

Shorelines



A Publication of the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association (LLIA), an all volunteer organization devoted to keeping a careful watch on water quality and water safety, preserving the lake's natural habitat, creating a superbly stocked fishery, and keeping lake area homeowners up-to-the-minute on what's happening around the area. For more information visit our website at: www.llia.org

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BREAKING NEWS & EVENTS ...

KID'S FISH JAMBOREE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, July 21st @ the Landing

Registration Starts at 8 am



SAVE THE DATE !!

LLIA Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 9th @ Lutherdale

9-9:30 am - "Social Hour" Registration & Refreshments

9:30-11 am – Meeting

Among other topics, we have scheduled a DNR rep to share info on Water Quality and also Jack Sorenson, new Chairman of the Lake District, to provide an update on Lake District activities.

NEW FISHING REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT

BASS (largemouth & smallmouth)

- under 14" - five (5) fish may be harvested daily
(We encourage you to harvest these to help reduce our stunted Bass population)
- 14" - 18" - ALL MUST be immediately released
- over 18" - one (1) fish may be harvested daily

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- up to 18" - ALL MUST be immediately released
- 18" and over - three (3) fish may be harvested daily

These changes will further our efforts to create a superbly stocked fishery!

Short Term Rental Rules Revised

As you may know, Walworth County Zoning Code prohibited short term rentals of less than 30 days. A bill was signed into law by Governor Walker which, among other things, no longer allows Walworth County to prohibit stays between 7 and 30 days. Please see the article from Shannon Haydin of Walworth County on page 7 for important information on the new County Zoning Code and new licensing requirements.

Sky Lanterns Now Prohibited

They're sometimes referred to as Wish or Wedding Lanterns, but both the Towns of LaGrange and Sugar Creek recently passed ordinances prohibiting them due to their fire hazard. John Anderson, Supervisor for the Town of LaGrange, wrote an excellent article on this topic in the recently published Town of LaGrange newsletter.



NEWS FROM THE LLIA ...

What's Going on Under the Water?

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran - Chair, Fish Committee

The Fish...

Hello Lake People! As I am writing this, it is a balmy 80 degrees outside! Another year where we have seemed to skip spring and jumped right into summer weather. First, the season game fish opener is here, Saturday, May 5th. Please remember to renew your fishing license if you are 16 or older! Think about it, what other form of entertainment can you enjoy ALL YEAR round for such an inexpensive price? Try going to the movies for that price, one night! The funds collected for hunting and fishing licenses directly benefit all Wisconsin bodies of water and state parks, forests, and natural areas. With that said, the new regulations for our lakes were also in place at 12:00 am Saturday, May 5. The following regulations are in place: All Bass, both largemouth and smallmouth, between 14 inches and 18 inches MUST be immediately released. Five bass (5) under 14 inches may be harvested daily. One Bass over 18 inches may be harvested daily. The new Walleye regulation allows three (3) over 18 inches to be harvested daily. All other regulations remain the same as in years past. All lake residents will be receiving a handy laminated reminder card in the LLIA membership drive newsletter mailing this spring. The new regulations are intended to help with our stunted Bass populations, please harvest your five under 14 inches daily. They are good table fare. I think they are as good as Crappie or Bluegill. I am going to include my recipe for a quick and easy fish batter for deep frying fish, my Canadian fish fry secret batter! I take any old, stale potato chips and pretzels I may have in the cabinet, mix them 50/50 in a blender, and grind into a fine powder. Add some cayenne pepper and a dash of garlic powder to the mixture. I dredge the fillets in a mixture of beer and eggs whipped together, then into the batter

mixture. Finally, I like to use peanut oil for deep-frying the fillets, a tad healthier! Make sure your oil is HOT, if you have a turkey fryer with a thermometer the proper temperature is about 350 degrees. The fillets will brown to a golden crisp quite quickly; when they flake or curl, they are done. Serve with baked beans and fried potatoes for a proper Canadian shore lunch experience!

The Cribs...

The Fish Committee has been busy with crib building already this season. A group of members gathered in the Landing parking lot on April 21 under the leadership of Jeff Angst. They completed two cribs, and we hope to meet again soon to build two more!



