



# ShoreLines

Newsletter of the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association

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## Behind the Scenes at The Lauderdale Fireworks Display

By Jeff Angst, LLIA Director and LLYC Fireworks Lieutenant Commander

Over the years, many have asked us how we pull this event off and how it all works. Not surprisingly, it all starts with generous donations from our community and local businesses. Yes, the show is 100% funded by donations. The LAUDERDALE LAKES YACHT CLUB has run this show for many years giving our residents yet another great reason to join the Yacht Club.



The set up requires quite a bit of space

We set the date for next year's show in July and commit to our vendor at that time. After this is done, we then select the music for the simulcast. This music has to be "Family Friendly" and we always include a few must-have selections. We aim for a 21-23 minute show format.

Next, a permit from the Town of LaGrange is obtained that verifies our insurance coverage and time slots. At this point, we also get our show on the calendar for the water patrol, golf course, fire dept and many other local organizations—all of whom play a part in the event.

On the day of the show, a large group of volunteer "pyros" meet at the marina launch site to load the fireworks, gear, launch tubes, etc. onto the marina barge and two pontoon boats for transport, by water, to our launch site dock. This site is located on the south side of the golf course and the north side of Don Jean Bay. Then, the barge and pontoons are unloaded and moved into the launch site. The fireworks company then works all day long doing the assembly and wiring.

The show is all controlled by an electronic program prepared exclusively for our show and simulcast.



The pyro crew, including the fireworks company and our volunteers

The Show Master from the fireworks company coordinates with the radio station and the show begins. At the end of the show, we pack up the barge again, head to the marina launch and unload the barge into the truck so the fireworks company can do it all over again the next day for another community.

Obviously, there is a lot more to it, but this is the short version. We have a strong, dedicated group of volunteers who pull this off every year—with the goal of making it look easy. Thanks to all the "pyro" volunteers who generously share their time and muscle. And, thanks to all of you who have contributed generously to our show year after year!!!



The result

## At a glance...

- Y'all are invited to the Yacht Club's "**The Ball That Ended It All**" event on September 10th at the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club for an evening of bingo, music and food trucks. Check it out at [llyclub.com](http://llyclub.com).
- **Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Annual Meeting** will be held on September 3 at 9:30 a.m., rain or shine, at Lutherdale.
- **Watch for the wooden boat parade** on Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, September 3. The boats will depart at 10am from the Sterlingworth and cruise the shorelines of all lakes.
- **Antique Flea Market**, 7am to 3pm on September 25th at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.
- **The Elkhorn Oktoberfest.** Bands, brats, beer and much, much more on October 15 at Veterans Park (town square).

*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](http://LLIA.org).*

# LLIA Special Reports

## Water Quality Update: Lookin' good!

By Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair

The 2022 water testing season on Lauderdale Lakes begins in May and continues throughout the summer. The sample results for all three lakes showed slightly reduced levels of phosphorus. Middle Lake and Mill Lake have slightly lower chlorophyll levels compared to 2021 while the Green Lake levels are slightly higher. The water clarity in Mill Lake has been higher than past years while Green and Middle Lakes water clarity data is similar to 2021. Final samples for all three lakes will be pulled and submitted in late August. The cooler weather in May seemed to delay the algae bloom this year, but it made up for lost time and all three lakes had strong algae blooms in 2022.

Like the last 7 years, the 2022 testing continues to show elevated dissolved oxygen readings, primarily in Green and Middle Lakes, at 15 to 30-foot depths. We first noticed this phenomenon back in 2015 and it appears to be here to stay. It's called a **metalimnetic chlorophyll maxima** or **heterograde**. In plain English, it means there is a thick horizontal plate of algae floating below the lake thermocline. This algae is not readily visible from the surface, but impacts the dissolved oxygen levels by adding oxygen via photosynthesis at depths below 15-20 feet. This allows the fish to thrive in deeper/cooler waters while this algae is thriving. I've observed fish in Green lake at 35+ feet this year in Green Lake on multiple occasions.

See you on the lake!

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT

By The Healthy Lakes Committee

We are pleased to announce that the LLIA has been approved as a local sponsor for the Wisconsin DNR Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant Program. Grants may be awarded to help shoreland property owners improve habitat and water quality. The Healthy Lakes Committee is in the process of selecting a small number of pilot projects for the first grant cycle and will then expand the program to all interested homeowners.

Please e-mail the Healthy Lakes Committee with any questions at [LLIAHealthyLakes@gmail.com](mailto:LLIAHealthyLakes@gmail.com). For more information on the grant program and best practices that you can implement on your property, visit the Wisconsin DNR Healthy Lakes and Rivers website at <https://healthylakeswi.com/>.

