



ShoreLines

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Our First-Ever VIRTUAL Annual Meeting

By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President

I don't think any of us has heard the word **CANCELLED** more than we have in 2020. The long list of cancellations includes the LLIA Annual Members Meeting scheduled for June 13th. They say "necessity is the mother of invention", so we addressed the need to have members vote on several items by expanding use of technology on our website. A big THANK YOU to Kevin Henderson, who leapt into action by creating a tool to provide members a way to vote on items needing consideration as well as a way to tabulate and report the results of the vote. Thanks to members who took the time to vote after receiving the postcard notice of the meeting cancellation. I am happy to report the following:

1. Approval of the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meeting and related Board of Directors meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting.
3. Election of the slate of Directors placed in nomination for even numbered Districts.
4. Healthy Financials. See charts on following page.

Thank You to those who have purchased and posted an "LL" number sign after reading the article in our Spring ShoreLines. If you do not have an LL sign, please order one. You will find an order form at LLIA.org. Click on "EXTRAS" on the home page menu bar and select "LAKE ADDRESS SIGNS" on the drop down box.

The good news is that the LLIA has not cancelled its initiatives. Efforts continue in many areas, so please see our "LLIA Special Reports" to see some of what we have accomplished this summer, sometimes in a creative way to reflect the new reality. I also give an "air high five" (at an appropriate distance) to all the lake organizations that have also created ways to do many of the things that they've always done.

At our 2019 Annual Meeting, members voted on a new LLIA logo. Since then we've incorporated the new logo in everything we do. The LLIA website (LLIA.org), has been completely redesigned and ShoreLines has a whole new look and feel, while staying true to our commitment to keep members up-to-the-minute on what's happening around the area. Our 2020 membership stands at 690! This is another new high and I thank each member for their support. I also want to thank the many folks who generously contribute to our Fish Committee and our Lake Preservation Funds—all above and beyond the annual membership fee.



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.

At a glance...

Prior to making plans, please reconfirm that your event is taking place.

- **Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Annual Meeting** will be held outside on Saturday, September 5. See the District Dialogue newsletter or Jack's article on page 11 for more info.
- **Watch for the wooden boat parade** on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 6. The boats will depart from the Sterlingworth at 4:00pm and cruise the shorelines of all lakes counterclockwise. Toss them a wave as they motor by.
- **The 171st Walworth County Fair and Ribfest** have been cancelled.
- **Antique Flea Market**, 7am to 4pm on September 27 at the Fairgrounds is still on, but please reconfirm before making plans.
- **The Annual Oktoberfest**, 9am to 5pm, October 17 at Veterans and Pocket Parks in Elkhorn. Crafts, antiques, produce, plants, games, pumpkin decorating, chili cookoff, live music and more. *Please reconfirm that this event is still on before making plans.*

LLIA Special Reports

Your LLIA Remains Financially Healthy

By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President

Following are the current Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

LLIA Comparative Balance Sheet

	Amounts as of:	
	7/28/2020	12/31/2019
ASSETS		
Checking (ADVIA)	\$ 58,216	\$ 32,208
Money Market (Edward Jones)	7,699	7,298
Certificates of Deposit		
ADVIA (ladder of 4)	21,933	21,933
Edward Jones (ladder of 8 from 6 and 7 different institutions, respectively)	40,097	39,952
Total Assets	\$ 127,945	\$ 101,391
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	\$ 101,392	\$ 91,766
Net Income	26,553	9,625
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 127,945	\$ 101,391

LLIA Comparative Income Statement

	YTD Amounts through:	
	7/28/2020	12/31/2019
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$ 23,879	\$ 23,800
Directory Ad Sales	-	15,760
Fish Stocking		
Donations w/ Membership	8,369	6,311
Fishapalooza	4,093	2,839
Fish Jamboree	150	2,108
Lake Preservation Donations	4,758	3,751
Investment Income	693	1,278
Small Item Sales	1,233	583
Total Income	\$ 43,175	\$ 56,430
EXPENSES		
Directory	\$ -	\$ 10,731
Fish Stocking	820	10,486
Donations (KMLT, Fireworks, Lutherdale)	7,000	8,345
Printing & Postage	5,659	6,265
Insurance	-	2,234
Other Fish Committee	-	1,905
Annual Meeting	-	1,260
Lake Preservation	-	1,500
Office, Professional, Website	1,108	2,395
Memberships	950	950
Other	1,085	734
Total Expenses	\$ 16,622	\$ 46,805
NET INCOME	\$ 26,553	\$ 9,625

Clearly, Our Lakes Are Staying Healthy

By Dave DeAngelis, LLIA Water Quality Chair

The 2020 water-testing season on Lauderdale Lakes had a slow start. The Wisconsin DNR shut down sample testing for the month of May. Testing resumed in early June and we quickly submitted samples in mid-June. The sample results for all three lakes showed normal levels of phosphorous and elevated levels of chlorophyll. July samples were submitted on 7/28 and we are anxiously awaiting the results.