**Crib building perfected!
Volunteers use a jig
designed and built by
Jerry Busse to drill logs**

Regarding the placement of the cribs, a safe depth of 12-18 feet deep is optimal for boats safely passing over the cribs. The bottom also should be relatively flat so they sit properly. Therefore, finding good shoreline areas to place the cribs is not as easy as it may seem. We are currently looking for homes with the proper shoreline requirements to place the cribs. If you are interested in having a crib or two in front of your property please contact Jeff Angst or myself and we will look at the area for consideration. If you are interested in the location of the cribs a donation to the fish

committee help or come out to the next workday, TBA.



**Two new cribs await
their underwater home**

The cribs have definitely added to the lakebed habitat and the fish really do use them quite extensively. The first cribs placed years back on that cold, snowy October Saturday morning literally had fish on them that afternoon! Our past president of the Fish Committee snorkeled down to the cribs to check their placement that afternoon and reported fish on them that quickly! He is a much braver soul than I am for braving the cold water, but he also can be found wearing board shorts and flip-flops year round!

The Kid's Fish Jamboree...

Lastly, I would like to remind you about the kid's fish jamboree date Saturday, July 21. We hope to have a great crowd and will have activities and lunch for the kids as in the past. Come out and teach a kid to fish and enjoy the great, life-long activity our lake resources can provide us. We will have an awesome grand prize to raffle as well as goodie buckets and trophies for the kids. I will have more info soon regarding activities and other info about the Jamboree. See you out there! In the next issue of Shorelines I will share some fishing stories from anglers on the lakes and perhaps include some more recipes and fishing tips to assist in the harvest of those short bass! Tight lines and remember, take a kid fishing!

Water Quality Report

By Dave DeAngelis - Chair, Water Quality

The official 2017-2018 ICE data for Lauderdale Lakes is as follows:

	<u>Mill Lake</u>	<u>Middle Lake</u>	<u>Green Lake</u>
Ice On	12/24/17	12/24/17	12/28/17
Ice Off	3/16/18	3/21/18	3/24/18
Total Days Ice Cover	81	86	85

The total ice cover days this year were normal for our lakes this past year. Full ice came in late December and stayed until mid/late March. From a historical perspective, we have ice off data going back 80 years. The earliest ice off date was February 26, 1998. The latest ice off date was April 17, 1960.

The water testing season is back! As of this letter, water temperatures have stayed below 55°F and water clarity readings are in the 15 to 20 foot range in all three lakes. The 2018 Water Quality Team for our lakes will consist of Mark Cursio, Jeff Vogt and myself. The cold April weather delayed our ability to get boats in the water. Subsequently, we didn't start our testing season until the 1st week of May.

In addition to checking water clarity, dissolved oxygen and temperature profile, we will be pulling samples from all three lakes in mid-May. These samples will be sent into the WDNR lab in Madison and analyzed for phosphorus levels to get an early season "baseline" phosphorus reading for each lake. The phosphorus levels in our lakes typically increases as the lake water temperatures increase and boat traffic increases.

See you on the lake.

Water Patrol hits the water and "You Need 3 to Ski!"

By Debbie Ferrari - Chair, Water Safety

The Water Patrol boats are in the water and the team began patrolling the first weekend in May. Chief Ken Blanke remains at the helm, assisted by Sergeant Janene Littmann (who have 40 years and 30 years of experience on our lakes, respectively). Boating laws for the State

of Wisconsin apply (which can be found on their website at dnr.wi.gov). In addition, the Towns of LaGrange and Sugar Creek have an ordinance with special laws for our lakes. These are summarized in the brochure "What you need to know when boating on Lauderdale Lakes" which the LLIA has mailed to all homeowners, and can also be found on the Lake District website at lauderdalelakedistrict.com.

You may have heard that the State of Wisconsin recently changed a law relating to certain water sports which eliminates the need for an observer (spotter) IF a boat is equipped with a wide mirror used by the driver to monitor someone behind the boat. HOWEVER, the boating ordinance for our lakes has always required a competent observer on board in addition to the driver when towing skiers, wake boarders, tubers, etc. The requirement for an observer/spotter remains in effect and will be enforced on Lauderdale Lakes.

An Orange Flag was distributed to each LLIA member to enhance safety on our lakes. While not required, we encourage you to display it when you are towing someone (i.e. skiing, tubing, wakesurfing, etc) or retrieving them from the water. If you did not receive a flag, please let me know via email at Debbie8725@aol.com.



