LLIA President

On behalf of all the LLIA volunteers, we wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.

2021 has been another terrific year as we approach 725 members! Plus, Directory ad sales were excellent considering the impact of Covid-19. So, please go out of your way to support the advertisers who support us. They're at your fingertips in the new Directory.

Lastly, by the time you read this, the lakes will likely be frozen and ready for winter fun. But please, use caution. Check out Dave DeAngelis's front page article for safety tips when on the ice.

Happy New Year!

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.

LLIA Special Reports

Ever wonder how things get done at the LLIA?

By Jim Dion, LLIA Nominating Committee Chair

In the Summer of 1902 a group of property owners around Lauderdale Lakes met to form a permanent *all-volunteer* "Association" to help preserve and improve our magnificent natural resources. While preservation is important, "improvement" is in our name and it's our focus for the future.

The LLIA is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of four Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)...plus nine Committee Chairs and at least two Directors from each of our twenty "Districts." An Executive Committee (consisting of the four Officers and a minimum of two other Directors and past Presidents) manages the ordinary day-to-day affairs of the Association.

Today, the LLIA is divided into twenty Districts around the lakes, varying in size according to the number of homes in each one. The twenty Districts are represented by some 50 Directors, all of whom are listed in this article.



LLIA Directors Iligene Anderson (District 1) and Charlotte Anderson (District 6).

These Directors are your friends and neighbors who volunteer their time to help keep things firing on all cylinders. The role of an LLIA Director is not particularly demanding but it *is* a critical one. The Directors represent the backbone of our organization. There are just five Director meetings to attend each year. These meetings tend to be

Here's a list of your neighbors who are selflessly volunteering their time to be Directors for the LLIA. Do you know who your Director is?

District #	District Boundaries	Directors
1	LL 1-34	Iligene Anderson
2	LL 35-78	Jeff & Kelly Adams Scott & Sue Csanda Jackie Rumer
3	LL 79-115	Jeff Angst
4	LL 116-202	Pete Spaulding
5	LL 203-354	Alan Bateman Don Henderson Kevin Henderson Justin Jankowski Elisabeth Partyka Jeff Vogt
6	LL 355-389A	Charlotte Anderson Patricia Cady Gary Storandt
7	LL 390-532	Jim Dion Debbie Ferrari
8	LL 533-560	Bob Brockman Patty Hargrave
9	LL561-720	Sue Markus Sara Nason Stan Neva
10	LL721-756	Dave DeAngelis Ron Mueller
11	LL 757-784	Robin Balfour Bill Corbett
12	LL 785-819	Walker Johnson Dan Lohens
13	LL 820-854	Loretta Auchinleck Dr. Jon Jacobson Jeff & Mary Jacobson Bill Schulte Herb Sharpless
14	LL 855-881	Mike Barrett Oscar & Erin Cantu
15	LL 882-911	Peg Eggert Jane Larsen
16	LL912-950	Dave Stang
17	LS 1-105	Conley & Lois Stewart
18	MH 1-129	Lynette Rullmann
19	PB 1-49	Mark Curcio Rich & Nila Siok
20	LB 3-52	Vacant
At Large		Kathryn Calkins
At Large		Jim Corcoran
At Large		Marcia Sahag



LLIA Directors from District 13 Jon Jacobson, Loretta Auchinleck and Bill Schulte.

fun...and fulfilling. Directors are encouraged to bring new ideas, share opinions, vote on key issues, help decide how Association funds are allocated, and generally represent the wants and needs of those in their District.

Further, Directors lead nine Standing Committees within the LLIA including: Water Safety, Communications & Membership, Planning & Zoning, Fish, Water Quality, Web Site, Property, History, and Nominating. All Committees report on their activities at the five Directors' meetings and all of them could benefit from new Directors with fresh perspectives.

From time to time, committee members may interact with other entities such as the Town of LaGrange, Lauderdale Lakes Management District, DNR, Fire Department, and the Kettle Moraine Land Trust.