## Taking Steps Against Spongy Moths in the Fall and Winter

By Elisabeth Partyka, LLIA Director

Several properties in our area had bad infestations of spongy moths this year and the caterpillars did a lot of damage earlier this summer. Don't wait until next year to address the problem; there are things you can be doing now and in the coming months.

### Be on the look-out for and destroy egg masses

Adult females lay eggs in masses of 500-1,000 eggs in July and August. Egg masses are beige with a velvety texture and spongy consistency (*hence the common name of "spongy moth"*). Egg masses can be attached to a variety of surfaces and can be well hidden. They are often found on buildings, lawn furniture, mail boxes, rocks and trees. Spongy moths overwinter in the egg stage.

Destroy egg masses during the fall and winter months by spraying them with a horticultural oil labeled for spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) egg masses (available at lawn and garden centers or online) or by scraping them off and killing them. Do not use motor oil, mineral oils, non-horticultural oils or others not labeled for spongy moth. Spray the oil onto the egg mass until it is soaked. If you scrape off egg masses, be very careful not to harm the bark of the tree as you could do more damage than good. Use a knife or paint scraper to gently scrape all of the eggs into a container. Soak the eggs in soapy water for 2 days to kill them and discard them in the trash. Don't just scrape egg masses onto the ground or try to crush them as they will survive to hatch next spring. Any parts of the egg mass you are unable to scrape off can also hold surviving eggs.



Egg masses you may find attached to different surfaces.

### Consult with a Certified Arborist

Work with a certified arborist to treat the egg masses and/or discuss other management options. To find a certified arborist in our area, you can refer to the Wisconsin Arborist Association website: <https://www.waa-isa.org/find-certified-arborist/>

### Avoid Spraying Broad-Spectrum Insecticides like Pyrethrins

There are specialized types of wasps and flies that attack spongy moth eggs or caterpillars. You can encourage these natural enemies by avoiding the use of broad-spectrum insecticides like pyrethrin which kills all insects, not just spongy moths (and is harmful to fish and other aquatic life as well).

### Look-up Further Expert Resources

The UW Extension Program offers many resources to property owners, including this guide: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/spongymothinwisconsin/pest-management-2/management-guide-for-homeowners/>

## New Resource Now Available for Lakeshore Property Owners

By Sue Markus, LLIA Director

The NEW online **Lakeshore Resource Guide for Walworth County** is now available to provide lakeshore property owners, managers, residents, and hired professionals the resources they need for living on, managing, and working on these properties for the benefit of the lake. Construction, landscaping, yard maintenance, lawn care and other practices are different for lakeshore properties. Practices that you might have done on a suburban or urban property can be detrimental to the environment. Using the resources in the **Guide**, you can manage and maintain your property to preserve the shoreline, water quality, and overall ecology.

The Guide features links to credible and trustworthy resources that are free from bias and backed by research and evidence. The topics covered include landscaping practices, invasive species, property development, questions to ask when hiring professionals and other educational resources. Look for the NEW online **Lakeshore Resource Guide for Walworth County** on the county's Land Use and Resource Management website: <https://bit.ly/3zrq3IM>

If you have questions about this resource, please contact Julie Hill, UW-Madison Division of Extension Walworth County Horticulture Outreach Specialist, [julie.hill@wisc.edu](mailto:julie.hill@wisc.edu)

# Corky's Corner

## Just Landed Another Great Season For The Fish Committee!

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

As I write this edition of Corky's Corner I am down in Hartwell, Georgia at the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship with my fishing team. Next time you hear from me I hope to have awesome news to share. Meanwhile, we had a very successful summer with crib building, the Kid's Jamboree, and forming a stocking plan for the fall.



*Fish Jamboree participants, some with their prize buckets*

First, another successful Kid's Jamboree took place July 16th. We had approximately 45 kids in attendance and about 12 kids participated in Corky's School of Fish! Many nice fish were caught during the contest with a 23 inch northern taking home the top spot! The students in the School of Fish all had a blast and caught many fish from the docks at the Lauderdale Landing. A huge thanks to all volunteers and a special thanks to The Lauderdale Landing for hosting us and providing a nice lunch for the kids. Once again, we partnered with the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club and they hosted "Ribfest" on the lake the afternoon of the Kid's Jamboree. It was tons of fun. We raffled-off a kayak and had a 50/50 raffle as well—both of which were well received and helped us raise even more money for the Fish Committee for stocking and habitat work. Besides the raffle



*Corky's School of Fish learn about the species of fish at Lauderdale and a little about each.*

proceeds, the Yacht Club made a generous donation to the fish committee! A big THANK YOU to Commodore JJ for all he does to promote fun activities for our lake community. If you have any suggestions to help increase the participation level, bring them on. We want all the kids on the lake to enjoy the awesome resource they have in front of them!