We all play a role in keeping our lakes safe, especially during the busiest Saturday afternoons. If you have any questions about boating laws or our Water Safety Patrol, you can contact them by phone at **262-742-4300** or via email at watersafetypatrol@lauderdalelakedistrict.com. As always, call 911 for all emergencies.

What Do I Do With My Yard Waste?

By Don Henderson - Chair, Planning & Zoning

The Town of LaGrange compost site will be open Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and by appointment from early April to mid-November. All brush and tree limbs should be put on the brush pile that is close to the entrance. Two separate compost piles are used because all the brush and tree limbs are processed through a chipper/grinder. The leaves and grass clippings will compost in time, and this compost pile is at the end of the gravel road.

The compost site is for grass clippings, leaves, brush, and tree limbs. **NO CONCRETE, ASPHALT OR BUILDING MATERIAL IS ALLOWED. Please take all your plastic/paper bags with you after you empty out your leaves or grass clippings.**

The Compost site is for Town residents use only. It is not for use by commercial landscaping, lawn care services, and tree cutting services that residents hire to work on their properties.

The compost site is located off of Hwy 12 on Sherwood Forest Road. If heading towards Whitewater on Hwy 12, it is the first road to the right after passing County Hwy O. Sherwood Forrest is at the top of the hill where Hwy 12 becomes three lanes wide. Sherwood Forest Road also connects to Hwy 12 half way down the hill where the Ice Age Trail Parking lot is located.

All residents are welcome to take Compost Site wood chips or mulch free of charge that they would like to use at their home.

2018 Town Board Election Results

The Town Board election was held on April 3, 2018. Frank Taylor was re-elected Town Chairman, and Marcia Sahag was re-elected First Side Supervisor. The Town Chairman and each Supervisor serves a two year term of office.

LAUDERDALE LAGRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT STEAK FRY – August 11th

The Fire Department is looking forward to Saturday, August 11, 2018 when their Annual Steak Fry Fund Raiser will be held at the Lauderdale Landing on the shores of Lauderdale Lakes. This will be the next important fund-raising event so please mark your calendars now and plan to attend and assist the Department Members in their continuing effort to be a VERY SUCCESSFUL ALL VOLUNTEER SUPPORTED DEPARTMENT.

Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Dept

By Don Henderson - Chair, Planning & Zoning

Ever Thought of Becoming a Volunteer Fire Fighter?

“Volunteers continue to be the vital link making this department a success,” related Fire Chief Dave Nelson. The Department approved staffing level is 42 members, and it is currently at 33 members. Twenty-four of the Fire Fighters are also Paramedic, EMT or First Responder trained, and this is very important with the high number of EMS (Emergency Medical Service) calls. New volunteer members are needed now. With the ever-increasing number of calls for Fire Department support, a larger volunteer crew is most important. If you are interested in helping serve your community, it is important to know that you do not need any prior training to join. Men and women volunteers receive extensive education before they are assigned to regular duty. If you are currently licensed as an RN or MD you can operate on EMS calls with that licensure. Also, Members of the Lauderdale – LaGrange Fire Department are not held to any scheduled - on call time. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Chief Dave Nelson at 262.495.8400. Especially needed are those people that could be available during the weekdays.

They Danced the Night Away for an Important Purchase

The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department’s annual dance was held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and this fund-raising event provided income of \$13,315.00. This money has been used to help purchase new self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). All Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Fighters extend their thanks to each of you for supporting this event.

New Equipment Goal ... ACHIEVED!

All fire fighters entering a burning building must wear a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to assure they can breathe fresh air, and they are not overcome by smoke. The SCBA equipment includes a face mask, regulator, PASS alarm (to alert others to a downed firefighter) and tank of air. The tank is carried on the back of the firefighter.



Volunteer Fire Fighter with new SCBA

The Department has moved forward with internal funding to replace the Department’s current 16 low pressure SCBA units plus another 16 extra tanks for backup, with 16 New High Pressure SCBA units, extra 16 high pressure tanks and 30 new face masks. The Department plans to have the new SCBA units in service during June.

Originally the Department anticipated obtaining a grant to assist in the purchase of the SCBA units. A Grant Application was submitted; however, it was not awarded. The new SCBA units have a cost of \$106,000 and the total cost is being paid for by the department with funds obtained through donations from people having homes within the Town. However, this purchase has used

the majority of the reserve funds the Department had available.