Secchi Disc readings in June and July were normal for Middle and Mill Lakes. Green Lake Secchi readings have been **lower** than prior years; meaning sunlight was having a difficult time penetrating into the water. Low Secchi Disc readings translate into cloudy water (not what we want). Green Lake Secchi readings have been trending 3-4 feet below expected levels since testing resumed in June. We suspect that an aggressive algae heterograde event this year is contributing to some of the cloudy water in Green Lake.



Photo by Laura Allen

Like last year, 2020 testing continues to show elevated dissolved oxygen readings, primarily in Green and Middle Lakes, at 15 to 30-foot depths. We first noticed this phenomenon back in 2015 and it appears to be here to stay. It's called a **metalimnetic chlorophyll maxima** or **heterograde**. In plain English, it means there is a thick horizontal plate of algae floating below the lake thermocline. What's a thermocline? A thermocline is a thin, but distinct, layer in our lakes in which temperature changes more rapidly with depth than it does in the layers above or below. In our lakes, the thermocline is typically observed at 15-20 feet with a temperature drop of 5 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit from 20 feet to 25 feet. The algae are maximizing both nutrient and light intake by taking up the phosphorus that is released from the bottom sediments and stuck in the lower layer of water below the thermocline. The algae can regulate their buoyancy to stay at mid depths when it is advantageous. In Green Lake, the impact in 2020 has been especially profound with dissolved oxygen readings above 15.5 ppm at 25 feet. These are the highest dissolved oxygen readings on record for our lakes. For reference, a typical mid-summer dissolved oxygen reading near the surface of Green Lake is between 8.8 and 9.0 ppm. Please don't be alarmed. Aside from the cloudy water, there's nothing to worry about with respect to this phenomenon.

See you on the lake!

The LLIA Website Adds New Features

By Kevin Henderson, LLIA Website Chair

This year we are excited to have utilized several great new website features.

1. We can now accept donations online. Approximately \$750 has been donated to the LLIA through this feature so far this year! Donations can be made to specific LLIA funds and in Honor/Memory of someone special. <https://www.llia.org/donate>
2. We captured member votes on key topics in replacement of the LLIA Annual Meeting.
3. We accepted registrations for the Family Fishes Together Fishing Contest held on July 18th.

Additional features are in planning. And, we can always use more help—particularly from those with website familiarity. If you are interested and willing to lend a hand, please contact Kevin Henderson at 847-845-1147.



Like LLIA on Facebook!

New this year is a Facebook page for LLIA. To augment the website, Facebook LLIA events can be created and promoted. Members and followers can indicate event interest, post event photos, and share comments. Follow us and give LLIA a “Like”! <https://www.facebook.com/LLIA.org>

Hey—we’re still learning in the Facebook space. If you are a Facebook pro (or semi-pro or well-versed amateur) and want to help build out this space please let us know.

Another Way To Help Out: Healthy Lakes and Rivers Initiative Grants

By Shannon Haydin, Walworth County Deputy Director/County Conservationist

Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department would like to invite landowners to consider participating in the State of Wisconsin’s Healthy Lakes & Rivers Initiative. This program provides grant funding for a set of best practices on shoreland property to help improve water quality. The Healthy Lakes & Rivers Initiative will fund up to 50% of a practice cost with a cap of \$1000 per project.



Walworth County Conservation Technician Josie Hanrahan is available to work with landowners to develop practices and obtain grant funding for these projects. The County will take the lead on the grant application and manage the funding. The property owner takes the lead on the project design and contractor engagement.

The program will fund five specific best management practices: Fish Sticks, Native Buffer, Water Diversion, Rock Infiltration and Rain Garden. Each of these best management practices benefits our water resources. For example, Fish Sticks provides woody vegetation in the near-shore area along shorelines that had historically been vegetated. The Fish Sticks practices provide shade, cover and a place for fish to find refuge from larger predators. This vital habitat is often missing in highly

developed shorelines and will help improve the fish population in the lake.

