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MESSAGE FROM THE LLIA PRESIDENT

Dear Lauderdale Residents,

The one-two punch of this past winter and spring has once again proven that we live in a truly unpredictable climate. I've not checked the Vegas odds on our weather for this summer, but I'm betting small and still wearing clothes that normally would be on the top shelf of my closet by now. I launched my 16' Alumacraft boat on May 1st with an air temperature of 48°F, a water temperature of 46°F, a north east wind of 20 MPH and light drizzle. The good news was that the boat launch was wide open. As far as I'm concerned, a long and hot summer might get us to break even with Mother Nature.

With the boating season underway, I wanted to address safety on our lakes. We had relatively few incidents this past boating season and we'd like to continue that trend in 2014. With that in mind, let's review the top 6 causes of boating accidents:

- 1) **#1** cause is operator inattention. Unlike land vehicles, boats do not have brakes and it is difficult to react quickly in the water. Losing track of where you are and where other boats are is a recipe for trouble.
- 2) **#2** cause of boating accidents is improper lookout. Unless you are boating alone, you should always have a designated person serve as a lookout for other vessels, objects in the water, and swimmers.
- 3) **#3** cause of boating accidents is operator inexperience. When operating a boat, you

must be familiar with navigation rules and have complete awareness of how to operate the steering, throttle and lighting on your boat.

- 4) **#4** cause is excessive speed. Just because your boat can go fast doesn't mean it has to. Slowing down not only enables you to better see unexpected people and objects in the water and avoid collisions with other boats, it also helps you and your passengers better appreciate the view and scenery.
- 5) **#5** cause is mechanical failure. A boat is an investment that should be protected through proper maintenance. Check your boat regularly for signs of wear and tear, make sure that your navigational lights are working, keep a fire extinguisher on board at all times, and perform regular maintenance to protect you and your loved

**LLIA ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE
14TH AT 9:00 A.M.
AT LUTHERDALE BIBLE CAMP.**

ones from getting into harm's way.

- 6) **#6** This may come as a surprise, but excessive alcohol use is the sixth overall cause of boating accidents. We had only one OWI on Lauderdale Lakes this past year and it seems that our boat captains are doing a terrific job of staying sober when operating the boats on our lakes.

We have a fascinating edition of Shorelines for you with a great combination of historical articles, community updates and activities associated with our terrific lake organizations. Georgie Ann Geyer has a fascinating article about her childhood

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years on Mill Lake. This is a must read! The Fish Committee has been busy this past year, and Brian Walsh brings us up to speed with their upcoming events. The **Fish Jamboree is on July 19th** so please stop by and say "hello." Jim Aron has a great article about the Lauderdale Lakes Fire Department; not only are they awesome at fighting fires, they are awesome at raising money for the American Lung Association. If you, or a family member, are interested in attending a boating course this year, see Ken Blanke's article for dates, times and registration information. Jerry Petersen and Herb Sharpless both have terrific articles about KMLT, and Audrey Greene has some insightful information about preventing the spread of invasive plants and animals in our lakes.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone of the **LLIA annual meeting on June 14th at 9:00 a.m. at Lutherdale Bible Camp.** Please stop by and join us for a free breakfast and meet the LLIA directors and executive board - we would love to see you there.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!!!

Dave DeAngelis

LAUDERDALE LAKES HISTORY ARTICLE

Guest Column: A Correspondent's Lakes Remembrance By Georgie Anne Geyer

--Georgie Ann Geyer lives in Washington, D.C., where she is a foreign correspondent and commentator for Universal Press Syndicate. She has interviewed many presidents and foreign leaders and written about important developments in the Middle East and elsewhere for over 30 years. She remembers Lauderdale fondly as one of her first important inspirations. Ms. Geyer's recollection of lake life and what it meant to her will appear here and in the next history column. KIC

When my brother Glen and I were children, we used to drive up to "the lake" on weekends with our parents from the far South Side of Chicago and sleep peacefully---until we came to Elkhorn. There, something would rouse the adventurer in us! Nervously, we were now on-the-watch. Then, as we drove downhill on the Old Route 12 at Don Jean Bay, we would invariably start to cry out---who could see the sign for the lakes and the old Sterlingworth Hotel first?

It was a game for which there was no prize, except that, for reasons inside ourselves, it made us extremely happy. I rather think it had made our parents happy, too, for they had, after all, discovered the lake by horse and carriage from Waukesha in 1925, bought two lots as they were then laid out and built a small but charming cabin on a hill overlooking the southwest of Mill Lake.

We would turn off at that dangerous left-hand turn at the top of the hill, then swerve into Country Club Drive for the

half-mile ride to our house. I hesitate not a whit to brag that it was the most delightful little lodge on the entire drive, maybe all three lakes, maybe the world. (That was how much we loved it.) It even had a name, "Suits Me." Dad had himself built a beautiful stone fence along the road by the golf course; and the house had an imposing stone fireplace, a wrap-around porch and a boathouse and lovely beach. Inside, it was all knotty pine and high rafters, with a lot



Suits Me cottage on Mill Lake where Ms. Geyer spent her summers

of European touches.

My folks soon got to know both lake people and country people. Our close neighbors, the Shultzes, were salt-of-the-earth and we were blessed afterwards with the DuCloses, especially Roger and Linda and



Gee Gee with the "Suits

their children. Close friends from Chicago, the Bastas and the Reidys built homes on the lake. Larry Framburg across the lake was a good friend. Once, dad brought a big rock from Germany for the Froelkes, who had built the White Horse Inn, and it was placed in their stone walls.

Another night somewhere along the way, our dad, who may have drunk, at most, two or three beers a year, went next door to Dr.

Freese's. He had built that majestic English-style house next door and we were all such good friends that he even had a door built in the fence between us. Apparently our vulnerable, non-drinking father had a couple of Dr. Freese's "specials" and made his way home at some hour (mother wouldn't tell us) through the private gate.