Being a Director means being in-the-know and introducing new members to our current family of over 700 neighbors. We need active Directors who want to give back a little bit of their time and talent as we move forward. If you have an interest in becoming an LLIA Director or wish to serve on a committee, please contact Jim Dion at uno5@aol.com.

Sure hope to hear from you soon.



History Column

A Pearl of a Tale

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Chair

One of the more colorful families to spend summers at our Lakes was the Deakin family, for whom Deakin Isle between Green and Middle Lakes is named. James Henry Deakin was a Chicagoan who had a successful business based in Japan in the late 1800s that imported fine art and gems. He and his wife, Julia Ann, wanted property in Wisconsin and by 1902 had purchased all but one lot on Deakin Isle. Two of the Deakins' houses on the island are profiled in the history column, Lakeview and the Boathouse (May 2009 and November 2014). The family was renowned for throwing big parties at Lauderdale. In fact, lifelong lakes resident Suzette Morton Sorenson has a photo of herself at age 2. She is dressed as Miss Lauderdale, and has just won first prize at the Deakins' Topsy Turvy party.



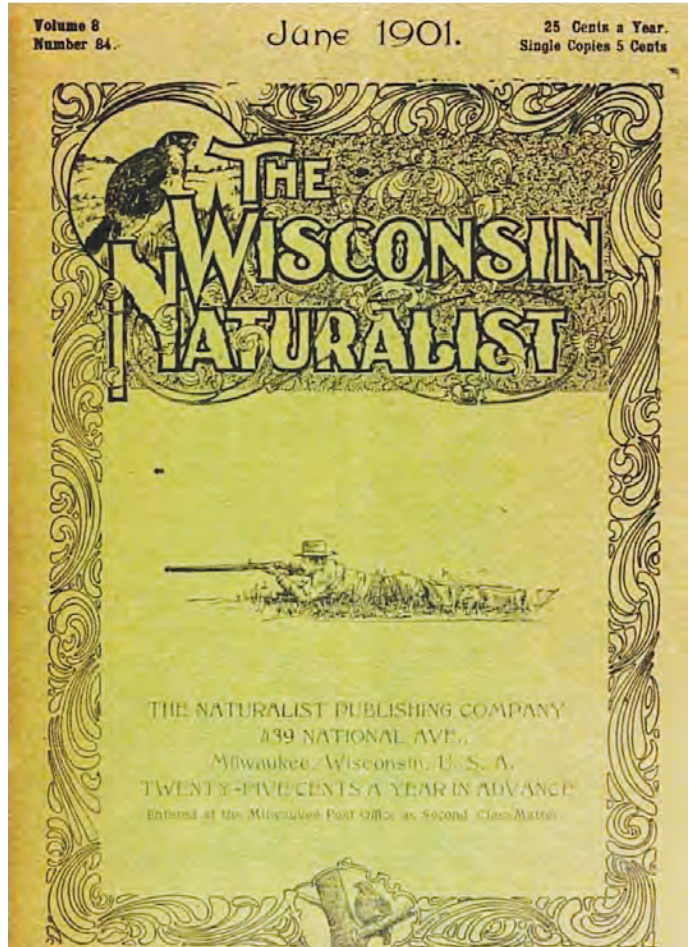
Two-year-old lakes resident Suzette Morton (later Sorenson) as Miss Lauderdale. She won the Deakin family's Topsy Turvy party contest that year.

The Deakins had showrooms for their imports in the Fine Arts Building in Chicago. They dealt in pearls, among other things. And here is where Jeff Adams, the current owner and restorer of the Boathouse, found an intriguing tale that he connects with the house (see his account here: <https://www.facebook.com/761247880590538/posts/4195823300466295/>). Adams discovered a

couple of articles published in June of 1901, detailing how a Mr. H. Deakin was offered \$40,000 for a freshwater pearl found in a bivalve in the Mississippi River. It was, according to a *Chicago Tribune* article "the largest and most perfect pearl ever found in America." It was named the Queen Mary.