The Native Buffer practice provides a means for storm water runoff to be filtered and infiltrated before pollutants reach the lake. Common contaminants from lawns include nutrients and sediment, which over time degrade a lake’s water quality. A Native Buffer also adds to the natural and scenic beauty of the shoreline.

The deadline to apply for this program is November 1, 2020. If you think you might be interested in this program, you can learn more on the healthy lakes website, <https://healthylakeswi.com/>. You can contact Josie via email at jhanrahan@co.walworth.wi.us or 262-741-4972.



Corky's Corner

Another Busy Season For The Fish Committee

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

This has certainly been one really different summer due to the Pandemic. The lake has been much busier with many more lake residents working from home and using the lake during the week. For sure, all of the boat traffic has had an effect on the fishing. The fish have been harder to find and are holding in areas of deeper water. But, the water quality has remained excellent and if you work it hard you'll be rewarded.



Congratulations to the Age Group 1 & Age Group 2 Contest Winners

Regarding fish quality and population size, we are asking all those who fish our lakes to help us collect data in a CREEL SURVEY. The information will be used solely by the committee to assess population-size-density (PSD) for several species. Please record the **length** of ALL Smallmouth, Largemouth, Northern, Walleye, Perch, Bluegill, and Crappie that you catch. Also, please record the date caught and the lake where the fish was caught.

There's a live spreadsheet on our website (LLIA.org) where you can download your fish lengths. I will also have some cards with the spreadsheet printed on them available for pick up at the Lauderdale Landing that you can place in your boat or tackle box and record the data as you fish and then download them at your convenience.

This will give us a better understanding of the health of the fishery. Basically PSD tells us the percentage of fish above "legal" size. Usually "legal" size is interpreted as the limit size for keeping a fish, which is also usually when a fish should be of reproductive age and be able to help grow the population through spawning. This data will help us make smarter management decisions—particularly when it comes to stocking.

To collect length properly, measure the fish from nose to tail. Pinch the tail in and read the length on the longest part of the tail. We are asking that you collect data throughout the open water season, but if you continue to ice fish please continue to collect data. The larger the data set the more accurate our calculations. Thanks much for your cooperation.

Earlier this summer we had to make a tough decision regarding the Kid's Jamboree and ultimately decided to host a virtual event titled "Family Fishes Together." The concept was to get families out on the water together but socially



Crib builders hard at work using methods and templates perfected over years

distance from other groups. We had 18 participants and awarded trophies to two age groups. We had to suspend the other activities that are usually part of the event but we hope and plan for the full experience to return next summer.

We collaborated with the Yacht Club again this year and hosted Ribfest, a terrific event where boats travel to 6 piers around the lake to sample ribs and sides... and vote on their favorites. The Lauderdale Landing hosted the after party. We raffled a Yeti Backflip 24 cooler and we raised over \$1,000.00! The Yacht Club also graciously donated the proceeds from Ribfest to the Fish

Committee and I would like to publicly thank JJ Jilek for the awesome donation.

Lastly, we have completed 4 fish cribs, 2 shorter ones and 2 large ones. We are exhausting most of the areas where we can safely place the large cribs because they require a water depth of 15 to 18-feet and a flat bottom. Smaller cribs only require 10 to 12-feet of water so these shorter cribs will open up more placement opportunities. We typically work on cribs Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm in the Landing parking lot and we REALLY could use more help next season. No offense to the wonderful volunteers who help on a regular basis, but it would be nice to see some new, young volunteers to assist in the heavy lifting. Please encourage anybody that is interested to come out and help. Of course, if you can't physically help, any size donation to the fish-stocking fund would be greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile, take a kid fishing!



Crib building team proudly showing off the shorter crib version now being built to expand placement options

History Column

The History of Lauderdale's Mail Boat

By Kathryn Calkins, LLIA History Chair

If you've ever ventured out for some touristy fun in Walworth County, you may already be aware of the Lake Geneva mail boat tour, run by Lake Geneva Cruise Lines. This historical tour of Lake Geneva takes place on a steel hulled boat, the Walworth II, which actually does deliver mail to about 75 homes on that lake every summer between June 15 and September 15.

But what you may not know is that our lakes, too, once boasted a mail boat route.

