



ShoreLines

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Fun Facts About Wisconsin

by Gary Storandt, LLIA Secretary

Sure, you probably know that Wisconsin is known as the Badger State—named for the animal, right? Well, not exactly. The symbol actually refers to Wisconsin lead miners of the 1820s who dug tunnels to find a place to sleep and stay warm—just like the badger. Knowing that, just might be worth a beer in a bar bet. But, meanwhile, here are some other interesting tidbits we dug up:

- Wisconsin is home to more than 1.5 million white-tail deer. And, get this, if all the hunters on opening day of deer season were grouped together, they would comprise the 6th largest army in the world.
- Green Bay is known as the “Toilet Paper Capital” of the world. Uh, no cracks, please.
- Believe it or not, until 1967, it was actually against the law to buy or sell yellow margarine in Wisconsin. Even today, restaurants are barred from serving margarine unless a diner asks for it. If you’re caught and convicted, the maximum penalty is a \$500 fine and 3 months in jail. Okay, it’s no longer enforced but recent efforts to eliminate the law were unsuccessful.
- Wisconsin has more dairy cows per square mile and produces more cheese than any other state in the US...but, did you know that Wisconsin is also the nation’s leading exporter of cranberries, sweetcorn and ginseng?
- Wisconsin is the birthplace of such notables as Laura Ingalls Wilder (author of Little House on the Prairie), Liberace, artist Georgia O’Keeffe, actors Chris Farley, Mark Ruffalo, Willem Defoe,



White-tail deer

Orson Wells, electric guitar maker, Les Paul and architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Not to forget Harry Houdini who was born in Hungary but grew up in Appleton...or Golda Meir who was born in Ukraine but grew up in Milwaukee.

- The first commercial telephone answering machine was invented in Wisconsin in 1949 and was called the “Electronic Secretary.”
- The largest woolly mammal to have ever been excavated was discovered in Kenosha.
- 17% of Wisconsin is composed of water—more water than any other state besides Alaska, Florida and Michigan.
- The first circus in the US was in Delavan.
- The Republican party was founded in Ripon, Wisconsin in 1854.
- Summerfest in Milwaukee is in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest music festival in the world— attracting over one million visitors every year.

Ahhh, Wisconsin. Love it? You betcha.

At a glance...

- **Antique Flea Market**, 7am to 3pm, **September 24th** at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.
- **OaktoberFest** in Petersen Island Woods Preserve, Saturday, **September 30**, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (More info in this issue’s KMLT article).
- **Lights & Ladders**. Bring the little ones to explore a fire truck, ambulance, police car and more. Free, 8-11am, **October 14th**, Sunset Park.
- **The Elkhorn Oktoberfest**. Bands, brats, beer and much, much more on **October 21st** at Veterans Park (town square).
- **Trick or Treat**. City wide, Tuesday, **Oct. 31st**, from 5-7pm.

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

LLIA Special Reports

Healthy Lakes & Rivers Update

by Amber Bixler, LLIA Lake Preservation Committee Chair

The Healthy Lakes and Rivers Initiative is growing on Lauderdale Lakes! The newly established LLIA Lake Preservation Committee has been working with homeowners of the 2 projects that were approved for a grant this year. One project is scheduled to begin late summer/early fall. The second project has completed the installation of 2 native shoreline plantings during the summer. After invasive plants were removed, the areas were seeded with a native butterfly/pollinator mix and over 400 native plant plugs were installed, along with native trees and bushes. This project resulted in 1,000 square feet restored with native plants. A Healthy Lakes sign is installed at this property in the springs on Middle Lake. Take a look the next time you're boating in that area to see the

progress. Keep in mind that it takes time for native plants to become established, but some of the seeds have already started to sprout, just two months after seeding.



Before, primarily invasive species



After, large area will look very different when plants are established!

The Committee also reached out to interested homeowners and visited several properties to determine if they were eligible for a grant. We expect to submit an application for up to 4 properties this year, which will include native shoreline plantings and rain gardens.

