



ShoreLines

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A Little Peek At Paradise

By Jim Dion, LLIA Director

Near the town of Eagle, in the Kettle Moraine Forest, only about ten miles north of Lauderdale Lakes, there's a quiet and secluded Nature Area called Paradise Springs—sort of a well-kept secret.



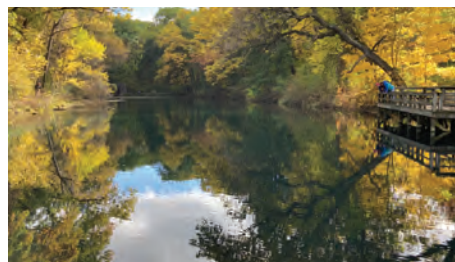
It's a magical little loop walk to a crystal-clear spring-fed pond among the ruins of a resort which operated between 1937 and 1948. In those years the pond was a centerpiece for the resort hotel whose foundations still dot the area. The rushing waters once provided electricity through a generator where the waters flowed out from the pond. The remaining fieldstone structure once held a room for bottling the natural waters.



Until recently the pond was stocked with trout and was a popular fishing destination. But, in 2015 the dam—which created the pond—failed and much of the water depth and many of the fish were flushed downstream. Still, the ruins of the spring house and the beauty of the surrounding areas are reminders that we must all pause from time to time to rediscover the brilliance of nature.

The pond can be accessed from a well-maintained parking area and paved trails. There is a sturdy platform that provides a space for occasional wedding pictures or taking in the peace and natural beauty of this little known escape. Check it out with friends and family.

Paradise Springs is located at W374 S8640 County Rd N in Eagle. More information and pictures can be viewed on www.alltrails.com and wisconsin-explorer.blogspot.com.



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...

- The **LLIA Annual Meeting** will be held at Lutherdale on Saturday, June 11. Free breakfast and registration starting at 9 a.m.
- The ever-popular **Fire Department Steak Fry** fundraiser is back at Lauderdale Landing on Saturday, August 13. Mark your calendars.
- The spectacular **4th of July Fireworks display** will be held Saturday, July 2. Don't forget to tune your radio to 96.1 FM to enjoy the simulcast.
- The **Kid's Fish Jamboree** will take place on July 16. See Corky's Corner in this issue for details.
- See **Calendars of Events** for the Sailing Club, the Yacht Club and KMLT later in this issue.

Haven't Paid Your LLIA Dues Yet?

No prob. There's still time. But, to continue receiving *ShoreLines* and all the other benefits of LLIA membership (for just \$35), watch your mail for our reminder letter or go to LLIA.org and complete a membership form.

Photo Courtesy of David Hall

LLIA Special Reports

Be Aware. The Spongy Moth Has Arrived At Lauderdale Lakes.

By the LLIA Healthy Lakes Committee

The spongy moth, *Lymantria dispar* (formerly known as the “gypsy moth”), has been in Walworth County for a while now, but last year we saw a large uptick in their population. It likes aspen, birch, crabapple, hawthorn, linden, mountain ash, oak and willow trees; blue spruce and white pine are also occasionally attacked. The caterpillars feed on



A spongy moth caterpillar.
Photo credit: PJ Liesch, UW Entomology

tree leaves from the end of April to July, causing defoliation. This weakens the trees and sometimes kills them outright. In most cases, trees recover and produce new leaves in July. The hairy caterpillars can also cause skin irritation. Here is the link to the newly updated fact sheet: <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/spongy-moth/> It can also be found on the LLIA website, LLIA.org, in the Property section under the Endeavors tab.

There are several options to manage these pests and save our trees, including:

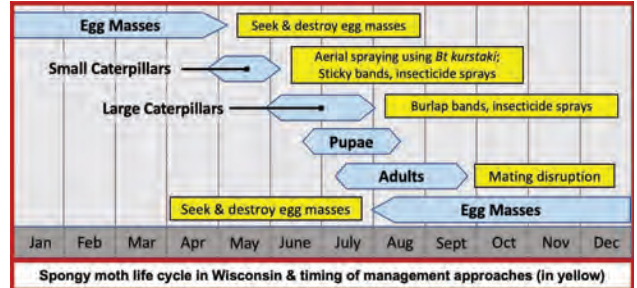
- **Destroying egg masses** by gently scraping them into a container of soapy water. Don't just scrape egg masses onto the ground or try to crush them



Adult female spongy moth with egg mass.
Photo credit: Ryan Hodnett via Wikipedia CC

with your shoe as they will survive to hatch next spring. Alternatively, spray them with a horticultural oil labeled for gypsy or spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*). Do not use motor oil, mineral spirits non-horticultural oils or others not specifically labeled for *Lymantria dispar*.

- **Placing barrier bands on tree trunks.** Sticky bands can be used around tree trunks to capture and kill small caterpillars. The UW-Madison Division of Extension Spongy Moth website has full instructions for this method: bit.ly/3IZPdIS. **Burlap Bands:** Since larger caterpillars hide during the day, a band or skirt of burlap hung around the trunk of a tree with twine can offer a hiding spot. Burlap bands should then be checked daily, and caterpillars knocked into a container of soapy water to kill them.



