



ShoreLines

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New LLIA President Elected

Long-time lake resident, Rich Siok, was elected the new LLIA President by the Board at the April 24, 2021 Directors meeting.

"It is a real honor to be elected President. The LLIA was formed way back in 1902 to improve lake conditions. While my family's history at Lauderdale doesn't go back quite that far, I first came to Lauderdale in the 60's when my dad would rent a boat from Riola's and take us fishing. We were always fascinated with the clarity of the water and the abundance of fish. Eventually, mom and dad began camping at Luebke's Resort. In 1979 they built their retirement home in Pebble Beach. Mom and dad are now gone, but this is still where our family loves to get together and play together," said Rich.

Rich assumes leadership as LLIA membership surpasses 700 and the organization is in great shape financially. Rich's first order of business was to chair the LLIA Annual meeting at Lutherdale on June 12, 2021.

The meeting was a success in spite of low attendance due to COVID-19 restrictions. Rich thanked all those who made the extra effort to attend and he offered special thanks to outgoing President, Debbie Ferrari, for her hard work, countless



Rich & Nila Siok enjoying a day at the lake

hours, and devotion to the LLIA organization. For the past 4 years, Debbie has done a terrific job leading the organization while spearheading publication of the LLIA Directory and the "new and improved" newsletter you're now reading.

Meanwhile, if you've ever considered becoming a bit more active in lake activities, give us a call or shoot us an email. Maybe you'd like to become an LLIA Director in your neighborhood or you'd like to volunteer for any of our various sub-committees like fishing or water quality or communications. Please contact Rich Siok directly at lauderdaleimprovementpresident@gmail.com or use the contact button on the LLIA.org website.



Members attended the Annual Meeting in the pavilion at Lutherdale in June

At a glance...

- **Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, September 4. Registration starts at 9:30am.
- **Watch for the wooden boat parade** on Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, September 4. The boats will depart from the Sterlingworth at 4:30 and cruise the shorelines of all lakes.
- **Antique Flea Market**, 7am to 3pm on September 26th at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.
- **The Annual Oktoberfest**. Free, 9am to 5pm, October 16 at Veterans Park—downtown Elkhorn. Crafts, antiques, wine/beer tasting, car show, local & German cuisine, live music and more.
- **The Yacht Club will hold its "Final Fall Fling—Western Style"** on Saturday, September 25th at the "Bunker" at Evergreen CC. Watch for the flyer.

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.

You may not realize how invaluable your LLIA Directory is!

The new Directory came out in June. Yes, it's fun to look up friends and neighbors as you motor around the lakes. But, if you take a few extra minutes to thumb through the first sections of the directory you'll find a wealth of important information—like the dos and don'ts of shoreline zoning and general ordinances that all property owners should know about—some of which are unique to Lauderdale Lakes. Take a peek. You just might discover something new.

LLIA Special Reports

Tips On Healthy Waterfront Gardening

by Sue Markus and Elisabeth Partyka, LLIA Directors

Before our lakeshores were settled by Europeans, almost all rainfall was taken up naturally and less than 1% ended up flowing directly into waterways. The shores were heavily forested and the land had topography. Over the years, trees and plants have been cleared, land has been flattened and compacted, lawns have been planted. Small cabins have been replaced by ever larger houses and increased hard surfaces like driveways, walkways, and decks. With significantly less natural rainfall absorption resources, we now are seeing twenty to thirty times the amount of surface runoff flowing directly into our lakes.

About 70% of all water pollution in our lakes comes from storm water run-off: petroleum products from driveways and roofs, harmful chemicals from sealing products, fertilizers, pesticides, lawn clippings, septic system seepage, and animal waste. A ready indicator of such pollution are algae levels which thrive on nutrients coming from shoreland fertilizers. Algae blocks sunlight for plants and wildlife, choking it out with the resulting green cloudy water.

A key factor in keeping our lakes beautiful and enjoyable is for each of us to responsibly manage our lakeshore properties. Two practices in particular that can significantly reduce run-off are rain gardens and shoreline buffer gardens. Both of these leverage native plants. The beauty of landscaping with native plants is that these varieties are accustomed to the weather and soil conditions in our area and most are deep rooted. Be sure to site the plant in its preferred sun exposure, and you're well on your way to a trouble-free garden that thrives year-after-year.

