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Your tax dollars at work

The LLIA is an all-volunteer organization devoted to monitoring water quality, promoting 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 LLIA.org.

LLIA Special Reports

! CAUTION! Ice is *never* safe!

- Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair & Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair



It's always best to play it safe on the ice. Lauderdale Lakes has many natural springs, so some areas never really freeze solidly and safely—especially Middle Lake to the far west. Here are 11 safety tips for those of you who ice fish, snow mobile, ice skate, or just like to walk around on the ice.

Factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe. White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice. Double the thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

1. Know the thickness of the ice you are on. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away. Check the ice at least every 150 feet. Chisel, auger or drill a hole and use a tape measure to get an accurate gauge of ice thickness.
UNDER 4" - STAY OFF!

2. Share your plans. It's a good idea to share your plans with family or friends. Let them know where you're headed and when you plan to arrive home.

3. Bring a friend. Don't go out alone. A friend can provide an extra set of hands and help if something goes wrong.

4. Bring a flotation suit or device. In a perfect world, a flotation suit is the best way to go. Option B is to carry a life vest or throw cushion.

5. Bring a pair of ice picks or rescue claws. Keep a quality pair of ice picks with you at all times to help you climb to safety if you should fall through. Don't skimp on this inexpensive life saving device.

6. Carry a throw rope. A throw rope can be used to pull someone to safety.

7. Leave the lake before dark. Navigation at night can be treacherous and disorienting.

8. Install proper ventilation in your ice shanty. If your ice shanty is heated, make sure you have good ventilation to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

9. Bring a portable phone charger. Cold temperatures can quickly drain your smart phone battery. A quality charger can save the day.

10. Layer-up and stay hydrated. It's easy to under dress, especially on a sunny day. So layer-up. And, don't forget to stay hydrated. Your body is working hard to stay warm. BTW, beer does not count. Drink water.

11. Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking. Tip: Make a hole next to the car.

If water starts to overflow the top of the hole - the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.



CAUTION - Lauderdale Lakes has many springs which never really freeze! Keep this in mind when accessing Lauderdale Lakes, especially Middle Lake to the far west. Access to the ice via vehicle is usually at the Sterlingworth bay launch, and during periods of thick ice, more than 15 inches, the Green lake ramp. Even then, the ice at the ramps can, and does, get worn down at the ramps easily so caution must always be taken. Salt from tires and the weight of the vehicles erodes the ice at the ramps. When in doubt, walk on and take caution. Remember, ice is NEVER safe.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Underwater aerators

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Bulk trash

Bulk trash collection rules have changed. You now must call John's Disposal (262-473-4700) to schedule pickup of large items.

LL Water Quality

- Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair

Overall, we enjoyed a very pleasant boating and swimming season on Lauderdale Lakes. From a water quality perspective, we had a few minor anomalies but, generally, a very average summer season. Below are my top four takeaways:

1. Water clarity readings were slightly better for Middle and Green Lakes compared to 2018 and identical for Mill Lake compared to 2018.

2. We had a huge algae bloom in both Middle and Green Lakes in 2019. Chlorophyll readings for both lakes were 25%-30% higher than 2018 readings. Mill Lake always has a strong algae bloom. That said, the 2019 Mill Lake Chlorophyll readings were 25% lower than 2018 readings. Part of this anomaly is due to very low readings in May.

3. Phosphorous readings in 2019 for all three lakes were at or below all 2018 readings. Lower phosphorous readings are better.

4. We had another strong heterograde event in both Green and Middle Lakes in 2019 that lasted from May until late August. As a result, dissolved oxygen levels in both lakes were very high at depths of 20-35 feet.

News from the Town of LaGrange

- Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

New Town Highway Department garage and shop

The new Town of LaGrange Highway Department garage shop and office is located immediately across Hwy 12 from the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department Building.



New garage



If you have any old photos of the Lauderdale-LaGrange area, please let Town Chairman Frank Taylor know so that they may be incorporated into the historical files.

Highway Dept preps for winter

Highway Commissioner Pat Hoffman and his crew have been busy mowing grass and trimming brush and trees along the roadsides. Pat has three snowplow routes that clear and sand over 66 miles of Town roads with each snowfall. Please use extra caution when following a snowplow truck. Wisconsin law requires motorists to stay back 500 feet.