While this year's grant application cycle is complete, we plan to continue to grow this initiative year after year. The next opportunity will be the 2024 September grant application with project work being done in 2025. If you are thinking of applying for a Healthy Lakes & Rivers grant, review the best practices over the winter to see which might be right for you. We are here to help answer any questions you have—email us at LLIAHealthyLakes@gmail.com.

Healthy Lakes & Rivers is a Wisconsin DNR program that includes 5 simple and inexpensive best



practices to improve habitat and water quality on shoreland property. For purposes of this program, shoreland properties include land within 1,000 feet of a lake or 300 feet of a river. For more information about the program, go to healthylakeswi.com.



After, newly seeded and with native plant plugs and Healthy Lakes & Rivers signage

Update on Water Quality

by Mark Curcio, LLIA Water Quality Committee Chair

Hello everyone. Hope you and your family have had a great summer. I am sorry to report that due to financial cutbacks at the WDNR, there is no data to share regarding the health of our lakes. My liaison at the WDNR has told me that they are trying to build a new tool that will generate graphs and tables. This is a work in progress. Hopefully by our next newsletter I will have more information to share.

What I can say is that our secchi disc readings have been excellent. As of

the end of July, clarity levels were very high! Green Lake was 16 feet, Middle Lake was 12 feet, and Mill Lake was 10 feet. These numbers are unusually high considering the time of year.

I would like to welcome a new volunteer to the water quality team. We are pleased that Kim Coleman is now helping Larry Slight and me collect key data. Welcome aboard Kim!

See you on the lake!

Water Safety

by Pat Eggert, LLIA Water Safety Chair

As of August 1st, here are key statistics from the Water Safety Patrol:

- 734.5 Hours of Patrol
- 182 Contacts
- 48 Citations (including 3 OWIs)
- 33 Written Warnings
- 70 Safety Inspections
- 7 Persons Assisted
- 5 Vessels Assisted

The most frequent type of violation is not following navigation rules.



History Column

An Historic Swindle

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Chair

On a recent field trip to the Walworth County Historical Society archives, the History Column discovered a fine piece of lore that happened in 1887 on and near Lauderdale Lakes and was finally written down and published in 1952. According to the newspaper where it appeared (name unknown), Elkhorn resident Mike Costello, retired by 1952, had witnessed part of the story as a boy and knew it well. He told it to the reporter.

It happened to Dan Williams, a millwright and property owner who had bought the Red Mill at Lauderdale in 1867. The mill stood opposite the Sterlingworth store and was itself a place where farmers could buy groceries and tobacco while having their grain ground. In 1886 a "venerable" old man had appeared at the Williams mill, as Costello told the tale. This man had a sad story about his son, who had no direction in life. The man thought he should buy a farm for his son to help reform him.

Williams, whom Costello called a very capable farmer and businessman, owned two farms in Heart Prairie in addition to the mill. He liked his visitor and asked him to stay the night. The man appeared pious and "of high moral character." He said the prayers at meals and "convinced Mr. Williams of his integrity." The pair drove to one of Williams's Heart Prairie farms, and the man seemed very interested in buying the farm, saying it was exactly what he wanted for his son. He let Williams know that he would return and buy the farm.

A year passed without word. Then, on August 25, 1887, the man returned to the mill and, greeting Williams, said that his son was still the same and that he had decided to buy the farm for him. After another pleasant overnight visit with Williams, the man left for Palmyra to get the cash to pay Williams for the property. He returned to Lauderdale in the afternoon driving a fine, rented buggy. He carried a steel box with a strong padlock that had been soldered and told Williams the money was in the box. He asked him to put it in his safe until morning, when the man wanted to go out and see the farm once more before making final arrangements.

By this time, Costello said, Williams considered the man a trusted friend. They started for the farm the next day. As they drove over the turnpike road, now the portion of Hwy 12 that borders the golf course, they saw a tramp sitting on a stump. As they came closer, they were amazed to see that he had gobs of paper money sticking out of his coat pockets. They could not pass by without asking the man about the money. He said that he had inherited it and was looking for his lost sister, who supposedly lived in the area, to share the money with her.