University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension

- **Applying pesticides.** Insecticide sprays specifically for *Lymantria dispar* can be an option for short trees and shrubs, but only for a short period of time against caterpillars less than ½-inch long. For large trees that cannot be effectively sprayed, consult a certified arborist about additional management options. **Furthermore, if you are spraying where the insecticide could drift or be sprayed into the lake, then a permit from the Wisconsin DNR is needed (Mosquitoes or Other Flying Insects - Permit No. WI-0064581).** This Q&A sheet provides more detailed information: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/Wastewater/GP_Pesticides_QA.pdf

For more information on spongy moth, see the UW-Madison Division of Extension spongy moth website <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/spongymothinwisconsin/> or contact our Walworth county Extension agent, Julie Hill via email: Julie.hill@wisc.edu, via her office phone: 262-741-4958 or her cell phone: 262-374-4191.

Purple Loosestrife: Pretty, But Pretty Dangerous

By Elisabeth Partyka and Herb Sharpless, LLIA Directors

This invasive species is not new to Lauderdale Lakes. Purple Loosestrife is a beautiful plant but literally shades everything else out and creates a virtual biological desert underneath. It threatens most other vegetation and wildlife that depends on native vegetation for food and shelter. For more information, see factsheets on our website, LLIA.org under the Extras tab or under <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/files/2014/11/Purple-Loosestrife.pdf>. If you believe you may have purple loosestrife on your property and it hasn't been a part of previous treatment program, please contact the LLIA (Herb Sharpless) via phone 630-460-5414 or email at chsharpless@ameritech.net. It's better to contact LLIA rather than try to deal



with purple loosestrife on your own because there are specific protocols needed for this aggressive invasive plant.

We are actively looking for volunteers to help! Treatment efforts have been underway for over 10 years now. Herb

Sharpless and his assistants have made a difference but are still struggling to keep the hardy loosestrife under control. Could you give a half day to help cut flowers/collect seeds and apply herbicide? Depending on weather, a week will be designated in early August and volunteers will go out on land and via boat. Please contact Herb at chsharpless@ameritech.net or 630-460-5414 to sign-up. We really need the help!

Targeted herbicide spraying will again happen in early August as part of the LLIA's ongoing efforts to manage the spread of purple loosestrife. You will receive a notification postcard via mail if your property is in the spraying area. Furthermore, signs like this will be posted on any property that is sprayed.



Update On Water Quality: All good!

By Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality CHair

The 2021-2022 ICE ON/OFF data is listed below. ICE ON is defined as continuous ice from shore to shore across the deepest point on each lake. ICE OFF tends to occur very quickly and is easy to verify.

Around the time that this article is published, water testing will be underway. The late/cold spring has many of the pier and marina schedules behind schedule, so as I'm writing this I'm still waiting for my boat to arrive.

	Green Lake	Middle Lake	Mill Lake
Ice On	1/4/22	1/3/22	1/3/22
Ice Off	3/22/22	3/22/22	3/21/22
Total Days Ice Cover	77	78	77

This will be my last year leading the Water Testing Efforts on Lauderdale Lakes. After 10+ years, I am happy to announce that Mark Curcio will be taking over this responsibility. I will continue to help collect data in the future, but Mark will manage the program and be the LLIA contact person for the WDNR SWIMS program.

See you on the lake!

We like to see a minimum of 60 days of ice cover, so this past season meets expectations. Longer ice cover is preferred for overall lake health. With ICE ON not occurring until early January, we should be happy with these results.

HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE LAKE'S NATURAL HABITAT.

Mosquitoes. Yes, they are a nuisance, and you'll see lawn signs advertising services to spray for mosquitoes. HOWEVER, the chemicals these services use are almost entirely pyrethrin-based compounds like *permethrin*. Permethrin may stay on plant leaves for 1 to 3 weeks and if it gets into surface water it sticks to sediment and can stay for more than a year. In the water it is highly toxic to fish, invertebrates and sediment organisms—and on the land to honeybees and other beneficial insects. For more information and safe ways to deal with mosquitoes, see the article "How to Safely Take a Bite Out of the Mosquito Population" on page 3 of the Summer 2021 *ShoreLines* (at LLIA.org).

Phosphorus. Our Water Quality team performs testing for phosphorus, which can wash into the lakes and cause excessive weed growth or algae blooms. Phosphorus is banned for use on lawns within the entire Lake District. If you use a lawn service, you are responsible for ensuring they do not use products containing phosphorus. The Ordinance can be found on page 56 of the *2021-2023 Lauderdale Lakes Directory*.

LLIA APPROVED AS HEALTHY LAKES AND RIVERS LOCAL SPONSOR

Good News! The LLIA has been approved as a local sponsor for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Healthy Lakes and Rivers Initiative. This program is designed to help shoreland property owners improve habitat and water quality with the help of five simple and inexpensive best practices (see <https://healthylakeswi.com>). The program includes grant monies to help offset costs. The LLIA will be working on some pilot projects this summer/fall and we look forward to expanding the program next year. Stay tuned for more information!