Secondly, we had the opportunity to build 3 really nice fish cribs this summer which we will be placing in the lake in late August. Please try to commit some time next summer to assist in the building process or on "drop day". Without the help of volunteers much of what we do simply would not be possible. All funds collected from raffles, donations, etc., allow us the opportunity to stock healthy (and expensive) fish and create habitat for the young fish to grow into the trophy fish we all strive to catch! I want to thank all the volunteers that helped with crib building this summer and look forward to seeing more new faces next season ... please. I will have more info regarding build dates and times next spring.

Fish stocking will happen as usual this fall. We plan to continue stocking Smallmouth Bass and Perch. The Smallmouth we stocked last year were showing up in anglers catches all summer, a great sign that the survival rate was good. It takes a concerted effort to create a healthy, fishable, population of any species and our efforts over the past few years regarding stocking Smallies is now beginning to pay off. To get a healthy population of panfish like Perch to take off is even more difficult as they are prey for many predator species in the lake, therefore we are continuing to stock Perch as well. We hope the WDNR will conduct a comprehensive population survey next year that will provide a clearer view of the populations of the species we manage and help guide us in our stocking efforts.

As for winter activities, we will again host "Fishapalooza", which will be held on February 12, 2023. This is the Saturday before the "Really Big Football Game". We will be in need of volunteers to help in planning and assisting

in activities on that day as well. Any donations of gift certificates, themed baskets, etc. will be greatly appreciated.

This past winter the Fish Committee assisted in hosting "Hardwater Heroes", an ice fishing outing for military veterans. Some 30 veterans enjoyed a great experience and comradery on the lake with a hearty breakfast, fishing, and a great lunch provided by various donations. Thanks to all who helped make it a very special day for those who served. The good news is, the LLIA has decided to make this one of our official sponsored events. We also received a VERY generous donation and an offer from longtime member of the Fish Committee and leader in our lake community, Floyd Pochowski, to help host "Hardwater Heroes" this year. As usual, this event will only be successful if we have a bunch of great volunteers helping us plan and execute the event.



*Fish Jamboree participants receiving their Certificate and famous 'goodies bucket'*

Lastly, I am retiring from teaching after this coming school year and will be transitioning into a snowbird. So, I'm looking for an Assistant Fish Committee Chair to help oversee winter activities beginning the fall of 2023. If interested, please contact me personally and we can discuss that role..or any other role that might interest you.

Thanks to all who attended our events this summer and to all who contributed to our efforts. Hope you all are having a great summer and, like you, I am looking forward to all the fall and winter activities that Lauderdale Lakes has to offer!

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



# History Column

## In the Depths: Scuba Diving on Lauderdale

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Chair

Because they formed after the last Ice Age in the sharp, hilly formations of southern Wisconsin called Kettles, Lauderdale's three lakes have fairly steep sides in some places and are deeper than lakes formed from dammed up streams or rivers. This gives their depths a little mystery, since a person often cannot see the lake bottom from above. Excited by this "unknown" aspect of Lauderdale, a few different groups began to explore the lakes' deep places in the second half of the 20th Century using scuba gear.

The term "scuba" is an acronym for "Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus." Coined in 1952, the phrase describes the gear that divers use to carry oxygen and breathe while staying submerged. Scuba gear was not widely available to private users before then.



Peter and Des suiting up

Lifelong Lauderdale summer resident, William Ingle said that he learned to dive on our lakes in the late 1950s

with his friend Stuart Anderson. The equipment they used was a bit primitive, in that the valves on a modern mask that help keep water out of the diver's mouth were missing. This meant, said Ingle, that if they got water in their mouths, they had to execute a maneuver called a diver's role to blow water out and keep it out as the diver breathed in. In the early 1960s, however, Ingle and Anderson banded together with some friends and bought new equipment that was much safer.

Using the new gear, the friends dove on a boat wreck in Jacobson's Bay in Green Lake in about 27 feet of water. Ingle remembered that the boat was long and wooden with an engine in the center and a fuel tank in the bow. Along the edges were seats. He described it to his father, who had also visited Lauderdale all his life. His father thought that the wreck sounded like the old ice man's boat, which had delivered ice to lake cottages in the 1920s. Another time, Ingle remembered, he and his friend Billy Garbe used their scuba gear to swim across Middle Lake underwater, towing their diving buoy with them. Other divers of this era included Jon Jacobson and Justin Jankowski.

Another diving pair, Peter Van Kampen and Des Johnson (both known in recent years as dedicated Lauderdale sailors), met in around 1975 after Johnson had lost his son in an auto accident.

