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MESSAGE FROM THE LLIA PRESIDENT

Dear Lauderdale Neighbors,

We are approximately halfway through winter as I write this letter. The ground hog did not see his shadow in Southern Wisconsin on February 2nd, and we will probably have another six to eight weeks of cold weather and snow regardless. Our February Shorelines is mailed to all the home owners within the Lauderdale Lakes Management District. We hope you find the Shorelines informative and become a 2011 LLIA member. All members will receive a new 2011-2013 LLIA Directory and three more issues of Shorelines to keep you abreast of Town of LaGrange and Lauderdale Lakes news and events. A membership form is included for your convenience and I invite you to join now.

Once again our Shorelines has great articles written by LLIA Directors and area contributors. Lauderdale Lakes has had "Hard Water" for several weeks, but is it safe? See the very informative article by Judy DeAngelis on page 4 to learn more and review safe practices when going out on the ice.

Some Lauderdale Lakes homes have a storied history that few of us know. Did you know that LL 5 on Green Lake was the site of the first hotel on the lake back in the 1860s? David Jordan tells us the history of LL 5 which has been in his family since the early 1900s. You will find his article on page 5, and learn who visited the lake hotel in the early years.

The LLIA Directory property owner listing article on page 5 was written by Nestor Dyhdalo who keeps the master listing for all Lake District Property. Take a moment and read how important the data listing is for emergency calls. Also see how you can interact with Nestor to be sure the data is correctly shown.

Piers are a great asset for those of us with lake front property. And from time to time we need

to improve or replace our piers. The Town of LaGrange has pier ordinances that we must follow during the time of pier update or replacement. To save time and be certain of compliance, read the article on page 6 and learn how the Town and the Lake Management District are working together to simplify the application and approval process.

The Fish Committee reports the fish stocking program was very successful in 2010. Between the LLIA fall fish stocking and an early summer DNR stocking some 32,000 Walleye were placed in the lake. The fish committee also heard about the smaller bass size ... do we have any larger bass? Read more about the Committee efforts in the article by Brian Walsh, Fish Committee Chair.

Are you aware that Ice Boats are sailed on our Lakes in the winter? Scott Mason gives us news of the Ice Boats used this winter. After reading his article on page 9, I realized that you need to be a very skilled sailor to manage these craft successfully. Scott also explains the new Lauderdale Lakes Community Center that is now being occupied by the KMLT, Water Safety Patrol Office, Lake Management District office, and used by the LLIA for Board meetings.

Have you taken a minute to check the LLIA web site recently? It is kept up to date by Director John Antonic and he has done a great job making it more user friendly. He gives you more info about the Web site on Page 9.

The Town of LaGrange Supervisor election will be Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Learn more about the candidates for office in the article on page 3.

The LLIA Directors voted during the October Board meeting to donate \$2200 to the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department. Chuck Taylor, Fire Department Captain, Rescue Squad Team, shares on page 3 how the Fire Department used the grant to purchase new life saving equipment. The Fire Department is a vital part of our community and the LLIA is pleased to be able to support their volunteer work.

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We are very fortunate to have Island Woods as a nature preserve as part of our Lauderdale Lakes community. This past summer a hiking trail was completed across the preserve beginning at the parking area at the end of Oak Park road. Herb Sharpless describes the winter activity there as invasive Buckthorn trees cut earlier in the year are burned when good snow cover makes it safe for a fire. See the article on page 9, and plan to hike the trail either in winter or summer during 2011.

The Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association has been focusing on protecting and improving our lakes for over 100 years. Lauderdale Lakes are some of the most pristine waters within the entire Wisconsin Lake system. Our Association looks forward to many more years of supporting our lakes for fishing, recreational boating, swimming, and personal enjoyment. We hope you will join the Association this year and join us in keeping our lakes pristine for future generations to enjoy. Thanks for your support and our next issue of Shorelines will arrive in member's mailboxes in May just as the boating season begins again.

Don Henderson

GOLF CART ALERT

By Rick Callaway

The Walworth county Sheriff's Department will be enforcing the County's ordinance for non-licensed vehicles driving on public roads. Primarily affected will be golf carts.

The Sheriff's office sent an officer to a recent Town Board Meeting to report on the complaints received regarding non-licensed vehicles on public roads. There are no legal provisions for these vehicles to be driven on public roads and the officer was notifying the Town that the Sheriff's Department would be issuing citations for violations. The violations could be for unlicensed vehicles as well as for Underage drivers. There are vehicles that are open sided and look similar to a golf cart that are purposely built and licensed to be driven on public roads. These types of vehicles are frequently seen in vacation areas. **A common golf cart is not a legal vehicle to be driven on a public road.**

LAUDERDALE-LAGRANGE TOPICS

By Don Henderson

Lauderdale – LaGrange Fire Department

2010 Fire Department Activity:

The volunteer Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians, EMT's, serving the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department responded to 186 total calls for support during 2010. Total calls were 29 higher in 2010 than in 2009, and the Department averaged 3.6 call responses per week during 2010. Once again the Emergency Rescue Team had the most activity answering 152 calls for assistance, also higher than the 119 in 2009. Fire Fighters responded to 34 calls in 2010. On average over the past three years the Department responded to 179 calls per year. That is the equivalent of 3.5 response calls each week.

