



# ShoreLines

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## Things To Do When You Just Don't Feel Like Getting Wet

By Gary Storandt, LLIA Secretary

Hey, we're all about fun on the lake. But, every now and then, it's also fun to step out and discover new things to do in our area—things you may never have experienced before.

Your very first stop should be at the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Elkhorn. There, you can get helpful advice and grab fistfuls of brochures and fliers detailing the oodles of things to see and do throughout our area. Here are just a few:

**Aztalan State Park.** A short drive takes you to this remarkable park, where you can walk the grounds and explore the ruins of an ancient Native American civilization dating back to 1050 A.D. Free public tours are offered on Sundays at 2:00 p.m., June through September.

**Barn Quilts.** Ever driven past a barn with a brightly colored quilt painted on its side? The barn quilt movement began in 2001 and today, over 4,000 quilt blocks adorn barns in 34 states—about 80 of which are in Walworth County. So, grab a map at the Chamber, hop in the car and spend a lazy afternoon getting lost on the back roads.

**Art & Craft Fairs & Farmers Markets.** Pick up a schedule and pick your destination. There's always something going on somewhere. Right here in Elkhorn, you can enjoy Saturday's On The Square (May 23-Sept. 5). You'll also find exhibitors at the Elkhorn Corn & Brat Day Festival (Veteran's Park, July 31-Aug. 1) or at the Elkhorn Oktoberfest (Oct. 17) on the town square.

**Wisconsin Wineries.** There are now some 80 wineries in the state, with a dozen or so located near us. Pick up a brochure at the Chamber and pretend you're headed out to enjoy tastings in the Napa Valley.

Hope we jogged your curiosity.

There's so much to do and enjoy. Drop us an email ([LakeViews@LLIA.org](mailto:LakeViews@LLIA.org)) and tell us what you've discovered.



**Walworth County Fairgrounds.** Sure, you know about the County Fair, but do you know about all the other events held at the fairgrounds? There's the Pork Chop Cookout (June 24), the Madison Classic Car Show (August 1-2), the Great Midwest Pro Rodeo (August 15-16), the Elkhorn Ribfest (July 9-12) and lots more.

## At a glance...

- The **LLIA Annual Member's Meeting** will be held at Lutherdale on June 13. Social time, registration and free breakfast at 9am. Meeting at 9:30am.
- See Corky's Corner for details on the **Kid's Fish Jamboree**, which will be held on July 18 at the Landings...along with the hugely popular BBQ RibFest sponsored by the Yacht Club.
- Details on the all-important **Boating Safety Courses** (June 13-14 & June 27-28) can be found in the LLIA Special Reports section. Class size is limited.
- The Annual **4th of July Fireworks** display will be held on—Surprise!—Saturday, July fourth. Details inside.
- The **Fire Department Steak Fry Fundraiser** will be held at the Landings on Saturday, August 8. Just be there. Everyone else will be.

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

**Complimentary Copy!** If you're NOT an LLIA member and would like to continue receiving this member newsletter, a membership is still just \$35 a year. Simply go to [LLIA.org](http://LLIA.org), click on the "Join Now" button and complete a membership form.

# LLIA Special Reports

## 2020 Boating Safety Courses Still Available

By Chief Ken Blanke, Water Safety Patrol

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 31 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 13-14 La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25
- June 27-28 La Grange Town Hall – max class size 25

For more details on the course and how to register (done through the DNR), go to the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District web site at [lauderdalelakelakedistrict.com](http://lauderdalelakelakedistrict.com) under the "Documents" tab.

## Walk Against, Bike With!

By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President

Many people walk and ride bicycles on roadways around the lake. To help everyone safely enjoy our beautiful lake area, please follow these rules:

- Pedestrians should walk **AGAINST** the flow of traffic, so they can see the vehicles closest to them as they approach.
- Cyclists should ride **WITH** the flow of traffic (using the bike lane where available), since cyclists are considered "vehicles" for most intents.
- In all cases, it is safest to walk or ride in single file as close to the shoulder as possible so drivers have adequate space for oncoming vehicles, particularly on hills and curves.

For more information, visit the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation website.

## Water Quality Testing About To Get Underway

By David DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair

By the time this issue of ShoreLines is published, the ice cover on Lauderdale Lakes will be gone and the water-testing season will be underway!

The first testing of the season will be water clarity, or water turbidity testing using what's called a Secchi disc. The Secchi Disc was created in 1865 by Angelo Secchi. It was a plain white, circular disk, 12 inches in diameter used to measure water transparency or turbidity in the Mediterranean Sea. The disc was attached to a pole or line, and lowered slowly down in the water. The depth at which the disk is no longer visible is taken as a measure of the transparency of the water. This measurement is known as the Secchi depth and is our way of measuring and quantifying water clarity.