Indeed, the industry that harvested clams from the river had, Adams learned, been growing rapidly by 1900 because of a demand for the shells, which were made into pearl buttons. Thousands of men and boys were reported by *The Wisconsin Naturalist* to fish the river for clams. As a side benefit, some clams contained pearls, a few of which were very large and amusingly shaped. One, for example, looked like a duck, another a heart and another a dumb-bell.

The Queen Mary was not only enormous at 103 grains (compared with 4 grains for an ordinary pearl), it was also perfectly pear shaped and pink and lustrous in color, said the *Tribune*. It also came with a charming story of discovery. A poor fisher went out to the river in Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin and returned with a number of clams. He eagerly opened them and tossed them in a pile near the door as one after another yielded no pearls. Later, however, his wife came in and picked up a particularly large clam shell. She screamed, and her husband rushed to her side to see a huge pearl nested in the shell. He carefully cut it out and called an acquaintance who was familiar with pearls. The dealer offered him \$17,500, which would equal about \$569,000 today.



One publication that covered the story of the Queen Mary pearl, owned for a time by the Deakin family, in its June 1901 issue.

The man refused to sell the pearl, saying that he would have it mounted for his wife. But the dealer prevailed, promising that the pearl would be named after her. Harry Deakin, the brother of the property owner on Lauderdale, bought the pearl for an unknown sum and refused the \$40,000 offer, believing he could get a higher price in Europe.

We don't know what the Deakins finally did with the Queen Mary, but Adams notes that his house is connected to it by local legend. Someone added a third story penthouse to the house in the early 1900s, which had disappeared by the 1930s. The story goes, Adams says, that Early Deakin Jr. dismantled the top floor rooms in his search for the missing pearl.

Corky's Corner

The Fish Stocking Program Is Jumpin'

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

All kinds of good news to share. First, we had a successful stocking program this fall, with 3,000 large fingerling Smallmouth and 1,500 VERY LARGE Perch finding a new home to swim in. The Perch were in the 6"-8" range (some would have been "keepers" already)! I am looking forward to this ice fishing season to target some of the perch for a fish fry! Our perch population is really coming on and I have heard of several catches in the 12" range. This stocking will supplement the perch population and we should have good recruitment of perch for the future. As for the Smallmouth Bass, most were in the 5"-7" range and looked very healthy! The larger size fish cost a bit more to stock, but the survival rate goes up greatly with the larger sized fingerlings. We have seen several large Smallies caught this summer and the population shows signs of natural reproduction.



Here come the fish! Thanks to generous member donations for Fish Stocking, LLIA is able to continue to improve our fishery.



These fish can't wait to get into our waters.

Now for some even better news, we received our bi-annual stocking of Walleye from the WDNR Sentinel Lakes Program this fall. We received 15,500 extended growth fingerlings in October. The last time we had Walleye stocked in the program was 2018. The pandemic affected the stocking program for the WDNR, which resulted in the gap of time from the last stocking to this

one. We do have minimal natural reproduction but not significant enough to maintain the healthy Walleye fishery we have currently. We are excited for this input to the lakes and hope there will not be any more interruptions to the program status. We are very fortunate to be able to receive FREE Walleyes as a result of the Sentinel status of our lakes.

More good news. We are making plans for the next “Fishapalooza” ice fishing derby. We hope to bring it back this year as big as ever! The date for the event will be February 12, 2022. We will share more details on the LLIA website and the Lauderdale Landing Facebook page as we get closer to the event. We will have raffle prizes such as gift baskets, gift cards to local businesses, and a few big prize raffles as well. We will have a 50/50 raffle and meat raffles going throughout the afternoon. And stick around for the band at the after party at The Landing! We will accept donations for the raffles such as gift baskets, gift cards, etc... all proceeds go to our stocking and crib building fund, which directly benefits us all in the lake community. If you are interested in volunteering to help on the day of the event, please contact me via the LLIA website or see me up at the Landing. Registration for fishing will occur the night before and the morning of the event. We will have

Help Track Our Fishery

The Fish Committee is inviting all fishermen and fisherwomen to capture species, size, and location of fish caught on Lauderdale Lakes. This information will be invaluable for planning our fish-stocking activities. Please enter your catch on the simple form at <https://www.llia.org/fish-psd-survey>.

prizes for longest Walleye, Northern Pike, and Bass. More details to come regarding the specifics of the fishing portion of the event.