Asking more questions, the men learned that the tramp had added to his small inherited fortune by gambling

successfully at Three Card Monte as he traveled up from Chicago. The men asked him to show them how the game was played. They took a lap robe from the buggy, spread it on the stump, and the tramp produced his cards. He used two red aces and the ace of spades. "The cards were slightly bent lengthwise so as to be easily picked up by the ends," the reporter wrote. "They were placed on the stump face down and separated. The black ace was distinctly shown and then the cards were quickly shifted so as to confuse his watchers." The tramp then looked at Williams and asked him which card was the ace of spades. Williams pointed without hesitation, and the tramp asked, "How much will you bet that you are right?" Williams said he would bet \$5,000 (worth \$160,890 today). The tramp turned the card, and it was the ace of spades.

However, when Williams wanted to collect his money, the tramp claimed that it was no bet. He said that Williams had not put up any money himself, adding that "if I had won, you wouldn't have paid because you probably haven't that amount of money on you. So why should I pay you?" At this point, Williams's friend took him to the side and told him that the tramp was correct. He suggested that it would be a shame to let the tramp go around with all that money, since someone would certainly take it.

Here, the working of the scam comes into focus. If Williams, the man said, could raise any money, they should bet with the tramp and give half their winnings to the church. This idea, Costello told the reporter, appealed to Williams. They told the tramp to wait for them and drove into Elkhorn to the First National Bank. There, Williams asked banker Henry D. L. Adkins to withdraw \$5500 in gold from his account. In the back room of the bank, Adkins began counting the gold into \$10 piles. "By the time \$2000 had been counted out, Williams was so nervous he couldn't count any more and left the entire chore to Adkins," the story states. When the banker advised that Williams should check his count, Williams responded that it didn't matter, since he would be back in two hours with twice that amount.

Trying to learn what Williams had planned and getting little response, Adkins became worried. He tried to convince Williams to leave the money in his account,

Lauderdale Mill Operator Lost \$5500 In Rigged Game

Old Man and Tramp Fleece
Dan Williams In Card
Game In 1887

Probably one of the most sensational stories of the 1880's broke over Walworth county almost exactly 65 years ago when Dan Williams, an early settler of the Lauderdale Lakes area, was fleeced out of \$5500 in gold by two card sharks in a framed Three Card Monte game. The story has



been handed down through the years until it is almost a legend, but so far as this correspondent can determine, this is the first time it has reached print.

Mike Costello, retired Elkhorn merchant, related the story last week and took your correspondent to the spot where it happened on August 27, 1887. Costello was 15 years old at the time.

"I remember seeing the two men making their getaway with their black team on a dead run past our house just as we were having dinner at noon," Costello said. "Farmers all along the line of escape saw them but of



Mike Costello, retired Elkhorn clothing merchant, points to the spot beside the road near Lauderdale Lakes where Dan Williams was fleeced out of \$5500 in gold by two sharpsters 65 years ago. The view is toward the north with U. S. 12 at the right and the hill bordering the golf course in the background. It is on the A. G. MacDonald property where Costello lived as a boy.

but Williams got angry, placed the money in a bag, and returned with his "friend" to the tramp at Lauderdale.

The man was waiting. They spread the lap robe again, and Williams produced his money, which the tramp inspected to make sure it was real. Then the tramp covered the same amount with his paper currency. He brought out the cards and began the game. Again, he showed Williams the ace of spades. "After a few skillful passes with the cards, he was asked which was the ace of spades. Williams was sure!"

He placed his finger on the card, and the tramp turned it up—the ace of hearts. The tramp took his money and stuffed it into his pockets. The old man, Williams's "friend," took the bag of gold and put it into the bottom of the buggy. Both men climbed in, pushing Williams into the grass as he tried to follow. They whipped up their black horses and headed south.

Costello remembered "seeing the two men making their getaway with their black team on a dead run past our house just as we were having dinner at noon. . . . Farmers all along the line of escape saw them but of course there were no telephones and it was hours before the news got around." So ended the Lauderdale mill swindle of 1887.

Corky's Corner

Fishin' is Jumpin'

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

Corky here. We've had a busy summer with the Kids' Jamboree and "Corky's School of Fish", crib building, and planning our stocking efforts. Also, the WDNR is now in the process of conducting a comprehensive fish population study which will conclude this fall—with a formal report to be released early next year...hopefully. And then there's planning for the ever-popular Fishapalooza ice-fishing contest event which is tentatively set for next February on Super Bowl weekend! Whew! Let's take a closer look at all these activities.