“Volunteers continue to be the vital link making this department a success,” related Fire Chief John “Curly”

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Duerst. The volunteer Fire Fighter staff level is currently 42 members, and the approved staff level is 42. While we are at the approved level this month, some members will be retiring and from time to time others move away.

Please spread the word that The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department is seeking new volunteers to become Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. For those of us living in the Town this could be a life or death situation. Quick

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response time by both the EMT and Fire Fighters has helped many residents and property owners.

Men and women volunteers are needed now, and if you or someone you know is interested please call Chief Curly Duerst at 262 495 8610. Especially needed are those people that could be available during the weekdays.

The area property owners and residents are true partners by supporting our Department through gifts and fund raisers. Our Department is classified as a 501c3 organization. Your gifts are generally eligible for tax deduction, and a confirmation letter will be provided for larger gifts. If your employer provides matching gifts please notify them of your gift so that they may also make a matching contribution. “Your past support has been great, and I extend my personal thanks to all of you for making the Department very successful” said Chief Curly Duerst.

Annual Firemen's Dance To Raise Money For Department Equipment

The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department's annual dance will be held on **Saturday, April 16, 2010**. Tickets will be mailed to Town of LaGrange property owners and residents about three weeks before the dance. The proceeds from the dance will be used to purchase new multi-

season call response coats with sewn on reflective strip markings. These will replace the old heavier coats without reflective markings that are used in very cold weather. Fire Fighters must wear these new coats to be compliant with apparel safety regulations when responding to vehicle accident calls and anytime they are on or working next to public roads and highways.

Will A Fire Truck Get To Your Home?

Living in the Town of LaGrange close to the lakes, state forests, farms, and away from the city is both peaceful and relaxing. We have a truly beautiful area with many trees to enjoy. However, we also have many narrow roads and driveways that make it more challenging for fire trucks and ambulances to reach you during an emergency. Winter brings lots

of snow and this makes emergency travel challenging. Please keep your driveways plowed after every snow fall. For those property owners living on private roads or lanes, please have your contractor plow snow and sand as needed to be sure the fire truck and ambulance will reach you in case of emergency.

In addition our beautiful trees are close to the narrow roads, and often have low hanging branches. Fire Chief Curly Duerst asks all homeowners and residents to be sure and trim your tree branches. The emergency trucks are large, and they must have a MINIMUM 12 FEET of clearance above the road and driveway surfaces. Branches should not extend into the road or driveway below the 12 FOOT height. Look at your property now as winter is the best time for tree trimming. Having this work done in the winter will protect the many oaks and other trees that could be damaged by insects and other diseases if trimmed during spring and summer months. Trimming in the summer months may result in your trees dying from disease in subsequent years. Hopefully you will not need the Fire Department, but if you do, be sure it arrives without trees damaging the truck

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Town Board Election

This year the Second, Third, and Fourth Side Supervisor positions are being filled by Elections. Elections will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Candidates elected to the Town Board serve two year terms of office. Candidates must file formal nomination papers to be on the election ballot, and the closure date was January 3, 2011.

Two Town residents that are currently Town of LaGrange Supervisors have filed as Candidates for the Second and Fourth Side Supervisor positions, and they are unopposed. Rick Callaway is the current Third Side Supervisor, and he has decided to step down at the end of this term of office. Mark Bromley has filed to be elected to this Supervisor position.

Don Sukala filed papers to be re-elected to the Second Side Supervisor Position, Town of LaGrange. Don has served on the Town Board since 1999. Don currently serves as Chair of the Building and Roads Committee, and he works closely with the Road Commissioner. This position includes responsibility to plan, assess, review and bring proposals and contracts to the Board for all major Town road maintenance improvements; all Town buildings including the Town Hall, Town Highway Department Garage, Boat House, and related equipment are also the responsibility of this committee. He is also a member of the Town Safety Committee. Don and his wife, Beth, have lived in the Town of LaGrange many years. They lived on Lauderdale Lakes most of the time, and still have a boat on the lake even though they moved to a different home close to the lake recently. Don owns and operates a Plumbing and Heating Business that serves the local area. Don's decision to run for office again is based on his strong desire to support local government and represent the property owners and residents within the Town of LaGrange.

Jeff Schramm filed papers to be re-elected to the Fourth Side Supervisor position. Jeff has experience in local government at the Town and County levels. He has served as the Fourth Side Supervisor since July 2005. The past eleven years Jeff has been a member of the Town Planning and

Zoning Commission, and he is currently the Commission Chairman. Jeff also chaired the Town Communications Committee in the past. He served three years on the Walworth County Zoning Agency as Citizen Member. Jeff served on the County Smart Growth Task Force representing the Town of LaGrange for four years and assisted in the completion of this project within the State of Wisconsin mandated time period. Jeff and his wife, Heather, and family have lived in the Town of LaGrange for 19 years. He is the owner and manager of a professional photography business that serves Corporate Advertising Clients. Jeff said, "My decision to run for re-election is based on my desire to ensure that the Town of LaGrange future is a rural community with a planned balance for families, farming, and the lake communities".