Once each month, we will test each lake for dissolved oxygen. Dissolved

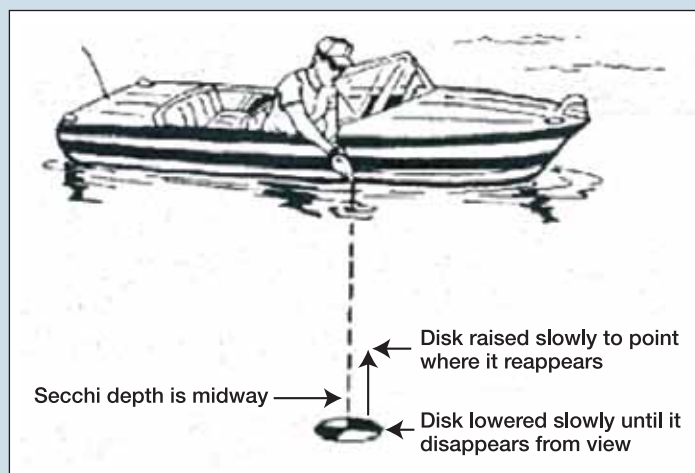
oxygen refers to the level of free, non-compound oxygen present in water or other liquids. Non-compound oxygen, or free oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), is oxygen that is not bonded to any other element. It is an important parameter in assessing water quality because of its influence on the organisms living within a body of water. In the study of lake water quality, dissolved oxygen is an essential factor to understanding the health of the lakes or stream. A dissolved oxygen level that is too high or too low can harm aquatic life and affect water quality. Fish and crustaceans obtain oxygen for respiration through their gills, while

plant life and phytoplankton require dissolved oxygen for respiration when there is no light for photosynthesis.

The amount of dissolved oxygen needed varies from creature to creature. Bottom feeders, crabs, clams and worms need minimal amounts of oxygen while blue gill, bass, northern pike, walleye and perch need higher levels.

Starting in May, we will begin taking monthly water samples from each lake and submitting them to the WDNR labs for Phosphorous levels in the lake water. This is done again in June, July and August.

In June, we will be submitting additional water samples to the WDNR for chlorophyll levels (algae) in the lakes. These samples are taken in June, July and August.



The data for our lakes is available on the WDNR SWIMS (Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System) page. Simply type the name of a lake in the search bar and you will get a list of lakes that have links to the data. For Lauderdale Lakes, make sure you are looking at lakes in Walworth County. There are a lot of lakes in Wisconsin named Green, Middle and Mill lake.



# Wake Board Boaters— Some Neighborly Things To Think About

By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President and Jack Sorenson, LL Lake Management District Chairman

Wake Board boating has been a frequent topic of discussion at Town, LLIA and Lake Management District meetings of late. Specific concerns expressed include:

- large wakes causing shoreline erosion, impacting fish and shoreline habitat, and damaging property;
- large wakes creating unsafe conditions for swimming and small watercraft; and,
- elevated speaker systems used at excessive volume and operators choosing inappropriate content.

These concerns are not unique to our lakes. The LLIA is a member of Wisconsin Lakes, a statewide organization. In its 2019 annual letter, they outlined this issue, with additional concerns including the spread of aquatic invasive species in ballast tanks that don't drain well. Some seek creation of laws to address concerns, however, Wisconsin Lakes points out: "enforcement solutions are difficult to find, as ordinances tailored to boats or wakes are difficult to draft in an enforceable manner and even if enforceable, finding law enforcement with the right authority and capacity to enforce them can be daunting". They are actively working with other states to encourage research to determine the threat level and seek solutions.

Meanwhile, the Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA, the towed water sports industry's leading advocate) has created a program entitled "Wake Responsibly" promoting



three key principles, which we ask you to follow:

- 1. STAY AT LEAST 200 FEET** from the shoreline, docks, or other structures.
- 2. KEEP MUSIC AT REASONABLE LEVELS.** Sound travels well over water. If it's loud enough to hear at 80 feet back, it is likely loud enough for homeowners to hear, too.
- 3. MINIMIZE REPETITIVE PASSES** on any one portion of shoreline. Once you've run the same line for a while, move on to another area.

Both the LLIA and the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District work to promote actions that ensure the short and long-term health of our lakes. We have a very high density of watercraft of all types on our lakes, particularly on weekends and holidays. So, at this juncture, we'd like to encourage everyone to enjoy our lakes in a manner that is respectful to all. If you have a boat that creates a large wake, when you are not towing a skier/boarder/surfer, please disengage the wake producing system or systems. When not in use, drain the ballast tank and pull up your tab plates. As for music, when not towing, utilize the internal speakers on your boat at a volume considerate of others keeping in mind the shape of our lakes means the shoreline is close most of the time.

**Thanks so much for your cooperation!**

# Do You Have An "LL" Number Sign Posted?

By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President

Did you know the LLIA developed the "LL" property numbering system in 1902? We still maintain that system today, which identifies the location of properties around the lake. Do you have a red LL sign down by the water that is clearly visible?



It's important you do because your LL number helps all emergency assistance needed from the water quickly locate your home. It also helps identify properties for any issues or questions, such as location of buoys, aquatic plant removal requests, sensitive area designation, report dangerous objects or conditions on the lake or shoreline, and track invasive plants for removal.