Staying Safe On The Water

By Debbie Ferrari, Water Safety Committee Chair

Boating Safety Course Requirement

Wisconsin law **requires those born on or after January 1, 1989 (and at least 12 years of age) to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater education card** to operate any personal watercraft (PWC) or any motorized boat without an adult onboard. So, if you will be 33 this year (or are younger) you need to carry a Boating Safety Education Certificate to operate a motorboat (without parental supervision) or a PWC.



provide in person DNR-sanctioned Boating Safety Courses this year. **HOWEVER, this does not change the Boating Safety Course requirement.** Online Certification is available through the Wisconsin DNR at the following link: <https://dnr.wi.gov/education/outdoorskills/onlineEd.html>

Additional Reminders

• Do you know what to do when an accident occurs on the water? The process starts with YOU at the moment an accident or emergency occurs. To ensure the best possible outcome, Chief Dave Nelson (LLFD), working with Commissioner Jim Kroeplin of our Lake District and our Water Safety Patrol developed protocols for our lakes. These were covered in LLIA's Spring 2021 *ShoreLines* (pg 11) found on our website, LLIA.org.

- Parking in an area where prohibited or specifically posted as "no parking" will result in a significant parking ticket, and having a vehicle towed in some cases. This most often occurs adjacent to boat launches and in the area of Lauderdale Landing. Parking ordinances can be found on the Town of LaGrange web site at: <https://www.townoflagrangewi.com/ordinances> and also in the *2021-2023 LLIA Directory* (page 62). **Note:** The Town of LaGrange passed an additional ordinance after the *LLIA Directory* was finalized to establish parking restrictions on all roads of the Town of LaGrange (#2021-04); it is on the Town of LaGrange website, townoflagrangewi.com.
- As we approach spring please remind boat users in your families to be courteous by being mindful of their boat speaker volume; sound travels a long distance over the water.

Due to staffing challenges, our Lauderdale Lakes Water Safety Patrol is not able to

Corky's Corner

It's Shaping Up To Be Another Great Fishing Season!

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

Hey Folks, Corky here. This past winter delivered some great ice fishing! We had solid ice fairly early in the season and we never had any rain events or significant warm-ups to hurt the quality of the ice this season. The fishing was outstanding with many big Northern Pike and Walleye caught by the regular ice anglers who frequent Lauderdale Lakes.

Fishapalooza 2022 was a huge success with approximately 150 anglers attending and many really nice fish caught. A great time was had by all! The raffles and after party were held at the Lauderdale Landing and a huge shoutout to Marty Healy for hosting the event! We raised a significant amount of money for our fish stocking fund. Thanks to all who donated raffle baskets and to the local businesses for their generous donations of gift cards and merchandise. We will accept any and all donations for next year's event, please contact me or any other Fish Committee member if you would like to donate. We also need more volunteers for next year's event. Please contact me via the LLIA website or stop me at the Lauderdale Landing and let me know you are interested in helping out.



One of the other programs that the LLIA Fish Committee was involved with was the **Hardwater Heroes** (take-a-vet-ice-fishing) **Event** which



A special Thank You, as always, to our beloved Veterans who enjoyed a day ice fishing on our lakes!

happened on January 29th. We had approximately 25 veterans on the ice and a number of local Lauderdale "ice guides" who volunteered their time and equipment to make sure this group had a blast on the ice. Each vet received a gift bag full of swag from tackle companies and local businesses as well as a custom hat donated by Renee Saban.

On that day, we had a terrific group breakfast donated by Nona's and an after party lunch of pizza



to make it a regular part of our annual schedule. Naturally, we will accept any and all help with planning, volunteering and donating. If you can make it out next year please do so, it was a moving and powerful time.



add them to areas that already have cribs in place to create a "reef" effect—providing even more cover for juvenile fish and a feeding opportunity for the gamefish. The crib-building takes place at the Lauderdale Landing parking lot. We usually meet Wednesday nights at 5:00pm and work for about 2 hours. This summer we will begin on June 22nd. Please come out and join us! Bring work gloves, a chainsaw if you have one, and protective gear. We lacked a large workforce last summer

(perhaps due to the pandemic) and are looking for young, strong help for this effort. With a good group of volunteers present each night we can usually complete one crib per building session!

donated by The Lauderdale Landing. Another huge shout-out to Marty Healy and all who donated their time and gifts. The LLIA is proud to be a part of this event and we expect



As for the upcoming season, we are going to continue to enhance the fish habitat with more cribs. We plan on building four cribs this season and will



Another staple of the summer is the **Kid's Fish Jamboree**, which will be July 16th this year. Once again, we will hold this in collaboration with the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club Ribfest which will take place later that same afternoon. The registration for the fish contest starts at 7:00am in the Lauderdale Landing parking area and fishing will be from 8:00am to 11:00am. A free lunch is included with each kid's registration fee. As in the past, we will have various programs for your enjoyment during the event, including a grand prize raffle. We will again hold Corky's "School of Fish" for novice anglers and their parents—a program to help parents help their kids to fish from the dock or boat. Registration for the "School of Fish" also begins at 7:00am and will be capped at 15 kids. For a small fee we will provide instruction and a rod/reel combo as well as tackle for the participating kids to keep. The instruction will be provided by our local "guides" and will occur from 9:00am to approximately 10:30am. More information can be found at LLIA.org. As usual, this event can only happen with the help of volunteers. So, if you are interested in helping out please contact me through the LLIA website or stop me at the Lauderdale Landing and I will graciously accept your offer!