But... when mother got up in the morning...she found seven stuffed ducks on the front room floor. "Ducks?" she said, her voice filled with amazement. "Ducks?" When dad did wake up again, he had his story and he stuck to it: they were a special gift from doctor. Mother might

as well have seen Tarzan swinging from our rafters. Actually, though, it turned out rather well. We put the ducks up on the rafters, and they gave visitors the feeling that they were in a Wisconsin jungle.

But mother never quite forgave doctor for something else. He had been intimate friends with the great writer, Carl Sandburg. Since I at least said I had always wanted to be a writer, mother never forgave him for not introducing me to him.

And, yes, I did become a writer---exactly the type I wanted to be, a "foreign correspondent." For 50 years now, after graduating from Northwestern University and studying at the University of Vienna on a Fulbright scholarship, I worked on the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service, traveled all over the world, interviewed most leaders (Saddam Hussein, Sadat, Castro, all the American presidents in my time, etc.) and authored 11 books.

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There are no secrets there. It was a difficult, but joyous life, every day filled with trying to understand and to explain other cultures, other peoples, and other wars. In the end, I covered 19 wars and conflicts all over the world, and many wonderful things, like Ronald Reagan telling me about the fall of the Soviet Empire.

But what I have never spoken of---because, really, I never much thought about it 'till now---is the fact that *I truly started to become a writer at "the lake."*

Oh, I, too, loved to go to the lake to swim and water-ski. Swimming deep in the water, I seemed to be bathing myself with ideas. After an uninspiring beginning on the skis, Jerry and Bob Remien finally got me up one day behind their boat and took me around, and around, and around the lakes, while for three hours they never ever looked my way.

I liked to play badminton, and croquet, and go golfing. But I realize now, after all these years---and having sold our beloved "Suits Me" in 2003---that for me, as a writer, the lake meant something else, something that introduced me not just to Wisconsin but to another world entirely, every trip past the sign approaching Lauderdale was a journey to Cairo or Rangoon or La Paz, somewhere at first inexplicable but whose different truths soon touched my soul and awakened it.

When I went to Latin America as a foreign correspondent for the Daily News in 1964, I had already been overseas---I had been to "the lake."

In Chicago, you see, we lived in a neat and perfectly functional little bungalow. My father's prosperous dairy, "Geyers' Dairy," was a mile away from home. My lovely mother kept two perfect homes, in the city and at the lake. My brother, Glen, was the artistic, creative member of the family and his artistry carried him, after he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, and came home to a successful job as designer for big dress design firms.

But the lake, for me, the incipient writer, was not just like crossing the state line to Indiana, or Iowa or, of course, Wisconsin. My attention, my eyes, my spirit were

immediately and raptly concentrated on this different world. It smelled differently--at night, there was that beautiful damp, expectant feeling that left me trembling as the sun left me beyond our screened-in porch, on its way probably to Canada, while the moon rose over the golf course and across our big back yard.

I felt different. I breathed differently. I saw different forms and suggestions I never told my mother about. It was my own land of Oz. It came thusly, so very early on, seeing and feeling and being able to know and experience another world that toned my emotions, that nuanced my love for other beings and that allowed me as a human being to fit into a world as different as our city home and life as Chicago from Oman, or Peru, or Angola.



By day, we children found myriad unique things to do. When I was old enough, eleven or twelve, I would paddle the canoe over to the tiny island beyond our big island and over to the west... I would sit there or make my way through the water, staring at the beautiful stones, sometimes for hours and hours. Another favored place was visiting the island where Cal, Julie and Gordon Hansen lived in that big white house where the Ziegfeld Follies girls came for parties. Cross my fingers! Mr. Hansen told us. I could just see the beautiful girls lounging all around their huge living room. Could I have been one?

We dug for clay and made vases that the Incas would certainly have rejected. Glen, the informal chairman of the "fun" committee, was tireless. He took the boat parades seriously and we decorated our gorgeous Garwood like a showboat, in an Indian theme and the Good Lord only remembers what else? Glen and his friends

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

DATE

EVENT

- 5-31 - Yacht Club, Cocktails with the Commodore
- 6-1 Sailing Club Beisswanger Trophy Race
- 6-14 - LLIA Annual Membership Mtg.
- 6-21&22 - Boating Safety Course
- 7-5 - Lauderdale July 4th Fireworks
- 7-12&13 - Boating Safety Course
- 7-19 - Kids Fish Jamboree
- 8-9 - Fire Dept. Steak Fry
- 8-23 - KMLT "Happy Hour in the Park"

volunteered to cook brats and hamburgers at the annual "fry," and Glen's parties at our place were legendary. Dad was president of the lake group.

Once, when my brother was a young teenager, there was a top Mafioso, a "colleague" of Al Capone's, hiding out back by the springs in the west of Middle Lake. The springs in those long ago days were cone-like structures with a magical blue color seeping up and out of them. The lake itself was so covered with weeds that it was difficult even to paddle in and find the springs then.

At any rate, on this day, Glen was aimlessly paddling around there and a man came out of a makeshift ramshackle house, the only one in the area. One noticed that he was carrying a shotgun. He pointed it at Glen and told him, "Get out of here." It turned out this was the Capone man, who was hiding out there. But in the days that followed, he was foolishly driving recklessly on Route 12 by the little white church (not wise, at all) and hit a light pole. Captured by our no-nonsense Elkhorn police, HIS lake days were over.

My insatiable quest for the magical continued one night when, with my pals, I took a look in the Sterlingworth Hotel basement. The hotel was closed then, and we intended no harm. People had talked that the hotel was a Mafia gambling center, and we reporters aimed to investigate. With our flashlights, we stumbled into the empty basement and---sure enough---there were still uncovered gambling tables.

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But the best of all were the walls. They were covered with smocked pink satin. We could see and feel them.

Another little obsession of ours was the emptied-out ruins of the old insane asylum that stood then on the hill just above the town of Lake Geneva. We were nice kids and harmed nothing, but we had a tremendous lust for knowing and seeing for ourselves. Someone must have had a car, perhaps Glen who had a sporty Oldsmobile convertible. But we just loved to scramble about those ruins, their history potentially filled with lust and evil and despair.