If you place your LL number on your swim raft, paddleboat, or other object that may come loose and float away, they can easily be returned by our Water Safety Patrol or a helpful community member.

Over time, the prevalence of LL signs has gone down, making it more difficult for the system to be effective. If you do not have an LL sign, please order one! You will find an order form at LLIA.org. Click on the link on the Home page (lower left), which will bring you to the form and instructions how to purchase an LL sign.



# So You Want To Rent Your Property. Here's What You Need To Know.

By Shannon Haydin, Walworth County Deputy Director/County Conservationist

For years, renting your property for less than 30 days in a residential zone district was prohibited by the Walworth County Zoning Code. In November of 2017, the State of Wisconsin legislature changed the statutes to prohibit any municipality from fully banning short-term rentals. In response, the county developed and adopted a short-term rental-licensing requirement that went into effect in April 2018. For the 2019 rental year, the County has issued 110 licenses, 6 of those licenses are on the Lauderdale Lakes. The Town of Geneva (Lake Como) and the Town of Delavan (Delavan Lake) have the highest number of licensed rentals.

If you think you want to rent, your first step is to contact the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection. They require a water sample for bacteria, a home inspection for safety, and ultimately issue a State license. Before the County can issue its license, you must first obtain a State license. Both the State and the County's licensing periods run from July 1 to June 30th. If you apply for a County license after April 1st your license is good through June 30th of the NEXT year. If you begin advertising your property for rent before you are licensed, you are at risk for receiving a citation in the amount of \$663 for each day the violation exists.

Items the County looks at in its licensing are parking, location of garbage receptacles, property rules and quiet hours, and whether the septic is compliant with the State plumbing code. The occupancy for a rental will ultimately be based on the sizing of the septic system. If you ever have questions about your system, contact the Land Use and Resource Management Office at 262-741-4972. Once a license is issued we notify everyone within 150' of the property. This allows neighbors to know who to call in an emergency or if a tenant is being unruly. We also share this information with law enforcement so they have a contact in an emergency.

Note that a property owner cannot rent to more than one group in a seven-day period. The intent of this is to preserve the character of single-family neighborhoods



by ensuring that properties do not have frequent turnover. There is a small group of individuals that won the right to rent for more than seven-day periods through a court action initiated before the law changed. There are only two properties on Lauderdale Lake that have retained that right.

Landowners wishing to rent but are concerned about how to proceed with an application can contact our office. Much of the information you need to gather is already available online on our County's website. There is no need to hire an engineer or an architect to prepare these documents, hand drawings are perfectly acceptable provided they are legible and dimensions are clearly shown. Information on this program can be found on the County's website. <https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/537/Short-Term-Rentals>

Finally, it is important to note that the law change in 2017 also required online rental platforms to collect sales tax on your behalf. Currently the Towns of La Grange and Sugar Creek do not have room taxes to be collected, but sales tax must be paid to the State of Wisconsin. Information on the tax collection process can be found on the State's website- <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/Lodging-Marketplace-License-faq.aspx>

## New Law On Operation Of Motorboats By Minors (eff 3/1/20)

By Debbie Ferrari, LLLA President

State law allows 10-and 11-year olds to operate a motorboat if they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated adult. 2019 Wisconsin Act 115 requires that the accompanying parent, guardian, or designated adult must have a valid boating safety certificate or be exempt from the state boating safety certificate requirement.

State law authorizes 12-to 15-year olds to operate a motorboat if they have a valid boating safety certificate or they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or designated adult. Act 115 requires that the accompanying parent, guardian, or designated adult must have a valid boating safety certificate or be exempt from the state boating safety certificate requirement.

Under state law, a person born after January 1, 1989 and who is 16 or older may operate a motorboat if they have a valid boating safety certificate. Act 115 also allows a person born after January 1, 1989 and who is 16 or older to operate a motorboat if they are accompanied by another person who is at least 18 years old who holds a valid boating safety certificate or is exempt from the boating safety certificate requirement.





# Corky's Corner

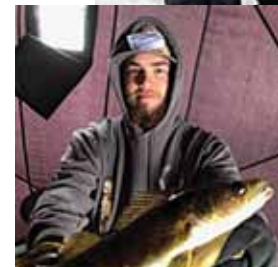
## Let's Hook Up For Another Great Fishing Season!

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

This year the ice season was rather dysfunctional and we were really concerned about hosting Fishapalooza without safe ice! But we finally scored some cold days and much colder nights and had some solid ice for the event on February 1st! The weather was great. We had our largest turnout yet with 161 anglers registered. The fishing started out hot, with several walleye and pike registered by 6:30 am. We also had a large number of pike caught, and a few BIG ones to boot! The largest fish were as follows: 37-½ inch Pike, 19 ½ inch Walleye, and an 18-inch Bass. The overall health condition of the fish caught was excellent. You can tell from the photos that the fish had great weight for their length. The after party at the Lauderdale Landing was well attended and people had a blast. A special thanks goes out to Marty Healy for hosting us again, as well as the band Exit Plan for terrific music. Also, a shout-out to all volunteers and the donations from generous local businesses. Without them, we wouldn't have an event. We raised over \$4,000 from the raffles and silent auction, which will be used for our fish-stocking program. We look forward to the next Fishapalooza on February 6, 2021. Please keep the date open and the donations coming.