We are extremely lucky to have several organizations here in southeastern Wisconsin providing resources for healthy waterfront gardening. Here is a quick summary of some of these resources. You can also go to our website, LLIA.org, under the "Endeavors" and then "Property" tabs for quick links to the websites.



Williams Bay 2004, photo: Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (dnr.wisconsin.gov) has many resources on their website. Among them is a program called Healthy Lakes & Rivers (healthylakeswi.com) aimed at improving habitat and water quality with five simple and inexpensive projects for our shoreland properties. You'll find several tools, including fact sheets, self-evaluation checklists, planting guides, FAQs and even grant monies to cover installation expenses and some technical assistance.

Geneva Lake Conservancy (genevalakeconservancy.org/) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands, open spaces and the unique character and quality of life in Walworth County. Their resources include a Shoreline Buffer booklet, native plant recommendations, and a Conservation@Home program that helps property owners protect and create yards that are environmentally friendly. You can also schedule a visit to your property to provide hands-on advice (the visit is free for GLC members, \$25 for non-members).

University of Wisconsin Madison-Extension Horticulture Program (hort.extension.wisc.edu) provides loads of education, resources and decision-making tools to home gardeners. They also provide a wide range of technical support like soil testing and analysis, plant disease diagnostics, etc. Along with articles, webinars and fact sheets, there is also a calendar of educational events.

Water quality update: Lookin' good!

by Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair

The 2021 water testing season on Lauderdale Lakes is in full swing! We have collected a dozen sets of data and have submitted 3 out of 4 sets of samples to the WDNR for Phosphorous and Chlorophyll analysis. We have some data from the samples posted on the SWIMS website and, so far, the 2021 data appears to be similar to the results from recent years.

The summer algae bloom appears to be very average this year. Visually, it's easy to see the algae provided you have sufficient sunlight and calm waters. The Chlorophyll results so far this year are consistent with a modest to average algae bloom.

Secchi Disc readings (water clarity) in May, June and July are higher than normal for all three lakes. The recent 5-year average for Green Lake is 11.5 feet. Our 2021 Data is averaging 17+ feet, or 5 feet above our recent 5-year average readings! Middle Lake is also running above average. Thus far in 2021, we are averaging 12.0 feet of water clarity compared to a 5-year average reading of 9.0 feet. Mill Lake's 2021 average is edging slightly higher than normal, averaging 7.5 feet vs. a 5-year average of 7.0 feet of water clarity.

2021 testing/data continues to show the presence of a metalimnetic chlorophyll maxima or heterograde. The difference in 2021 is that it has occurred in all three lakes. While much more prevalent in Green and Middle Lakes, Mill Lake had signs of this event this past spring/early summer. What this means is that we have elevated dissolved oxygen readings, at 15 to 30-foot depths. We first noticed this phenomenon back in 2015 and it appears to be well established in our lakes. As we progress towards mid-August, it seems to dissipate OR is isolated to specific pockets of water in our lakes. Please don't be alarmed. There's nothing to worry about with respect to this phenomenon.

See you on the lake!

How to Safely Take a Bite Out of the Mosquito Population

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran and Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA Committee Chairs

Having a "place" on Lauderdale is a great privilege. Our lakes are an escape that feels like the North Woods. We can boat, fish and lounge on or near the water. But, one annoyance that comes with that privilege is, of course, summertime mosquitoes. While hiring a spray service may seem like an easy way to control them, the chemicals these services spray, almost entirely pyrethrin based compounds like *permethrin*, are toxic to beneficial insects and other animals that help make our lakes so special. With privilege comes responsibility. To keep our lakes healthy and natural, please consider the following information from the EPA Fact Sheet:

- Permethrin is a member of the pyrethroid class of pesticides. It alters nerve function by modifying the normal biochemistry and physiology of nerve membranes.
- Permethrin is highly toxic to fish, invertebrates and sediment organisms. And, according to the National Pesticide Information Center, permethrin may stay on plant leaves for between 1 and 3 weeks, and when it gets into surface water it sticks very strongly to sediment and can stay there for more than a year.

- Permethrin toxicity data show that the compound is highly toxic to honeybees, as well as other beneficial insects.