Fish Contest Winners
(10 and under)

First, the Kid's Jamboree was yet another success. We had approximately 50 kids of various ages come out and they had a blast! Many



Fish Contest Winners (11-16)

fish were "brought to the scales" and some were whoppers for sure. Our winner was a 28-inch Northern Pike along with several really nice bass and a walleye or two! The event was free to all and the kids each received a "goodie bucket" with many nice gifts. Plus, a hotdog lunch was provided by the Lauderdale Landing. Thanks to Tim and Sue and the gang for continuing the tradition of hosting us and popping for lunch. "Corky's School of Fish" was a great



The School of Fish Class of 2023

success this year and the kids really enjoyed themselves! They received instruction on basic fishing skills, fish identification, basic lake Ecology, and conservation ethics. Each child was accompanied by an adult so the instruction was focused on both the kids and the adults—to make sure the adults



Corky teaching his School of Fish

are comfortable taking the kids fishing. The fish themselves cooperated very well off the piers at the Landing and the kids caught a bunch! Please try to join in the fun next July. We typically host the event the third Saturday in July.

As for crib building efforts, this year we are trying out a new, smaller "teepee-style" crib design that allows us to place cribs in shallower habitat to exploit new areas of the lake. The design is one that I was introduced to when my high school Bass fishing team was asked to join the Illinois Natural History Survey biologists in building and placing cribs in a Cook County Forest Preserve lake near our school. The design is simple, efficient to build, and inexpensive. The basic concept is that these cribs are teepee-shaped and constructed from

wood pallets. The Wisconsin DNR requires cribs to be made of natural materials. When the Fish Committee was investigating commercial crib designs to purchase, we could not find any that fit our specific needs. I proposed the design I had done with my students and the Fish Committee agreed.

I then built a prototype for the group and they overwhelmingly agreed that the design would provide us more options for enhancing the lake habitat. I sent out an email to the group and posted on Nextdoor.com requesting donations of pallets...and the community stepped up! Through a



New crib design for shallower habitat



Larger "log cabin" cribs LLIA has been building and placing for years

generous donation from Rushing Waters Fish Farm and several Lauderdale residents we collected more than 30 pallets and were able to construct 10 teepee-style cribs to be placed this fall. We will also complete two of the larger "log cabin" cribs. Of course, we can always use help in constructing the cribs. We usually have workdays on Wednesday evenings in the Landing parking lot. Please try to make it out to assist in the efforts!



As far as stocking efforts for this year, we are continuing to stock Smallmouth Bass and Yellow Perch. Both species are beginning to show significant population growth and the average size of both species is impressive. Many 10-12 inch Perch are being caught both through the summer and through the ice. A healthy Perch population provides anglers of all ages and skills with an opportunity to catch hard-fighting, great-tasting fish from the pier or from the boat. Perch are a staple forage fish of the larger predators in the lake. It takes a strong, consistent stocking effort to get a healthy, fishable, population established. That's why we continue to intensively stock Perch. Our efforts are beginning to really show and I hope you get out there and catch a few for a nice fish fry!

The Smallmouth population is also doing great and the survival rate is proving to be better than expected. I personally targeted all my fishing efforts this summer on Smallmouth fishing and was quite successful. Based on their size, many of the fish I caught would have been stocked last year or the year before. I also saw many Smallmouth nests and caught a few larger fish that were breeding-size so the population is taking hold. We will continue our efforts to create a very fishable population of this super fun, hard-fighting fish! If you are not catching any Smallies you need to target them a bit differently than Largemouth. They prefer rocky habitat and, when nesting, require a gravel substrate. Green Lake is the target water I fish for Smallies and I look for cobble size

rock bottoms in deeper water shoreline areas. If you fish Green Lake you probably know the spots I am referring to. They are there! Go have a blast catching some of these awesome fighting fish!