Ordinance regulates placement of snow on roadways by residents

The LaGrange Town Board passed an ordinance regulating the placement of snow on roadways by Town Residents in March 2008. Section 1 from ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01 is as follows:

There shall be no placing of snow on any roadway in the Town of LaGrange that would create a hazardous condition for vehicle travel and persons shall not plow snow across the roadway from their driveway.

The ordinance is enforced by the Sheriff Department and/or the Town Highway Commissioner. The homeowner or renter is responsible for snow placement, and you are responsible for the snow regardless if you hire a person to plow snow for you. Snow on your property should stay on your property, and it must not be pushed across the road when you clear your driveway and walkways.

Please inform your snow plowing contractor accordingly.

Fire safety tips

Test all your fire alarms

Be sure an alarm is installed in or near each bedroom and at least one on every floor. Even the fire alarms wired into your electrical system have a battery backup. So, be sure you have fresh batteries in all your alarms. All Fire Alarm Manufacturers state that the entire alarm should be replaced every ten (10) years. Check the brand of your fire alarm and contact the manufacturer if it is an alarm that is wired into your electrical system. The manufacturer will recommend the model of alarm to replace your existing alarm with the least amount of work.

Annual furnace inspection

Annual furnace inspections by qualified technicians assure the combustion process is correct and the exhaust gas is going outside and not into the house. To avoid smoke damage or dangerous carbon monoxide, make sure fireplace chimneys are free of creosote and that wood stove vent pipes are not blocked.

Keep your home access ready for emergency vehicles

Fire trucks and ambulances need a clear unobstructed route to your home. Be certain that snow is plowed from the driveway even though you may be away a lot in the winter. Also be certain the trees are not obstructing entrance. Fire Trucks need a clearance 12 feet wide and 12 high to reach your home without damaging the vehicle. Winter is the best time to have trees trimmed back.



Fire Department reached goal for heart monitor/defibrillator

Good News! The Lauderdale Lagrange Fire department has been busy raising funds to replace our aging Heart Monitor/Defibrillator. With the proceeds from our spring dance and steak fry fundraiser, along with donations from our many generous supporters, we have reached our goal and the new unit has been ordered and is expected to be in service before the end of the year.

Corky's Corner

News & tips from the fish committee

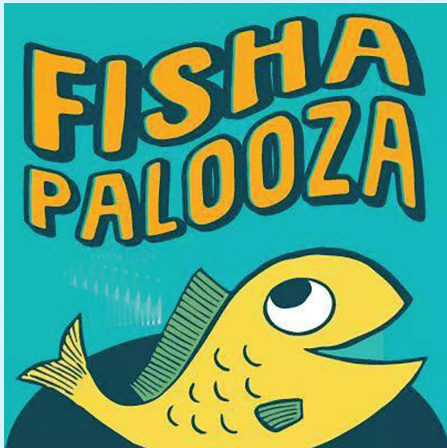
- Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

Hey Everybody,

Your Fish Committee has just wrapped up another busy year. This season, we discovered a great offshore location in Green Lake where we placed three new cribs. The cribs began holding fish almost immediately! We hope to build several shorter cribs next season as well as two full size cribs. The shorter cribs will give us more placement options along the shorelines in shallower water.

The crib-building volunteers were out in force this past summer and I would like to thank all who helped. Come join us next summer and you will be rewarded with the knowledge of where the cribs are located! Or simply fire off a donation to our stocking and crib building funds. Everything helps. Contact us at LLIAfishcommittee@hotmail.com.

Have a great-and-safe winter season.



Fishapalooza, February 1st, 2020

There should be plenty of open-water fishing days left this season but planning for the upcoming ice fishing season is already under way! Fishapalooza is on the agenda again and it looks like we will stick with the same weekend, Superbowl Saturday which falls on February 1st this year. We are especially grateful that the Lauderdale Landing has agreed to host the event again.

As in the past, we will have great raffles, a meat raffle, and plenty of fun planned for all. See Deetz or myself if you would like to help plan, volunteer, or donate to this great cause. Remember, all funds raised go back into the lake! Contact us at LLIAfishcommittee@hotmail.com.

Kid's Fish Jamboree, Summer 2019

A great day was had by all at the Kid's Fish Jamboree! Approximately 45 kids attended, including 8 student anglers and their parents who attended the first Corky's School of Fish. Each student angler caught a number of bluegills from the pier at the Landing. Each student received a fishing rod and some basic tackle as well as instruction for both the kids and the parents. The event was well received and I think we have started a new tradition. Join us next year!