As for summer plans, the Kid's Fish Jamboree will be held on the traditional third Saturday in July—the 18th to be exact. Again, the Lauderdale Landing is kind enough to host us, and registration begins at 8:00am. As usual, the day will include the annual kids fishing contest, and we will have prize buckets and a hot dog lunch for all participants as well as awards for biggest fish in two age groups. This is a catch and release contest where a photo of the fish, alongside a measuring tape, along with the angler, is the way to register a fish. Other activities for the event will include exhibits by the Kettle Moraine Land Trust, Lakeland Animal Shelter brings some loveable dogs for you to meet, and we plan on having the Lauderdale Water Safety Patrol and Volunteer Fire Department provide us with

demonstrations. We will have a grand prize raffle for the event with tickets sold for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or an arm's length for \$20.00.



Last year at the Jamboree we began a new program, Corky's School of Fish, which we plan to host again. This program is intended for families of novice anglers. The idea is to educate the parents on basic fishing skills so they can take the kids down to the water and provide them with a successful fishing experience. One parent and up to three kids will have an experienced "fishing coach" instruct them on the basics of fishing such as knot tying, rigging and bait choice for different species, basic fish identification, and

how to unhook and handle fish safely. For a \$20 donation per student, young anglers will be provided with a rod and basic tackle that they can keep. Kids will need to wear a life jacket, hat, and sunglasses or some type of eye protection. All instruction will take place from the piers at the Lauderdale Landing. The School of Fish will begin at 9:00 and will run approximately one hour, again one parent must attend and stay with the instructor at all times.

Last year the Yacht club partnered with the LLIA Fish Committee and hosted a BBQ Ribfest, which was a HUGE success. That's why we're doing it again! The Ribfest was a progressive pier-to-pier event where participants visited 5 different piers by boat and sampled ribs as well as a side dish. Voting occurred at the after party at the Lauderdale Landing, where we awarded prizes and had another raffle to benefit both clubs. There will be a band and we will rock into the night! The event is a great opportunity to get to know members of

both clubs and recruit new members. If you have any questions regarding this event or want to host a pier, contact me or JJ Jilek from the Yacht club.

### Reminder: New Fishing Regs In Effect

**ALL BASS:** total daily limit of five (5)

- under 14" - five (5) may be kept daily
- 14" - 18" - ALL MUST BE RELEASED
- over 18" - one (1) fish may be kept daily

**WALLEYE:**

- up to 18" - ALL MUST BE RELEASED
- 18" and over - three (3) may be kept daily

Just a quick reminder, game fish season is closed until the first Saturday in May. That doesn't mean you can't take advantage of the great pan fishing opportunities Lauderdale Lakes has to offer! And don't forget to renew your fishing licenses by April 1st. Please think about volunteering for crib building, or any of the various fundraisers we host and donate to the stocking fund. And as always... take a kid fishing!





# History Column

## A Monster Tale

By Kathryn Calkins, LLIA History Chair

We all like a good monster yarn. It's fun to think of something sinister and not quite human slinking through the North Woods. But it turns out that one such story took place quite close to Lauderdale. Nearby Elkhorn has a monster legend of its own that was never quite solved. Known as the Beast of Bray Road, the creature was sighted several times in the late 1980s and early 90s by Elkhorn citizens. It captured the popular imagination for some time, but no one was able to say definitively what it was.

Located east of the intersection of Interstate 43 with Route 12, Bray is a two-mile stretch of rural road with farms dotted along it. Some sources state that sightings of a dog-man or wolf-man had taken place there as far back as 1936. However, most refer to much more recent encounters at the end of the 1980s. Sometimes the beast was seen running on two legs and sometimes it was crouched at the side of the road eating roadkill. Linda Godfrey, a contributor to *The Week*, a publication in Delevan, became intrigued enough in 1991 to begin a series of articles with alternating theories about what the creature could be.

Godfrey's article from December 29, 1991 related two eyewitness accounts by women who had seen the beast at night along the side of Bray Rd. The first had driven by it and noted that it was about the size of an average man, perhaps five-foot-seven-inches tall and about 150 pounds. It had pointed ears and fur like a dog. It was eating what the witness presumed was roadkill. And she remembered that the creature was kneeling the way a human would and holding its meal in its upturned palms "with the real long claws and the pointed ears. He had a big long nose and a long chin." The creature looked, she said, like a werewolf. It gazed at her and did not run away as she drove past. "It was night, and it was quite late, but I know what I saw. You don't mistake something like that."