Mark Bromley filed papers to be elected Third Side Supervisor in the upcoming election. He served as First Side Supervisor from 2006 to January 2010 when he resigned to enter the Walworth County Judicial election primary. Mark also served as the District 3 Walworth County Supervisor from 2008 to 2010.

Mark and his wife Pat are the fifth generation to live on his family farm on Greening Road. He is presently an Assistant Attorney General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Mark practiced law from an office at the farm from 2004-2010. Previously, he was a partner in the Kinney & Urban law Firm in Lancaster, WI from 1978 to 2002.

Mark looks forward to rejoining the Town Board and serving the public as an elected supervisor. He stated, "We must care for the land, which will remain long after we all turn to dust. Those entrusted with the power to govern should do so for the public welfare. That includes maintaining reasonable laws and rules to make community life pleasant, while minimizing government's intrusion into the lives of American citizens. The right to be left alone is important, and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
4-5	LaGrange Town Supv. Election.
4-16	Fire Dept. Annual Dance
4-30	LLIA Directors Mtg.
6-11	LLIA Annual Mtg.

mandates restraint in government. On the other hand, reasonable governmental regulation of conduct that affects the rights of others preserves community values and public harmony'.

LAUDERDALE-LAGRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACES AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS By Chuck Taylor, Fire Dept. Captain, Rescue Squad Team

Since the late 1990's, many of the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) on the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department (LLFD) have carried Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in their private vehicles. By doing so, they are often able to have an AED on the scene of a cardiac arrest before the ambulance arrives. Since the two most critical factors in saving victims of sudden cardiac arrest are early Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and early defibrillation, these AEDs have proved to be an important element of emergency care in the Town of LaGrange.



The five oldest AEDs that the LLFD purchased, while still functional, are no longer

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supported by the manufacturer. That means that repair parts are not available as these units begin to wear out. Thus in 2010, the LLFD has began a multi-year project to purchase replacements. New AEDs of the type used by our EMTs sell for about \$2,200 each including a spare battery, defibrillation pads and a carrying case.

In the fall of 2010, the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association (LLIA) provided a grant of \$2,200 to the LLFD to replace one of the aging units. However, through a bit of good fortune, the LLFD located a pair of like-new refurbished units that were selling for \$1,150 each. Therefore, we used the LLIA grant, plus some of the LLFD's funds, to purchase two replacement units and spare batteries. We now have just three of the older units to replace. We thank the LLIA for their support!

And we also strongly encourage you to learn CPR. AEDs save lives, but AEDs can only be effective if the time since the heart stopped is very short, or if the heart has been kept "active" through CPR. New CPR guidelines require only chest compressions for the first several minutes after a sudden cardiac arrest, so CPR is much less intimidating than it used to be. Nearly everyone can do it, including you!! Watch for news about upcoming LLFD-sponsored classes to be held this spring and summer.

LAKE ICE

By Judy DeAngelis

The Ice Is Never Really Safe

While this may sound a little alarming, it's true. Even with 12"+ of ice on the vast majority of our lakes, there are springs, aquifers, dense weed beds, and the occasional unsafe ice adventurer that can push the limits of the ice to create dangerous and possibly deadly situations.

Approximately 10 years ago, family and neighbors were enjoying a brisk and sunny day right outside our lake house. The wind had died down and with the sun bearing down and the temperatures in the mid 30's, it actually felt warm. Middle Lake had partially iced over, but after checking the thickness earlier in the day, the ice was slightly over 3" just off of my

pier. To our horror, we all watched as an ice fisherman, approximately 100 yards away, fell through the ice along with his dog and pop-up tent. A neighbor rushed into the house to call 911. Like clockwork, the rescue team arrived in what seemed like only a couple of minutes and rescued the fisherman. The drama continued when his dog decided to jump back into the water, forcing the rescue team to again, enter the water to make a second rescue. After getting the dog out of the water, the dog (obviously scared and disoriented), bolted across the lake in the opposite direction. The fisherman was fine and he eventually found his dog, so the story had a happy ending. In retrospect, the ice was not safe.

On another scary day going back several years, my son and I were ice fishing well before sunrise on a cold December morning on Middle Lake. For a time, we were the only fishermen on the lake. The ice was slightly over 6" thick and well suited for the weight of us and our combo sled-pop up. The sound of a pick-up truck driving on the lake created some reason for alarm, and we both jumped out of the pop-up. To our horror, the driver of the truck had stopped 100 ft from us and began drilling with a gas powered auger. Immediately, a large fissure snapped across the ice directly under our pop-up. Within 3 minutes, we were packed and scampering as fast as we could towards the north shoreline. The ice was now apparently making enough noise to scare the knucklehead in the truck. I'm guessing that when he saw us make a dash for the shore, he realized the magnitude of the situation. He tossed his auger in the back of the truck and took off without any of his tip-ups or gear. We were lucky. We thought the ice was safe, but actions outside our control made the ice potentially deadly.

Obviously, I'm no stranger to learning the hard way. I've actually managed to fall through ice on one occasion (it was shallow and unsafe) as did my father. In my father's case, we were next to a pier and he was able to pull himself out of the water. Luckily for us, there was a tavern right across the street with a gas clothes dryer and an owner's wife willing to make pancakes for me while my dad's clothes were drying. We were fortunate, as, once again, the ice was unsafe.