Van Kampen was about the age of Johnson's son, and both had learned to dive separately. Johnson had learned from his son on lakes in Wisconsin, while Van Kampen learned on Rock Lake near Jefferson, WI from his father. He began diving at age 8. The best piece of advice he recalled receiving from his dad was to "breathe all the time" to continually equalize pressure in his scuba gear. This served him well, he said, until about 1978, when he got certified in scuba.

Johnson had dived in the Caribbean, as had Van Kampen by the 1970s, and mutual friends introduced them. According to records that Van Kampen kept, the two conducted 171 dives on Lauderdale between May 1976 and July 1988.

At a certain depth, the shore-associated vegetation stops abruptly because of the lack of light, and the lake bottom is barren. Johnson and Van Kampen spent many of their dives, therefore, retrieving interesting "junk" from the bottom of the lakes. Before about 1950, Van Kampen noted, no one was able to scuba dive, so people sometimes hauled piles of household items they didn't want out



Some of the older bottles



Wood anchor filled with lead

onto the lake ice in winter and left it to sink in the spring. No one would find it on the lake bottom, they probably reasoned. "To them, it was just gone," he said.

Of course, it wasn't gone. A light that the two divers brought with them to search the lake bottom revealed the truth. Pots, pans, Coca-Cola and beer bottles remained in piles for the divers to find. Because fishermen employed the same "out of sight out of mind" philosophy, beverage bottles are scattered much more widely on the lake bottom. Van Kampen and Johnson each have a collection of old bottles, many from bottling plants nearby, ranging in age back to the early 20th century. Van Kampen also has two lamps salvaged from the lake bottom. One was an oil lamp and is decorative, while the other still works after Van Kampen replaced the wiring.

Another item the friends often ran across was boat anchors. Van Kampen estimated that they found 50 or 60, some of which were homemade. One was even a wooden box filled with lead.

On one dive, they found a fishing boat complete with fishing gear and a motor in about 55 feet of water in

Green Lake. The boat was made of steel and had no flotation, so Van Kampen thinks it must have been swamped and sank very quickly. The owner was unknown. Van Kampen salvaged the motor and used it on his own power boat, the Harry S. Truman, for years.

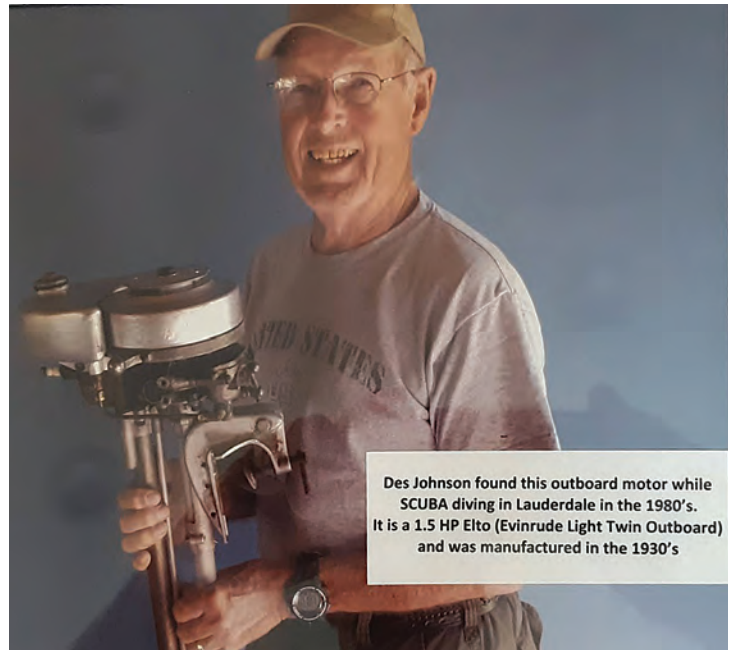
Occasionally, someone asked the two friends to find certain lost items. In 1977, a fisherman asked them to find his lost fishing gear, which they did, down to finding the man's tackle box and car keys. That same year, a family that rented out rowboats on Mill Lake asked Johnson and Van Kampen to find one that had been sunk by a client. After six or seven dives, they could not locate the boat. They found it the next year and salvaged it.

On one of the search dives, however, the two saw a remarkable sight: a huge tree standing upright in 50 feet of water. It was denuded of bark but otherwise intact. The two thought it must have been dragged onto the ice in the winter and sank the next spring. Because the roots were the heaviest part of the tree, they sank first, bringing the tree to stand upright, stretching 20 feet from the bottom. Van Kampen thinks the tree must still be there in Mill Lake.

Another time, Van Kampen found a wallet, complete with identification. He sent the wallet to the address listed and learned that the person had been unaware of losing it and had never been on Lauderdale!