The second witness, a high school student, had seen the beast on Halloween night 1991. It had been foggy, and she

had felt a bump under her tire that made her stop her car and get out to see what she had hit. No small animal was lying dead, but as she approached the back of her car she saw the creature running toward her. "You could see the chest of this thing because it was big, and it was hairy," she said. She climbed back into her car about the time the creature got hold of the vehicle's back end. It slid off, and she claimed that it had scratched the car. Her description of its furriness and size matched that of the first witness. Rumors that the creature moved on two legs remained unsubstantiated.

For the same column, Godfrey interviewed the Walworth County Humane Officer, Jon Fredrickson, who by that point had his own file of "werewolf" sightings, containing six or seven index cards detailing different reports. Fredrickson maintained at the time that the beast was most likely a large coyote or even a wolf.

By January 1992 Godfrey was amazed at the story's reach. It had tickled popular fancy. "I'm more amazed than anyone that people are still enquiring about it and talk shows are still talking about it," she wrote. She had done interviews with myriad radio programs by then, including WGN in Chicago and WBAL in Baltimore, MD. In April 1992, WTTW TV in Chicago sent reporter Art Hackett to Elkhorn to see if he could debunk a tabloid column about the beast.

The prevailing theory among locals by this point was that it was a large domestic dog that had gotten loose and was then recaptured. Indeed, Humane Officer Fredrickson reported that two years previously a large Alaskan husky had been caught in Geneva and had to be destroyed after it attacked two people. Other rumors of dog-wolf hybrids being captured circulated as well.

The *Week*, in which the articles appeared, sold "WereWolf of The Week" T-shirts. Godfrey's werewolf article of February 16, 1992, reveals another instance of werewolf mania five years prior in Traverse City, Michigan. Steve Cook, then a



radio personality in Traverse City, called Godfrey to tell her that he had had much the same experience. He had written a ballad about a dog-man based on descriptions of sightings by local people. He played the song on the radio as a joke and received a huge audience response in the form of people calling in to say they had heard of the sightings.

A quick Google search shows that the Beast of Bray Road certainly did put Elkhorn on the monster map. The Beast has its own, rather thin, Wikipedia page as well as a mention on legendsofamerica.com. Godfrey turned her columns into a book called *The Beast of Bray Road: Tailing Wisconsin's Werewolf* (which the History Column has not read), and the legend inspired a B movie.

Heather Ruenz, Community Editor of Southern Lakes Newspapers, LLC, said that the beast has inspired fun and fear for years around Elkhorn. She recalled that when she was in high school, one fairly common activity was to drive out to Bray Rd. at night and see who could walk the farthest from the parked car before running back in fright. Good yarns never unravel. -- Kathryn Ingle Calkins

Have a good monster yarn from your family's Lauderdale Lore? Share it with us! Write to me at [kathryn.calkins@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.calkins@gmail.com)



# Member's 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. And please specify if you would like to remain anonymous.*



## Let's Look Ahead!

*By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President*

The cupboard was bare as far as submissions for our Member's Post this time around. While we skated through winter with no arctic blast or epic snow, winter's end has dealt us all a much tougher blow...no one is obviously thinking of Member's Post, or LLIA for that matter. This invisible enemy has changed all our lives, from a major inconvenience to something much more significant.

There is one thing we all have in common...our love for Lauderdale Lakes! Let's look forward to warmer weather, nature's reawakening, and enjoying the lakes this summer. I invite each of you to capture special moments this summer to share in Member's Post for our Summer ShoreLines. In the meantime, I offer some of nature's wonders as they've come to life in past springs on Lauderdale Lakes.

I wish each of you good health and peace during this time.

## Lake House Fixin's

### Summer Salad

*Simple recipe with simple fresh ingredients handed down from my Grandma. This is a family favorite for any summer meal and especially great for a BBQ!*

*Submitted by Debbie Ferrari*

#### Ingredients:

- 5 lbs potatoes, peeled, cut into chunks and boiled
- 5 large cucumbers, peeled, seeded, shredded and squeezed to remove much of the water
- 2 – 4 tablespoons onion, finely grated
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- ¼ cup oil
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

- Combine all ingredients.
- Add vinegar, oil, salt and pepper to taste.
- Refrigerate...always better the next day!

# Other Lake Organizations

## Sailing Club About To Launch Another Great Season

By Glenn Hansen, LLSC Commodore

Time to get excited about pulling our boats out of storage and schedule a weekend dedicated to cleaning and waxing the bottom of our sailboats and getting them in the water. This might sound like a lot of work, but we try to put some effort in during the cool spring so we can relax and enjoy an entire summer season of sailing on our wonderful lakes. The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club begins its 2020 season with Brunch at the Community Center. The SPRING BRUNCH is our first social event of the new season, and is a great opportunity to meet the club and see what we're all about. Please don't hesitate to phone or email if you want to check us out. This is a fantastic group of caring people and we welcome anyone and everyone with an interest in sailing. If you can't attend the brunch but do have interest in learning about sailing on Lauderdale Lakes, just let us know. Perhaps you can join us on a practice sail and see how the boat works. All we ask is for a little patience and of course a little wind.