This was notably foolish because at one point, one of the Siegle girls, our beloved neighbor girls in Chicago who were like our sisters, almost fell through a big, rough hole, which seemed to go down at least two stories. We began to lose our taste for commemorating the lost insane.

For some people, the lake was just a place to relax and revive. Fine! But for some of us others, it could be another world, one in which to feed your dreams, to revive your spirits and to mend the rents in your heart. And I was not alone in this. I found that many, many other writers, or artists of one or another sort, had never forgotten their summer homes or their lakes---they were their founding inspirations.

Everywhere I went in the world I would see it. Once, I was driving with my good friend Mary McDermott through the south of France near Carcassonne and I looked at the fresh, lush green fields of France's summer spread out before us and murmured, "It's like Wisconsin." My friend looked at me as though the sun had hit me. Other times, it was the same. The lake was in my blood; worse, in my head and heart, the two things you write with.

When my brother was very ill and dying in 2003 and we had to sell our "Suits Me," my dear friends Carol and Jerry Petersen, whose beautiful home sits across the lake from ours, helped immeasurably, both with physical and with

moral help. Indeed, they now have our "Suits Me" sign in the forest entering their own home, which honors me terrifically.

But after I solemnly left the house, these two wonderful friends took one more look around. Jerry seemed to see something left up in the top of the garage, and he climbed up there. In his hand as he clambered down was my brother's magic wand. He had been a quite good magician in his youth,

we are still missing a few so please email me.

The "Kid's Fishing Jamboree is July 19, 2014 and it's going to be another great event this year. Registration and fishing will begin at **8:00 am** on July 19, 2014 at the Landings and we will have fun stuff for the kids all the way until lunch at **12:00 pm**. Like in years past, we will have many displays for young and old so make sure to attend. The event is open to all kids under 16. And as always, prizes and lunch for all kids who participate, and its only \$5.00.

One of the things I enjoy with the Kid's Fish Jamboree is that every year we make a monetary donation to the Elkhorn Food Pantry and the Lakeland Animal Shelter. I look forward to continuing this tradition this year. In addition to our monetary donation from the

kid's jamboree, I think it would be neat if each child participating in the jamboree brought one non-perishable item for the food pantry and one non-perishable item for the animal shelter. This donation is not mandatory but recommended.

We are still looking for our major raffle prize for this year's jamboree. If you have anything you would like to donate for our major raffle, please let me know. Thank you in advance.



among so many other things.

"Oh Jerry," I said, near tears. "Do keep the magic wand here at the lake. Please. This is where it belongs."

And there is where it remains; and there is where part of me shall always remain.

Ms. Geyer's parents, Robert and Georgie Hazel Geyer, purchased the "Suits Me" cottage and brought their children up to Lauderdale in the 1940s and 50s and beyond."

FISH COMMITTEE REPORT By Brian Walsh

Happy spring. I hope everyone made it through the long winter and is ready for some summer fishing fun. As was stated in the last Shorelines, the LLIA fish committee has a new email address which is lliafish-committee@hotmail.com. If you want to know what is going on with the committee please email me at this address. Also, for all members new and old that would like help with the fish committee, please send me an email. While I have many of the fish committee member's email addresses,

LLIA KID'S FISHING JAMBOREE, JULY 19, 2014

- **7:30 am** – volunteers arrive at Landing's parking lot, **8:00 am** – **10:30 am** registration
- **8:00 am** – **11: 00 am** open fishing (on your own)
- **11:00** – **11: 30** Special Display on Fireman's Point at the Landing (what could it be???)
- **11:45** – Prizes
- **12:00** – Lunch

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In regards to our stocking program, this year we are planning on stocking walleye again with the WDNR's permission. We will have a new fish biologist on Lauderdale and I am waiting for our stocking permit to be approved but I have been assured the permit should be no problem. So please keep the donations coming. The stocking is working!

The reason we know the stocking is working is the fish survey that was completed last year. It has not been finalized but I have the raw data from the survey. The good news is the lake looks healthy and the number of walleye and smallmouth bass found was encouraging. I have not linked up the results to the LLIA website yet, or included them in this article because the report is not final. I don't want to publish any information that may be inaccurate so we will have to wait. We will have a more definitive report by the next shorelines. If you would like to see the raw data from the surveys, please email me at lliafishcommittee@hotmail.com and I will forward you the data.

We will be having a **Fish Committee Meeting on May 31, 2014** at 9:00 am in the Landings parking lot. We will have the meeting at 9:00 am and then work on building a few fish cribs at 9:45. Please make sure to attend the meeting as we always need volunteers.

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FISH CRIB NEEDS

By Jeff Angst

Hello all, the Fish Committee needs your help. We are looking for logs for this year's fish crib construction. If you are cutting down trees or having an outside firm cutting wood, we would like it.

We are looking for logs that are 5 feet long and have a diameter of 5-10 inches. If your or your contractor will have them cut to 5 foot lengths, we will pick them up and use them in our cribs.

The Fish Committee, the fish and our great lakes would really appreciate it.

Your contact person for this project is: Jeffrey Angst, (262) 742-2470 or jangst@Phoenixtextile.com



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- Safety – Mark Bromley, Chair, Don Sukala
- Administrative and Finance – Frank Taylor, Chair, Dan Wilson
- Building and Roads – Don Sukala, Chair
- Communications Committee – Dan Wilson, Chair

Town Representative to Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District – Don Sukala

PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH RAMPS

Public Boat Launch ramps on both Lauderdale and Pleasant Lakes will continue to have user fees. Each boat ramp user must pay a \$3.00 daily fee prior to launching a water craft per Town of LaGrange Ordinance. This includes all residents and property owners in the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District, The Town of LaGrange, and The Town of Sugar Creek as well as boaters from all other areas.