Perhaps Van Kampen's most memorable dive was done alone, in the aftermath of a tragedy. In 1980, a number of teenagers were driving speedboats very fast in Mill Lake. One group was in a heavy, old wooden speedboat, while the others rode in a flimsy fiberglass one. The two collided, and the fiberglass boat exploded. Two boys in that boat were killed, sinking into the lake.

"At the time," Van Kampen said, "local law enforcement had no dive team, so Bob Auchinleck asked me to come



Des Johnson found this outboard motor while SCUBA diving in Lauderdale in the 1980's. It is a 1.5 HP Elto (Evinrude Light Twin Outboard) and was manufactured in the 1930's

Des with a found motor

see if I could help" at the crash site. The crash had occurred the night before Van Kampen was called. He dove in 20 feet of water, and saw hand-sized pieces of the fiberglass boat all over the lake bottom. He looked for the boys. "I saw only their feet in tennis shoes. I found one, tied a line to it. Found the other, tied a line to it and went home." He never saw the bodies.

Next time you are out boating, think about this story, and be sure to secure your belongings so they don't slip overboard. They never truly disappear.

# Member's Post

## Question for my Lauderdale neighbors

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

I was talking to Bill Ingle about an old watercolor picture we have in our possession. My parents, Jane and Dave Hamilton, bought an old cottage on Lauderdale in 1965. The cottage (LL187) was up from the Sterlingworth. I think Doc Sorenson was next door but moved around that time. After my parents died we held on to the cottage between the three brothers until my brother John bought his own place by the golf course, then it was time to sell. The three brothers sat in the front room and divided up the cottage contents, and I ended up with an old watercolor picture about 7 x 11 inches. It shows a man fishing and in the background there is a red barn-like structure on the shore and what looks like the channel between Middle and Green Lake. In the lower right corner the initials "J.D. 1902". The frame is very ornate. Just thought this might be historically significant.



ShoreLines asks that anyone with information on the watercolor or who "J.D." might be (perhaps related to the Deakins?) please contact Bob Hamilton directly, or send an email to [LakeViews@LLIA.org](mailto:LakeViews@LLIA.org)

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](mailto:LakeViews@LLIA.org). And please specify if you would like to remain anonymous.



Long known as Flag Island, the island is now owned by JoAnn and Dominic Sergi who are re-naming it Nick's Island in commemoration of their son, Nicholas, who tragically and unexpectedly passed away in 2018. The Sergi's are now in the process of beautifying the property and adding another flag declaring it "Nick's Island." Photo by Patty Hargrave

## WE'VE COLLECTED A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE SAYINGS

By The ShoreLines staff

Hope you enjoy them. Send your favorites to [LakeViews@LLIA.org](mailto:LakeViews@LLIA.org).

- The best way to win an argument is to start by being right.
- There has never been an age that did not applaud the past and lament the future.
- It's a good person who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- The best things in life aren't things at all.
- What we see depends mainly on what we look for.
- Good judgement comes from experience and experience comes from poor judgement.

## Members: Thank you from the LLIA Directors and Board members!

A super big thanks to our many 2022 members for their generosity in donating time and money to the Fish Committee and the Preservation Fund—over and above their annual membership dues. We couldn't do it without your generosity.



Moonrise - blood super moon



Great turnout on Don Jean Bay to enjoy the show



Jupiter with 4 moons

## LLIA Annual Meeting Back To "Normal"

With Covid restrictions easing up, it sure was nice to see all your smiling faces again. Nearly 100 LLIA members attended the Annual Meeting on June 11 at Lutherdale. Attendees enjoyed a terrific breakfast followed by a series of highly informative presentations. Thanks to all who attended.



We don't see them as often, but glad to share our lakes with eagles.

## REMINDER: Underwater Aerators

If you plan to use an underwater aerator at your waterfront over the winter, please know that a permit is required and certain rules must be followed. Contact the Town of LaGrange for details.



Thunder and lightning

## Lake House Fixin's

### Vegetable "Pizza" Appetizer

*A great, colorful and tasty addition to your family of hors d'oeuvres.*

*Submitted by: Maureen Doheny*

*Serves 10*

#### Ingredients:

- 1 large pkg. Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 1 small pkg. Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 1 large pkg. cream cheese (bring to room temp.)
- 2/3 C. mayonnaise
- 1 pkg. dry ranch dressing
- Assorted vegetables chopped in small pieces:
  - Sweet peppers (colored)
  - Carrots
  - Cauliflower
  - Broccoli
  - Scallions

#### Directions:

1. Spread rolls to cover 10X15-inch jelly roll pan. Pre-heat oven to 375 and bake for 10 minutes. Let cool.
2. Mix cream cheese, mayo and ranch dressing. Spread over cooled crust.
3. Spread assorted vegetables over the top.
4. Cut in squares and enjoy.