Local newspaper stories from Elkhorn disagree slightly on when our summer marine mail route began, but it likely started either in 1908 or in 1914. At the time, roads running around both Lake Geneva (whose route started in 1916) and Lauderdale were much less reliable than they are now. Water was a better bet for getting the mail through, and the postal service needed to be both efficient and reliable. According to both the Smithsonian

The bids were called "celerity, certainty and security" bids, but postal workers soon shortened that to "***", which became "star" bids. The routes that were bid on were therefore called "star routes." Contractors did take an oath of office. They used their own equipment and were not paid for any delivery trips that weren't made, regardless of the reason. (see, *The United States Postal Service: An American History, 2020*, available at: about.usps.com/publications/pub100.pdf)

One Elkhorn newspaper article, probably from about 1965, notes that cottage owner Henry Noble had Lauderdale's route at the time. It was one of only three such summer water routes in Wisconsin. Noble used a 14-foot outboard boat powered by a seven-and-a-half horsepower motor. At peak season, he delivered mail to 150 homes, all with mailboxes installed on their piers. Delivery generally took him about two hours. He was also required to sort incoming and outgoing mail and transport it back and forth from Elkhorn. The article does not reveal what he was paid for the work.

Among the instructions a postal carrier receives is that the mail must get through, "and it must get through dry," the article states. This presented challenges for Henry Noble in his little outboard. "In heavy weather and during rain," the article goes on, "Noble spreads a canvas over the

valuable cargo, but ordinarily it is just careful maneuvering that keeps the spray out of the mail."

Lifelong Lauderdale summer resident Carolyn Johnson recalls often waiting for the mail boat on her family's pier. She had attended summer camp nearby in the late 1940s and was eager to hear—by letter, of course—from her camp friends after she returned to her cottage.

At least two other contractors who had the Lauderdale route were University of Wisconsin students



BARRED TEETH on the dragon's head greet cabin owners on Lauderdale Lakes when Ken Campbell pulls up to their docks to deliver mail. The boat, named the Viking, was built about 25 years ago by Elmer Olsen. Elmer was the father of Ken's uncle, Earl Olsen, Earl now owns the boat and keeps it at his Lauderdale Lakes residence. (Independent Photo)

earning money during their vacation. One, Ken Campbell, drove a memorable looking boat, the Viking, which sported a dragon's head emerging from its prow. The boat had been built by Elmer Olsen, the father of Ken's uncle, Earl Olsen, who owned it while Ken had the mail route. By using his uncle's boat as equipment, Ken may have made himself a tidy sum over the summer.

As the water route ended, Lauderdale mail deliveries by boat were in the hands of another Badger, Mike Shaw. In July 1967, reports the *Elkhorn Independent*, "the post office's regional transportation division in Minneapolis decided to eliminate the water route, reducing this type of service to only a couple of places in the entire state. By Saturday, lake residents had installed postal boxes on roads leading to their cottages for the Elkhorn rural route 1 carrier, who began serving the area." Mike Shaw, the article does not fail to point out, managed to make a date with a young woman who was sunbathing on one of the piers on the prior Friday, his last day with the route. She also bought 65 cents worth of postage stamps from him.



MONDAY THE FIRST DAY OF Marine delivery on Lauderdale Lakes, saw Henry Noble, postman, delivering mail to Mrs. H. L. Dinkheller at the Dinkheller cottage near the Sterlingworth resort.

Libraries and the U.S. Postal Service official history, the USPS has periodically needed to increase its efficiency and lower its costs of transporting and delivering mail. As early as 1824, the post office began allowing contractors to bid on certain postal routes, including water routes, instead of using salaried postal carriers. The reliable contractor with the lowest bid for getting the work done won a four-year contract to receive, sort and deliver the mail for a designated route.

In 1845, Congress passed an Act that made the contracting practice official.



THE MARINE MAIL ROUTE on Lauderdale Lakes used to be operated by Elmer Olsen. Olsen had been delivering the mail for 25 years. Mike Shaw, a college student from Elkhorn, took over the route and a full contractor. Postal patrons will now receive their mail by a direct land route. (Independent Photo)

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.

Tell Us What You Think

By Debbie Ferrari, LLIA President

Given the Pandemic, these are most unusual times—even historic. Please take a few minutes to send us your thoughts on what Lauderdale Lakes has meant to you during the season of COVID-19. We would like to publish your thoughts, your reflections and your anecdotes in *ShoreLines*. Specify if you'd like to remain anonymous. Email us at LakeViews@LLIA.org.