Learn other ways to control mosquito populations, as detailed in the article that follows. Reprinted from Lake Tides, Volume 45, No. 3, Summer/Fall 2020.

NOTE: While permethrin is "registered" for use by the EPA, discussion covers mainly its use in agricultural setting and public use to pre-treat fabrics (to prevent disease carried by mosquitoes). The significant risks above are cited as ecological concerns where urban runoff occurs.

Did you know killing mosquitoes with pesticides can kill other beneficial insects?

DYK

This summer, several waterfront property owners in northern Wisconsin complained that the *Galerucella* beetles, that were providing bio-control of the invasive purple loosestrife plant in their lake, died off after a neighbor had their yard treated with pesticides to kill mosquitoes.

Wisconsin Extension staff did some sleuthing and spoke with Bernd Blossey, an associate professor of natural resources at Cornell University in New York state. Bernd said, "We have seen dramatic die-offs of the *Galerucella* (purple loosestrife beetles) in two areas sprayed for mosquitoes. In both places, thriving populations disappeared and it took many years for them to recover. There is nothing published that I know of, but this includes aerial spraying, not larvicides."

Having your yard sprayed for mosquitoes can also harm other insects that many people value. Karen Oberhauser, who has studied monarch butterflies for 30 years, published a study in 2006 finding that monarch caterpillars and adults are likely to be killed if exposed to a pesticide used for mosquito control. She found that many monarch caterpillars died even if the leaves they ate were sprayed up to 21 days earlier.

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Protect yourself and your loved ones from mosquito-borne illnesses by:

- Cleaning buckets, tires, or other mosquito "breeding ponds" on your property.
- Creating habitat that invites mosquito predators like bats, purple martins, and dragonflies.
- Wearing appropriate outdoor clothing and repellent.
- Avoiding outside activities at dawn and dusk when most mosquitoes feed.
- Helping your community create an effective mosquito management plan.

Are "organic" sprays safe?

Some companies that spray for mosquitoes offer an "organic" spray that contains chrysanthemum oil, claiming it isn't harmful to other insects. Chrysanthemum oil contains pyrethrins, which are highly toxic to honeybees and fish. There are no definitions for the term "organic" related to lawn and garden products, so any service can make this claim. To know if a spray or treatment is safe, you need to get a full list of ingredients and look them up.

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Corky's Corner

There's nothing fishy about how great it's going.

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

This is Corky with your summer update from the Fish Committee. We are in the dog days of summer and I am writing this from the lovely Northwoods, getting my last bit of summer break in. First, I'd like to update you on the Kid's Jamboree event we hosted this summer. It was a blast and the kids all enjoyed themselves! We had 36 kids enter the Jamboree this year, down a bit from usual but a success nonetheless. Five children enrolled

Smiles all around for winners of the fish contest!



Older age group



Younger age group

in Corky's "School of Fish" and they all caught fish from the dock at the Lauderdale Landing. During the contest, many nice fish were caught, the largest being a 23-inch Northern Pike. All contestants received a big bucket of great prizes. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made the event awesome and special thanks to Marty Healy

from Lauderdale Landing for hosting the event and providing lunch for the kids.

The Yacht Club and the Fish Committee also hosted the BBQ Ribfest contest and we had a great turnout. 135 people got to travel by boat to 5 piers that cooked ribs and prepared sides for the participating



An experienced fisherman on our lake, Mike Barnett, helping the next generation as a part of Corky's School of Fish.

boats. If you missed it, look for it next year because it was a blast! There was an after-party at the Landing and we had a raffle to raise some money



2021 Kid's Fish Jamboree Participants

for both the Yacht Club and the Fish Stocking Fund. Thanks to all the Yacht Club Officers who helped make the event a new tradition not to miss!

Meanwhile, our plan is to stock Smallmouth Bass and Perch again this year. The perch fishery is really taking off and I have heard of several nice catches of perch in the 10-12 inch range! We hope to add to the already great panfish opportunities Lauderdale offers, both open water and ice fishing. Who doesn't enjoy a fish fry with fresh filets right from the lake? Speaking of the Smallmouth fishery, I have heard of several BIG Smallies caught this season, with the largest being 21 inches! Now that's a BIG Smallie and hopefully we'll see more like it! The smallmouth are hanging out along rocky shorelines and I have been getting them on tube jigs and crankbaits.