# Other Lake Organizations

## Smooth Sailing For The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

By Ben Johnson, LLSC Commodore

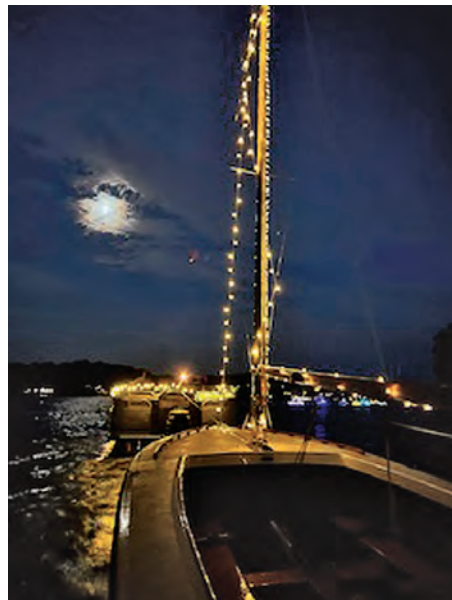
Greetings sailing fans! Your interest and spectator participation during our races is much appreciated—please keep it up. We love to see you with us, out on the water or on the shoreline. I hope you saw the Sailing Club represented at Venetian Night!

We have had a great season so far with 11 races down and 4 more to go. Congratulations to our 7 sailors who have won races including:

- Peter Van Kampen - 1886
- Jim Johnson - 1330
- Doug Ward (3 wins) - 2098
- Michael Engel (2 wins) - 2279
- Mike Jaeger (2 wins) - 2494
- Glenn Hansen - 1327
- Mike Fuller - 665

If you are interested in a SAILING LESSON or just a SAILBOAT RIDE, reach out to me (22.johnson.22@gmail.com) to schedule or just stop by the Race Committee boat after a race and we will pick you up for a spin. We are always looking for new sailors to join as well.

As always, **THANK YOU** to all our **FELLOW BOATERS** for respecting clear and calm waters during our race events!



Even a sailboat came decorated for the evening

## Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club Update

By JJ Jilek, LLYC Commodore

The summer has been remarkable!

- We started the year with “Cocktails with the Commodore” which was open to the entire lake. It was nice to see a lot of new people getting to know everyone and enjoying our fantastic lake.
- We had a wonderful, free concert in the Bay, open to the entire lake. A very pleasant experience.
- Our Annual 4th of July fireworks celebration was phenomenal. Check out the cover article by our Fireworks Lieutenant Commander, Jeff Angst, for a look “behind the scenes”.
- We teamed up with the LLIA and had our “Day on the Lake”. This started with a fun morning for the children at the LLIA Kid’s Fishing Jamboree. We then had an incredible afternoon on the lake with our traditional LLYC Rib Fest!

## YACHT CLUB COMING EVENTS

Friday, September 9th - The Ball to end it All! at LLCC  
Sunday, September 18th - 2023 planning meeting  
Come join in, help us outline next year’s events!!

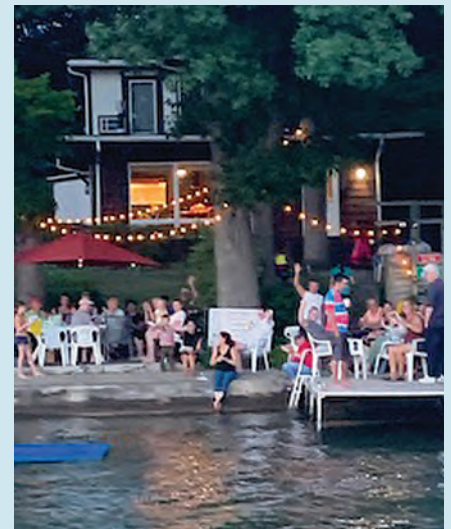
## VENETIAN NIGHT

LLYC presented our 1st Venetian night, which was incredible. We had 20+ boats with even more decorated piers. Our friends from the Sailing Club joined in on the fun. What a magical night!



Hosted by Bill & Laura Harris and John & Janet Summers

A special shoutout to our Lauderdale Lakes Water Patrol, who came out and joined in on the positive spirit of the evening and enjoyed watching us have fun, while keeping us safe. Thanks to: Chief Chris St. Clair, Officer Alicia Borth, Captain Kevin Harper and Officer Dan Pierce.



Decorated piers added to the celebration

## RIB FEST

Over 225 slabs of ribs were prepared by some of the finest BBQ connoisseurs on the lake. The ribs, the sides, and the entertainment was beyond fun. Thanks to all. A great lake celebration party at The Landing that evening topped the day off. Come out next year, we are always looking for new cooks.