The Department Fire Fighters and Chief Dave Nelson express their appreciation to all the property owners and residents in the Town of LaGrange for continued support through fund raising efforts and participation in Department events. “Without your support we would not have the trucks, equipment, education, and training to safely and effectively meet our community needs for emergency service. Your support has been and will continue to be an important aspect of our Department success, and we thank each of you for your support!”



The LLIA made donations totalling \$10,000 to support the purchase of new equipment

Do You Shop On Amazon?? Help Support LLFD!!!

If you shop online at Amazon, you can help support the Lauderdale – LaGrange Fire Department. It is as simple as logging on to Amazon at a different address (www.smile.amazon.com). All current Amazon accounts and functions will be retained for you at this new address. once there, simply select Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Dept Inc. and Amazon will donate .5% of your future purchases to the Department. You must remember to log onto the smile account or change your bookmark to make sure you go to the smile account each time you return.

Elkhorn: A Musical Tradition

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins - Chair, History

Readers might have noticed—if you’ve spent any time in nearby Elkhorn—that the town’s official logo pictures a hunting horn in place of the “o” in “Elkhorn”. Although the town was named for a pair of stag antlers hanging in a tree in the area, the horn reference is apt. Elkhorn has been home since the late 1800s to several manufacturers of brass band instruments and boasts a fine town band, the Elkhorn-Holton band.

Frank Holton, the person who started Elkhorn’s instrument industry, was born in Michigan in 1858. He became a well-known trombone player in Chicago, sitting as principal trombone of the Sousa Band, run by John Philip Sousa, which toured annually until 1931. In 1885, Holton began selling band instruments with a partner. He started his own business in Chicago in 1898, setting up an instrument factory on the West Side. In 1918, a group of businessmen from Elkhorn approached Holton with the town’s blessing and enticed him to move his operation to Wisconsin.

Elkhorn built a factory for Holton on Church Street, and the trombonist moved 200 employees and 85 carloads of machinery up from Chicago, according to Wikipedia. Holton & Co. trained skilled workers and made high-end instruments for professionals, including several members of the world-renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra. But Holton also recognized that school music programs were growing quickly, and he began selling lines of lower cost instruments for students.

Holton brought with him the Holton Company band from Chicago. This merged with Elkhorn’s own band, which had been founded in 1840, only three years after the town itself. The Elkhorn band had served during the Civil War as the 12th Regimental Band between 1861 and 1864 and was a point of pride for the city. The Elkhorn-Holton Band now plays concerts throughout the summer at the band shell in Sunset Park as well as at Christmas. Long time area resident and LLIA officer, Don Henderson, said that the

band includes talented volunteer members from around the area. He played in the band himself during high school and college.



The Elkhorn Band Shell in Sunset Park. Built in 1926, the shell has an innovative curved back wall and ceiling, which improves its acoustics. Credit: Wisconsin Historical Society

The band shell was built in 1926 for \$5,000 and today is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Funding for its construction came from the city, from Holton & Co. and, Henderson noted, from the Elkhorn Kiwanis Club, of which Holton was a founding member in 1922 and first President. The shell is a classical revival building with stucco decorations and columns, but its importance lies in its wooden back wall and ceiling, which were built in an inverted bowl shape to improve the stage’s acoustics. It first stood in the square in the center of town until the current county government building was built in 1962. It was nearly razed before an effort by community members preserved it and paid for it to be moved to Sunset Park.

Holton’s successful business inspired others. In 1939, Anthony James (T.J.) Getzen, a trained instrument maker who had been a factory superintendent at Holton & Co., founded his own instrument repair company on

Geneva St. in Elkhorn. The first factory was an old dairy barn behind the family’s home. World War II interrupted, and all the instrument makers converted to

defense work. Following the war, however, Getzen began making trombones and expanding his instrument production line from there. His sons took over from him and at least one also left to form yet another instrument company in Elkhorn, Allied Music Corp.

In the 1960s, jazz trumpeter Carl

“Doc” Severinsen—whom many will remember as conductor of the NBC orchestra when Johnny Carson hosted the *Tonight Show*—lent his name to Getzen as it designed and built a line of professional grade instruments, expanding from its student line. The Getzen Company eventually re-merged with Allied, and an entity continues in business today on County Trunk H in Elkhorn.