We are also slated to receive 15,000-plus walleye extended growth fingerlings this fall from the Wisconsin DNR as part of the Sentinel Lakes program. We are excited and privileged to be part of this program. We are included due to the outstanding water quality of Lauderdale Lakes and the habitat our lakes possess to support a fantastic fishery. We have seen a moderate amount of Walleye spawning, with many fish in the 10-15 inch range caught this summer. Those walleyes have reproduced naturally in Lauderdale Lakes because we have not stocked walleyes for four years now. We are excited to be receiving the fingerlings and hope to be on a two year cycle with the program again after the Covid interruption.

Lastly, I would like to reach out to you for assistance with fish crib help next season. I would like to thank all who volunteered this season with the construction of two large fish cribs. We plan to drop the cribs in Green

Lake this year, and this will bring the total number of cribs in Lauderdale to 36! We build cribs on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm, usually beginning after Memorial Day and continue through late July. We also try to have at least one Saturday session as well to accommodate volunteers who cannot make Wednesdays. Our turnout this year was very low and without the assistance of volunteers we cannot provide the lake community with the level of habitat creation needed to support a healthy fishery. As a result of low turnout this year we were only able to construct 2 cribs instead of the usual 4 that we like to build every season. If you help construct them you also will know where they are placed! And let me tell you, the cribs are a real



Some of the strapping young men who helped with 2021 crib building. They need your help in 2022 to continue this important program!

fish magnet! Please assist next year in any way possible, be it a donation to the fish committee or what we really need, physical labor! Again, thanks to all who volunteered with the Fish Committee in any capacity this season and I look forward to the ice fishing season and Fishapalooza 2022!

And remember, don't forget to take a kid fishing!

History Column

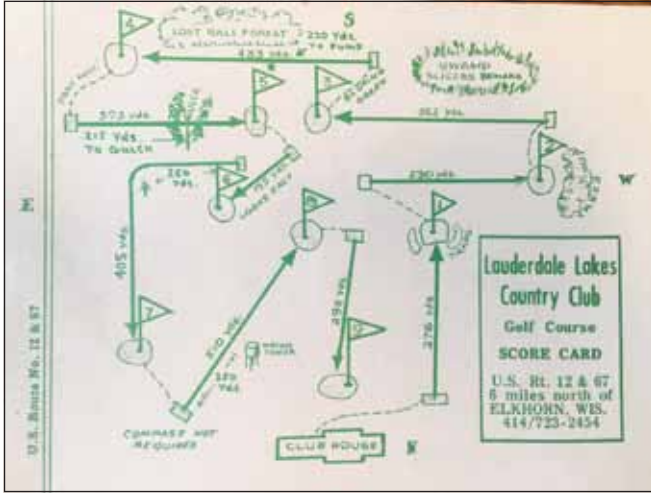
Lauderdale's Golf Course at 100

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Chair

This year, the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club and Golf Course is celebrating 100 years since its founding. Because of the value of



the land around our lakes for private ownership, the course has had to be saved several times in its history to become the valuable open space and recreational facility it is now. At various times, forward thinking citizens banded together to invest in its preservation and continued use. The History Column published the details



of this history with a guest column by Jerry Petersen in the August 2007 issue of *Shorelines*. The column can be found on the LLIA website.

The 9-hole course opened in 1921 as part of the nearby Sterlingworth Hotel and covered 2,680 yards. According to the website, its “smaller greens and narrow, undulating fairways” among mature trees are typical of 1920s courses. Part of the existing clubhouse for the course was built in the ‘20s. In the 1930s Middle Lake resident Edward Hawks Ravenscroft bought the course and redesigned it into its existing configuration, which covers 2,973 yards.

Each hole in the early days had a name: Lakeview; Apple Blossom; Twin Oaks; Hillside; San Juan; Devil’s Gulch; Blind Pig; Meadow; and Thistledown. San Juan and Blind Pig were Par 3s, while the rest were Par 4. Although the holes have new names now, they

pay homage to the course’s history.

Mr. Ravenscroft shuttered the course during World War II, since few holiday seekers could get to Lauderdale. After the war, several interested community members, including Jerry Petersen’s father, Waldemar, Chuck Morton of Greenhurst on Green Lake and Clyde Leasley on

Middle Lake, joined with others to purchase the course and run it.