Lastly, this fishing season is looking to be a good one from anecdotal observations of fish caught last year as well as during this past ice fishing season. The Bass look healthy and the average size of the panfish, including the Perch caught this winter, are BIG! Plenty of Walleye too. Please...get out there and catch a few!

And remember, take a kid fishing!

Help Track Our Fishery...PLEASE!

The fish committee is inviting all anglers to capture species, size and location of fish caught on Lauderdale Lakes. This information will be invaluable for planning our fish stocking activities. There's a real simple form at <https://llia.org/fish-psd-survey>. Bookmark it so you can enter your info on your phone right from your boat.



History Column

Goodbye Deakin Island Bridge

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Chair

This autumn, the old bridge crossing the short span of water on the east side of Deakin Isle will finally be replaced. While the concrete bridge is not dramatic in appearance, it has served Deakin Isle for more than 100 years and lives in some people's memories as an integral part of their Lauderdale Lakes experience.



The old wooden "Deakin Bridge". This was the one replaced by the current concrete bridge.

The current bridge was built in 1915 and reinforced in 2009-10, when it was clear that the reinforced concrete deck was deteriorating. Lifelong Lakes resident Lorna Stone, who had a house on Deakin Isle until recently, said that discussions to replace the bridge have been underway for quite a long time. The current bridge itself replaced an arched wooden structure called Deakin Bridge that island residents drove their horses and buggies—and later cars—over.



The Deakin Isle bridge that will be replaced this fall.

According to *A History of the Lauderdale Lakes* by Robert Brown and Patricia McCormick, settlers owned Deakin Isle as early as 1839, purchasing it from the U.S. government as part of a larger parcel. Green Island, as it became known, was only cut off from the mainland during high water at the time. The property had passed through a number of hands by 1880, when a D.W. Briggs bought the whole island, selling it the following year to the Beloit Camping Association for \$1500. The group

had a lodge on Deakin Isle, but the History Column did not learn whether a bridge existed in 1881.

Ultimately, the island was divided into lots, and in 1896, Stone's great grandfather, Alex McLachlan of Chicago, bought one for \$350, according to *A History*. McLachlan and the two other lot owners, Walter West of Elkhorn and Judge Charles Bishop of LaGrange, agreed that on the island "no intoxicating liquor could ever be made or sold, no store or building for the purpose of selling merchandise would be erected, and no barns would be built for horses or stock, except one suitable barn to house owners' horses, buggies, and harnesses." Deakin Isle's residential status was assured. It also appears from this statement that the owners could get their horse-drawn vehicles to the island reliably.

James and Julia Ann Deakin of Chicago and Palm Beach, Florida had bought all the island property except McLachlan's by 1902. Their son Earl Deakin, along with others including a McLachlan family member, blasted out the tamarack tree stumps on the west side of the island to form the clear channel that today allows boats to pass between Green and Middle Lakes. Earl Deakin built the large, white house known as The Boathouse that still graces the island. Earl owned a car as early as 1902, possibly adding urgency to the need for a good bridge to Deakin Isle. Earl was one of 300 people listed in Chicago in 1902 as an "Automobilist," according to the current owner and restorer of The Boathouse, Jeff Adams. Earl added a garage onto the house in 1906. In that same year he married Florence McCutcheon of Whitewater. The couple took an automobile tour of the East Coast for two months as their honeymoon, Adams noted.

According to Stone, the current bridge may have been designed by an architect named Bradley, who also had a house on Deakin Isle. Two painted cast concrete columns on the east side of the bridge served as anchors for the railings. Each column was stamped with the words, "DEAKIN ISLE". Today, two concrete feet, or piers, hold up the 45-foot span at points part way across, which means that only boats such as canoes and kayaks can glide underneath. At one time, however, Stone recalled, a small motor boat could pass beneath the bridge at idling speed.

Stone recalls the bridge fondly from her youth. She said that someone had placed two benches at mid-span that faced each other across the roadway. In the 1950s and 60s not many cars

traversed the bridge, so she and her friends played games, running from bench to bench across the road, fishing from the span or sitting out there at night, where both lakes were visible. Even earlier, back to the 1920s and before, Stone said, there had been a spot for tethering horses just off the bridge on the island side. On the island's Green Lake shore just past the bridge was a community diving board and well that were frequently in use.