Lastly, I would like to share some ice fishing tips with you for the upcoming season. We had fishable ice early in the winter last year. Some even ventured out in early December! We are not seeing this as of yet but as always, use extreme caution in the early season when on the ice. Early ice can be awesome for all species, they are relating to

the shallow water habitat in the green weeds that remain from the summer. Find good green weeds and you will be set! I will run a big shiner right under the ice on a tip up in the thick weed cover for Northern pike. The fish will be really skittish, they can see and hear you and you will see them as well through the clear new ice. Low light at dawn and dusk can really produce. Same goes for jigging panfish, find the weeds and sit tight, and be as quiet as possible. A portable ice tent works well to hide you when jigging panfish up shallow on clear ice. Leave hole hopping till the ice has a chance to thicken and the fish are not as nervous. Some of those new Perch might be a good target in the early season as well as the Crappie and Gills. Safety is of the utmost importance, but if you venture out on that clear first ice you may be rewarded with a nice fish fry dinner! Good luck ice fishing and have a great Holiday Season!

And remember as always, take a kid fishing!



Perch being stocked, a few look ready for the frying pan!



Member's Post



Dressed in red for the holiday season. Photo by Ken Klancnik

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.



Wintertime fun at its best! Photo by Ken Klancnik



Like some of our neighbors who are "snowbirds", these Sandhill Cranes head south for the winter. Photo by Ken Klancnik



Fall on Don Jean Bay. Photo by Ken Klancnik



Harsh winter days ahead. Photo by Elisabeth Partyka



Mirror image on an early fall day. Photo by Elisabeth Partyka

THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED

by Bill Huxbold

I was here in the 1970's when the Girl Scouts owned property at the north end of Green Lake. I often enjoyed fishing off my pier and watching them have fun swimming, canoeing, and having nighttime campfires. The giggles made me happy and the nighttime songs were soothing.

I was disappointed to hear that the Girl Scouts would be selling the property. Rumors flared about a 30-unit condominium complex going up with lots of new boat slips. I was worried that the lake would become even more congested than it already is in the summer months. That is when I met Jerry Peterson and became a board member of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust. I wanted to help prevent rampant development on the lake and was hoping that the Land Trust could be an influencer.



Photo by Ken Klancnik

Then, Andy and Susan Code (who owned adjacent property) and Tom and Stephanie Formolo bought the property and now there are only two buildings on the land. The families did not want a housing development next to them. I think the entire lake community is happy about that. The Codes and Formolos have become good land stewards since the purchase. Andy reports that they have maintained the walking paths, cut down dead trees, and allowed for Nature to do its thing.

Well, as we now know, one of the things Nature did was to bring a nesting pair of eagles to our lake. Most of us on Green Lake see them regularly and have followed their development. Tom, specifically reported that: "all spring long, the eagles would sit in the tree just outside my office window (and poop on my driveway!)" We are all enjoying sharing the lake with our new residents.

Lake House Fixin's

Baked Spaghetti

It's easy. It's economical. It's delicious. It's comfort food for a whole crowd. Hint: the eggs make all the difference.