In subsequent decades, the Lauderdale course changed hands a few more times, again rescued by concerned Lakes residents. The



Lauderdale Lakes Management District bought it in 1996 to prevent condominium development on the land. In 2012, the Myers family provided funds to renovate the historic water tower on the course as well as adding rain shelters and a park in honor of Mr. Ravenscroft’s contributions. The course has been placed in a conservancy so that future development cannot happen and the course will remain for all to enjoy for many generations. Please enjoy this memorabilia from the course through time.

Member's Post

Oh, Say, Did You See...The 2021 Fireworks Show?

Submitted by Laura Allen, LLYC Fireworks Committee



Oh say did YOU see? Photo by John & Jean Henderson

Every year since 1978, the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club (LLYC) has presented an Independence Day fireworks display over Don Jean Bay! The 2021 Fireworks Show was simply fantastic. Hopefully, you tuned into WLKG 96.1 to hear the patriotic musical simulcast. It definitely enhances the experience.

A special shout out goes to The Boat House of Lauderdale Lakes for their generous assistance and use of the marina and barges to transport the fireworks to Don Jean Bay. We are always grateful to the homeowners who stepped up to contribute. And a big round of applause to Jeff Angst and Andy Brown who worked tirelessly to make sure this event came off smoothly. In case you didn't know, the fireworks are 100% funded by donations. No tax dollars are used for this special lake tradition. If you haven't given in past years, please consider doing so in the future so that we can continue this tradition. Expenses grow larger every year and your donation is critical to success. Please express your gratitude to the businesses that donated - they can be found on the LLYC website at llyclub.com.

Mark your calendars now for next year's show scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2022. Bonnie and Bill Speers won the drawing to select a song for the 2022 show. If you want a shot at choosing a song in future years, you only need to make a donation of \$100 or more to be included in the drawing.

If you'd like to be a part of the fireworks committee or wish to make a donation for 2022, please contact Jeff Angst at jangst@phoenix.textile.com.



MANY people DID see! Photo by John & Jean Henderson



Meet Victor, a bald eagle that was part of KMLT's "Talking About Nature" event held 6/19 at Lutherdale. Photo by Dave DeAngelis

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.



Our Lauderdale eaglets...my how they've grown!
Photos by Ken Klancnik



Lake House Fixin's

Cheesy Ham Chowder

*Everyone loves this chowder.
Rich, delicious and EASY.
Submitted by: Mary Howard*

Ingredients:

- 10 strips of bacon, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- 1-1/2 cups chicken stock
- 2-1/2 cups cubed potatoes
- 1 15 oz. can whole kernel corn or 2 ears fresh
- Pepper to taste (no need for salt)
- 3 cups shredded mild cheddar
- 2 cups cubes cooked ham

Directions:

1. In a dutch oven, cook bacon until crisp. Remove to drain.
2. In the drippings, sauté onion and carrots until tender.
3. Stir in flour until blended.
4. Gradually add milk and chicken stock.
5. Bring to a boil, cook and stir until thickened.
6. Add potatoes, corn, pepper. Simmer uncovered about 20 minutes until tender.
7. Add cheese, ham, bacon and warm until cheese is melted.



Sunset sail on Middle Lake. Photo by Patty Hargrave

Other Lake Organizations

Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

By Glenn Hansen, LLSC Commodore

It is so great to get back out on the water. Not a lot of rain this spring, but we are making up for it now. We have had somewhat steady breezes allowing us to have a race each Sunday morning. Thanks to our handicap starts, we have seen a lot of different winners in our races. Christian Zenger has won two trophy races, including the inaugural Ingleside Cup honoring several families that have been so very supportive of our club for many years. Other trophy winners include the following:

Bud Weiser trophy - Jack Sorenson
Club Race - Peter Van Kampen
Melges Cup - Michael Engel
RoJo - Jim Johnson



Doc Jaeger getting through the gate just in front of Bill Ingle



Ben Johnson looking up the course to consider his best route

finish 4th. Just as impressive is the fleet competing close to the winner, as all sailors focus all the way to the finish line.

The Sailing club enjoyed a fantastic mid-season picnic hosted by the Johnsons and Ingles on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We were able to share stories from the water and enjoy food and drink, while maintaining social distancing. Every guest stepped up and contributed, reminding me what a great group of people we have.