2022 Best Ribs - The Saucy Swine Club



# THE KETTLE MORAINES LAND TRUST UPDATE

By Dave DeAngelis, KMLT President

## Site Stewards Needed

Calling on all conservationists! We are seeking **site stewards** to work with our preserves and partner sites as volunteers. The stewards will work with KMLT staff to learn about their specific site's management plan, and be trained in restoration practices like invasive species control. Once comfortable with the management approach, stewards will lead volunteers on workday and also help to recruit local volunteers from the community. The time commitment is only 3-4 hours per month. If you are interested, please contact Rory Klick at rory@kmlandtrust.org.

## Please Join Us At OAKTOBERFEST

KMLT is hosting a Craft Beer Hike on October 8, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the trail entrance to Peterson Island Woods on Oak Park Road. Stroll among our most iconic native trees and discover the beauty of this magnificent preserve. Enjoy local craft beer at refreshment stations along the trail along with water, wine and snacks. Advance tickets are \$25 or \$35 on the day of the event. Parking is available at the Lauderdale Landing. We will have a shuttle available, but it's less than a half mile walk to the trail head. We will have scheduled hikes through the trail with KMLT staff to help point out plant species and trail highlights. Registration is on Eventbrite. All proceeds benefit the conservation efforts at Kettle Moraine Land Trust. For more information, contact rachel@kmlandtrust.org or 262-379-4283.

# Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

## Lakeside Property Address Signs

The new Town of LaGrange Lakeside Property Identification Signs have been distributed to 600 riparian property owners. Please install your sign if you have not already put it up. A very few signs were missed, and these have been ordered by the Town of LaGrange. Town of Sugar Creek Lakeside Residents will receive their signs when they are available.

## Boat Launch Improvements

West Shore boat launch ramp will be improved and repaved during October. The main lane to the lake will be repaved in concrete and the parking areas with new asphalt.

## Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department

All the LLFD Fire Fighters express their thanks to all attending and supporting the Annual Steak Fry fund raiser at the Lauderdale Landing on August 13th. Funds raised will be used to purchase Protective Equipment for the firefighters



and new radios to comply with an upcoming new system in the county. Pictured is the new Fire Department



Training center interior and exterior which the Fire Fighters are building themselves. This three-story building constructed from shipping containers will allow the department to train with live fire in the 4 insulated burn rooms and has several other areas to train on firefighter rescue and general search techniques. This entire project has been funded by donations. The Members of the LLFD thank You for your Continued Support!



Magnificent end to a day at the lake. Photo by Ken Klancnik

# A Reflection: 25 Years at Lutherdale

By Jeff Bluhm, Lutherdale Executive Director

My time as the Executive Director of Lutherdale is coming to a close in December. It has been my honor to serve at Lutherdale for the past 25 years. Lutherdale's 52 acre campus is a unique and special neighbor in the Lauderdale Lakes community dating back to 1944. I have gotten to know many lake residents during my time here and have great appreciation for the community spirit. The Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association and the LL Lake Management District have been great supporters of Lutherdale and hold their annual meetings on our campus. Many residents attend the Annual Quilt Auction fund raiser and go home with a special quilt. Every year we receive phone calls from lake residents wanting to donate items to Lutherdale. We have received many boats, furniture, tools, and other items. We have been blessed with the construction of a beautiful patio as a memorial to a local family.

To serve more residents and make a connection to the local community, we started offering our Dinner at The Lake



events as a place for people to come and enjoy time together. One of the favorite parts of my job has been giving pontoon rides around the lake. I have learned a lot about the history of the lakes and I enjoy sharing it as we cruise around.

A lot has changed at Lutherdale over the last 25 years. Among the highlights of my tenure are:

- Rosalie Peterson Beach Front renovation & New Waterfront Docks.
- Replaced 11 septic fields and constructed a private sewer treatment plant for the campus.

- Construction of the pavilion and the farm barn; a 4.5 acre prairie restoration project.
- Construction of the DeBack Family Lodge.
- Construction of HOPE Conference Center.
- Development of Travel Ministry & 50Forward programs for adults.
- Partnerships with organizations such as Camp Odayin for kids with congenital heart disease and Camp Oasis for kids with Crohn's and Colitis.

This fall I will be moving to Oak Creek, WI. I will be working with the incoming Executive Director to make a smooth transition for the new leader. I would like to thank the Lauderdale Lakes community for your support, generosity and friendship. It has been a special part of my life.