Submitted by Dave DeAngelis

Ingredients:

- 1 (16 oz.) pkg. spaghetti
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (32 oz.) jar meatless spaghetti sauce
- ½ tsp. seasoned salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 c. grated Parmesan
- 5 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 c. small curd cottage cheese, divided
- 4 c. shredded mozzarella, divided

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees (F). Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish.
2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to boil. Cook spaghetti until cooked through but firm to the bite. Drain.
3. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion until meat is browned and onions are soft and translucent. Drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and seasoned salt.
4. Whisk eggs, parmesan cheese, and melted butter in a large bowl. Mix in spaghetti and toss to coat. Place half the spaghetti mixture in the baking dish. Top with half the cottage cheese, mozzarella and meat sauce. Repeat layers. Cover with aluminum foil.
5. Bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and continue to bake until cheese is melted and lightly browned, 20-25 minutes longer.

Enjoy!



Photo by Ken Klancnik



Photo by Ken Klancnik

Other Lake Organizations

News From The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

By Glenn Hansen, LLSC Commodore

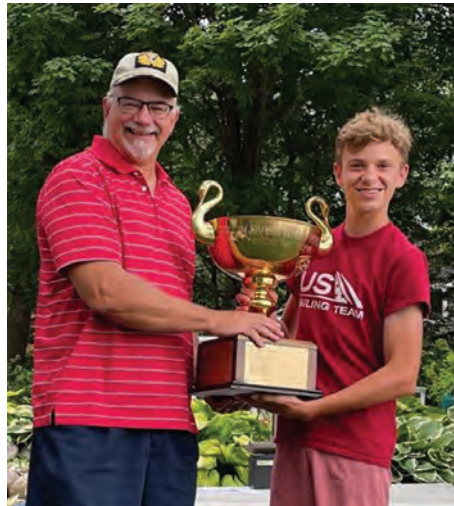
Well, the sun has set on another fantastic sailing season. We had a blast. Thanks again to all who came out to cheer us on and blew their horns at every exciting finish.

It is always our goal to get out on Sunday morning, do a little practicing, and complete our race in under an hour or so. One morning, we set a rare triangle course and took up more of Green Lake than we usually do. Unfortunately, after the start, the wind went to near zero and we ended up sailing a painfully slow race. One of our boats was struggling to get around the final mark when a very large wave from a nearby power boat flipped him over—a very dangerous situation. I'd like to thank all of you who give us enough room to finish our race and let us get safely back home.



Craig Cartland giving Jack Sorenson the Cartland trophy in honor of his father, Skip.

We had a lot of success this summer and many different race winners. Jack Sorenson won the 3rd Regatta series race, as well as the Cartland Trophy. Michael Engel won the second Regatta race to help him finish 2nd in the series. But the real headline was young Wes LaRue cruising to victory in the Bradley Cup race. He doesn't have a driver's license yet, but he drove past all the competition on the water to become our club's youngest race winner ever.



Young Wesley LaRue receiving his well earned trophy.

Other trophy winners include:

Ladies' Appreciation Trophy - Bob Wojda
Walsh Memorial Trophy - Glenn Hansen
Beisswanger Trophy - Joe Kovarik

Our final race of the season takes place on the Sunday after Labor Day and the course starts us in Green Lake. We sail through the channel and around the small island in Mill Lake before returning to a Green Lake finish. This year's race started out fine, but again the wind went to near nada, and we floated out on Middle Lake for too long. Some boats did manage to finish and the Truman race winners were: Peter VanKampen as a single & Doug Ward and Adrienne Guidry as a crewed boat. Congrats!!

Regatta Series Final

Peter, Glenn & Jack (tied for 3rd)
Michael Engel (2nd)
Doug Ward (Champ)

Summer Series

Doug (4th)
Peter (3rd)
Christian (2nd)
Jack (Champ)

Jim Johnson has a lot of hardware for successful sailing over many years with the Lauderdale Sailing Club. This year he had another great season, but volunteered to take a last place finish in a race after he mistakenly went around a mark incorrectly. He would have finished near the top of both the Regatta and Summer series had he not taken himself out of the running. For his sportsmanship, many great years of competition and being a great teacher to many of us out on the course, he was declared our Sailor of the Year.