As a final note of interest, Frank Holton lived in a mansion on Church St. near his factory. Today the building is Holton Manor, a non-profit rehab and skilled nursing facility for the elderly.



The Holton & Co. band instrument factory built in Elkhorn in 1918. It now stands empty on Church St.

Getting Your Boat In and Around the Lakes

By Don Henderson - Chair, Planning & Zoning

Using the Boat Launches

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. ALL boaters, including all residents and property owners, must pay to use the launches.

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. 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, Whitewater, WI 53190.

The boat launch fees collected during the 2017 season totaled more than \$16,000.00. 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. All the launch piers are aluminum floating design and are resistant to ice damage during the winter. The Town contracted with Austin Pier Company to install all four ADA Wheel Chair

accessible piers with an original cost exceeding \$21,000,00. Town Supervisor Don Sukala requests Austin Pier to make necessary repairs as needed. Currently he asked Austin Pier to repair the Bubbling Springs pier.

Asphalt/Blacktop driveways are used at the boat launches. The Town Highway Department annually reviews the blacktop condition and replaces or over lays the blacktop driveway at the discretion of the Town.

Town Boating Ordinances are posted on signage at each Boat Launch Ramp. This year The Town did add and revise some ordinances. Updates to the signs will be undertaken during the summer months.

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. If you are mooring your boat on Lauderdale or Pleasant Lakes for an extended time or the season, please keep your receipt. One launch fee covers putting your boat in the water and then taking it out once. So if you put your boat in the water in May and take it out for the winter in September that is one fee. The 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. However, large waves and heavy boat traffic could cause some buoys to float and move out of position. If you see a damaged or moved buoy please notify Town of LaGrange Supervisor Don Sukala, and he will arrange replacement.

YOU HAVEN'T JOINED LLIA FOR 2018 YET?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

When you receive our reminder letter, please return the form along with your check.

OR go to our web site llia.org for a form

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE...

Short Term Rental Rules Revised

By Shannon Haydin - Deputy Director/County Conservationist, Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management Department

For many, many years, Walworth County regulated short term rentals through its zoning code. As far back as the early 1970s, Walworth County prohibited short term rentals (stays less than 30 days) in single family residential zone districts, allowing them in a select few business districts. On September 21, 2017, Governor Scott Walker signed into law Wisconsin Act 59 which was intended to set fiscal appropriations for the next State budgetary biennium. One component of this bill changed the language of the Wisconsin State Statutes as they pertain to local government's regulation of rentals of dwelling units on a short term basis. Wisconsin Act 59 prohibits local jurisdictions from prohibiting stays between 7 and 29 days and sets parameters for other regulations.

After months of review and consideration, the County Zoning Agency developed a short term rental licensing requirement. The ordinance requiring a license was adopted by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors on April 19th. The license regulates things such as occupancy of the rental, parking, garbage pickup, quiet hours, and identifies a responsible party to contact in the event of an emergency or if there is a complaint about a renter. An update to the Zoning Code prohibits stays of less than 7 days as allowed by State Statute.

To learn more about how to obtain a license you can visit the County's website at www.co.walworth.wi.us and find the Land Use and Resource Management Department's website under the "Departments" link. If you have questions about renting or wish to file a complaint about a property, you can call 262-741-4972.

Ready, Set, SUMMER With the Yacht Club!

By Laura Allen - Commodore, Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club

Warm temperatures couldn't get here soon enough this year. It's time to thaw out and enjoy lake life. If you're ready to make some great friends and lasting memories, consider joining the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club.

Intimidated by the name of the club? Don't be. Anyone can join the LLYC - regardless of whether you own a boat. To date, we have no yacht owners! In fact, it's not even a requirement to live on the Lakes.

We have 5 events planned that you won't want to miss (in addition to our Annual 4th of July Fireworks of course). New this year, we are offering PWC safety classes on June 16 - free to all lake residents.