Things To Consider When Going Out On The Ice

Long stretch of sub-freezing temperatures - Multiple subzero days & nights are required to freeze the lake and provide a safe surface for walking and ice fishing.

Calm days and nights - Less wind will allow the ice to freeze faster.

How deep is your lake? - A small shallow lake freezes faster than a big deep lake. For our lakes, Green Lake always is the last to fully freeze over.

Heavy snows - A thick layer of snow will insulate the ice and slow the formation of additional ice. The combination of thin ice and heavy snow can be dangerous.

Vegetation - In areas with high concentrations of submerged weeds and shoreline plants, the ice will be thinner. Avoid these areas when possible.

Springs and Aquifers - If there are springs, feeder creeks or aquifers that put water into the lake, make sure you know where those areas are to avoid weak ice. The more moving water in a location, the less solid the ice will be.

Baby steps even if you are not a baby - When venturing out on to a recently frozen body of water, walk slowly and take small steps, especially in areas where no one has walked. It will be easier to detect unsafe ice and avoid inadvertently falling through the ice (See the section on "Spud Bars").

Ask the ice fisherman - Trust me when I tell you that the ice fishermen know exactly how thick the ice is. Unless you have a gas powered auger, drilling multiple holes through the ice is cardio at its best, and the guys that auger by hand will know within 1/2 inch. Most ice fishermen are also knowledgeable about danger spots to avoid (usually from learning the hard way), so always ask - especially if you are not familiar with the lake.

If You Do Go Out On The Ice, Here Are More Things To Consider

The buddy system - Don't venture on the ice alone. The buddy system virtually assures that another person will be along with you to help in case of a fall-in or broken ice. Let's face it, everyone needs a buddy!

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Life jackets - They aren't just for summer anymore! By wearing a personal floatation device (PFD) underneath a coat or overalls, personal buoyancy is increased, keeping the head and shoulders above water in the event that you fall in.

Spud bar, anyone? - Some people think this is a buffet with baked potatoes and toppings. It's actually a long metal, or metal tipped wood pole used to probe unsure areas of ice, and can also be used as a walking stick when traveling on slick areas as well. When I was a kid, we simply used a solid branch or stick which also works well.

Safety Spikes - There are many types of safety spikes designed to give traction to an ice adventurer, should he break through. Pairs can be bought at stores such as Farm and Fleet or Bass Pro Shop. Homemade versions work well, too, with wooden dowels and nails. By putting a nail into one-inch diameter dowels that fit into your hands, you can create a floating tool that could save your life.

Cell Phone – No, not for texting or checking Face Book! Actually, after you've fallen through the ice, you'll want your buddy (see paragraph on buddy system) to have the cell phone to call for help and give the rescue team directions. The next call will be to your wife to tell her that her extremely intelligent husband fell through the ice.

Portable radio – Yes, this is old-school, but keeping abreast of changing weather patterns and other important information as it becomes available isn't a bad idea, especially if you are venturing to a remote area. Further, it is a safe way to listen to the Bears/Packers/Badgers games, as long as you don't throw a hissy-fit and fall through the ice after an untimely interception.

A 50-foot rope – Rope keeps a lifeline handy for you and your buddy. If for some reason you are forced to navigate unknown areas, it can be used to tether your team together when venturing on ice that is potentially "iffy". Also, by attaching a block of wood to one end, the rope can be effectively thrown out and floated to a person who is struggling in the water.

Dry clothes in the car – If you are driving to a lake for the day, keep a spare sweat-shirt and some old jeans in your vehicle along with some dry wool socks. The faster you can get your body dry, the less chance you have of suffering from hypothermia. Water transfers heat 25 times faster than air; therefore, getting dry is the primary goal after being submerged in near-freezing lake water.

Ice creepers - these shoe spikes are relatively inexpensive and provide traction on the ice to prevent falls and injuries.

Leave a message at home - Make sure to let a family member, neighbor, or friend know where you are going to be throughout the day. Leave a note with your location on the lake, and the route you will take to get there and back again. Let people know what time you are leaving and what time you plan to arrive back home.

Ice thickness rules - As stated before, no ice is ever safe ice. Here are some guidelines from the WDNR to help understand when the ice is safe for various situations. Remember that these are guidelines and you should always use good judgment before venturing onto the ice.

Less than 4 inches – STAY OFF! There is no reason to test the newly formed ice at this time.

4-6 Inches – Ice fishing and foot travel are fine. If you are traveling in a group, keep some spacing to avoid overloading a small area of the ice.

6-10 Inches – Snowmobiles and ATV's can travel safely on good ice that is in this thickness range. This is the time to pull that ice hut out on the lake as well.

10-16 Inches – Small cars and pick-ups can begin to venture on to the ice. However, the WDNR states that it is best to avoid driving on the ice whenever possible.

16+ Inches – A medium-sized car or mid-size pickup can drive on good clear solid ice

LLIA DIRECTORY LISTING

**by
Nestor Dyhdalo**

It's that time again – another LLIA Directory year where we publish a directory

with a variety of useful information for Lauderdale Lakes homeowners. Included in the directory is a listing of lake homeowners listed by their last name as well as a listed by the old Fire# or LL#. The LL#'s start in Green Lake and go clockwise around the lakes and they serve as your 'water address.' They are useful for finding properties on the lake from the water side. When you call the water rescue squad or the water patrol for assistance, they use the LL # to find your property location on the lake. The Walworth County Sheriff's Department, the La-Grange Fire Department and the county 911 emergency system, on the other hand, all use your street address.