It has been so fun this year watching the club get more balanced as the newer sailors are improving on a weekly basis. Wesley LaRue took the tiller and competed very strongly in a crazy, wind-shifting Yacht Club regatta series race, to

Thanks again to Bill Crist and my brother, Ed, for keeping a watchful eye on us and always being ready to race over and help out when we struggle. We also received a request from the Gualdron family to give a quick lesson. Our boats are pretty small to host a group, but fortunately, Ben Johnson offered his larger boat. We went out with 5 guests and had a wonderful morning sail.



Christian enjoying his new and well earned hardware

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or requests.

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Lastly, thank you to all who give us room to race on Sunday mornings.

Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club: The Parties Never Stop!

By Peg (Thelander) Eggert, LLYC Commodore

The LLYC, **SO FAR**, is having an amazing season and is still going strong! Yeah, it's a repeat of last year's schedule but we're on course going full speed ahead.

Our annual season opener, "Cocktails with the Commodore" June 5th held at Fiddlesticks Bistro, was a **HUGE** success. Over a hundred of our members and guests attended. It was just wonderful being able to see friends and socialize after such a long time. Linda Johnson and her committee did a great job.

The Fourth of July Fireworks on July 3rd again were **ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC!**

The "Rib Fest" July 17th that followed the Kids Fish Jamboree was **OVER THE TOP!!!** Thanks to JJ (John) and Patti Jilek for organizing the event. We had over 130 attend. There were 5 piers in the competition; each location prepared 34 slabs of ribs including a side dish (330 pounds of ribs in total!).

All of the ribs and sides were **DELICIOUS!! A BIG THANK YOU** to all the cooks and their crew who participated and added their own flair. However, there could only be one winner, and that was **"Ribs to Die For"** by Steve Marth, Pam Rawles, Erin Groskopf and crew. The event ended with an after party and winner presentation hosted by Marty Healy of the Landing. Thank you Marty for your continued support and generosity.

July 23rd the LLYC sponsored a Friday evening "Concert on Sterlingworth Bay" featuring Cork N Classics who know how to entertain a crowd. Can't remember the number of boats in the bay or people on shore, but there was a bunch of dancing going on! Everyone truly enjoyed the evening.

August 13th was our annual Pleasant Lake event organized by Mike and Kathy Alagna with a **BBQ Food Truck** by **"Dine with a Swine"** and music by **Caribbean Eclipse Steel Drum Band**.

AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET!

Here are our upcoming events:

Saturday, August 28th we have our **Annual Meeting** with our **"Golf Outing & Dinner"** that follows. Barry Lutz, Al Batemen and committee are ready to go. Reservations are already in the works. If you are interested, the information is on our website, **llyclub.com**. Not a golfer? Everyone is welcome to join up for dinner which will be the famous Fish Boil by Fitzgerald's.

The **"Final Fall Fling – Western Style"** will be on Saturday, September 25th. Janet Summers and Kathy Christman have everything in place. Look for the flyer later in the season. **NOTE:** The event will be held at the "Bunker" - Evergreen Country Club.

The LLYC hopes everyone enjoys the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you at our final events.

New Managing Director Named at Kettle Moraine Land Trust

by Dave DeAngelis, KMLT President

The nonprofit Kettle Moraine Land Trust has named Rory Klick as its new Managing Director. Under a newly restructured staffing plan, Ms. Klick becomes the chief staff executive of the organization, succeeding Gregory T. Rajskey, who had served as KMLT's Executive Director since 2018.

Rory Klick brings more than 35 years' experience in ecologic restoration and land management, and also has a background in horticulture, landscape architecture and public planning. She has spent many years leading environmental education efforts, from informal nature experiences with children to formal academic teaching at the college level. Her passion is helping people appreciate nature and understand the science of how it works – and appreciate the critical role people must play in caring for nature.

"I have known Rory for a good many years," said Rajskey, who is leaving Wisconsin to pursue other adventures, "and I can think of no one better suited to carry on the good work of KMLT. I am delighted that she was able to join the team!"

"Rory's considerable expertise in managing natural areas, along with her deep commitment to conservation, will serve our land

trust well," said Board President David DeAngelis. "All of us on the Board of Directors look forward to working with Rory to increase community engagement, further the restoration and management of our conserved lands, and protect even more land in years to come," he said.