The engineering firm, Michael Baker International of Madison, Wisconsin, will oversee construction of the new bridge. Plans for the design and construction are being finalized, and Jason Sadowski, lead engineer on the project, said he has coordinated closely with the Wisconsin DNR, which wants to preserve Lauderdale's very good water quality. "A project like this is very invasive to the waters it crosses, but a lot of effort has been put



The photograph shows the car of Earl Deakin of Chicago at Palm Beach, in which he is making a tour of the country, picking up a collection of license plates and "wise cracks" (inscribed on the car) on the way. A newspaper photo from 1906 of Earl Deakin's car, which he was using during his wedding tour. Cars were probably a major reason for replacing the wooden bridge with a concrete one to Deakin Isle.

in to minimize discharge into the lake," Sadowski wrote. The contract states that the lakebed will be fully restored when the project is done. This means, Sadowski said, that the lakebed around the bridge will be improved over its current state to encourage fish spawning in the area.

Adams said he's been notified that while the new bridge is under construction, island residents will need to park on the mainland. A small walking bridge will be provided for them to cross on. Adams said he was told the project should take 6-8 weeks to complete.

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.

Dear readers: I thought you might enjoy a few pictures that I took while kayaking into an environmentally sensitive area on the southwestern-most end of Middle Lake. Years ago, I was able to take my pontoon all the way into the cove, but now only electric trolling motors are legal. Today, a kayak, canoe, or similar shallow draft dreadnought will navigate the shallowest spots especially when the lakes are low.

My favorite kayak run starts in the stumps on the south side of Middle Lake where the no-wake zone begins. From there you can paddle through the stumps (which were trees until the dam was built) and turn north through the lily pads towards the narrow and shallow channel into the cove. The pictures show the kayak entering the channel; the only boat at the only pier in the cove; returning on the same channel; and the easterly view when you're leaving along the shoreline.

I hope that others will want to enjoy a beautiful part of the lake that is seldom seen.

Happy paddling,
Jim Dion



Photos above by Jim Dion



Geese are back. Photo by Kathleen Henderson.



Sand Hill Crane nesting on our lakes, there will be two colts joining our community. Photo by Kathleen Henderson.

Lake House Fixin's

Best Ever Creamy Coleslaw

Hands down, the best. Easy to make... just one secret ingredient makes all the difference.

Submitted by Jack Elliott

Ingredients

- 1 14-oz. bag of fresh coleslaw mix
- ½ C. mayonnaise
- ¼ C. sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. seasoned salt
- ½ tsp. ground mustard
- ½ tsp. celery seeds
- 1 small can crushed pineapple, well drained

Directions

Put coleslaw mix in a large bowl. In a separate small bowl, combine all remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour over slaw and mix well. Refrigerate as long as possible before serving. Yield: 8 servings.



Barred Owl napping in Petersen Island Woods Preserve. Photo by Herb Sharpless.

Other Lake Organizations

Wisconsin Plants: Beasts and Beauties

By Rory Klick, KMLT Managing Director

Often we hear about the invasive weeds that need to be controlled in our region—plants like garlic mustard, buckthorn and reed canary grass—the “beasts” of the landscape. But maybe we don’t take the time to enjoy the “beauties,” those lovely native flowers that remind us spring is finally here. Nestled among Lauderdale Lakes is Petersen Island Woods Preserve, a native oak woodland remnant being managed to fight the beasts and promote the beauties. There is a great trail with several entrances, and May is the time to explore and search for a few of the special plants that can be found there. The list below highlights spring blooming wildflowers, many of which are ephemeral and only visible for a short time before the canopy above fills in and makes the woodland floor too shady.

Spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)—a tiny 5-petaled white flower tinged with pink that is 4-6” tall, and has narrow, grass-like leaves. It’s a bulb that spreads, so it tends to tolerate some disturbance and still persist.

Trout lily (*Erythronium albidum*)—a delicate bell-like flower with 5 reflexed white petals showing bright yellow stamen. It’s easily found because of its green and maroon mottled leaves that look like the skin of a trout and are about 5-8” tall; there’s also a species of *Erythronium* with yellow flowers and similar mottled leaves.



Hepatica

Sharp-lobed hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*)—very early to emerge, with dark, almost burgundy leaves that have 3 pointed lobes; tiny pink to lavender flower rise up only about 3-4” tall on very fuzzy stems.

Virginia bluebell (*Mertensia virginica*)—

one of our more famous woodland wildflowers, the buds start purple-pink but open to tiny blue bell-like flowers in clusters; soft green leaves look almost like leaf lettuce, and the plants spread over time to form large drifts, but only in moister areas that have not been disturbed by human activity or compacted.



Mayapple

Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)—another species more tolerant of disturbance, so

more commonly found; this plant has dramatic leaves like small umbrellas about the size of

a dinner plate, with two leaves held up on one Y-shaped stem about 20-30” tall; at the Y-apex, one stunning white flower blooms before forming a small “apple” fruit about the size of a small lime.

Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)—another very early bloomer, this pure white flower has 8-10 petals and the scalloped leaf is wrapped tightly around the stem like a cloak as it comes up from the ground, unfurling as the plant matures to about 4-6” tall; its name comes from the red sap that will color what it touches if the stems or leaves are crushed.

Red trillium (*Trillium recurvatum*)—a distinctive whorl of 3 mottled leaves from a single stem, about 9-12” tall, with 3 deep red petals forming the flower in the center.