*ShoreLines wishes Jeff happiness in his retirement. There are several large properties in our lake community and we appreciate the continued responsible stewardship of Lutherdale that helps preserve our lakes.*

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

By Dean Bostrom, LLLMD Chairman

### Future Status of the Golf Course Clubhouse

The Lauderdale Lakes Golf Course Clubhouse was initially built in 1921 and over the years has been expanded and renovated multiple times. The clubhouse has been repaired on an ongoing basis as required to keep the clubhouse operational, however the structural integrity of the building has continued to deteriorate. The current state of the building meets minimum safety standards, however, the foundation is failing, the restrooms are not accessible for people with physical disabilities, the mechanical systems, roof, windows, and siding are all in poor condition and because the water lines are exposed above ground, the building must be closed and winterized by late fall and cannot reopen

until mid-spring when the temperatures remain above 32 degrees.

These deteriorating conditions of the aging facility led the Lake District Board 5+ years ago to develop plans to tear down the existing building and propose the construction of a new and significantly larger clubhouse.

At the Lake District's Annual Meeting in September 2017, a referendum vote was held which proposed the construction of a new clubhouse which would require the Lake District to secure a 20-year loan in the amount of \$3,825,000. The controversial referendum was soundly defeated by lake district residents.

Fast forward to 2021. Armed with the knowledge that the majority of lake district

residents did not want to pay for a significantly larger clubhouse and knowing that the deficiencies of the 101-year-old clubhouse will only worsen with time, the Board decided to revisit the future status of the clubhouse by forming the Municipal Land Planning Committee.

The Committee was named after the 9.47 acres of property that encompass the Clubhouse, Maintenance Building, Community Center, and Parking areas which support the three buildings and golf course. The sole purpose of the Committee is to develop recommendations to the Board regarding the future status of all existing structures and property within the 9.47 acres. To hopefully avoid another failed referendum, strict design parameters were established

by the Board regarding the clubhouse. These parameters included: if the clubhouse was to be rebuilt, it would be built no larger than the existing footprint, that it could continue to be staffed with one person, it would have the ability to be open year-round, it would be fully ADA accessible, and it would maintain its same charm.

Members of the Committee appointed by the Board were selected from lake district residents who expressed an interest in the future status of the Clubhouse and possessed a passion for Lauderdale Lakes. Members selected have been lake residents for varying lengths of time and represent a range of opinions regarding the 2017 failed referendum. Lake district residents are encouraged to provide input to the Committee members.

### Committee Members:

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## Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Annual Meeting

...will be held September 3, 2022 in the Lutherdale Outdoor Pavilion (rain or shine), 9:30am Registration. The meeting will start at 10:00am. All Lake District residents are encouraged to attend! Updates will be provided on all recent projects including the future status of the golf course clubhouse, Treasurer's report, and the proposed 2023 Budget & Tax Levy. All qualified "electors" and property owners will vote on the proposed 2023 Budget & Tax Levy and the 3 year term Commissioner #1 position.

## Weed Harvesting

The new harvester is in action. Look at all that biomass leaving the lake forever. It is technically the same size as our old harvester, however, it holds substantially more plant material. The Aquarius equipment spreads the plant material wider to make the harvester



more stable. Also, a walkway exists fully around the harvester allowing passage by the side paddle wheels. Our harvester has additional guard rails, centralized greasing points, and an additional seat for training the next generation of operators. Our new 5th wheel configured weed hauling trailer has increased capabilities to maneuver heavy plant loads for transport. We received the new harvester trailer in mid-August.

## Don Jean Bay Shoreline Restoration

In late June our contractors started the restoration work along the Don Jean Bay shoreline. The work site is on the north shore of Don Jean Bay near the boat docks for a Water Patrol boat and the weed harvesters. By late July, work had been completed. We are currently working with our consultant to close out both DNR grants and we will continue to monitor the growth of vegetation which will help reinforce the shoreline. The DNR was very helpful in these projects by allowing us to adjust the contract work to stay within the budgets of the grants. The picture shows an amphibious excavator placing rip rap and geo-lift bags along the western portion of the project. Coconut coir logs were used on the eastern portion.



## Clean Boats, Clean Waters

We are now in our fourteenth year of operating the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program. This program is operated with the help of grant money from the DNR. The purpose of the CBCW program is to educate boaters who visit our lakes to check and clean their boats before they launch them and as they remove them. This helps to reduce the transfer of invasive species from one lake to another. We monitor the three boat launches on Lauderdale as well as the launch on Pleasant Lake.



This year the inspections are being conducted by Maddox Monroe and Theresa Gruener. They are doing a fabulous job making sure that launches on our lakes pay their fees, checking cars for launch tickets/passes, as well as checking trailers going in and out of the water for weeds. A complete clean-up was done at the Green Lake launch by cutting back branches, picking up garbage in the wooded areas, as well as blowing the parking lot of any debris. We are currently in the process of cleaning up the other launches as well. This program will continue until mid-September.

For more information, please visit our website at [lauderdalelakedistrict.com](http://lauderdalelakedistrict.com).



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