Fish Jamboree fisher kids, 2019!



Contest winners!



Gift buckets full of fishing gear prizes for participants.

History Column

SONIC BOOM! The magnificent Lauderdale fireworks!

- Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Committee Chair



Every summer, on the Saturday night closest to the 4th of July, hundreds of boats motor to Don Jean Bay as dark begins to settle.

The boaters have come to watch the annual Yacht Club fireworks show. Other watchers gather on the golf course or on their piers. The mood is festive. People tune their radios to 96.1 FM, the radio station that will stream the music for which the show has been choreographed. As night falls, the anticipation grows until finally—as the Star Spangled Banner reaches “the rockets’ red glare” line—this favorite Independence Day tradition begins.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Lauderdale’s fireworks. Loretta Auchinleck, historian and treasurer of the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club, said that her husband, Bob, Robert Brown and Wally Bush started the show in 1979 with a \$3,000 budget. “It was a very casual effort,” she said.

The following year, to raise funds, Bob Brown began a raffle. For a \$25 donation, Yacht Club members received 5 tickets. After the show, the club had a party, and Bob awarded prizes to lucky ticketholders. “He got about \$6,500 that way,” Auchinleck said. When Nancy Thelen became commodore in 2002, she instituted recognition levels for major donors to the fireworks with names like: Skyrockets; Firecrackers; and Roman Candles. Donors are listed on the Yacht Club’s website.

Pete Spaulding, who has coordinated the fireworks effort for the last nine years, noted that the Committee receives about 200 separate donations from private individuals. When he began his tenure in 2010, his budget was \$6,500. Four years ago, however, the Yacht Club began to accept corporate donations for the show, and 2019’s budget reflected the decision, reaching \$23,000. Auchinleck mentioned that the corporate donors are all businesses owned by lake property owners. Has anyone noticed how fancy the rockets have been getting?

Although the show has been launched over Don Jean Bay for many years, Auchinleck remembers the fireworks being set off from other locations than the golf course. She thought that for many years they were shot either from the Sterlingworth property on Mill Lake or from Lutherdale on Green Lake. She remembers that one year, the organizers tried Fireman’s Point in Green Lake. This was a failure, she said, because the point was too narrow.

Spaulding, who this year began handing the fireworks reins over to his assistant, Jeff Angst, said that he and past organizers have always hired a professional company to put on the show. When he began coordinating in 2000, he said, the company’s employees were still lighting the rockets themselves. Now, the entire show is computer controlled.

Whatever group the club hires (this year it was Ace from Chicago) stages the entire show in a warehouse, Spaulding said. The company proposes what music to use, and the club edits the list or makes substitutions. When the list is finalized, the fireworks are selected. “They know how many fireworks of each size will be used,” Spaulding said. They place tubes between two and six inches in diameter into a wooden frame. Then, they drop in the “shots”, which are balls of fireworks encased in paper mache’ with firing wires coming out of them. The wires are all hooked together and run to the computer.

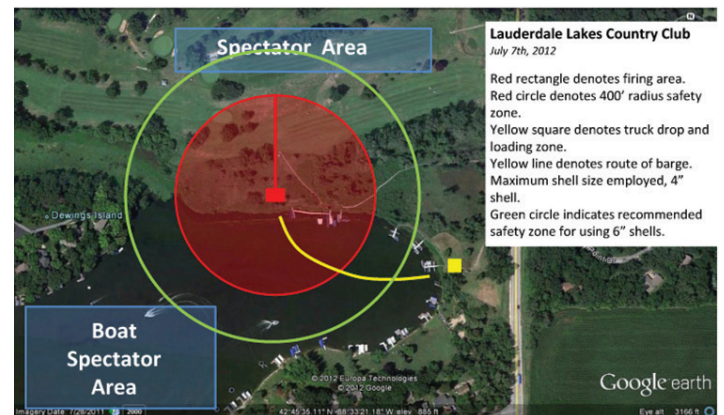


Next the company loads the show onto a large truck and brings it to the marina. “We used to fire them off on the wetlands around the golf course,” Spaulding said. Now, however, the course mows a large area very short for the show.