Red Trillium

These are only a few of the amazing woodland wildflowers from our area—there are dozens more. Check out a good woodland plant field guide to learn more, or browse <http://www.wildflowers-of-wisconsin.com/> To explore with a guide, join Kettle Moraine Land Trust for a woodland wildflower hike on May 10 - details and registration online.

THE KETTLE MORaine LAND TRUST EVENT SCHEDULE

By Rory Klick, KMLT Managing Director

Saturday, May 7, 8:30-10:00 a.m. Our Mother’s Day weekend annual bird hike will be led by Kevin Dickey, chapter president for the Lakeland Audubon Society, and Ken Klick, professional restoration ecologist for the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Meet at Price Park at 8:30 a.m. for conversation, coffee and muffins, then head out to enjoy the birds at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m. “Walk and Talk” field program – Join us for one of the field-based sessions from our *Talking about Nature* monthly series. Early May is a great time to enjoy woodland wildflowers, and we’ll tour our Petersen Island Woods Preserve to see what’s in bloom, and chat a bit about plant identification and woodland ecology.

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m. “Armchair Conservation” virtual program – Shoreline and streambank plants and plantings will be the topic for our June virtual session from our *Talking about Nature* monthly series. Join us online via Zoom for to learn more about the plants that live along wet shorelines and streambanks, and serve a range of functions like erosion control, water quality improvement and habitat provision.

Saturday, June 18, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Wildlife for All annual event – This year we’ll feature a speaker about local reptiles and amphibians, with a fun program geared for adults and children. Join us at Natureland Park in the picnic shelter, and learn more about these fascinating creatures and the habitats they need.

Saturday, July 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m. “Let’s Go Outside” family programs (kids ages 5-12 with an adult) – Join us for the kid-centric segment of our *Talking about Nature* monthly series, late Saturday morning from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for a special “Art in the Prairie” session at Price Park. We’ll have colored pencil drawing lessons from professional artist Kathleen Garness, and focus on the seasonal colors and textures of the prairie.

Also each month, we hold an informal full moon walk at various preserves, and a 4th Saturday stewardship workday. For more information, additional events and registration details, please visit our website, kmlandtrust.org.

The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club: On To Another Great Season

By JJ Jilek, LLYC Commodore

The 2022 theme for the LLYC is "Bringing the Lake Together". This year we plan to combine several of our events with other groups on the lake for the enjoyment of all.

If you are looking to make the most of our lake, join the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club. We have a new team, planning a lot of fun events this summer:

Commodore JJ Jilek
 Vice Commodore Linda Johnson
 Rear Commodore Anthony Cecola
 Secretary Cindy Klima
 Treasurer Anne LaBarge
 Safety & Education Secretary Patti Jilek
 Marketing Master Chief Officer Patti Brose
 Fireworks Lieutenant Commanders Jeff Angst and Andy Brown

The 4th of July Fireworks, which will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, are organized by the LLYC and are mostly funded through donations by the homeowners on the lake. Please contribute generously to this incredible event.



Commodore JJ Jilek gives a thumbs up to an upcoming summer of great Yacht Club events.

The 2022 schedule of events:

- May 28** Lake Boat Parade. All are welcome to join in or cheer from the shores.
- June 4** Cocktails with the Commodore. Everyone on the lake is welcome to attend this fun event.
- June 18** Rock in the Bay. Tie up in Sterlingworth Bay and enjoy the music.

- July 2** LLYC 4th of July firework celebration. The biggest event of the summer.
- July 16** LLIA Kids Fish Jamboree tied in with the annual LLYC Rib Fest. A great day on the lake for all.
- Aug 6** Venetian Night. Decorate a boat or your shoreline.
- Aug 19** Pleasant Lake TGIF party. Bring a dish and come over to Pleasant Lake.
- Aug 27** LLYC Golf Outing. Always a great time.
- Sept 10** The Ball that Ended it All. Come to LLCC and enjoy a night of Bingo under the stars.

The LLYC is now able to accept payment for dues, donations, and merchandise through Zelle.

Watch for our mailing coming soon, and join the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club. For more information, go to our website, llyclub.com.

News From The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

By Ben Johnson, LLSC Commodore

Hello Spring!!! The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club hopes you all had a safe and warm winter. Now it's time to get the boats ready for on-water action and our 55th season!



Big Race!

Our 2022 Season Kick-Off Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 29th at 10am**. If you sail or are interested in learning how to sail, come on out and meet our friendly and supportive group (contacts below). We can help you with getting started in sailing or just learning what it's all about. The Club has several non-sailing members who enjoy watching the races each Sunday, helping with the Race Committee and attending social events throughout the summer. Our racing season will kick off the following Sunday and we race every Sunday through September.

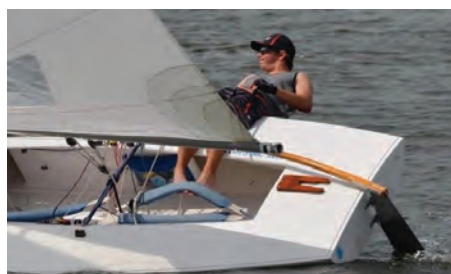
If you have any questions about the Sailing Club, including the Kick-Off Meeting details, please



Jack Sorenson hiking

reach out to one of us or visit our website, lauderdalelakesailingclub.com. Thank you and see you on the water.