Photo by Laura Allen, Sunrise



Photo by Ken Klancnik, Soaring Eagle



Photo by Laura Allen, Sailing Club Race on Middle Lake



Photo by MaryAnn Raash, First Ride of the Boat Season



Photo by Doug Fox, July 4th



Photo by Ken Klancnik, Perched Eagle



Photo by Ken Klancnik, Soaring Eagle

Lake House Fixin's

Honeymoon Roast Chicken

Perfect for a large group, this is the easiest—and very possibly the best—roast chicken you'll ever make.

Submitted by Tiffany & Beth Storandt

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 whole chicken cut into pieces	1/2 cup rosé or white wine
Juice of 1 lemon	2 large garlic cloves, minced
3 tbsp. olive oil	A few sprigs of fresh thyme
3 tbsp. honey	Salt & pepper

Directions:

1. **Marinade:** combine lemon, oil, honey, wine, garlic and thyme.
2. Put chicken in a roasting pan. Pour marinade over and coat well. Marinate for 30 minutes, up to 24 hours.
3. Roast at 375°, uncovered, skin side up for 50-60 minutes, until well browned.
4. **Important:** before serving, brush pan drippings over chicken pieces.

Julia Childs' Acorn Squash

Looking for a new side dish? This is absolutely heavenly. You won't be able to stop eating it.

Submitted by Maureen Doheny

Ingredients:

2 acorn squash,	1 egg
halved and seeded	4 tbsp. Parmesan cheese
2 tbsp. flour	1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup milk	Salt, pepper, nutmeg
1/2 cup minced onions	

Directions:

1. Bake squash at 400° for about 30 minutes or until soft.
2. Scoop out insides leaving small border (don't break skin). Set aside.
3. Sauté minced onions in butter until soft.
4. In separate pan, add flour. Gradually add cold milk. Whisk well. As mixture gets lumpy, add sour cream and season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.
5. To this, mix-in onions, squash, egg and cheese.
6. Fill the squash halves with the mixture and bake at 375° for 30 minutes or until slightly puffed up and brown on top.

Other Lake Organizations

Sailing Club: At the Helm of Another Great Season

By Glenn Hansen, LLSC Commodore

Even in these difficult times, it is great that we can still get out on Sunday mornings and go sailing. The lakes have been more crowded than usual as we all try to get away from bad news and head out on the water.

This has been an outstanding season for the Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club. We have had mostly consistent winds and even more amazing, we have had 7 trophy races and 7 different winners. Here is the list of trophy race winners:

Beisswanger Trophy - Peter VanKampen
 Bradley Trophy - Mike Jaeger
 Cartland Trophy - Mike Fuller
 Des Johnson Trophy - Rob Paddor
 Walsh Trophy - Brett Eickenberg
 RoJo Trophy - Joe Kovarik
 Melges Trophy - Ben Johnson

One of the reasons we can have so many different winners is our handicap start system. If a sailor finishes a race in the top 3 they have to start races 2 minutes after the main start. If sailors finish a second race in the top 3, they have to start races 5 minutes after the main start. This staggered start allows us to spread out at the beginning and allows all competitors a chance for victory. We have had as many as 16 boats at the start including our newest members, Jon LaRue and his son, Wes. They are clearly fast learners and already had a top 5 finish in the RoJo trophy race on Mill Lake.



Jack considering his options on the racecourse

Young Michael gives his mentor a break on a port starboard crossing

We'd also like to thank all those that help our club run smoothly and keep us safe out on the water—especially Bill Crist and Ed Hansen. And, thanks also to those who step up to do extra race committee duty, including Tom and Jodi Engel and the Johnson/Ingle team!!! If you ever have any questions or would just like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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 Peter VanKampen: pvk1655@gmail.com

See you on the water.

Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club: Party On!

By Peg (Thelander) Eggert, LLYC Commodore

WOW!!! The craziness that we are ALL experiencing hasn't stopped LLYC members and friends from having lots of fun. Yes, most of our events were altered but everything worked out without a hitch.

Our summer opening event "**Cocktails with the Commodore**" was turned into a "**Pontoon Boat Cocktail Cruise**" around our beautiful lakes. It was amazing to see so many boats surrounding the shorelines followed with a tie-up in Sterlingworth Bay. Of course, fun was had by ALL.