For some years, the fireworks were driven across the golf course to the launch site, but the show has gotten too big for that method. Now, the fireworks are loaded onto a barge at the Marina and driven around by water to Don Jean Bay, where volunteers unload and haul them to the launch area. Angst

noted that a new dock was recently installed near the launch site to make unloading somewhat easier.

Safety, of course, comes first when dealing with fireworks. “We have an aerial Google map that we use that shows how far away people have to be from the fireworks,” Spaulding said. “The police use the map to keep people out of the danger zone.”



Fireworks safety area map

Going forward, Angst and his assistant, Andy Brown, have some plans. In 2020, July 4th will fall on a Saturday, and Angst has secured a company that will conduct Lauderdale’s fireworks on that date. He says that the show will remain about 22 minutes long and include the same number of shots, but the shots themselves will get bigger and better. He and Brown will publicize the event more, letting people know how they can donate to support it. The Yacht Club will introduce a way to donate online. Angst will also have a contest: for every \$100 donated to the Safety and Education Committee, the donor will get an entry into a drawing. After donations close, Angst will draw a winner who can then pick a song to be included in the following year’s fireworks simulcast on 96.1 FM (subject to approval).

Angst is also looking for volunteers to help with loading and unloading the barges before and after the show. He says young people especially enjoy seeing the equipment that goes into putting fireworks in the sky. He is happy to receive suggestions for future years at jangst@phoenixtextile.com.

Members' Post

All LLIA members are invited to contribute to the MEMBER'S POST. Maybe you have a favorite recipe to share or a great photo capturing the alluring beauty of our lakes or maybe you'd like to pass along a thought, suggestion or reflection about life on Lauderdale Lakes. If you have a message to share (in 75 words or less, please) email us at LakeViews@LLIA.org. Please specify if you would like to remain anonymous.



Goose Island Paddle and Swim - What fun!

On August 24, at 8:00 a.m., a small group of our friends participated in the Fourth Annual Goose Island Paddle and Swim. These Lauderdale Lakes swimmers and paddlers (kayaks and paddleboards) swam or paddled from the north shore of Mill Lake to Goose Island and back. Each swimmer had a kayak/paddleboard alongside for safety and guidance. Additionally, the Water Safety Patrol was notified and present to make sure everyone was safe.

Editorial Note ... our local Boating Ordinance contains swimming regulations that must be followed. Please contact the Water Safety Patrol if you have questions.

—Submitted by Patty Hargrave

MEXICAN CHICKEN CASSEROLE

A 2 quart casserole dish makes eight 1 cup servings

Ingredients:

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 cans (4.5 oz each) chopped green chilies
- 1 3/4 pounds skinned chicken breast
- 1 cup each chopped onion, evaporated skin milk, monterey jack cheese (shredded)
- 1/4 cup cream cheese (softened)
- 1 can (10 oz) enchilada sauce
- 12 soft flour tortillas (6 inch)
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese (shredded)
- 1 oz (6) tortilla chips (crushed)

Directions:

In a large frying pan, add broth, onion and green chilies. Bring to a boil and add chicken. Reduce to a simmer and cook about 15 minutes. Remove chicken from broth; reserve broth and shred chicken. Add evaporated milk, monterey jack cheese and enchilada sauce to broth and cook about 5 minutes then add shredded chicken.

Place 4 tortillas on bottom of the casserole dish, put about 2 cups of chicken mixture over tortillas. Repeat layers twice - ending with chicken on top. Sprinkle shredded cheddar cheese and tortilla chips on top.

Bake 30 minutes in 350 degree oven. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

- Submitted by Denise Fitzpatrick



Winter view looking north over Green Lake - Peggy Sorsenson

Adaptive Adventures - "New" program for those with disabilities.

I thought folks might be interested in learning about a "new" program that has been held on Lauderdale since 2016. It's called Adaptive Adventures and it's a nonprofit outdoor sports & recreation program for children, adults and veterans with primary disabilities.

These "Water Sports Wednesdays" include adaptive waterskiing, wakeboarding, kayaking and fishing. Thanks to a dedicated staff—accompanied by a talented group of volunteers from our lake community—participants benefit from the physical and emotional gains achieved from time spent on the water.

Momentum is growing. This past summer, we had 76 participants, including 36 veterans. If you'd like to know more or be a part of a very rewarding program, check out adaptiveadventures.org or call Greg at 303-679-2770.