As you're reading this article please pull out your old directory and check your listing for accuracy. Be sure to check both listings: by last name and LL#. Several times a year, we sync our homeowner name and address database with the Walworth County database. This way if a property has changed hands, our database gets updated with the new owner information. But in some cases, if you are not explicitly listed on the property, your name may get inadvertently deleted from our database. We try to catch these as best we can but sometimes these types of undesired updates slip through.

Here are some things to check. Is your address listed correctly? Is your name spelled correctly? Would you like another name added to your listing, for example, Jim and Kathy instead of just one name? Has your phone number changed or would you like your number omitted? All of these changes are possible. Please email your changes to me at directory@llia.org or you can call 847-729-3554 and leave the changes on my voicemail. Please do so promptly so we have time to get your changes into the new directory.

It would also be helpful if you dropped us a line when you do sell your property so that we can get the new homeowner information into our database more quickly.

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LAUDERDALE LAKES HISTORY ARTICLE

LL 5

By David R. Jordan



Webster House - 1863
Lakeviwe House – 1870
Hilltop Cottage – 1920

William Larrabee erected the first hotel (hunting lodge) on Lauderdale Lakes on the site of LL 5 in the early 1860's and the original building is still being used today. According to "The Survey of Records of LaGrange" and The Hotel Registry now displayed at the Webster House Museum in Elkhorn, WI, A.W. Grippen purchased the lodge in 1870. He then added 4 rooms on the first floor and 5 more bedrooms on the second along with several additional buildings including a dance-refreshment hall, ice house and stables to convert it into a hotel named LAKEVIEW HOUSE. This information was obtained from Floyd Ewing's article "HISTORY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES" found in the research section of the Elkhorn Library. He also writes that the surrounding area was known as Gripp's Landing and was used for public picnics and the annual Fourth of July Fireworks. We believe also that A.W. Grippen owned the first steamboat on the lake called the Puffer, but this cannot be documented.

The historical significance of this hotel is that according to the Hotel Registry

PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT along with prominent Republican Party members, Robert Medill (publisher of The Chicago Tribune) and famed writer Horace Greeley signed in on February/March of 1872. It is believed a mini Republican Convention was held then to encourage Grant to run for re-election. Grant signed

in again as a private citizen in 1881. The curator of the Webster House Museum feels quite confident that this indeed happened because Grant enjoyed the area for hunting and fishing. No newspapers are available to corroborate this due to a fire that destroyed all the newspapers from that decade.

The final owner, David Jordan's grandfather Charles Luckow, purchased this hotel from Minor G. Halverson in the early 1900's. He began using it as his second home for his young and expanding family. In the early/mid 1900's the bay in front of the property was known as Luckow Bay. Dave Jordan – his youngest grandson – now owns this home and has lovingly refurbished it so that future generations may enjoy it as we have had for all these years.

DO YOU NEED TO MAKE PIER IMPROVEMENTS? By Rick Callaway & Scott Mason

Each year many homeowners around the lake need to make pier or dock improvements and sometimes replace a pier. The Towns of LaGrange and Sugar Creek have Pier Ordinances that must be followed. Each year problems arise when property owners or their contractors do not follow the pier ordinance resulting in additional expenses to remove or alter a pier that has been incorrectly installed.

Following the ordinance to make pier changes is easy.

First read the pier ordinance on the Town Web site or in the LLIA Directory (page 35).

Second, contact the Town Building Inspector Vince Budiak at 262.366.2400 and provide him a drawing with dimensions of your new or remodeled pier proposal including a copy of the survey or plat plan. The Building Inspector will advise you if a building permit is required, issue a permit, or recommend that you take your proposal to the Town Board for a variance consideration.

Remember that you as the property owner are responsible to obtain any required permits and assure legal conformance. A contractor may state they will do this for you, but it remains the property owners' responsibility to be sure that the Building Inspector has been contacted and appropriate permits issued.

The Towns have revised the ordinance to make it easier for repairs to be completed. Still you need the concurrence of the Building Inspector. The Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District in cooperation with the Towns has surveyed the piers and non conforming piers noted. Property owners were contacted to bring their non conforming piers into conformance beginning in 2010.

Pier Inspector:

The preceding information is correct. At this time the Town building inspector handles all pier permits and inspections. However, the Town of Lagrange and the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District are in the process of discussing the following possible changes.

In the fall of 2010 the LaGrange Town Board voted to pursue transitioning the job of inspecting and permitting piers from the Building Inspector to the Lake District.

The job of issuing permits and inspecting piers for conformance has always been a responsibility of the LaGrange Building Inspector. The Town and the Lake District have had discussions on the subject for several months and have concluded that the work should be transitioned from the Building Inspector to the Lake District.

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BECOME A MEMBER AND STAY INFORMED

By Rick Callaway

What are your interests in the Greater Lauderdale Lakes Area: Recreation, Children's Activities, Adult and Family Activities, Home and other Property Improvements, Dining Out, etc?