Our new collection box for donations for 4th of July fireworks. When you see it, please contribute!

FIREWORKS were the **Very Best Ever** thanks to Jeff Angst, Andy Brown and their crew. They really did a super job coordinating the annual event. How fortunate we were to have them on the 4th. Jeff and Kelly Adams won the "select a song" drawing. They are able to choose a song for next year's display. Many thanks to all who donated as our fireworks are entirely funded through donations. Just a thought, you don't need to wait to make a donation. They are accepted throughout the year.

Our 2nd annual "Rib Fest" was organized by JJ (John) & Patti Jilek. What a terrific event it was. There were 128 participants with 6 piers in competition for the "best" ribs. The 1st place winner was "The Topsy Pig" chef's Patti & Mark Ziskind and Andy & Ellen Brown. 2nd place went to "Team Butt Rub" chef Travis Quast with his crew from The Boat House. The ribs w/sides were absolutely delicious. Many THANKS to ALL who competed. What a fantastic event this was. You won't want to miss this next year!

FUTURE EVENTS: Our annual Pleasant Lake event organized by Mike and Kathy Alagna scheduled for Aug. 7th this year was "**Dine with a Swine**" was changed to "**Concert on Sterlingworth Bay**". A simple drop anchor, sit back and enjoy the music.

The semi-yearly "**Golf Outing**" is on. Barry Lutz and committee chairs have got this under control. There will be more to follow after the event.

Lastly, the "**Final Fall Fling – Western Style**" is cancelled for this year.

Hopefully next year we will be able to go forward with some of the previous 2020 scheduled events. Until then, be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.



Volunteers hard at work unloading fireworks to move them to the launch area.

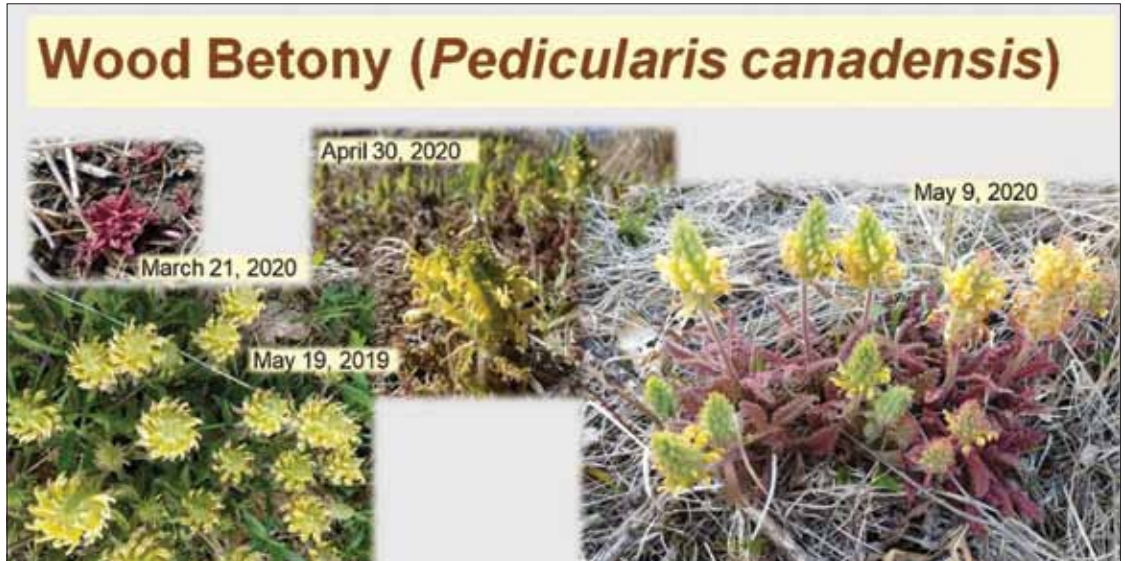
Virtual Learning Thru KMLT

By Greg Rajskey, KMLT Executive Director

A land trust is about more than just land protection. At KMLT (Kettle Moraine Land Trust), education and outreach also are essential to our mission. So what to do when a pandemic gets in the way of social gatherings, nature hikes, and field learning? Like so many enterprises today, we've taken it online.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, video conferencing capabilities swiftly transitioned from being a quirky sort of luxury to a necessary utility as workers across the board shifted into a virtual workspace. Once we started conducting KMLT board meetings using the Zoom platform in early April, it was a natural step to leverage the video conferencing capacity to engage our members in fresh ways.