After four years at the helm of the greatest club ever, I am stepping down as Commodore. I'd again like to thank all of you for years of support to our wonderful group. We are in fantastic hands as new Commodore, Ben Johnson, will take the reins with the support of Vice Commodore, Bob Wojda. There are a couple of sailboats for sale in the area so please reach out if you are interested in exploring the sailing club. For information on the Club, visit our web site at lauderdallesailingclub.com.

Please stay safe this winter. Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you next summer.



John, Jim and Ray maneuvering around a mark.

Another Great Season For The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club

By JJ Jilek, LLYC Commodore

On August 8th, Mike and Kathy Alagna hosted a great BBQ party at Pleasant Lake. Food was catered by Dine with a Swine and there was a Caribbean Eclipse Steel band entertaining the crowd of 86 people.

Our Golf Outing was held on August 28. We had the usual sellout for an incredible time. This was run by Barry & Geri Lutz with help from Jean & Al Bateman, and Larry & Carol Zerwas. Fun golf with a traditional Wisconsin Fish Boil served afterward. We will definitely need a repeat performance next year!



Outgoing Commodore Peg Eggert passes the flag to new Commodore JJ Jilek

The bi-annual "Changing of the Guard" was also held. Peggy Eggert handed over the ceremonial LLYC flag to the new Commodore, JJ Jilek. JJ's new team is comprised of Vice Commodore - Linda Johnson, Rear Commodore - Anthony Cecola, Secretary - Cindy Klima, Treasurer - Anne LaBarge, and Fireworks Commodores - Jeff Angst, Andy Brown and Mark Kompanik. See our entire new team on our webpage at llyclub.com.

We wrapped up the year on September 25th with The Fall Western Fling, at The Bunker, Evergreen Country Club. This was hosted by Janet and John Summers, Kathy Christman, Laura Harris, and Tracy Bostrom. Everyone had a great time at this very festive event!

The team is busy planning some of our traditional events for next summer: Cocktails with the Commodore, 4th of July fireworks, Concerts in the Bay, Rib Fest, and Golf Outing. We are also planning new events, mostly on the lake. The purpose is to get the entire lake involved in the many fun events that the Yacht Club organizes. We are looking for other groups to join us in these events.



John and Janet Summers sporting western attire at the final 2021 Yacht Club event

Be sure to look for our mailing in the spring. Join the club, get involved, and enjoy all of your wonderful neighbors on the lake.

News From The Kettle Moraine Land Trust

By Rory Klick, KMLT Managing Director

KMLT started its **TALKING ABOUT NATURE** education series prior to the pandemic, and safety precautions significantly impacted our planned events. In June, 2021, we resumed in-person programming with our "Who's Woods" event on birds of prey, held at Lutherdale. The wonderful response and strong family attendance really got us thinking: how are we connecting kids and families to nature? Should we have filmed the program to share with those who couldn't attend? As we planned for 2022, we've defined 3 "Talking about Nature" tracks, and set up a schedule of educational events *monthly*, with each of the 3 tracks having a quarterly session. Because quite simply, more nature is better and there are events planned through the winter.

Our **LET'S GO OUTSIDE!** series will be family-oriented and kid-focused. We'll be trying a mix of Saturday morning and after school times, and asking

families what works best to get their kids outdoors and exploring nature.

- January—Mammals: tracking who's who in the snow
- April—Earth Day: 50 things kids can do to help the planet

Our **WALK & TALK** series will be field-based educational experiences, basic ecological lessons mixed with nature appreciation in an outdoor setting. These will generally have an adult focus, but older kids are welcome, and will be held Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

- February— a Valentine's Day look at animal mating behavior (with bonfire and cocoa!)
- May—Spring ephemerals, a classic woodland wildflower walk to explore plant diversity and phenology

Lessons from the pandemic have taught us that virtual can be great, and is often more accessible to our audiences. Our

ARMCHAIR CONSERVATION SCIENCE will be a virtual lecture series, with guest speakers who are experts in their field.