This past spring the DNR began a comprehensive fish population survey on our lakes and this survey included both sampling with fyke nets and electrofishing. You may have seen the nets placed along



School's out, time to FISH!

the shorelines of all three lakes with a marker buoy floating out a bit at the end of the net. This type of sampling targets Walleye and Northern Pike but will also capture other species as well. Many nice Northern Pike and Walleye were caught, measured, and released this past spring. The electrofishing efforts were then employed a bit later in the spring to target Bass. Many nice Bass of both species were caught using this technique. Essentially, a boat equipped with a generator targets Bass in the shallows by placing electrodes into the water which create an electric field approximately 6 feet deep and 6 feet wide. Any fish coming in contact with this field are shocked unconscious and captured in a landing net by the biologists. These fish are then weighed, measured and released unharmed. The biologists will repeat the sampling efforts again this fall to gather more data. A formal report will then be shared with us and released to the community on the WDNR website in the early winter of 2024. This valuable data will allow both the WDNR and us to

make more targeted decisions regarding stocking efforts and habitat restoration. At the annual LLIA meeting this June, Travis Motl, the WDNR district biologist for our lakes, reported preliminarily that our Walleye population is in great shape with 3-4 adult fish per surface acre—which is excellent! He also reported that early data suggests that the average size and overall health of our Largemouth Bass population



is increasing significantly. I can't wait to get that report in my hands! Great things are happening and we will continue to enhance this awesome resource for all of the community to enjoy!

Lastly, the Fish Committee will

begin plans for next year's Fishapalooza event which is proposed for the Super Bowl weekend in February. Rick "Deetz" Dessent and committee will spearhead the efforts this year and I am asking, on their behalf, for you to consider assisting in any way possible. Donations of gift cards, gift baskets, and monetary donations will gladly be accepted. I am sure, as in the past, volunteers will be welcomed the day of the event. Please help to continue the great success of this terrific event and remember that the programs we provide could not be possible without the donations and assistance of this wonderful community.

Thanks, and remember, "Take a Kid Fishing"!

Member's Post

Thank you from the LLIA Directors and Board members!

LLIA membership just hit a new high: 738. A super big thanks to our many 2023 members for donating their time and money—*over and above* their annual membership dues. We couldn't do it without your generosity.



Fireworks. Photo by Jean Henderson

REMINDER ABOUT UNDERWATER AERATORS

For the safety of people recreating on our frozen lakes, underwater aerators are allowed in VERY limited situations and VERY specific rules must be followed. An annual permit from the Town of LaGrange is required. Contact the Town of LaGrange for details.

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.



As much as it was sad that we lost the eagles nest on Green lake, we now have a hawks nest. I didn't find it until late May but I have gotten some good photos since then. The babies are really well along in their growth and the parents are very majestic. I hope you enjoy them. I'll keep taking pictures until the babies leave the nest.
Ken Klancnik



The New LLIA Directory Is Out

We hope you've had a chance to thumb through the 2023-2025 Lauderdale Lakes Directory. It is packed with useful information. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS! Their support allows us to continue publishing the Directory. If you haven't received your new Directory, please email Debbie Ferrari at Debbie8725@aol.com.



Lorry Brown's photo of his son, Steve. Lorry may have captured the elusive "green flash" (Google it) as the sun was setting.



Enjoying the View. Photo by Rich Siok



Fireworks. Photo by Claire Bixler



Party Time! Photo by Holden Bixler

Lake House Fixin's

Easy Braised Beef & Mushrooms

As fall approaches, this easy, hearty dish is just the ticket.

Submitted by: Jack & Cathy Elliott

Serves 6

Ingredients

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| 3 lb. boneless chuck roast cut into 3" chunks (fat trimmed) | 1 tsp ground cumin |
| 4 tbsp olive oil | 2 tsp chili powder |
| 1 large onion cut into 1" pieces | ½ cup red wine |
| 8 oz. whole mushrooms, halved | 3 bay leaves |
| 2 cups beef broth | Salt & pepper to taste |

Directions

1. Heat 2 tbsp oil in a dutch oven over medium heat. Brown beef well on all sides. Set aside.
2. In the same pan (add more oil if needed) cook onions and mushrooms in beef drippings for a few minutes until turning a light brown.
3. Add beef back in pot along with spices, beef broth and wine.
4. Cover and braise in oven at 375 for about 90 minutes until beef is tender.
5. Serve over mashed potatoes or buttered noodles.