—Submitted Julie Davis



Late fall sunset over Green Lake, looking west - Peggy Sorenson



Autumn view, east shore of Middle Lake near the springs - Debbie Ferrari

Other Lake Organizations

KMLT - Kettle Moraine Land Trust

- Dave DeAngelis, President

On September 28th, KMLT held a fabulous OAKTOBERFEST event at Peterson Island Woods Preserve. Attendees enjoyed a rigorous stroll among our most iconic native trees at this beautiful preserve. While discovering the beauty of the preserve, they enjoyed several featured craft beer selections from The East Troy Brewery, as well as a few other well-known Wisconsin beer selections. There was even a "Bloody Mary Tree" at the highest peak of the trail!

The event concluded with a complementary cheeseburger at Lauderdale Landing. It was a great time, and I want to thank all of you who volunteered, donated and attended this event.

Please check our Facebook page or our updated website at kmlandtrust.org for future KMLT events!!



LLYC - Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club

- Peg Eggert, Commodore

The summer season is over and our lakes now take on the beauty of the fall colors with the glistening white snow to follow. Then, spring into summer and we're back on the water and enjoying the many events!

Here's a recap of 2019 summer events: June kick-off starts our season with Cocktails with the Commodore, July the fabulous Fireworks and Rib Cook Off, August had Lake Home Tour and Jimmy Buffett "Cheeseburger in Paradise" at Pleasant Lake and our September finale was a Fall Harvest Festival. To ALL the committee chairs and ALL the volunteers who worked on these events, many thanks for time involved in making each and everyone a success.

Looking forward to our 2020 season, here is a sneak preview of what's to come. Of course our traditional start of the season Cocktails with the Commodore the beginning of June. We'll continue with a Pleasant Lake party, Fireworks (being held on the 4th), duplicating the Rib Cook Off was a must, back by popular demand the Golf Outing & dinner and the wrap up with the Fall Party. For more details and dates on the upcoming season events, check the LLYC newsletter published in spring.

What? Not a member; not a problem. Dues are only \$40 per family annually

and your opportunity to meet fellow Lakers, new people and attend fun parties. There are no requirements to attend every event, just those you choose. Look for the LLYC - Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club spring mailing. (Hint: It's separate from the LLIA!)

Laura Allen has completed her two years as Commodore passing the responsibilities on at the Fall Party. She has done a terrific job at the helm in keeping the LLYC on course. Many THANKS to you LAURA! I hope to do as well. Our leadership for 2020-2022 is as follows:

Officers:	Board of Directors:
Commodore: Peg Eggert	Bill Corbett, Jean Henderson, Bob Lindsten, Barry Lutz, Tom Short, Pete Spaulding, Carole Zerwas
Vice Commodore: JJ (John) Jilek	
Rear Commodore: Linda Johnson	
Secretary: Deborah Loeding	Commanders:
Treasurer: Loretta Auchinleck	Kathy & Make Alagna, Tracy & Dean Bostrom, Ellen & Andy Brown, Patty & Dale Hargrave, Marianne & Jim Kroepflin, Janet & John Summers
Safety & Education Secretary:	
Patti Jilek	

LLSC - Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

- Glenn Hansen, Commodore

Autumn Wrap Up

Well, another terrific sailing season is in the books. If I could sum up most of our season in one word, it would be "cloudy". We always seemed to be sailing under overcast skies. But, fortunately once our races were complete, the sun broke through and we were able to enjoy beautiful afternoons on our awesome lakes. Even with the cool breezes, we had one sailor finish the season red hot, and that would be Doug Ward. We haven't had someone win this many races in quite a while. Christian Zenger turned in another great season. After 7 top five finishes and an end of the year victory in the two person Truman regatta, we have declared Chris as our Sailor of the Year for 2019. Other trophy winners include: Peter VanKampen - Ladies' Appreciation Trophy and Mike Fuller - Bradley Cup. Young Michael Engel can celebrate his win in our 3rd annual Melges Cup race. Our unique handicap system puts our better sailors back by 2 or 5 minutes depending on how they finish in previous races. Jim Johnson finished in the top 3 in the first 2 races this season and had to start 5 minutes delayed for the rest of the summer. In spite of that, he fought hard and finished in the top ten of every race. Another great season by one of our most experienced sailors.



John Hamilton relaxing during pre-race.