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### 2020 LLSC Schedule

May 24	Spring Brunch (Memorial Day Weekend) at the Community Center
May 31	Beisswanger Trophy
June 7	Club Race
June 14	Bradley Trophy (Middle Lake)
June 21	LLYC Regatta (1st race)
June 28	Cartland Trophy
July 5	Des Johnson Trophy
July 12	Club Race
July 19	Walsh Trophy
July 26	LLYC Regatta (2nd race)
August 2	Ro Jo Trophy (Mill Lake)
August 9	Melges Cup
August 16	LLYC Regatta (3rd race)
August 23	Club Race
August 30	Bud Weiser Trophy
September 6	Ladies Appreciation Trophy (Labor Day Weekend)
September 13	Harry S Truman (all 3 lakes) & Awards Picnic
September 19	(Sat.) Galvanized Cup - Lauderdale

Races are held 10am every SUNDAY MORNING and with enough wind, we try to start on time and complete our races as soon as the weather will allow. THANK YOU fellow boaters for giving us room to sail fast and finish our races safely.

## Help Make Our Fireworks Display Brighter Than Ever

By Jeff Angst

Sponsored by the Yacht Club, the Independence Day fireworks date has been set for Saturday, July 4, 2020! The show will begin at 9:30 PM, with the fireworks launching over Don Jean Bay.

The annual fireworks show is funded entirely through donations. Most of the money contributed comes from individual donors, with a small portion coming from generous local businesses. Of the 1600+ lake and off-lake properties, only about 200 homeowners contribute to the fireworks fund. Through increased awareness of the source of funding, hopefully more individuals will be encouraged to contribute!

As in years past, Lake Geneva radio station FM WLKG 96.1 will be broadcasting specially selected music in sync with the fireworks show. New this year, for every \$100 donated, the donor will be entered into a drawing to select one of the songs (with committee approval) to play during the 2021 fireworks show!

If you have ideas or suggestions for making future fireworks shows even more amazing, please share them with Jeff Angst at 262-853-2439.

Kindly send your donations to: Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club Safety & Education Fund, c/o Patti Jilek, 8 Dukes Court, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

As with any special event, it takes a strong and active team to make it successful. The greatest need for the fireworks show is for "muscle power" to help with set-up on the morning of July 4th. If you are interested in helping (or would like to volunteer your kids/grandkids!), please call Jeff Angst at 262-853-2439.

## AmazonSmile! A Novel Way To Help Support Our All-Volunteer Fire Department

By Jeff Angst

It seems that everyone is ordering items through Amazon these days, but did you know that a portion of your purchase can be donated to a charitable organization of your choice? And the Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department is one of those eligible charitable organizations? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to a charitable organization of your choosing.

If you are an Amazon Prime member, you can still take advantage of your Prime membership benefits. The AmazonSmile donation will be made at no extra cost to you.

To begin sending a 0.5% donation to the fire department, log in to smile.amazon.com using your Amazon credentials, then select Lauderdale-Lagrange Fire Dept Inc. as the charitable organization you would like to receive your donations. Then shop away!

*What a terrific way to benefit our local fire department!*



# KLMT Announces The Expansion of The Trail System in Petersen Island Woods

By David DeAngelis, KMLT President

Spring is here and the Kettle Moraine Land Trust is ON THE JOB! The new, expanded trail will enter the woods on Oak Park Road a few hundred feet from the entrance to Lauderdale Landing. The trail will run inside the preserve on the north side of Oak Park Road and will merge with the existing trail above the Trailside Terrace entrance near the end of Oak Park Road. Kettle Moraine Land Trust's mission is to be your connection to nature. By expanding our trail systems, we will provide more opportunities for everyone to enjoy the natural splendor of our area. We also see this as a big safety improvement as more trails will offer an alternative to hiking on the narrow roads in the Lauderdale Lakes community. All of this work will be completed with volunteer labor and funding. If you are interested in helping with our conservation efforts, please contact the KMLT office at (262) 949-7211. We are a nonprofit organization and rely 100% on community funding and volunteer support.