An annual Boat Launch user pass may be purchased for a \$20.00 fee. The annual fee entitles the user to unlimited launches from January 1 to December 31 each year. These must be purchased from the LaGrange Town Clerk, Crystal Hoffman, as all Boat Launch ramps for Lauderdale and Pleasant Lake are in The Town of LaGrange. Purchase the annual pass at the Town Hall in person, or by mail by sending a check or money order to the Town of LaGrange Clerk, P.O. Box 359, White-water, WI 53190. Frequent users of the Public Boat Launch Ramps will find this annual fee much more cost effective.

The boat launch fees collected during the 2013 season totaled more than \$14,900.00. This money has been and will continue to be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the boat launch ramps, parking areas, piers, and signage. The Sterlingworth Boat Launch pier will be repaired and improved this year, and this is one example of how the boat launch fees are used.

LAUDERDALE-LAGRANGE TOPICS

By Don Henderson

2014 Town of LaGrange Election

The Town Board Chairman and First Side Supervisor positions were up for election in 2014. Elections were held April 1, 2014 and elected candidates serve two year terms on the Town Board. Frank Taylor was reelected Town Chairman and Dan Wilson reelected First Side Supervisor.

Town of LaGrange Committees are chaired and supported by the following Board Members:

Remember to pay your fee this spring as you launch your boat. A Fee Collection box is installed at each ramp, and payment envelopes are provided for you use. Place the receipt on your truck or car dash to show payment date and your name. The Lauderdale Law Enforcement Water Patrol Officers will monitor the payment and check vehicles for a receipt. They will issue citations. Citations will begin at \$25.00 per day, and each day a violation takes place will be a separate violation. This ordinance also includes the statement regarding overnight tie up. No person, firm or association shall tie a watercraft to a launch ramp owned by the Town of LaGrange at any time from 11 PM to 5 AM the following day. This shall not apply to the Town of LaGrange, The Fire Department, or the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District.

BUOYS

Please understand that the placement of the buoys is not done arbitrarily. Placement is based on safety and what is best for all people who enjoy our lakes. The patrol will be issuing citations, with fines, for anyone caught moving the buoys. It may be necessary for the Town to take photos of the placement of the buoys to record possible movement.

Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department

Annual Firemen's Dance Raised Money For New Communication Equipment

The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department's annual dance was held on Saturday, April 12, 2014. This Fund Raising Project resulted in Gross contributions of \$10,700.00 before expenses. The proceeds from the dance will be used for upgrading the Department communication equipment. This equipment includes pagers/radios used in the trucks, and hand held radios used by the Fire Fighters during their emergency response to fires, accidents, and medical rescue calls. All the Fire Fighters express their appreciation for your support of this fund raising event.

Annual Fire Department Steak Fry Is Planned For Saturday August

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9, 2014 At The Landing On The Shore Of Lauderdale Lakes – Mark Your Calendar Now!

New Fire Truck To Replace Truck 1475

The Fire Department is replacing Truck 1475, a 1995 suburban, used to pull a trailer that carries the Department Snowmobile and Kubota all terrain utility vehicle for rescue missions. This truck is also used to transport Department Fire Fighters to mutual aid Fire Calls and for offsite Fire Department training and education seminars.



As explained in the February Shorelines, a new Ford Truck chassis with a diesel engine, four wheel drive, and crew cab was ordered. A Reading Enclosed Body work box was also ordered. The truck has been received and soon the work box will be installed. Shown below is a picture of a similar truck to the one the Department has ordered.

All the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Fighters thank the property owners and residents for their ongoing support of the Department. Your generous contributions to The Department Fund Raising efforts have fully funded this new truck. This new truck 1475 should be ready for service by early summer.

Are You Prepared For A Fire????

Fire is the nation's #1 disaster. Each year, fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined and at least 80% of all fire deaths occur in residences. Cooking is the primary cause of house fires and fire

injuries, followed by heating fires. Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths. More than 30% of the fires that kill young children are started by children playing with fire. Many fires and deaths could be prevented by taking some simple precautions.

A Working Smoke Alarm Saves Lives

Whether you rent an apartment or own a home, an inexpensive smoke detector is a must. Approximately 90% of all homes in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm. However, an alarm must be properly maintained in order to work.

An estimated 40% of residential fires and three-fifths of residential fatalities occur in homes with non-functioning alarms. Follow these safety recommendations:

- Install smoke detectors in each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Test smoke detectors this spring as you return to your lake home and regularly in all homes and replace batteries immediately. Smoke detectors become less sensitive with age.
- Replace your smoke alarm every ten years.
- Change the battery at least once a year. Even home homes with wired smoke detectors need to have the backup battery replaced annually.
- Never paint over a smoke detector!

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Make Your Home Fire Safe

- Inspect your home annually for potential fire hazards and correct them.
- Store flammable liquids and combustible materials in accordance with the manufacturer's safety guidelines and away from any heat source.
- Have wiring or electrical cords checked for bent, frayed or worn coverings.
- Follow all safety instructions when using a kerosene or LP heater or grill.
- Have a working fire extinguisher (ABC type for all fires) in key locations throughout your house, garage and work shop. Know how to use them properly.

• Contact the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Dept. or your local chapter of the American Red Cross for other fire safety tips or a safety inspection.

• Change your homes smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries this month so you do not forget while enjoying the summer months. It recommended that you test your detectors functionality every month.

Have an Escape Plan and "Don't try to fight the fire yourself."

- Get out of the house; call 911 for help from a neighbor's phone or cell phone.
- Once you are out, stay out. Never enter a burning building.
- Have two escape routes out of each room. Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second and third floor.

- Sleep with your bedroom door closed. This offers you extra minutes of protection from smoke and toxic fumes.
- In case of fire, drop to the floor and crawl or stay low close to the floor..
- Feel the door before you open it. If it's hot, find another way out.
- Agree upon a safe location away from the house where everyone will meet.
- Practice your escape plan. Conduct a home fire drill at least twice a year.
- Quiz your children about the plan every six months. "If disaster strikes, remain calm and put your plan into action.

Will A Fire Truck Or Ambulance Be Able To Come Up Your Driveway?