Whatever your interests are, the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association, LLIA, is your introduction to, and ongoing source of what is transpiring in the greater Lauderdale Lakes community. Membership is \$35.00 per year and includes a Directory which is published every other year. This Directory is a tremendous resource.

Features of the Directory include emergency contacts and officers and board members of:

1. The Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association
2. The Lauderdale Lakes lake Management District, LLMD
3. The Town of LaGrange
4. The Town of Sugar Creek

Other groups introduced include:

1. The Water Safety Patrol
2. The Kettle Moraine Land Trust
3. The Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers
4. The Lauderdale Lakes Riders
5. The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club
6. The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club
7. Important Walworth County and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) contacts are also provided

Members are informed about applicable local and state ordinances and how to obtain necessary building permits, including permits for new piers and improvement of existing piers.

Also provided are the local and permanent addresses and phone numbers of all residents and property owners within the Lauderdale Lakes Management District. This is done alphabetically and by sub-division.

Many local business and service providers support the LLIA by advertising in our Directory, another source of local resources.

Ongoing and developing information is provided by the LLIA publication of the "Shorelines" which is sent to all members quarterly. This Shorelines issue has been mailed to all 1600 addresses within the Lauderdale Lakes Lake District.

New members and former members, who have not renewed membership for the past five years, will receive a copy of "A History of the Lauderdale Lakes" published in 1992. The starting point is the land formation during the ice age, the great Wisconsin Glacier and early homesteader of the 1830's.

Other reasons to become a member of the LLIA

1. The Association performs water quality test of our lake and supplies the information to the Department of Natural Resources and various government environment agencies.
2. The Association works closely with the DNR and annually stocks fish in our lake. The LLIA also works with the DNR to survey fish population, fish size and health in preparation for stocking different fish varieties.
3. The Association sponsors an annual "Children's Fish Jamboree" to encourage and educate our youth to the sport of fresh water fishing.
4. The Association created and maintains a web site, www.llia.org, to communicate timely status of events and also supply a wealth of community information.

Thank you for being a member of our Improvement Association and for considering membership for yourself and others. A 2011 membership form is included in this Shorelines.

Please make sure when you fill out the membership form, you include the information on how many boats and PWC's you own and use on the lake. The LLIA wishes to supply you with decals that have important safety information..

is 84 mph.

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We are still working out the details but essentially a lake front owner wanting to replace or modify an existing pier or install a new pier needs a permit.

The owner will request the permit from the new Lake District Pier Inspector, complete the application, pay the fee and submit it to the Inspector. Once the pier is installed the inspector will take photos of the pier and file the paperwork with the Town.

If the application demonstrates that the pier is not in conformance with the Pier Ordinance, the owner will have to request a hearing at the town and present their case to the Town Board. Under the new process all enforcement of the Ordinance remains with the Town. The inspector can do all that is necessary for you to get a pier permit as long as it conforms to the ordinance. To construct a non conforming pier requires the submission of a "Variance Application" which can be obtained from the Inspector.

This application is presented to the Town Board at their regular monthly meeting by the owner or his representative. It is the Lake District's goal to have all piers in conformance with the Town Ordinance over the long term. Your cooperation will make it easier and fair to everyone. More detailed information will be available in the coming weeks.

**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
By Scott Mason**

Winter Sailing:

We have great ice if you are an ice fisherman or snowmobiler. Lots of very thick ice that came early and I expect plans to stay late. We had a total of one week of ice sailing then the snows came. Ice sailing is a fickle sport. You need ice, thick ice, no snow, some wind. When that all comes together it's a great sport.

At one time, ice boats were the fastest mode of transportation created by man. This was before fast trains, cars and airplanes. The current record for an ice boat

Lauderdale Lake Community Center:

Eight years ago, the property owners of Lauderdale Lakes voted to have the Lake District purchase the home adjacent to the Golf Course. The home has been rented to several families since its purchase. In December of 2009, the property was paid off. Two years early, I might add. Now we are converting its use to a community center.. Lots of volunteer hours have been spent cleaning and painting and making it ready for the 2011 season. The Kettle Moraine Land Trust is renting a portion of the first floor and the Water Patrol is renting other areas of the building. The Lake District will have it's office in the center room adjacent to the kitchen. In addition we have an informal meeting room with a living room atmosphere and a large meeting room which accommodates up to 30 people. We plan to decorate the meeting room with lake images and artifacts. In fact, the walls have been designated to certain organizations for decorating. The Lake District, Sailing Club, Improvement Association, Yacht Club and Ski Team all have a wall to decorate in their groups theme. We will be working on this during the spring to have it ready for meetings and gatherings. The building also has a basement and 2nd floor. Current plans are to use these areas for storage. We are currently looking for some used living room furniture if you have something you would like to donate. Contact Scott Mason at flyups1@earthlink.net

**IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION
WEB SITE
By John Antonicic**

As I sit here with my driveway finally cleaned of a couple of weeks of packed snow and ice, it's drizzling icy rain and freezing in anticipation of yet another snowfall. I'm ready for spring.

Speaking of spring, it's time again to fill out our LLIA membership applications, and this being a new Directory year, we hope there is a renewed interest in joining us as members of the LLIA. As always, the membership form is available right here on the web site.