## Join Us At Upcoming KMLT Events

	Stewardship (Volunteer Service Days) 9am-noon	Education/Outreach
<b>May</b>	Fri 5/15 - Natureland Sat 5/23 - Petersen Island Woods Preserve	Wed 5/6 - Wildflower Walk, 5:30pm, Natureland Sun 5/10 - Birding, 9am, Beulah Bog Sat 5/30 - Talking About Nature with Shawn Graff
<b>June</b>	Sat 6/27 - Turtle Creek Preserve	
<b>July</b>	Sat 7/25 - Location To Be Announced	Wed 7/15 - Tree ID, 2pm, Price Park Plants of Prairies (tentative) Sat 7/18 - Kid's Fish Jamboree
<b>August</b>	Sat 8/22 - Beulah Bog State Natural Area	Sat 8/29 - Talking About Nature, morning, with Fellow Mortals at Lutherdale
<b>September</b>	Sat 9/26 (10am-1pm) - "Harvest at Hackmatack," at Turner Tract, Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, Genoa City	9/2-9/7 - Walworth County Fair Fen Flora (tentative) Wed 9/30 - Full Moon Hike, 6pm, Price Park
<b>October</b>	Fri 10/23 - Price Park Conservancy Sat 10/24 - Jackson Creek Preserve	Sat 10/3 - Oaktobefest, Petersen Island Woods Preserve
<b>November</b>	Sat 11/21 - Natureland Sat 11/28 - Petersen Island Woods Preserve	Sat 11/28 - Talking About Nature

# News From The Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District

By Jack Sorenson, LLLMD Chairman

Here's a summary of current Lake District activities. Listed is the primary contact, but feel free to contact any Commissioner with questions or comments. Our website, [lauderdalelakedistrict.com](http://lauderdalelakedistrict.com) contains information on all we do and how to contact us. Watch for an upcoming District Dialogue newsletter and try and attend our Board meetings where these topics are discussed in detail.

**Highway 12 (Jack Sorenson).** The plan was for Highway 12 to extend from Elkhorn to the bypass road around Whitewater, often referred to as the "Red Line". For various reasons, mainly budgeting, the Red Line section was not built and traffic heading toward Whitewater generally uses the existing 12/67 along Lauderdale Lakes. A significant increase in traffic using Hwy 12/67 has led to a higher accident count. The Lake District has consistently supported the completion of an environmental impact study along the Red Line that is precedent to funding and building the road. We will continue to monitor and notify you of any changes to the status of Highway 12. We encourage you to contact our state representatives to express concern for the completion of the Red Line.

**Outflow Dam (Jim Kroepin).** Dam improvements, the final leg of our water outflow system, are complete and we should be receiving the final Grant funding any day. Previous improvements of the culverts under Sterlingworth Drive increased the water flow to the dam and now water flows unimpeded over the dam and down Honey Creek. This will result in fewer "high water" or "slow no wake" days.



**Water Safety Patrol (Ron Dietrich).** Chief Ken Blanke manages the Water Safety Patrol. A seasoned staff of Officers watch our lakes to help maintain a safe boating environment. Our lakes have a high boating density so please exercise common sense and caution as you enjoy the lake.

**Aquatic Weeds (Greg Wisniewski).** We have just received a DNR Grant commitment for a required Aquatic Weed Study of the lakes. The weed study is quite detailed and shows weed migration patterns, and is required for the weed cutting program permit.

**Clubhouse (Jack Sorenson).** We continue to make improvements to the clubhouse to ensure its safety and basic preservation. This gives us more time to discuss and come to well thought out conclusions on the best way forward. We have received cost estimates from Focus Engineering on renovation and rebuilding



of the clubhouse. When combined with previous information, we should be able to accurately predict and assess the job conditions we may encounter whether we remodel, repair or rebuild. We will share this information and take the time to hear your thoughts as we analyze alternatives.

**Watershed Study (Jim Kroepin).** "What would we like the lake to be like in the next two or three decades?" One of the purposes of the Lake District is to protect and maintain the environmental and recreational values of the lake. Our lake is the spring fed headwater of the Honey Creek; it also receives waters from the surrounding watershed areas. Past watershed studies 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 Lake. The DNR will help with grant funding and we will need volunteers to work with our engineer in gathering and preparing information for the study. This important project will likely be a three-year effort.

**Golf Course (Jack Sorenson).** Last year was our first year under "newer management", and you will see some changes in the golf course. Under Sparky's leadership we are taking several bunkers out of play, improving sand in the remaining traps, and have improved grass cutting using newer equipment. Kristy has been

hard at work preparing for a new season. She has identified a Point of Sale system to provide more detailed, accurate data as a foundation for improved decision making. Improving our rounds of play is a goal for 2020, and future programming may include promotional events, golf clinics and lessons.

**Piers (John Summers).** If you are considering a new pier or significant repair/remodel, a pier permit is required. The Lake District handles the inspection process for the permit issued under Town of LaGrange authority. If the pier is found to be compliant (within the Town pier ordinance) the permit is issued. Any variances will require a Town hearing; the Town handles enforcement. The District and the Town of LaGrange are currently reviewing the Town Pier Ordinance.

**Septic Systems (John Summers).** State law requires every typical septic system to be pumped at least once every three years, which is done by the Lake District for most electors. In this way, the District is made aware of any systems that may be breaching or threatening to harm our lake.

**Internet Service (Jack Sorenson).** The Walworth County Lakes Association recently held a seminar on Rural and Lakes Communities Internet service. The speaker was Brian Madl of Edge Broadband, which is running fiber optic cable along Hwy 12/67 north of Hwy A. If you are interested in being served by them, please call them at 262-458-4220 to be added to their service routing plan. High speed Internet service in our area is provided on a first come first service basis. If you use a different provider, call them as well to relay your desire for higher speed services. The Lake District is not working with or endorsing any Internet provider, but wants to make you aware of options.