Waiting for the Show to Begin! Photo by Ryan Noel

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

By The ShoreLines Staff

Please send your own favorites to LakeViews@LLIA.org.

- Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are.
- To live is to be slowly born.
- Be careful when you follow the "masses." Sometimes the "m" is silent.
- Don't try to be different. Just try to be good. Being good is different enough.
- Character is defined by what you do when no one is looking.

Other Lake Organizations

Smooth Sailing For The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

by Ben Johnson, LLSC Commodore

Greetings!! The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club is in full swing with our 56th season of on-water action!

Saturday July 22, LLSC held the Mid-Summer event which included the awards ceremony for races completed. Winners included:

- Des Cup – Chris Zenger
- Founders Trophy – Chris Zenger
- ROJO Cup – Jack Sorenson
- Ingheside Cup – Peter Van Kampen



Michael Engel and Buddy Melges

On July 16 Michael Engel won back (for the 3rd time in 5 years) the **Melges Cup** named for Buddy Melges, designer/builder of our MC sailboat and master sailor who sadly passed earlier this spring.

Our August 6 race on Middle Lake for the **Walsh Trophy** saw Mike Jaeger take first place for the trophy which also launched him into first place overall nudging Glenn Hansen back into 2nd place, Chris Zenger holding 3rd, followed by Ben Johnson for 4th.

We have races remaining in the season and hope you have a chance to catch the action. If you sail or are interested in learning how to sail, our friendly and supportive group is here for you. Please reach out through our contacts below. We can help you get started in sailing or just learning what



Beautiful day for a sailing race – come join us!

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Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

Property signs have been provided to all Lake Residents who have riparian water frontage. These signs were created to aid the Fire Department and others in locating anyone having an accident on the water. Please install this sign at the shoreline of your property if you have not already done so. Report the address you see on the shore near you if you have a 911 emergency when on the water. The first responders will then be notified exactly where to find you.



The Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department had a very successful Steak Fry fund raiser in August. The money raised will be used to purchase new firefighter personal safety equipment. All the Fire Fighters thank the community for supporting the Fire Department. And remember, volunteers are always welcome.



Doug Ward says hello

it's all about. The Club also has several non-sailing members who enjoy watching the races each Sunday, helping with the Race Committee and supporting social events throughout the summer. We then race every Sunday at 10am through September.

2023 Sailing Club Officers:

Commodore: Ben Johnson
 (22.johnson.22@gmail.com, 312-532-3997)
 Treasurer: Bill Ingle
 Social Committee Chairs: Katy Ingle and Peggy Sorenson
 Race Committee Chairs: Jodi and Tom Engel
 Web Site Chairman: John Hamilton
www.lauderdalelakesailingclub.com

2023 Racing Schedule (remaining races)

September 3 – Beisswanger Trophy
 September 10 – Harry S. Truman (all 3 lakes) & Awards Picnic
Races begin at 10am in Green Lake unless notified otherwise.

As always, a big THANK YOU to all our fellow boaters for respecting clear and calm waters during our race events!

Thank you and see you on the water.



John Hamilton and granddaughter

Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club Update

by JJ Jilek, LLYC Commodore

The LLYC had a fantastic summer. Membership was up again this year, which means there are more people getting involved and enjoying this incredible lake.



Venetian Night

- We started the year off with our traditional Cocktails with the Commodore. This great event was hosted by Linda Johnson, celebrating 70 years as a club.
- The Yacht Club offered a free Rock'n in the Bay concert June 17th, hosted by Rene Sabin and Anthony Cecola.



#1 Team in 2023 LLYC BBQ Fest

- Our annual 4th of July celebration was phenomenal. Run by Andy Brown and Jeff Angst—and behind the scenes was Patti Jilek raising money for this event. We want to thank all the contributors. Without you there would be no celebration.
- The traditional RibFest was changed to a BBQ fest and was another major success. A great day for the lake, with Corky running his LLIA Kids' Fish Jamboree & School of Fish for the children in the morning, the LLYC hosting the BBQ Fest in the afternoon and a really fun party at The Landing for a "Lake Celebration".
- Our second Venetian Night was a ball. Over 25 boats were decorated while many people decorated their piers and joined in the festivities. Another great lake event.