In mid-August we had our first-ever free sailing clinic. A few interested residents participated and learned all about how the boat works. We even had some on-water experience in the boats, but the wind was almost non-existent. Better luck next year.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the club, please reach out to us. We know of several boats available in the area, and we can help guide you to make sure this is a great experience.

Until next spring, please enjoy the cold months ahead and be safe!!



It gets pretty hectic during a crowded start.



Chris Zenger in focus approaching a mark.

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LLLMD - Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District

- Jack Sorenson, Chairman

At the Lake District 2019 Annual Meeting, the following items were voted on by eligible attendees:

- Commissioner Jim Kroeplin, who also serves as Secretary, was elected for an additional 3 year term.
- The 2020 tax levy, reflecting a slight decrease from 2019, was approved as presented by Commissioner Greg Wisniewski, who also serves as Treasurer.

New dam improves safety and helps us avoid SLOW-NO-WAKE

How We Avoided Slow-No Wake. Commissioner Jim Kroeplin reports that dam improvements are now complete and water is flowing in a less obstructed and much safer way than it has for well over 70 years. The DNR has inspected the work and is pleased with the changes. Heavy rains gave the dam a real workout this season and it is functioning just as expected. The combination of the culvert replacement and the dam prevented the need for slow no wake restrictions (like other regional lakes). We now have a more consistent lake level and shorelines are subject to less erosion.

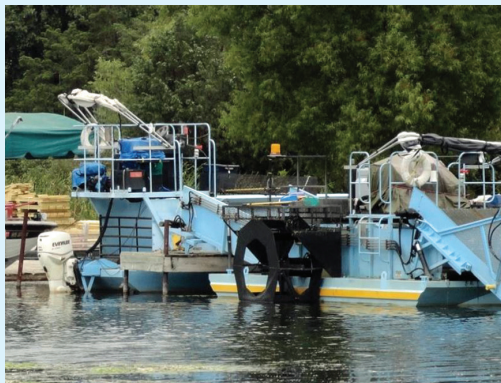


Aquatic Plant Removal

Commissioner Greg Wisniewski reported that 209 tons of plants were removed as of August 15. Plant removal is key to preventing the takeover of invasive aquatic plants, aiding in navigation and swimming, reducing muck, and encouraging the growth of "good" plants.

It was another great year thanks to our seasoned crew. He also thanked the host of volunteers who helped collect some 1500 samples of aquatic plants on a defined grid throughout all of the lakes. The study is a necessary step to update our DNR harvesting permit.

Note: our plant harvesting permit does not authorize cutting weeds from the pier head into the shoreline.



Environmental Projects

Stabilizing Lake District shoreline in Don Jean Bay - We have begun the process of obtaining approvals to stabilize the Lake District property along Don Jean Bay. We would like to replace BioLogs with natural boulders to prevent shoreline erosion.

New Pier for fireworks display - In cooperation with the LLIA, the KMLT, the Yacht Club and the Fireworks Committee, a new pier was installed in Don Jean bay to help facilitate the delivery of fireworks to the launch site for the annual community fireworks display.

Safety Patrol: Keeping Our Lakes Safe

Commissioner Ron Diederich reports that there were three OWIs this season, which is an increase over the previous year. Please be aware when it's time to assign a designated driver.

Of course, the primary purpose of the Patrol is to keep our lakes safe. They are there to educate and help, but Lauderdale is a very high density waterway and the officers will write citations when called for—all in the interest of safety.

Golf Course Update

It has been a very busy year at the Golf Course with new managers taking the reins of both the course and the clubhouse. Thanks to Sparky and Kristy for already making improvements to the existing operation. We will be focusing on improving rounds of play, providing new services, and improving our systems. We are fortunate to have a course that is both affordable and quick to play. Not only does it provide a wonderful recreational opportunity for all our residents and neighbors, but it also protects a major parcel of land as open space - a great asset for our entire lake area.

I encourage you to come out and play this sporty course. Unlike other courses in the area, it can be played in two hours and greens fees are very reasonable!



Club House and Community Center

We are maintaining the existing buildings to keep them in reasonable repair and safe condition while we continue to work on a thorough review of the Club House to determine the existing structural limitations and the cost of remodeling or replacing it. Soon, we will have an accurate idea of costs to either repair or rebuild the existing facilities. This will allow the board to review the findings and to have meaningful discussions at our board meetings. We will also publish the options and/or hold open meetings to inform electors so that everyone has a chance to understand the issues and choices prior to taking action.