**District Administrator.** First, thanks to Andi White for all that she has done through many years of service. Kristy Dowling has agreed to help fulfill Andi's administrative duties. As a part of the new arrangement, Kristy will be available in the Community Center office on Thursday mornings to provide an additional way to contact the Lake District. During golfing season Kristy can be found at the clubhouse.

The Lake District office address has now been changed to the address of the Community Center: N7511 Sterlingworth Dr, Elkhorn, WI 53121.



# Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair and Marcia Sahag, Town Supervisor/Communications Committee Chair

**Town Road Speed Limits.** The Town Board is reviewing and considering establishing lower speed limits on several roads within the Town that have a high density of homes. Currently the speed limit on un-posted roads is 55 mph that is established by Wisconsin State Statutes. Many streets and roads around the Lakes in the Town are populated by houses on adjacent lots that range from 50 to 100 feet wide. State Statutes provide guidance that speed limits of a maximum of 35 mph or lower are permitted on roads and streets where home densities fall into a range of 5 or more per 1000 feet of road length. The Town is evaluating this home density level and will then propose speed limits for qualifying roads particularly in the densely populated lake communities.



## Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club Calendar of Events

By Peg (Thelander) Eggert, LLYC Commodore

Our summer events are lined up and we are ready to get the summer started. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- Saturday, June 6th** - Cocktails with the Commodore at Willow Brook Golf Course (formerly Whitewater Country Club) in Whitewater.
- Saturday, July 4th** - Annual Independence Day Fireworks. (See separate article)
- Saturday, July 18th** - Kid's Fishing Jamboree & Rib Cook Off
- Friday, August 7th** - Pleasant Lake "Dine with a Swine" food truck.
- Saturday, August 22nd** - LLYC Annual Meeting at the Community Center (time TBD). Also that day our Golf Outing w/dinner at Lauderdale Golf Course. Golfing is optional.
- Saturday, September 26th** - Fall Party at Heartwood in Elkhorn.

More details or any changes of our events will be provided in the LLYC FLAG HOIST newsletter. Not a member? Please consider joining. Membership annual dues are only \$40 per family. Membership details are available on our website: [llyclub.com](http://llyclub.com)

**Public Boat Launches.** Launch fees of \$3.00 per boat last year resulted in total income of \$18,600. These funds are used to maintain all four launches. This year the Town is planning to repave the West Shore Drive Boat Launch lot. Remember if you use the launch frequently it is cost-effective to purchase a \$20.00 Season Launch pass from the Town Clerk.

**Garbage, Recycling & Trash.** John's Disposal collects garbage from the majority of lake homes on Mondays each week. Every other week they also collect recycling. Remember, Bulk Item Collection is no longer automatically picked up once per month. Telephone John's Disposal 262-473-4700 to arrange for a Bulk Item Collection.

The Town Compost Site will be open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM where you may take grass clippings, leaves and tree limbs. These are not taken by John's Disposal.

**Buoys.** Buoys placed in the lakes to mark no wake zones are Town of LaGrange Property and are placed strategically by the Town. If you have a problem with a Buoy please contact Town Supervisor Don Sukala at 262-215-3500.

**Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department.** The Fire Fighters extend their appreciation to all who have generously supported the Department over the years. In support of our community the Department responded to 60 Fire Calls and 190 Emergency Medical Calls in 2019. The Annual Steak Fry will be Saturday August 8, 2020. Please mark your calendar to attend as this fund-raising event is most important to financially support the Department. Funds raised this year will be used to build a large metal building from two steel shipping containers. This will be used to continuously train Fire Fighters in a smoke filled and burning building

## NEW CONFERENCE CENTER NEARING COMPLETION AT LUTHERDALE

By Jeff Bluhm, Lauderdale Executive Director

Construction is nearing completion on our new Lauderdale Lakes Conference Center. This beautiful facility has 20 hotel style guest rooms, two meeting rooms, a large conference room, and a hospitality area. Our friends and neighbors are invited to an Open House for the new Conference Center on June 6th from 9am -12pm.

Local kids and grandkids are welcome to attend summer camp at Lauderdale. You can find a complete listing of all youth programs on our website, [lutherdale.org](http://lutherdale.org). A special summer camp Open House is scheduled for Sunday June 7th. Bring

the kids and tour the camp, meet our summer staff, and engage in some hands on activities.

The public is welcome to join us for **Dinners At The Lake**. Each meal will have a special theme and includes a salad bar and beverages. Adults are \$16 and Children 10 and under \$8. Parties of 8 or more are asked to call 262-742-2352 to make a reservation.

- May 29 – Caribbean Celebration
- June 26 – Spanish Festival
- July 31 – Louisiana Mardi Gras
- August 7 – Wisconsin Fish Fry





# ShoreLines

**Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association**

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