- March—Ecologic restoration 101: Understanding regional ecosystems and natural areas management

In addition to our "Talk about Nature" educational programs, we'd also like to support safe, outdoor socializing opportunities. Our **CONSERVATION COCKTAILS** gathering are monthly social gatherings (BYOB!) to watch the full moon rise. KMLT also remains deeply committed to caring for the natural areas of Walworth County. Our volunteer restoration and management will continue with **FOURTH SATURDAY STEWARDSHIP**. These monthly workdays include efforts at the 5 KMLT-owned sites. For details on these and all events, check our website at kmlandtrust.org.

Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

Town Highway Department

25 MPH speed limit signs are being installed on roads around the lakes with a high density of homes. The speed limits were established by the Town of LaGrange Board to improve safety and to assure that speed limits were posted. Previously, without posted speed limits, the default speed limit was 55 mph.

Please keep all your vehicles and garbage cans back away from the roadside during the winter months to allow our snowplows to clear the roads successfully. Also, do not plow your driveway snow across the road. Snow on your property must be kept on your property.

2022 Town of LaGrange Election

The next Town of LaGrange Election will be April 5, 2022. This election will elect the Town Board Chairman



Town snowplows at the ready to keep our Town roads clear.

and the First Side Supervisor. Town residents interested in running for these positions need to file nomination papers with the Town of LaGrange Clerk by January 6, 2022.

New Property Number Lakeside Signs

The Town of LaGrange and the Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department established that riparian lake property owners within the Town will

have their property number on the roadside and the lake side of their homes. This will allow the common County wide emergency notification system to identify immediately the location for on lake emergency locations. A second property location number plate for those homes will be provided by the Town next summer and the property owners will be asked to install these number plates.

LAUDERDALE-LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Members of the LLFD express their appreciation to everyone who supported their annual Fund-Raising Steak Fry. This year \$8,000 was cleared after expenses and it is being used to fund updating of our extrication tools, purchasing turnout gear and helping cover increased material costs for our new training tower that the members are building behind the town garage in LaGrange. The all-volunteer Department continues to need additional members. Contact Chief David Nelson if you or someone you know is interested in serving. The next major expense project will be all new



New training center as it looks now painted, completely enclosed, and nearly ready for lots of training.

radio equipment to comply with a new county wide radio system. This new system will bring better

coverage and interoperability between county agencies.

We also remind you to check your smoke and CO detectors by adding fresh batteries and expiration date. Most detectors are only good for 7-10 years and need to be replaced to avoid false alarms. We also remind you to make sure your fireplaces and furnaces are operating correctly. And last but not most important, please keep your streets and driveways cleared of snow in the winter so our emergency vehicles can safely reach you if needed.

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

By Dean Bostrom, LLLMD Chairman

September 4, 2021 Annual Meeting

At the September 4th Annual Meeting, elections were held for two vacant Commissioner positions. These board vacancies were created by the retirement of Jack Sorensen who served 17 years on the board in a variety of capacities including, most recently, Board Chairman, and John Summers who served 6 years on the board overseeing Piers, Septic Pumping and Building Maintenance. Jane Marchese-Larsen and John Gilmartin were both elected to the board to serve three year terms. The 2021 Tax Levy which reflected a slight increase from 2020 was approved as presented by Treasurer Greg Wisniewski.