Watershed Study

We are about to undertake a new Watershed Study. Past studies have resulted in the District purchasing or leasing lands to create settling basins or areas planted with dense vegetation to improve the quality of the water entering into the Lakes. New studies are recommended from time to time as surrounding land uses or zoning changes may occur. The DNR will help with grant funding and we will be looking for volunteers to help work with our engineer in gathering and preparing information to be assembled for such a study. This project will likely be a three year effort. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Commissioner Jim Kroeplin.

Piers & Septic Pumping

Commissioner John Summers continues his tireless efforts to organize and improve the pier program, and manage our septic pumping. Any pier installations and changes must follow the Town Ordinances. If you are considering significantly remodeling your pier or building a new one, you are required to get permit. The Lake District handles the initial review and pier inspection portion of the permit process. The permit is issued by and under Town authority. If the pier is found to be compliant (with the Town pier ordinance) the permit is issued. However, should the pier require a variance or be in a sensitive area it will require a hearing for a variance before the Town of LaGrange. For information regarding the pier requirements please contact the Lake District or Town.

As for septic pumping, the pumping is flowing but funds to be collected from Sugar Creek residents last year were not. Therefore, the septic portion of their future tax bills will include charges that were not collected last year. If you live in an affected area you should have received information regarding the correction.

If you have questions about any of these activities or programs, contact any of the Commissioners, or go to our website at lauderdalelakedistrict.com.

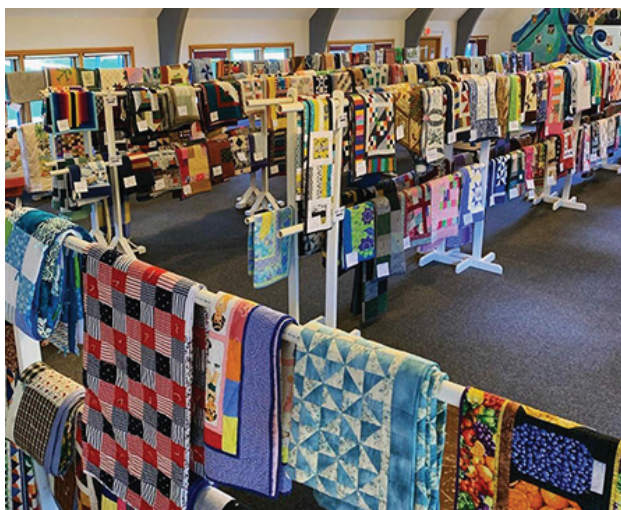
Lutherdale

- Jeff Bluhm, Executive Director

Lutherdale has great news to share!

Summer programs

Our summer programs continue to expand and welcome more and more to enjoy our beautiful campus. Not only do we offer 6 weeks of onsite summer camp programs, but we also have a foster kids camp, a Catholic week of camp, an Episcopal week of camp, a week for kids who have Crohn's and Colitis, a week for kids with congenital heart issues, and a camp for graduated high school students heading off to college. What a wonderful thing to be involved with so many programs that positively impact the lives of youth.



Quilt auction

Each year Lutherdale has a quilt auction to help support our programs. Quilters donate all types of quilts and handiwork to the auction. It was our 32nd year for the auction. This year was outstanding in the generous donation of over 340 quilts for the auction and for the generous sales of those quilts to the highest bidder. The total money raised was the highest in the last 10 years. Next year's Quilt Auction is August 8th and everyone is welcome.

Good to see so many of our lake neighbors and friends this summer. We look forward to seeing you again next summer.

New Lauderdale Lakes Conference Center construction

Construction of the new Lauderdale Lakes Conference Center here at Lutherdale has been progressing very well. A great group of people from Mission Builders has been here since May doing the construction work along with other local volunteers who have come to help. Mission Builders are retired folks who travel in their RV's during the summer months to help build facilities at camps and churches around the country. They have accomplished a lot during their time here completing all of the public spaces of the conference center. The 20 hotel style guest rooms were built in a modular factory, transported to our site and craned into place. We anticipate opening the center in early 2020. Contact our registrar at 262-742-2352 if you are interested in booking an event in the new center.



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Autumn sunrise on Lauderdale Lakes, Wisconsin, October, 2019 - Carolyn Johnson