Commodore:
 Ben Johnson (22.johnson.22@gmail.com)
 Vice Commodore:
 Bob Wojda (wojda@wsmediaworks.com)



Michael Engel hiking

2022 Racing Schedule

- May 29** Kick Off Meeting (Memorial Day Weekend)
- June 5** Cartland Trophy
- June 12** Club Race
- June 19** Walsh Trophy (Father's Day)
- June 26** LLYC Regatta (1st race)
- July 3** Beisswanger Trophy
- July 10** Ladies Appreciation Trophy
- July 17** LLYC Regatta (2nd race)
- July 24** Ingleside Cup
- July 31** Bradley Trophy (Middle Lake)
- Aug 7** Melges Cup
- Aug 14** LLYC Regatta (3rd race)
- Aug 21** Bud Weiser Trophy
- Aug 28** Ro Jo Trophy (Mill Lake)
- Sept 4** Des Johnson Trophy (Labor Day Weekend)
- Sept 11** Harry S. Truman (all 3 lakes) & Awards Picnic

Races begin at 10am in Green Lake unless notified otherwise.

Water Ski Show Team Schedule

By Leslie Gostomski, SWU Vice President

In 2018 the Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers and Whitewater Lakes Sports Club merged, forming the ONLY water ski show team in Walworth County! The 2022 ski season is fast approaching and the Southern Wakes United Water Ski Show Team (SWU) is ready to entertain YOU!

So what's the plan for 2022? We plan to perform at the Lauderdale Landing on the following Fridays from 6-7pm: 6/10, 6/24, 7/1, 7/29, 8/12, and 8/26. The full show schedule can be found on our website, SouthernWakesUnited.com.



If you are interested in joining SWU, contact us at membership@southernwakesunited.com. You do not need to have your own equipment or any experience at all! Members on our team range from 6-75, so grab the family and join us for some fun in the sun! SWU is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Summer Events at Lutherdale

By Jeff Bluhm, Lutherdale Executive Director

- Summer Camp Programs for youth grades K-12 starting June 19 and run through August 10. 
- Summer Open House Saturday, June 11, 10:00am to 6:00pm.
- Dinners at the Lake 
 - ★ Dine in or Carry Out Wisconsin Fish Fry
 - ★ Fridays, June 17, July 29, August 12, 4:30pm to 7:00pm
- Annual Quilt Auction August 13, 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Aging Mastery Program in Partnership with UW-Extension (This is a series that will be held on June 22, July 13, August 3, August 24, and September 7th).

For detailed information on any of these events, visit our website at lutherdale.org.

Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

New Speed Limit Signs Posted

The Speed Limit on all Town roads around the lakes is now 25 mph. Signage has been posted and please drive safely within the speed limit.

Important: New Property Address Signs Coming Soon

The newly established Town Ordinance that requires all lake front riparian homeowners to have their property sign on both the lake side

and street side will be implemented this summer. The Town has purchased a new sign for each riparian property owner. The signs will be distributed to homes in June and the property owner is requested to install their Lakeside sign according to instructions provided with the sign.

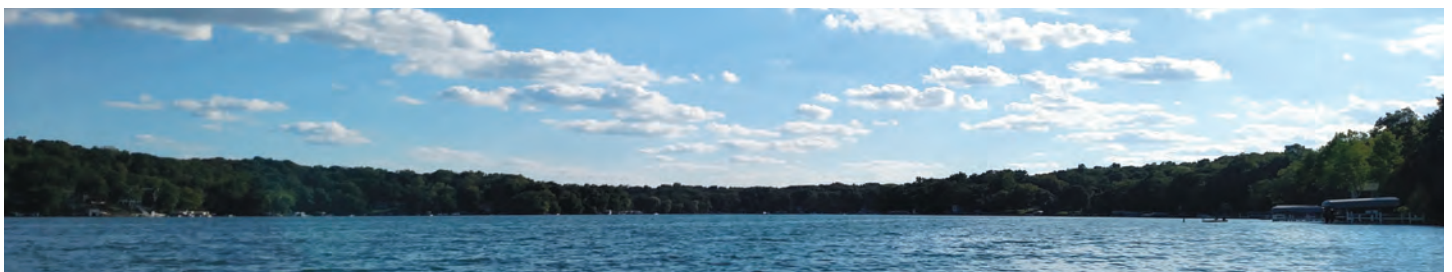
Tragic Accident

This spring the LaGrange Fire Department responded to the tragic explosion of the work barge on Middle Lake at the end of Stewart Drive. The incident resulted in the death of one person and injuries to

two others. Firefighters recommend that you please inspect your boats carefully and regularly to assure no fuel leaks from any location as it could result in a fire or explosion.

Buoy, Oh Buoy

Slow no wake buoys are placed strategically by the Town of LaGrange. These buoys are not to be moved by residents. If you see a damaged buoy or believe there is a problem with a buoy please contact Don Sukala, (262.215.3700) Town of LaGrange Supervisor, to resolve this issue.