The calendar is still mostly unpopulated I will fill in dates of events and meetings as I become aware of them.

The new John's Disposal calendar has been published and can be accessed thru the Link to LaGrange Township under the Municipalities menu button or directly found in the Topics menu on the web site.

The fourth menu button has changed once again to read Business Directory. In anticipation of garnering the interest of local businesses to have a link to their web sites we are doing a little advanced preparation in this area.

The home page has been decorated with a nice snowy picture. I'll be happy to replace it with a green one.

As usual the latest Shorelines and meeting notes are available to be viewed on the web site.

Don't forget to check the scrolling marquee on the home page for time sensitive messages.

Visit our web site at: WWW.LLIA.ORG. I can be emailed at: jantoncic@hotmail.com or telephone 630-964-0393.

**KETTLE MORAIN LAND
TRUST (KMLT)
By Herb Sharpless**

Winter At The Lake

As fall turned to winter and many of you spent less time at your lake home, conservation and associated maintenance continued across our community. In the fall, a dead tree located amongst the stand of Oaks in Island Woods Preserve uphill from the Oak Park Road parking area fell downhill, crossing a portion of the parking lot. Being dead for many years, it shattered and spread wood splinters and limbs across much of the parking area, so some cleanup was required. More recently another of the dead Oaks in the same area fell uphill across the Three Kettle Ridge Trail, and I've reopened the trail by cutting out a portion of this large tree, as shown in the photo. These Oaks were killed by Oak

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Wilt, a disease native to WI, many years ago. While standing, they provided habitat for wildlife, especially woodpeckers.



When fall weather caused the leaves to fall, these trees were more exposed to wind, and some more fell over. Now they will slowly decompose and feed the soil in the woods.

Over this past year, KMLT has been clearing additional invasive Buckthorn trees from portions of the Three Kettle Ridge Trail to encourage more native plants to emerge from the wood's seedbed.

We stack the cut trees in piles, and then I burn them when we have sufficient snow cover to prevent the spread of fire in the

preserve. I was able to complete this winter task a few weeks ago, now that snow cover has returned to the woods. Although a burned brush pile fire causes

enough heat to sterilize the underlying soil, the burn area recovers over a couple of years and the released nutrients wash out into the surrounding soils. So when you hike the trail, you may notice a few spots where we have done brush pile burns over the past several years and you will be able to watch as nature recovers this

area over the next few years! In the fall, KMLT was able to move into its new home in the Community Center located at the northeast corner of the golf course. This facility is a great place for hosting small meetings! Special thanks are due to Scott Mason and his crew who



have started major renovations of this former home to transform it into the Community Center. I joined Scott for some landscaping work this fall, when most of the invasive Buckthorn and Black Locust trees growing up along the access drive were removed. The open viewscape is quite an improvement - Maggie had to request window blinds for our office, now that winter sunlight reaches the building! Our next project with the Lake Management District is to clear several invasive plants from wetlands at the golf course. We plan to do this while the lake is still frozen to allow access to these plants without damaging the wetland. If you would like to join this volunteer effort in February, please contact me.

The other major event that occurred this winter is that KMLT has registered for accreditation through the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. We received a grant from the Land Trust Alliance to hire a consultant to guide us through this important process, and Ken Ingle has been busy leading the documentation improvement effort required to get ready for the review later this year. One of the accreditation requirements is to show that KMLT has reserved sufficient funds to support our properties and easements in perpetuity. Their expectation is that we would hold at least \$70K in Stewardship reserve. Closing the gap between what we had already reserved and the goal has been a major challenge and I want to thank the community for its support, especially the LLIA, who made a significant donation from their 2010 budget to help close the gap!

KETTLE MORaine LAND TRUST (KMLT)

Yes, I'd like to contribute to the KMLT effort to protect our lakes. All contributions are tax deductible.

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City, State, Zip _____

Lake Address Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Pier # (e.g. LL#) _____ E-Mail _____

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Amount of contribution \$ _____

Please make check payable to:

Kettle Moraine Land Trust

Mail with this form to:

KMLT

P.O. Box 176

Elkhorn WI, 53121

Contribution Category:

- Environmental Leader (\$1000 and above) _____
- Environmentalist (\$500 to \$999) _____
- Guardian (\$250 to \$499) _____
- Park Ranger (\$100 to \$249) _____
- Naturalist (\$50 to \$99) _____
- Conservationist (\$25 to \$49) _____

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SPRING GARDENING THOUGHTS

By Audrey Green

With the holidays behind us, I always look forward to finding gardening catalogs and magazines in my mailbox. Planning my garden brings spring just a little closer on those cold winter days. Before I learned about the problems caused by invasive plants, both terrestrial and aquatic, I never thought to question if a particular specimen I was considering might be invasive. But, the more I learned, the more I paid attention because I wanted to make sure that I didn't plant something that would become a problem. With the enactment of NR 40, it is even more important for all of us to be aware of what we are buying and planting.

The issue of regulated plants can be confusing and frustrating because some of the species that are prohibited or restricted in Wisconsin may not be regulated or even considered a problem in other areas of the United States. As a result of the differences in state laws, many species that are illegal to buy or sell in Wisconsin, are available at out of state nurseries, on the internet or through gardening catalogs. Because of this availability, people are sometimes unaware that a species is regulated or they have trouble understanding why it is a problem.