We are very fortunate to live in the Lauderdale Lakes community even if we

Annual Fire Department Steak Fry Is Planned For Saturday August 9, 2014 At The Landing On The Shore Of Lauderdale Lakes – Mark Your Calendar Now!

only enjoy it on weekends. The lake is pristine and the surrounding hills and lush growth of trees, shrubs, flowers and lawns make a beautiful place to enjoy. As you are well aware many of the roads to our homes are quite narrow and often the driveway to a home is also narrow with trees and other plantings along each side. Fire Chief Curly Duerst asks that we be sure our driveways and roads do not interfere with the arrival of an ambulance or fire truck when the need is great.

Fire Trucks and Rescue Vehicles need a full 12 foot clearance in height and width to reach your home quickly and without damaging the vehicle. If you are not sure your driveway has the needed

clearance, contact the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department Chief (telephone 262 495 8610), and one of the fire fighters will come to you home and help you be sure the clearance is adequate.

LLFD CLIMBS TO NEW HEIGHTS

Jim Aron, LLFD Fire Fighter

On March 22nd, 2014, nine members of the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department (LLFD) participated in the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb Firefighter Challenge. The goal of the event is to raise awareness and money to fight lung disease. This is accomplished by donning full firefighter gear, including the air pack, and climbing 40-plus floors to the top of the US Bank Center in downtown Milwaukee.

This is their second year participating and they successfully defended their title as the TOP fundraising FIREFIGHTER team. Through the generous contributions of family, friends and the community the team was able to raise nearly \$7400 for the American Lung Association's fight against lung disease.

The team is also proud of their performance on race day. Of the nearly 50 firefighter teams represented, they tied for ninth place in the timed event which is very respectable considering the number of full-time, paid departments participating in the Challenge.



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The American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb Challenge has teams from Corporate Companies and other groups besides the Fire Fighter groups in this event. This makes the event very competitive in terms of participation and overall fund raising effort.

The most impressive statistic may be the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department 7th place overall group finish in the fundraising category. LLFD Captain Eric Taylor finished in 9th place among all individual fund raising efforts. Individual fund raising money is included in the team fund raising amounts. Some of the top ten teams represented large companies like Baker Tilly, Northwestern Mutual and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. The teams in the top ten averaged 27 members. Proving big things can be accomplished with a few committed people through hard work and the support of the community.

The LLFD Fight for Air Climb Team extends their gratitude for the support of friends, family and the community in their efforts to raise awareness and money in the fight against lung disease.

KETTLE MORAINE LAND TRUST AND LAUDERDALE LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION HOST ELKHORN AREA H. S. AP SCIENCE STUDENTS FOR A WORKDAY AT BEULAH BLUFF PRESERVE

April 24, 2014 was a day forecast for rain, but thankfully it did not! KMLT and LLIA sponsored the 6th annual work event on a KMLT Preserve, this year at the new Beulah Bluff Preserve – for more information: <http://kmlandtrust.org/bbp.html>. Over the past year, all the home site buildings located on the Preserve have been deconstructed and materials recycled. Now prairie restoration continues with the removal of invasive brush and trees. The students arrived by walking the last mile, as their school bus took a wrong turn and got stuck on a dead end road!

During the walk to the Preserve, the geology of the lake/kettle moraine landscape was introduced, including the formation of Goat Island and Beulah Bog State Natural Area. Beulah Bluff Preserve sits about 50 feet above the lake shore, overlooking a Tamarack Swamp in Camp Allis and Lake Beulah.

Twenty students, three teachers and 11 volunteers preformed four tasks during the event. Each teacher joined a group of students who rotated through all four tasks led by the volunteers. Water quality sampling of Lake Beulah was led by Dave DeAngelis and Floyd Pochowski using LLIA equipment. Students loaded on to Jim Blomberg's pontoon boat at the Camp Charles Allis shoreline to access various lake locations. Samples collected were returned to school for analysis in Deanna Brunlinger's Biology and Biotechnical Engineering classes and Bridget Trewyn's Chemistry classes.

Invasive brush was cut from the steep southern slope of the Preserve and hauled to large burn piles on the home site grass. This work was led by Eric Tarman-Ramcheck, Paul Mozina, Ginny Coburn and Nanette Doubler. The leaders provided chainsaw skills and cut root system herbicide treatment to prevent plant regrowth. As in past years, the students quickly engaged and moved tremendous amounts of cut Honeysuckle and Buck-



thorn up the steep slope where they built four large burn piles! They contributed to this effort twice with a break in between. The result is an unobstructed view of the



lake from the Preserve prairie and the future observation deck. The top half of the slope was cleared, so there will be more opportunities on this task in the future, as KMLT hosts more workdays at the site. Several large Oaks were uncovered by this work and the prairie plant seedbed is now exposed to sunlight. More prairie seed will be collected in the fall and distributed into this area. The photo shows Nanette instructing students in the correct way to treat the cut stumps with herbicide.

Geology and prescribed fire has shaped this landscape and promoted the native plant ecosystems it supports. Herb Sharpless and Debbie Ferrari led this task, describing how the Wisconsin Glaciers created the kettle moraine landscape as they melted and how fire was used by Native Americans

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to capture game and promote a game rich prairie and Oak savanna. The students observed the largest kettle, the fifty foot deep Lake Beulah, the four Beulah Bog kettles and then a smaller kettle located in the Preserve. Each has evolved its own ecological environment based upon the amount of water it retains: lake, bog and upland woods. The use of prescribed fire as a restoration and land management tool was demonstrated at a Beulah Bog burn unit and at the Preserve kettle which has been managed by prescribed fire for several years, resulting in an open Oak savanna with a rich mixture of native sedge and forb species. It was nice to see only a few Garlic Mustard plants amongst the Sedge, and quite a few Hepatica were blooming during this visit.

Special thanks to the two Camp Charles Allis volunteers, Tom Bernhardt and Tom VanDenBogart, for providing access to the camp and to Debbie, who captured the event photos for the website, including the happy group at the end of the workday with one of their large brush piles behind them!