Board Officers and Commissioner Project Assignments:

Dean Bostrom, Chairman - Responsible for Golf Course - 847-561-2150; dbostrom@lauderdalelakedistrict.com

Greg Wisniewski, Treasurer - Responsible for Weed Harvesting - 847-727-3845; gwisniewski@lauderdalelakedistrict.com

Jim Kroeplin - Responsible for Water Safety Patrol, Dam, Watershed Study and Don Jean Bay Shoreline - 815-222-2339; jkroeplin@lauderdalelakedistrict.com

Jane Marchese-Larsen, Secretary - Responsible for Insurance and Clean Boats/Clean Waters - 630-258-7237; jlarsen@lauderdalelakedistrict.com

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Municipal Land Planning Committee - Golf Course Clubhouse

The Board created a Municipal Land Planning Committee at their November 13th Board meeting. The purpose of the committee is to develop a future comprehensive land plan for the approximately 9 acres of property located just north of the existing golf course that encompasses the golf course clubhouse, maintenance building and community center. In addition, the committee will evaluate the parking, septic and stormwater runoff requirements, and the addition of other potential recreational amenities such as future tennis courts and/or pickleball courts.

While the future of the golf course clubhouse will be the focal point of the committee, it is important to understand how the municipal property is best utilized to the benefit of the Lake District and its residents. Jack Sorensen was appointed as Committee Chairman and Jim Kroeplin will serve as the Board's liaison. The remaining committee members (between 5 and 7) will be selected from interested Lake District residents and ultimately appointed by the Board. The Land Planning Committee will provide updates and ultimately

their recommendations on the planning process to the Lake District at their Board meetings.

Golf Course Update

While lake residents celebrated the golf course's 100 year anniversary this past summer, the Lake District continued to make repairs to the clubhouse to keep the facility safe for all golfers and staff. *Special thanks* to Lauderdale Lake Men's Golf League volunteers lead by Paulie Lopardo who power washed, scraped and painted all the yellow trim on the clubhouse. The golf course had another outstanding year as total rounds exceeded 14,000 and revenues exceeded expenses by over \$40,000. The surplus revenues will be utilized to purchase new maintenance equipment and make course improvements.

Water Safety Patrol

The Water Safety Patrol had a busy year. Chief Ken Blanke retired at the end of June and our new Chief, Chris St Clair, took over during a busy summer. Fortunately the transition was seamless with both professionals working closely together to assure that the patrols were coordinated. 2022 will bring changes. Body cameras for the officers have been approved by the Board to allow all encounters with the Water Safety Patrol to be recorded to reduce discrepancies or concerns about how a situation was handled. We trust that this will help keep our lakes safe.

Dam

The dam continues to operate as designed. The new improvements are functioning well and



The long awaited NEW harvester arrives in style at the Elkhorn Christmas Parade on December 4th! It was manufactured by Aquarius Systems, which also was a Parade sponsor.

Don Jean Bay Shoreline Restoration

The Lake Management District is working with the DNR to reduce the scope of restoration work to stay within the grant budget. We have also submitted an application for another grant to complete additional restoration. We are planning to rebid the original project in the spring to get more favorable pricing and hopefully bid out the work associated with the second grant. DNR has been very receptive to working with us to get this project completed.

Watershed Plan

There have been three Zoom meetings this fall for the watershed plan. The fourth meeting will be held in December 2021. We are expecting a draft copy of the plan in December which will identify the areas that need to be addressed. Once these are identified we will be able to prioritize and determine budgets for the corrective work. We will continue to work with DNR to determine what grant opportunities may be available to assist with the improvements that will keep our lakes clean.

provide a much safer structure. Our water levels have been a little lower than previous years but are still controlled effectively by the dam. We continue to work with DNR to maintain the dam and adhere to their requirements for inspections.

New Weed Harvester

2021 was a record year as 436.5 tons of plant material was harvested this year! The new weed harvester purchased in the summer of 2021 will be operational starting in the late spring of 2022. The 30+ year old weed harvester will be kept and used as a backup to assist with weed harvesting as needed. The old weed barge/transport which was originally purchased in 1992 is no longer needed once the new weed harvester becomes operational. The board agreed to donate the weed barge/transport to the Yacht Club who plan to utilize the old barge/transport as a launch site for the annual fireworks and other lake social events to be determined.

If you have questions about any of the activities or programs, contact any Commissioner, or go to our website at lauderdalelakedistrict.com.



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