- August 25th is a TGIF party on Pleasant Lake where we also hold our LLYC Annual Meeting and present the team that will lead the club in 2024.
- We will end the year on September 9th, with a Photo Scavenger Hunt run by Tracy Bostrom.

I want to thank everyone who got involved this summer with the LLYC and made it such a great summer. I hope that you will support the Club next year and enjoy this great lake.



Fireworks from the backside.
Photo by Ryan Noel

KETTLE MORAINES LAND TRUST ACTIVITIES PROMOTE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

by Kathryn Ingle Calkins, KMLT Secretary

Founded by Lauderdale residents, the Kettle Moraine Land Trust has continued its care for the Lakes with both an easement on the golf course and ownership of the Petersen Island Woods property between Green and Middle Lakes. Join us at our autumn **Oaktober Festival in Petersen Island Woods Preserve, Saturday, September 30, 2023, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**, and learn more!



The Golf Course easement ensures that the land the course covers and its adjacent wetland remains open space that cannot be subdivided. KMLT has managed the golf course shoreline, removing invasive plants and adding natives to promote habitat for small fish, which feed and hide in shallow, reedy waters as they grow. To help your shoreline, view a recording of KMLT and Walworth County UW Extension's webinar

on Strategies for Lake Friendly Lawn Care.

Petersen Island Woods protects a piece of southern Wisconsin's iconic kettle landscape, formed by the retreating glacier in the last Ice Age. Without our collective protection and stewardship, this land could have been sold and developed by now. Birds and other wildlife also call it home. A bald eagle has been sighted nearby several times this summer! KMLT will continue to promote native plant growth in the woods with controlled burns and other management tools, keeping the steep kettles wooded and preserving our local ecology. Volunteer Stewardship is what makes this happen, and we welcome new volunteers and Volunteer Site Stewards to work with us in managing the restoration of this iconic landscape.

Whether you are familiar with Petersen Island Woods or have never explored them, come visit us at **Oaktoberfest, September 30, 2023 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** For a modest donation you can try some local brews, bid on gift packages from local area merchants and enjoy the trails! Chat with board members and staff about KMLT's mission, how to become a volunteer, and plans and activities related to our other properties and partnerships. Enjoy the autumn light filtering through oak leaves and hear the crunch of those leaves underfoot. Appreciate the lakes, muted and calm in the fall after summer's rush of boats and activity. Preserving special places like Petersen Island Woods is vital for us now and for the future.

We look forward to seeing you at Oaktoberfest! Check out our website events page for more information, www.kmlandtrust.org, and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

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

by Dean Bostrom, LLLMD Chairman

Board meetings to be available via the web conferencing app Zoom

Consistent with the Board's commitment to transparency, the Board recently approved that all future Board meetings following the Annual Meeting will be available to all lake residents to view and listen live via the web conferencing app Zoom. Prior to each Board meeting, instructions and/or a link will be available to enable all lake residents to view and listen to Board meetings live from the comfort of their home. To ensure that you receive future correspondence from the Lake District, including all Board meeting notices, visit our website at www.lauderdalelakedistrict.com, click the subscribe button, and add your email address.

Proposal to build new golf course clubhouse

The proposal to build a new clubhouse was voted on at the September 2 Annual Meeting and passed overwhelmingly. Detailed information regarding the proposed new clubhouse was included in the August 2023 District Dialogue which was mailed to all Lake District residents and posted on the Lake District's website. The Lake District will provide information regarding the future status of the clubhouse on our website and sent to all subscribers on our email mailing list.

Commissioner Greg Wisniewski announces retirement from the board

Commissioner Greg Wisniewski, after serving on the board for the past 12 years, has recently decided not to continue his commission. The Lake District and all its residents have been very fortunate to have an individual such as Greg to share in a volunteer capacity his vast knowledge and skills. On behalf of the Board, sincere appreciation is extended to Greg for his dedication and countless hours that he devoted to the Lake District over the past 12 years.