**LAUDERDALE LAKES
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION
WEB SITE
By John Antonicic**

Check the LLIA website calendar for what is happening in the lake community. The schedules for the Yacht Club and Sailing Club have been added. Find dates of meetings, fireworks, fish jamboree, and other events. Keep looking, more additions will be added thru the summer season.

Look in MEMBERSHIP for the 2014 Presidents membership message. Also find the 2014 printable membership application form. Please help support the LLIA by filling out the form and mailing in your annual dues.

See in TOPICS information about the proposed Tom Terry woodland burn to abate the spread of invasive plant species, and the Citizens Lake Monitoring Network training program to be held on May 10th.

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**BOATING SAFETY COURSES
2014
Ken Blanke**

Three Wisconsin DNR-sanctioned boating safety courses will be offered this spring and summer by the Lauderdale Lakes Water Patrol. The two-day class dates and locations are as follows:



- May 17-18** La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25
- June 21-22** La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25
- July 12-13** La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25

The La Grange Town Hall is at N7899 County Road H, Whitewater, WI.

**NEW REGISTRATION CHANGES
FOR BOATING SAFETY CLASSES
IN 2014**

All attendees must now register online on the Wisconsin DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov> AFTER MARCH 1ST 2014.
Once on the website:
* **click on education;**
* **search for and enroll in upcoming classes;**
* **select “BOAT” for type of class and “WALWORTH” for county;**
* **select 1 of the above 3 classes offered by Lauderdale Lakes Water Patrol.**
If you have any questions, the Instructor Officer Adam Freund’s phone number and e-mail address will be listed.

Additionally, each student must have a DNR Customer ID to register online. To obtain this ID call 888-936-7463, 7 days a week, 7 am – 10 pm. Also bring this number with you to the class as part of the final registration process. There is a \$10 course registration fee that will be collected during registration on the first day of the class.

The courses are open to adults and to children, 10 years and older. A parent must accompany their child to course registration which will take place between 8:30 – 9:00 am on the first day. The formal class will start at 9:00 am. The classes will run until 4:00 pm on the first day (Saturday) and until approximately 1:00 pm on the second day (Sunday). Although complimentary water and soda will be provided, students need to bring a sack lunch. When attending the class, wear comfortable clothing and bring paper and pencils. There will be a written test at the end of the course.

Successful completion of a DNR boating safety class is required for anyone between the ages of 12 and 15 who wishes to operate a personal watercraft (PWC, which includes jet-skis, wave-runners etc.), or wishes to operate a conventional powerboat without an adult onboard. Additionally, there is a **NEW LAW** which states that anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 (and at least 16 years of age) must have a boating safety certificate in order to operate a powerboat Wisconsin’s waterways. So if you will be 26 this year (or are younger), you need a boating certificate to operate a PWC or a boat (without parental supervision).

**COURTESY TO OUR
NEIGHBORS**
By Scott Mason

Like many other lake property owners, the residents at Pebble Beach, Lauderdale Shores, the former Girl Scout Camp and others came to Lauderdale Lakes to enjoy the many recreational activities that our lakes have to offer.

With the increased development around our lakes and the boats that have come with it, there are more and more boats anchoring near shore. This is most profound in Green Lake near Pebble Beach, the former Girl Scout Camp and other bays.

The lake front properties and parks areas are private property. While the lakes are here for all of us to share and enjoy, there are several requests that some of these residents would like to highlight for those boaters anchoring off of their shores as these issues are quickly becoming a problem:

- Many boaters bring their dogs along. Please keep your dog's off all private property.
- Be aware of where you anchor your boat so as not to block access to private docks.
- Be aware that you are anchored close to various home sites so that as the day wears on
- please keep the music volume and other noise down.

With a little help and cooperation, the lakes can be a great place for all of us to share quality recreation time. Let's be respectful of our neighbors.

**KETTLE MORaine LAND
TRUST**
By Jerry Petersen

Since my last report in , called the Turtle Creek PresFebruary, we have completed the purchase of a new Preserveerve, next to the State Tur-



tle Creek Wildlife Area in the Town of Darien. This was a zero cash transaction



Rev. Gerry Petersen,

acknowledge the leadership of our new Board member, Rev. Gerry Petersen, who recently worked with two other volunteers to cut firebreaks around one of the bogs. As shown he wields a mean brush cutter. This cutting will enable DNR to do a prescribed burn there to control invasives. Gerry is also working with Peggy Sorenson and me to help with our Foundation appeals. It takes many team play-



Sue Heffron

made possible by a grant from Ducks Unlimited, and a WDNR donated Maintenance Easement. This is now our fourth Preserve; the others are Island Woods here at Lauderdale, Jackson Creek on the south side of Elkhorn, and Beulah Bluff overlooking Lake Beulah. In addition, we partner with the WDNR to maintain the Beulah Bog State Nature Area near our Beulah Bluff Preserve. I want to

ers to implement our Mission. Thanks Gerry and Peggy.

We have agreed to assist Walworth County in their planning for improvements in two of their Parks closest to Lauderdale. These are Natureland along Territorial Road at the south end of Whitewater Lake, and Price along Hodunk Road near Alpine Valley.

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Become a Kettle Moraine Land Trust Member

Join us in becoming a Kettle Moraine Land Trust member with your tax-deductible membership. In addition to supporting KMLT work, members receive newsletters and notices of special events.

Yes, I would like to become a Kettle Moraine Land Trust member!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail this completed form with your check to:

Kettle Moraine Land Trust
P. O. Box 176
Elkhorn, WI 53121

KMLT is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Membership levels:

Member	\$35 - \$99	_____
Conservationist	\$100 - \$ 249	_____
Naturalist	\$250 - \$499	_____
Visionary	\$500 - \$999	_____
Legend Builder	\$1000 and up	_____

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We feel nature Preserves and Parks are vital in bringing families and youth close to nature. They are also great venues for youth education.

Herb Sharpless is covering our high school student work day in another SHORE-LINES article, so I'll concentrate here on our other activities. However, I do want to express the appreciation of the Trust for the personal volunteer hours Association leaders provide to make these programs possible.