Good luck Gregory ... and Welcome Rory!

Rory and her family make their home in Salem, Wisconsin, where they are working to restore their own oak woodland and be good land stewards. Having grown up vacationing in Wisconsin, Rory is amazed at the beauty of the Walworth County landscape, but not surprised. "There is such a wealth of natural beauty in

southeastern Wisconsin, and I am so honored to be helping an organization who works to conserve and care for our native landscape."

The Kettle Moraine Land Trust, originally established in 2000 as the Lauderdale Lakes Conservancy, preserves the natural heritage of Walworth County and its environs through collaborative efforts in land conservancy, resource management, and environmental stewardship. The Trust owns four nature preserves, holds conservation easements on a number of additional properties, and assists Walworth County Parks and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with the management of publicly held natural areas.

The Trust also hosts several community events each year. Volunteers and members of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust

help improve wildlife habitat and native ecosystems by working with local landowners and in partnership with organizations and municipalities. For more information visit kmlandtrust.org.

Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

Lauderdale Drive (Deakin Isle) Bridge

The Town of LaGrange bridge on Lauderdale Drive will be replaced during October and November 2022. The proposed bridge design was reviewed with interested property owners on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at the Town Hall by the Michael Baker Engineering Firm. It will be a one lane bridge with somewhat greater clearance between the water and the underside of the bridge.



Proposed bridge and rail

Property owners on the Island expressed concern on how they will have fire protection, John's garbage service, and septic pumping during construction. Details will be explored, and plans defined with the Town and residents to assure emergency services are provided before construction begins.



Access During Construction

UPDATE ... Additional Address Signage for Lakefront Properties

The Town Board approved placing a second Home Address Sign visible from the water for all lakefront properties. This will assist rescue teams more quickly locate the closest point to reach people on the water. The Town will order the signs and property owners will be responsible for installation. Details will be communicated when the signs are ready next spring.

UPDATE ... Town Road Speed Limits

The Town Board approved establishing 25 mph speed limits on roads meeting the DOT requirements. Installation of the 25mph signs has begun and will be completed over the next few months.

Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department

The Lauderdale Lagrange Fire Fighters express their thanks and appreciation to all that attended the 2021 Steak Fry Fund Raiser. All money raised is used in support of the All-Volunteer Department. Funds are used to purchase equipment and maintain the existing trucks and gear. And please extend your thanks to the Healy Family, owners of the Lauderdale Landing restaurant, who allow this special event to be held at their location.

Fire Fighters are continuing to construct their new training building behind the Town Highway Maintenance building across from the Fire Station. Photos below show how they have built the building using Steel Shipping containers.



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

by Jack Sorenson, LLLMD Chairman

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held at Lutherdale, on September 4th. Meeting registration will begin at 9:30 am and the meeting will start at 10:00 am. We will once again meet outside under the pavilion in front of the Chapel by the parking lot. This meeting will be held rain or shine; plan on attending to get an update on all projects and to vote on Lake District matters.

A Very Special Thank You To Chief Ken Blanke!!!

Ken retired from the Water Safety Patrol on June 30th of this year after 40 years of dedicated service. We can't thank Ken enough for the commitment, effort and service that he has given to the Water Safety Patrol to help ensure safe boating on our lakes. He will be recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Boat Speaker Noise

We continue to hear complaints about the noise emanating from elevated directional boat speakers. Please remind boat users in your families to be courteous to their neighbors by being mindful of their boat speaker volume as sound travels a long distance over the water. Ordinances around the State are being considered to limit such boat noise. We would rather try to inform users of these audio systems of their downside and ask for cooperation and respect of their fellow lake residents than to have to create laws prohibiting certain volume limits.

Golf Course Happy Birthday!

Earlier this year the golf course celebrated its 100-year birthday! This year to date has seen strong rounds of play. A big thank you to Kristy and Sparky who are key to the improvements made this year!

Piers

As you know, Commissioners John Summers and Marsha Sahag worked tirelessly in reviewing the Pier Ordinance and proposing changes; the new proposed ordinance is currently being reviewed by the DNR prior to final adoption by the Towns. Should you have any questions please contact them.

Internet Service

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