There are a few terrestrial species that fit this category because they have been popular for landscaping in the past, often because of fast growth, adaptability and little or no susceptibility to pests. Please remember, these traits are also indicators of invasiveness in non-native species. Sawtooth Oak, *Quercus acutissima*, is one example that is in fact prohibited in Wisconsin. Many people hear 'Oak tree' and automatically assume that it must be good. Plus, several websites describe its virtues. But in fact, this is a very invasive, non-native tree and since there are around 70 species of oaks native to the U.S. it should not be difficult to find a native Oak tree that will work just fine in your yard.

Another issue with the regulated species is

that some have more than one common name so it makes it difficult to know exactly what it is and if there are any issues with it. When I searched the internet for the Princess tree, *Paulownia tomentosa*, I found mostly web sites that discussed how invasive this tree is and none that offered it for sale. However when I searched using Royal Paulownia tree, which is one of a couple of different common names for *P. tomentosa*, I found a few warnings but many more sites raving about the virtues of this tree and several sites offering it for sale. When buying plants, terrestrial and aquatic, it is extremely important to use the Latin or scientific name so you know exactly what you are getting. If a supplier does not provide scientific names I would suggest contacting them and requesting the information. Along, those same lines, when purchasing 'collections' make sure the species included are identified by scientific name.

There are also quite a few regulated aquatic species for sale via the internet and mail order. Some nursery supply sites and catalogs do provide information about the invasive nature of species they sell, some do not. And, some suppliers do list States where they can not ship certain species to because of regulations. However, I have found that even when some states are listed, Wisconsin is not always included when it should be. Yellow water lily, *Nymphoides peltata*, also known as fringed water lily, is extremely invasive and a prohibited species in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, it is a popular pond plant and still sold extensively on the internet. Another example is *Egeria densa*; common names include Brazilian waterweed and Anacharis, which is often advertized as an oxygenating plant. No matter what name it goes by, please do not buy it. *E. densa* is very invasive and prohibited in Wisconsin.

It is also important to remember that just because a plant is not prohibited or restricted in Wisconsin; it may still have the possibility of becoming a nuisance in your garden, pond or our lakes and natural areas. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has an excellent web site (<http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/>) that provides lists and information on all regulated species as well as species that are being watched and may cause problems. Please take some time and review these species, both aquatic

and terrestrial.

I realize that the precautions required when planning your terrestrial and water gardens do make the whole process more work. But it is well worth the effort to protect Wisconsin's lakes and natural areas from being degraded by an invasive species. If you have questions or concerns or would like additional information please feel free to contact Audrey Greene, Lake Specialist and AIS coordinator for Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management at (262) 741-7902 or agreen@co.walworth.wi.us.

FISH COMMITTEE REPORT By Brian Walsh

Hello to the lake community from the fish committee. My name is Brian and I am the new president of the fish committee. I look forward to continuing, and trying to approve upon, all the great programs the fish committee completes for the lakes. First of all, I would like to thank all of the many volunteers, donors and fish committee members for their time and efforts in the past and the future. Speaking of the future, please allow me to give a brief update of what the fish committee is planning for 2011. Let's start with the always popular Fish Jamboree. The Jamboree will be on the third Saturday in July (7/16/11). We are always looking for new ideas, volunteers or donations for the Jamboree so if you're interested, please contact Ron Kilinski or myself.

The committee has also heard of the "Lauderdale Bass" problem. It is debatable if having too many bass in the lake is a problem, but we sure would like to see some bigger "Lauderdale Bass" out there. The committee is working on a program that should help the lake produce more "Lauderdale Lunkers".

We will again be stocking fish later in the year. It is going to be a small mouth bass year and we are all excited about that. The stocking in 2010 was very successful with more than 32,000 walleye being stocked.

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Well, it is cold out there (we all can't be in Arizona or Florida), so I'm going fish. Anyone else? Come to think of it, have you ever tried ice fishing? The committee has decided to try and expose more of our community to the joy of fishing on the hard water (that means ice fishing). While this winter is getting away from us, we are planning on having an ice-fishing jamboree in 2012. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me.

I believe I have taken up enough of the shorelines. In closing, I would again like to thank all of the volunteers that have assisted the committee in the past and I look forward to volunteering with you in the future.

**LLIA PROACTIVE IN
ESTABLISHING A
FISHING LINE
RECYCLING PROGRAM
By Bud Vance**

In the summer of 2010, the LLIA approved to cover the expense to build, in-

stall and maintain recycling containers for fishing line at all Lauderdale Lakes and Pleasant Lake boat ramps.

The project was successfully implemented with the help and approval of the La-Grange Town Board and the Lauderdale Lakes Management District.

The design and idea was fathered by the Boat U. S. Foundation. Through them, we were able to acquire the needed decals and signage.

We encourage all fisherman to dispose of all fishing line waste into these containers. Fishing line that is thrown into the lake gets caught in props and can cut through seals. It can tangle and kill fish. And it does not go away. Once fishing line goes into the lake it takes up to 500, yes 500 years, before it decomposes.



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