Sue Heffron (from Delavan), and I recently got involved in a youth education event with much younger students. On April 24th we participated in a program at the County Fair Grounds in Elkhorn to educate 125 4th and 5th grade school students about nature. We

explained the earth's water cycle, and the importance of limiting ground water pollution. The group of 125 students was divided into 25 groups of 5 students for a series of repeat presentations. The picture shows Sue describing a watershed to one group of five students. The small groups enabled us to make personal contact. However, making our pitch 25 times was a little tiring! Never-the-less, the event made us feel young.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for a couple upcoming events. On July 2nd, we will be hosting a tour of the County's Natureland Park. The group will meet at 9 AM in the open shelter near the parking area off Territorial Road. A County Forester will explain the need to reforest some of the non-native pine woods. Also, be sure to attend our 4th Annual Community Event, "Happy Hour in the Park." It will be here at Lauderdale on Saturday August 23rd. We will hold it in a tent on the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club near their water tower.

We plan to start about 5:30 pm so the event won't interfere with your evening plans. We look forward to a couple hours together to enjoy each other's company, pass on news, and gain your thoughts for the Trust's future activities. Watch for our flier in early summer, and follow our website kmlandtrust.org for details on both events.

We are your Trust, and we need your support to continue our activities. We feel educating our youth about the environment is important. Lauderdale is your lake, and we are trying hard to be your Land Trust working to serve the environmental and youth education needs you feel are important. Please visit our website kmland-trust.org to learn more about us. Become a member, and if possible a Legend Builder. Annual memberships are just \$35. Legend Builders give \$1,000 annually. Please use the below form and mail it with your check to KMLT, PO Box 176, Elkhorn, WI 53121. We'd also welcome all interested parties to join one of our Committees. Call our Program Manager, Maggie Zoellner, on 262-949-7211, or me at 262-742-2367 to discuss options or to just ask questions.

PROTECTING WISCONSIN'S WATERWAYS WITH CLEAN BOATS

By Audrey Greene, Lake
Specialist & AIS Coordinator for
Walworth County Land Use &
Resource Management

Regardless of whether you are a pleasure boater, angler, or both, if you launch your boat at a lake in Wisconsin you are likely to meet a Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CB,CW) watercraft inspector. In fact, the chances are pretty good that you already have, because the program has been around since 2004. The CB,CW program has, of course, made a few changes over the years, but the overall purpose of the people working at the boat launches is the same.

As CB,CW watercraft inspectors, we are at the boat launch to provide education about aquatic invasive species (AIS) and ways to prevent the spread. We ask a lot of questions and share as much information with boaters as possible. We try to talk fast because we know you want to get out on the water or, if you are coming off the water, you have places to be. But the questions we ask have a purpose and we ask for your patience. We start the CBCW survey by asking if you have already talked to a watercraft inspector. Early in the season we often hear that you have talked to many over the years. Please take a few minutes at least once or twice a year to talk to a watercraft inspector. Things can change

and even if they don't, you may benefit from a short refresher. Later in the season many people will have been approached by a CBCW watercraft inspector several times. Please, just let us know that you have and that you do not wish to take the survey again and that will be the end of it. Try not to be offended if we don't remember talking to you before. I personally talk to over 1000 boaters at several different launches every summer so it is unlikely that I will remember talking to a specific boater.

For the last couple of years we have been asking boaters if they have had their boat on another waterbody in the last 5 days. This is such an important question because it helps the folks at the State level understand AIS pathways of spread. It also alerts the inspector about what AIS you might have had contact with. When I hear that a boater was just on one of the Madison Lakes that is documented with Spiny water flea I can alert them and ask if they took all the prescribed prevention steps before they left that launch. It is also really helpful if as a boater/angler you take the time to find out what, if any, AIS are in a waterbody you will be visiting. This will help you protect the lake you live on too.

In the past, watercraft inspectors have asked boaters to tell them what steps they took the last time they left a lake. This was a little confusing for boaters, but we were hoping that by telling us the steps you took, we would know that you really did know what had to be done and that you were in deed taking these steps. This year most inspectors will be using this portion of the survey to explain to boaters what steps must be taken and why. Of course the steps are required by law, but we also want people to understand why those steps are so important. For instance, all the water must be drained from boats, equipment, fish, livewells and containers. The reason for this law is because many aquatic organisms like spiny water flea, juvenile zebra mussels, snails, VHS and other microscopic organisms which are too small to be seen with the naked eye, can and will survive and reproduce in a new lake or stream if that water is transported. This part of the survey is also a great time for you to ask us questions. One question I get pretty often, is what can or can not be done with left over minnows.

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This is a great question. My answer: You must buy minnows from a Wisconsin licensed bait dealer. You may take any left-over minnows home in 2 gallons of water. If those minnows have not had water or fish added to them from the waterbody, or been in the lake, they can be used on any waterbody. If water or fish have been added to the minnows, then they can only be used on that same waterbody. Never dump unwanted bait of any kind in any waterbody – this includes dead or living minnows, leaches and earthworms. Throw unwanted bait in the trash.

Watercraft inspectors work hard to make sure that people are fully aware of the laws that require boaters and anglers to take specific steps when they take their boats out of the water and before they leave any boat launch or shore area and travel on a road in Wisconsin.

These are the laws of Wisconsin, put into place to protect all the lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands of our beautiful State. Please help us by taking all required steps every time you are boat or fish.

WATER QUALITY REPORT **Dave DeAngelis**

The long and cold winter of 2013-2014 is in the books. One could sum up January-March 2014 as 90 consecutive days of the worst cold, snow and ice seen in decades. In the early days of April, a handful of warm days, disguised as spring weather, slid through southern Wisconsin and convinced the ice to finally melt. By April 10th, the ice and snow were gone and we began to hear the sounds of spring - leaf blowers and boats. The fact that we had to deal with four more weeks of cold damp weather was a piece of cake compared to the brutal temperatures and wind we endured just a few weeks ago. 45°F never felt so good!