Golf Course

After a slow start to the golf season this spring—due in large part to the cool and rainy weather—through July 31 the total number of rounds played is up by 1,337. This uptick in total rounds played is a continuing trend of the past several years as indicated in the chart below. The operating fund balance as of July 22, 2023 is \$196,882.86.

Year	Total Golf Rounds
2022	14,875
2021	14,211
2020	13,990

Aquatic Plant Management

by Greg Wisniewski

Mechanical weed harvesting continues, with record quantities harvested. We have already surpassed the annual totals for years 2012 through 2020, despite our shortage

of operators. We primarily use the new harvester which holds/transport more plant material despite being the same size as our 32-year-old harvester.

We need more operators. When operating equipment that is worth several hundred thousand dollars, we have limited our operator pool to (retired) experienced individuals with mechanical skills. This has served us well, as an experienced mechanic/operator recognizes a problem generally before it does serious damage. Please direct us to anyone interested in working 10 to 20 hours per week in the summer, who is a boat person and mechanically savvy. At this time of the year, the plant material is very aggressive. I have directed that the harvesting methods not be as intricate around obstacles—but, rather cover as much area/navigation channels as optimally possible. I have enjoyed participating in Lake District endeavors/improvements, working with great people, staff, and vendors. We are all so blessed with these magnificent lakes and properties. Thank you.

Water Safety Patrol

by Jim Kroeplin

The residents of Lauderdale Lakes should appreciate that we have the Water Safety Patrol which is overseen by the Lake District Board. We are fortunate to have Chief Chris St. Clair and Sergeant Brady Clemmons along with our twelve officers to oversee and operate this important service on our lakes. Thank you for your efforts. Body cameras continue to be used this summer and are working well.

The policy for use of the cameras is on the website. As we continue our 2023 boating season, there are a couple of items that need to be remembered:

Pebble Beach Area - This has been, and continues to be, a very popular place for boats to anchor. There is a line of buoys along the east side of this area. We need to remember that all anchored boats must be to the west of this line to allow the shoreline residents access to their homes and piers. Parking on this line or to the east of it can result in a citation. Our Water Safety Patrol has increased their presence in this area.

Towables - Remember if you are towing a tube or skiers behind your boat the maximum number you can tow is two (2) people at once. It is also not allowed to pull a person on a towable into or out of Sterlingworth Bay or through the channel between Green Lake and Middle Lake.

PWCs – Please review the rules for operating a PWC on our lakes. These watercraft continue to have a high percentage of stops and citations.

Clean Boats Clean Waters

by Jane Larsen

This year we had a total of 4 part-time employees working at the launches to ensure all 4 launches had boat inspectors enforcing the removal of weeds from their boats/trailers, draining the live wells, and making sure the launch fees are paid. We will be adding new signage and relocating some of the more important ones to an area where they can be better seen. New RED “No Parking your Car/Trailer” signs have been placed along the side of the roads near each launch. These have helped the property owners living near the Westshore and Sterlingworth launches. Cars with empty trailers had been blocking their driveways and obstructing the road in the past. These signs have

been successful with keeping cars/trailers off the streets once the launches are full.

REMINDER: The launch GARBAGE BINS are NOT for personal usage. The bins are provided for people who launch their boats for the day. Things like broken chairs, large cardboard boxes, old bicycles, etc., are left in and outside the bins which overflow every weekend and have become a huge nuisance. If you have BULK GARBAGE, you are allowed to have 1 pickup per month **at no charge**. PLEASE call John’s Disposal to arrange for any bulk pickups. <https://www.johnsdisposal.com/>

Piers

Any questions regarding piers or permit applications please contact: Board Member John Gilmartin (312-485-5875) or Pier Inspector Kai Cook (262-903-8351). Pier permit applications can be found on the Lauderdale Lake District website, lauderdalelakedistrict.com



Maddex Monroe and Theresa Gruener inspecting a trailer.

Septic

Any questions regarding the lake district septic program please contact: Board Member John Gilmartin (312-485-5875) or Associates Septic Services (262-495-7004).

As always, check out our website for updates on all our programs at lauderdalelakedistrict.com



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