Saturday, June 9

Cocktails with the Commodore

Saturday, June 16

PWC Safety Training

Saturday, June 23

Around the World Tour

Saturday, July 7

Fireworks (rain date is July 8)

Friday, August 3

Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, August 25

Golf Outing & Fish Boil

Saturday, October 6

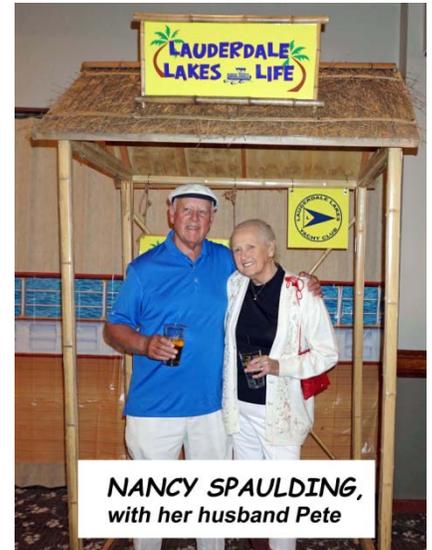
Fall Dinner Dance

The annual Fireworks celebration will be held on Saturday, July 7th. We will be counting on your generous support. You should have received an appeal letter from LLYC's Safety &

Education Fund in April. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to make this year's celebration more spectacular than ever.

Membership information as well as key dates can be found online at llyclub.com. C'mon - Jump in and join us for some summer fun on the lake!

Lastly, we take a moment to stop and bid a fond adieu to dear friends of the LLYC who have passed on ... we are grateful for our time here together.



NANCY SPAULDING,
with her husband Pete



JIM EGGERT,
with good friend Patti Jilek



MONICA GILMARTIN,
with her husband John

Come Sail Away

By Glenn Hansen - Commodore,
Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club



Dave Cleveland & Ben Johnson heading for the mark

Spring is in the air! We finally have some warm temperatures and can get our boats out on the water. For awhile there, it looked like we were going to be avoiding icebergs going into June. But, Mother Nature has come to the rescue and it is time to launch. The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club will start its 51st season of organized sailing this summer. We race every Sunday morning starting after Memorial Day weekend. Our season actually kicks off with our annual Spring Brunch on Sunday, May 27th at 10 am. If you have ever wondered how the club functions come out and see at the Community Center. If you would like more information please contact Peggy Sorenson at phsorenson@aol.com. The club is open to all and if you have ever considered throwing up a sail, we will do everything we can to make you feel welcome. There are many experienced sailors in the club who love to teach, so don't hesitate to give it a try. We also enjoy a great fleet of spectator boats that come out and cheer the sailors on every Sunday morning. Clear and calm really helps us, so thank you!

Our web site is
lauderdalesailingclub.com
See you on the water!



Chris Zenger showing his usual good form

Kettle Moraine Land Trust Update

By Dave DeAngelis - President, KMLT

"This is a great service you're doing!" was one of the comments at the Delavan library Saturday, May 5th, when KMLT ventured into the uncharted territories of 4 local public libraries for a native plant educational event. Volunteers and staff had tables in Elkhorn, East Troy and Whitewater also. They discussed the importance of using native plants to create a bird and butterfly-friendly habitat, not just in parks and preserves, but also in your own yard, no matter the size. When participants answered a short quiz, participants won a native plant to take home.

Closer to home, the engraved bricks from members' generous 2017 donations will be installed at Trailside Terrace in Petersen Island Woods Preserve before the July 4th weekend. Please stop by and see your brick and start thinking about your engraving for next year.

There is a separate article about KMLT's Day in the Woods for Elkhorn Area High School's advanced placement science class, held on May 1st at Beulah Bluff Preserve. This annual event is another of our great educational opportunities made possible by your support.

Watch our website and Facebook pages for activity updates, and sign up for email alerts on the website. By doing that, you can keep in touch with us all summer and see news about upcoming events. And please contact me or any other KMLT board member or staff with any questions.

Here's to a great summer!

2018 Boating Safety Courses

By Chief Ken Blanke - Lauderdale Lakes
Water Safety Patrol

IMPORTANT! Successful completion of a boating safety course accepted by the Wisconsin DNR **is required for anyone born on or after January 1, 1989 (and at least 12 years of age)** who wishes to operate any personal watercraft (PWC) or any motorized boat without an adult onboard. So if you will be 29 this year (or

are younger) you need a boating safety certificate to operate a motorboat (without parental supervision) or a PWC.