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

By Dean Bostrom, LLLMD Chairman

Municipal Land Planning Committee

The Lake District Board approved the formation of a Municipal Land Planning Committee and appointed the following Lake District residents to serve on the Committee: Jack Sorenson—Chairman, Paulie Lopardo, Scott Rhyan, Linda Johnson, Jake Jacobson, Andy Brown and Jim Kroepelin —Board Liaison. The mission of the Committee is to research, evaluate and develop recommendations within the Lake District’s Municipal Area including the Golf Clubhouse, Maintenance and Community Center buildings, and land uses including parking, septic system, storm water management and potential tennis court/pickle ball courts. After evaluating whether to rebuild or remodel, it was unanimously recommended that the clubhouse be torn down and rebuilt in the same location. Furthermore, it was recommended to try to save or replicate the fireplace and maintain the same charm within the same size building footprint.

The Board unanimously agreed with the initial recommendation of the Committee and authorized the Committee to start interviewing architectural firms and to recommend the Board hire an architect firm to design a new fully accessible clubhouse that could be open year-round. Detailed updates on the progress of the Municipal Land Planning Committee will be made available to all lake residents on the Lake District’s website.

Red Line—Route 12/67

At a recent Wisconsin Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) meeting

with the Department of Transportation, the Route 12/67 Red Line project was removed from the list of approved Major Highway Studies. This action by the TPC terminates further viability of the Red Line project unless their decision is reversed by influencing individuals. The Lake District is sending letters to our state representatives to try and gain legislative support to reinstate the Red Line project with the new federal transportation available funds.

Golf Course

New at the golf course this year is a cart path leading to hole #5 tee boxes, new forward tee boxes on holes # 3, 5 and 8, and the restored grass areas adjacent to the sand traps. Golf and cart fees have increased to reflect the increased cost of fuel and operational costs.

Boat Launch Parking

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

The Lake District has received a second grant from DNR for additional shoreline restoration in Don Jean Bay. The DNR has allowed us to reduce the scope of the first project to try to stay within budget and the second grant will allow for additional restoration. Projects were sent out for bid in mid-April with construction occurring in the summer and fall.

Watershed Plan

There were several Zoom meetings held last fall for the watershed plan. Our consultant has completed the plan and a copy of it is available on the website. The DNR is in the process of reviewing the plan to make sure it addresses the items listed in the grant. We will begin to look at the recommendations for improvements to see how items can be implemented. Please review the plan on the website and feel free to contact Jim Kroepelin with any questions.

2022 Greens Fees		
	Walking	Riding
Weekends And Holidays:		
9 Holes	\$17	\$24
18 Holes	\$24	\$34
Weekdays:		
9 Holes	\$16	\$23
18 Holes	\$20	\$30
Twilight (After 2:00):	\$15	\$22
Seniors (Over 60):		
Monday - Friday		
9 Holes	\$13	\$20
18 Holes	\$18	\$28
Juniors (15 & Under): \$10 For 9 Holes w/Cart		
Weekdays & Weekends After 11:00		
\$7 Mondays (After 8:30)	\$7	\$14
Wednesdays & Fridays: Twilight Rates Run All Day!*		
*Maximum 18 Holes		

Water Safety Patrol

The Water Safety Patrol had a busy 2021. Chief Ken Blanke retired at the end of June and our new Chief, Chris St Claire, 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 Lake District Board to allow 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 in keeping our lakes safe. The Body Camera Policy is available on the website.

Dam

The dam continues to operate as designed. The new improvements are functioning well and provide a much safer structure. Our water levels have been a little lower than previous years, due to a lack of rain, 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. A bi-annual inspection will be completed by our consultant sometime this spring or early summer. Feel free to stop by the dam to see how our lake levels are controlled. National Dam Safety Awareness Day is May 31. Put it on your calendar and celebrate!

Mechanical Weed Harvesting

The new harvester and the 5th wheel weed hauling trailer will be delivered mid-May. We have completed the ownership transfer of the transport barge to the yacht club. Our seasoned crew will begin harvesting just after Memorial Day. It generally seemed that harvesting in June is not that productive as plant material is not that plentiful; however, DNR indicated that the aggressive invasive plants are 1st to emerge and stress/overtake the desired native plants. Harvesting in June removes these invasive plants and allows light down to the native plants. We generally commence harvesting in Don Jean Bay and move in a counterclockwise

direction. When it looks like we will be getting near your property, and if you have any rafts or water toys beyond your pierhead, if possible, temporarily relocate those items behind your pierhead. This will allow us to do a more thorough harvesting of plants beyond your pierhead. As always, our permit does not allow us to harvest the navigation lanes in sensitive areas until after June 30.

Potential Changes Related to Water Skiing?

The Lake Management District will be sending out an email survey in May to get your feedback on possible revision of the boating ordinance relating to water skiing. Please keep an eye out for that email to provide your input. If you have not signed up to receive Lake District email updates, please go to their website at lauderdalelakedistrict.com and click the "SUBSCRIBE" button.





ShoreLines

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