2013-2014 ICE DATA

We define “ice-on” as continuous ice across the lake from shoreline to shoreline across the deepest part of the lake. For Mill and Middle Lakes, the official ice-on date was December 7th 2013. Both lakes opened up on April 10th 2014. The total number of days with full ice cover was 125. For Green Lake, the ice-

on date was December 10th and it opened up on April 11th. The total number of days with full ice cover was 123. For all of our lakes, the full ice cover durations for this year were very high compared to recent years. For our area, full ice cover for 90 days is on the high end and we’ve had as few as 60 days of full ice cover as recently as 3 years ago.

Several area residents contacted me to see if we had set a record for the ice going out. Apparently the wonderful summer of 2013 gave us short memories. You may be surprised that the ice went out on April 8th last year! Here are a few other facts about April lake ice on Lauderdale Lakes:

- Since 1940, the ice has gone out on/after April 10th on nine occasions.
- Over the past 75 years, the ice has gone out 28 times in April.
- The latest the ice has gone out since 1941 is April 17th (1960).

The good news is that we’ve only had 4 instances over the past 75 years where the ice went out 3 years in a row in April. The odds of the ice going out earlier next year is very good!

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2014 Water Testing

The water testing season is kicking off and we look forward to another successful

year. The 2013 report is available on the Wisconsin DNR SWIMS website. Feel free to go on the website, select Citizens Lake Monitoring, click on Walworth County and you can check out all of the historical data for our lakes. The 2013 data shows that our efforts to preserve Lauderdale Lakes are working very well. Water clarity is trending flat with slight improvement. Both phosphorous and chlorophyll levels are trending down, suggesting that our community is doing a great job of keeping things out of the lake that don’t belong in the lake. Thanks to all of you that help keep our lakes beautiful!

See you on the Lake!!

LAUDERDALE SAILING CLUB **By Peter Van Kampen**

Winners of the 37th Harry S Truman Regatta:



- L Doug Ward 3rd.
- Peter Van Kampen 2nd
- Jack Sorenson 1st.



Harry S Truman Traveling Trophy

**Winners of the Double-Handed
Harry S Truman:**



Jim Johnson and Tyler Emery

It is this time of year when we really start thinking about sailing. First we have to do all the normal chores with the pier and yard etc. but what we are thinking about is sailing. We are talking here about MC Scow Sailing.

Scows evolved on inland lakes where the winds are shifty and the waves are never as big as you find on the coasts. Scows maneuver quickly with the wind shifts without losing speed. Scows are all about speed. Compare: The MC Scow is 16ft. long and carries a 26 ft. mast with 135 sq. ft. of sail and weighs 420 lbs. A Star sailboat, Olympic class for many years, is 22 ft. long, with a mast height of 31 ft. a sail area of 285 sq. ft. and weighs 1500 lbs. Almost 4 times the weight but only a little over twice the sail area. Not surprising that you see one of us tip over from time to time. Our big brother the 38 ft. A Scow has been clocked at 38mph and has been known to pull two skiers at once.

Back to the evolution. Today's Scows evolved from much larger flat bottomed sailboat used to sail into shallower coastal waters, rivers and canals. We have a great history and these boats provide great fun for our sailors either racing on Sunday morning or taking someone for a nice ride.

The lake is never too crowded on Sunday morning, we have room for a few more sailboats. If you would like to take a ride let us know and it will be arranged in short order. Checkout our web page: www.lauderdalesailingclub.com or call me, Peter Van Kampen, at 262-742- 2567

**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
DISTRICT TOPICS
By Peter Van Kampen**

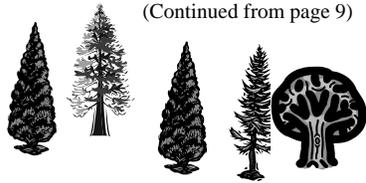
Septic pumping Program

This completes the second of a three year contract with Associates Septic Services Company.

It was a good year in that all but 16 of the scheduled properties were inspected and pumped. The 16 was for a variety of reasons including tanks that could not be found and that the weather turned bad before the last few were pumped. This year (2014) will finish up with those few and then complete the last third. By the end of this year all properties will have been pumped and inspected by the new company. We have been working closely with Associates to help find lost tanks and to discuss options with homeowners who have a system that is not working up to code. If you have questions regarding this program you can call Lance at Associates at 262-495-7004 or me, Peter Van Kampen, at 262-742-2567

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Shorelines



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PIERS

My neighbor replaced her pier last year. She got quotes from a few of the regulars who build and install piers and settled on one. The reason I bring it up is that it is designed to be left in year round yet the posts are not driven into the bottom. Instead each post sits on a large board so that it does not go into the bottom but sits lightly on top of it. The idea is to let the pier be frozen in the ice and if the ice moves it around a bit no problem, simply reposition it in the spring. The idea is that it's easier to reposition than to disassemble and reassemble each year. One other thing they did was to take out the section that does attach to the shoreline. Again so the pier could move around without damaging anything. The pier was built with extra braces knowing that it would be left in the ice. It is a bit of an experiment I guess since we never really know what the ice is going to do. But I leave my sailboat lift in each year and yes it gets moved by the ice but not very far. It all depends on where you are on the lake. Ice normally

thaws around the edges first and sometimes the wind can drive large sheets of ice and do a lot of damage. It has never happened at our end of the lake (East side of Middle Lake) in the last 15 years and this year with all the ice we had, it appears to be in great shape. She's very happy.

I remember years ago getting a call from a fellow sailor who left his sailboat lift in Green Lake for the winter. Ice took it 100 ft. off shore to 30 ft. of water. He wanted me to dive for it. We got it back but after that he took it out every year.

If you plan to add or replace a pier contact the Pier Inspector Dave Baird 262-492-3393 or bairdd3@mail.gtc.edu . If for some reason you can't reach him call me, Peter Van Kampen, at 262-742-2567. Please do not call the Town Hall, all pier permits are handled though the Lake District and Pier Inspector.

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