Two Wisconsin DNR-sanctioned boating safety courses will be offered by the Lauderdale Lakes Water Patrol. We strongly recommend you take advantage of our local courses since they include information on our local boating ordinance. The two-day class dates and locations are:

June 9-10 La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25

June 23-24 La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25

You must register online on the Wisconsin DNR website. The website is: dnr.wi.gov. Click on "Recreation", then "Boat" in the drop down menu (under the *Statewide* heading). On the *Boating in Wisconsin* page, click the "Sign up" button. To search for and enroll in upcoming classes select the Course Type option "BOAT" and County "WALWORTH". Then you can select 1 of 2 classes offered by Lauderdale Lakes Water Patrol. If you have any questions the Instructor Officer Adam Freund's contact information is listed.

Each student must have a DNR Customer ID number to register online. You can obtain this ID number online or by calling DNR at 1-888-936-7463. Also bring this ID number with you the day of 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 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.

Lutherdale Has Plans for an Exciting Summer and Future

By Jeff Bluhm - Exec Director, Lutherdale

Life is very busy here at Lutherdale as we prepare for the busy summer season. It is great to see our friends and neighbors returning. May you be blessed with a safe and uplifting season at the lake.

April 27th was the opening of our **Dinner At The Lake** series. As always, it was a good time, good food, and a beautiful view of the lake. Everyone is welcome to come for dinner on the last Friday of the month, May 25, June 29, July 27, and August 31. There is also a Fish Fry on August 10th, the night before our Annual Quilt Auction. You are welcome to boat over and tie up to our docks. Also, you can bring your own adult beverages to enjoy with your meal. Visit www.lutherdale.org/programs/upcoming-events/ for more information.

June 3rd is our Open House from 1:00 to 4:00. This will be an opportunity for families to bring their children out to experience what camp is all about. We offer 9 weeks of summer camp programs for kids in kindergarten through high school and there is still time to get registered. Grandparents, if you have grandkids visiting this summer consider having them attend camp as part of their summer at the lake.

June 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00 is also a time for our neighbors and friends to come and learn about our Share The Adventure Campaign. This fall we will be having a ground breaking for our new lodge that will be built in 2019. From time to time we get calls from our lake neighbors wanting to know what is happening here. This is an opportunity for you to learn about Lutherdale's plans for the future.

See you around the campfire!



Day in the Woods at Kettle Moraine Land Trust Beulah Bluff Preserve

By Herb Sharpless - Director & Stewardship Chair, KMLT

On May 1st, a beautiful spring day (finally), thirty four students, three teachers and eleven volunteers enjoyed this annual event for Elkhorn Area High School science students. This event has been sponsored by the Elkhorn Fund for the past several years, held last year at Petersen Island Woods Preserve and this year at Beulah Bluff Preserve, located at N9026 Bakavi Way in East Troy. The site overlooks Lake Beulah and a Tamarack Swamp located on the Camp Charles Allis property. In roughly eight acres, this preserve has a healthy prairie, kettle terrain, upland hardwoods and easy access to a parking area and deck with bench seating.



The students and teachers bus from and to school, so the event is their school day, organized to learn more about nature and land conservation when they all participate in four tasks led by a team of experts.

Jim Blomberg captained his pontoon boat and docked at the camp, for

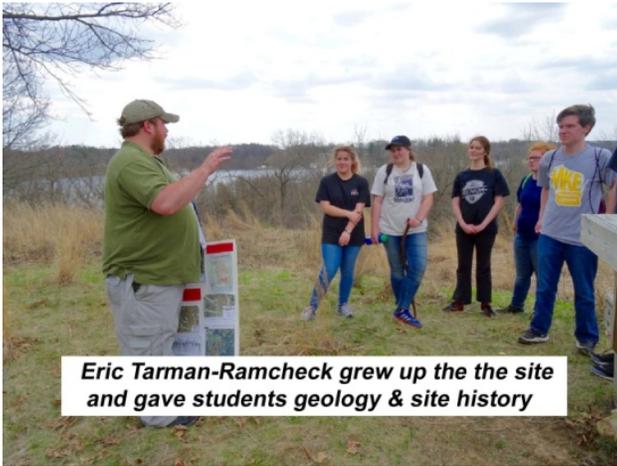
the water testing task. He was joined by Dave DeAngelis and Tom VanDenBogart, a Camp Charles Allis trustee. Dave and Jim shared their lake water sampling experience and demonstrated the equipment they use, with Jim guiding a short tour of the lake area.



Maggie Zoellner, KMLT's Executive Director, led a task that introduced students to native and invasive plants found across the preserve landscape. They pulled some Garlic Mustard as one example of invasive species control and visited an Aspen grove that has been girdled to stop this tree with its clonal root system from taking over the nearby prairie. The most exciting discovery was the location of animal bones in the kettle, leading to a discussion of how nature returns bone chemicals to other uses!

Eric Tarman-Ramcheck, a member of Camp Charles Allis who grew

up on the site, shared his knowledge of the site geology from glacier formation through Native American burning to shape the landscape for their needs and then to settlers who grazed cattle and later, built a homestead on the property. He showed students the cave used to store lake water for cattle watering on the site and talked about Native American artifacts he has discovered in the area.



commented, “We had a Blast!” Even though there is a perfectly good driveway connecting the preserve to the bus parking area, the visitors choose their own paths, as the exit parade shows them descending the cleared slope one more time. Next year, in early May, KMLT will host a similar event, so if you are interesting in participating, contact Herb Sharpless.

The last task involved the students helping clear the southern slope of the property of invasive trees and shrubs. Herb Sharpless, Chris Mann, Brian Brandt, Jan Sharpless, Michael Schwabe and Bill Huxhold guided the work and applied the power tools, while the students collected cut brush into burn piles and treated cut stumps to prevent re-sprout of the invasive plants. The slope area is slowly being restored to dry prairie by clearing brush and reseeding native plant species.



This was the third year of clearing activity and the steepest portion of the slope was tackled. With a great team effort, most of the slope is now clear of brush, leaving healthy Burr Oaks and Shag Bark Hickory with dead Ash as woodpecker habit.

Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District

By Jack Sorenson - Chairman, Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District

As you know, the Lake District is made up of Commissioners who volunteer their time to help achieve the goals of the Lake District. The Lake District oversees numerous programs and projects that help to preserve and rehabilitate the environmental values of our lake, the public rights in navigable waters and the public welfare and safety. I would like to thank two of our past Commissioners, both of whom have given tirelessly of their time and efforts toward the activities and goals of the Lake District.



The teaching staff: Deanna Burnlinger, Dana Straw and Natalie Elverman, were joined by Sue Heffron, KMLT Assistant Program Manager, in guiding the group learning throughout the day. Everyone seemed to enjoy the visit and Deanna

I am saddened to report that Commissioner Rick Callaway passed away on March the 28th. He had served the Lake District as a representative of both the Town of LaGrange and Walworth County. Rick served as the Town

Representative for 11 years from approximately 1998 to 2010 and then as the County Representative for 6 years from 2012 to 2018. Rick was very instrumental in establishing cooperation between the various boards he served upon. He was known to listen to issues and find the facts, while looking for common goals to achieve solutions between the Lake District, the Town and County. He was focused on the goals of the Community at large and a proponent of such issues as combining the Safety Patrol operation between the Town and Lake District. We will all miss Rick's efforts and friendship.

Earlier this year Scott Mason, past Chairman and Commissioner submitted his resignation. Scott has unselfishly served the Lake District for 23 years and been responsible for the leadership of the Lake District thru that time. Scott began his service by being selected for and graduating from the 9-day training curriculum of the Lake Leaders Institute. The Institute and its graduates concentrate on enhancing Wisconsin's lake resources through leadership, training, and civic engagement. The institute focuses on lake ecology, watershed management, shore land development, user conflicts, funding, and organizational procedures. With that background Scott lead many important protective environmental projects including: acquisition of the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club nine-hole golf course (critical to head-off development of condominiums on this property and the resulting loss of open space, additional piers and increasing boat density), protecting and rezoning the golf course property from Multifamily (R4) to Park (P-1), combining multiple tax keys, and eventually placing the golf course property in a conservation easement. He was involved in many environmental projects that result in cleaner runoff of waters into Lauderdale Lake. During his tenure other programs were initiated or improved such as the weed harvesting program, combining the Safety Patrol with the Town, culvert replacement, starting clean boats clean water and many other programs. We owe Scott a big **THANK YOU** for all of his efforts.

Moving forward, the Lake District is currently reevaluating options available to maintain, remodel or rebuild the Club house and/or the Community Center. With the previous documentation on the project in mind, we are reconsidering what we can identify as facts surrounding the options available. Then ultimately we hope to come to a community consensus on what to do. Therefore, if you would like further information or to discuss your opinion, please contact any of the Lake District Commissioners over the summer. We value your opinions and would like to move forward with as good a plan and as much community consensus as possible.



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