We launched our online educational programming May 28 with a Virtual Vernal Wildflower Walk, "Spring Flora of the Southern Kettle Moraine Region," a slide show of some of the stunning spring blooms found in our preserves. On June 30 we followed up with "Furthering Diversity," about gardening with native plants, and how the use of "nativars" (hybrids of native species developed for ornamental purposes) could undermine our efforts



KMLT launched its online educational programming with a Virtual Vernal Wildflower Walk in May; subsequent presentations have followed monthly.

to garden for wildlife, for biodiversity, and for conservation. The third presentation in our series, held July 20, was "Hackmatack, Here at Home," a look at the establishment of a National Wildlife Refuge right in our own backyard.

Future topics likely to be offered in the months ahead include Oak Savanna Flora, the Glacial History of the Region, Invasive Species and What to Do About Them, and Tree Pests and Pathogens.

These virtual learning opportunities are presented free of charge (in the hope that free-will donations follow) and are recorded for future reference. If you have ideas for topics or guest speakers, please let us know at info@kmlandtrust.org – we'd be happy to hear from you. You may sign up to receive updates and invitations via e-mail; otherwise, keep an eye on our website, kmlandtrust.org, for announcements of future programs.

The presentation of "Hackmatack, Here at Home" included an invitation to seed collection September 26 at the Turner Tract of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Genoa City.

Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

Another reminder: The Town Board is considering lowering speed limits on several roads within the Town that have a high density of homes. Currently the speed limit on unposted Town roads is 55 mph, as 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 determining home density on several Town roads and will propose lower speed limits be established based on gathered data.



The newly completed Highway Maintenance Building

...is located across from the Fire Station on Highway 12. The original building on this site was the Shell Station. It has been painted in the original colors and features a non-functioning gas pump installed in front to remind us of the history of this building from the early 1940's. Inside the building is an area for LaGrange historical displays. Most of the building is used for the Highway Department office and maintenance and storage of Town Road Equipment.



Left: History on display outside and inside our new Maintenance Building.

LAUDERDALE-LA GRANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT...

...cancelled their annual Steak Fry Fundraiser this summer because of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Nevertheless, the Fire Fighters continue to improve the Department with education and training facilities. The Department purchased seven 40-foot long shipping containers to build into a multi-story structure that will be used to train for rescue in a smoke-filled burning building. The picture with the red structure is similar to the one they plan to build. It will be located behind

the new Town Highway Maintenance building. Purchase cost of the containers and shipping to the Department was \$12,000.00. They estimate another \$20,000.00 will be spent to place and finish the containers. Financial donations are being accepted to offset the cost that was to be supported by the Steak Fry. Please send your donation to Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department, W6080 Hwy 12, Whitewater, WI 53120. Fire Chief Dave Nelson thanks everyone for their continued support.



Above: 40 foot long shipping containers already purchased and delivered



Left: Example of the type of structure the Department will build to be used for training firefighters and EMTs

The Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District: Keeping You In-The-Know

By Jack Sorenson, LLLMD Chairman

Our Annual Meeting

...will be held Saturday, September 5th at 10:00am at Lutherdale. This year it will be held outside under the pavilion. With social distancing, we likely won't all fit under the pavilion, please bring a folding chair and if the weather is threatening bring an umbrella. We will not have a slide show but will follow the District Dialog with an amplified speaker system. Masks are recommended. This year scheduled votes include the 2021 budget (the tax levy proposed is less than last year) and a vote for Commissioners number 2 and 3.

Thank You, Ron Diederich

Commissioner Ron Diederich announced that he will be stepping down from our Board of Commissioners. Ron has worked with Chief Ken Blanke for a number of years and done a very admirable job for our entire lake community. Please join me in thanking Ron for his years of volunteer Board activities and contributions.

I am pleased to announce that Dean Bostrom has submitted a nomination for seat number 2 and will be on the ballot with Greg Wisniewski who currently holds seat number 3. Bios of both nominees are in the District Dialogue.

WOW - what activity on the Lake!

Our family has lived at Lauderdale since the early 1900's and I don't believe we have ever seen as much weekend boating activity as we have this summer. Thursday has become the new Friday afternoon. People with picnic baskets, coolers, towels and water gear lined up along the ramps waiting for their boats. Parking everywhere. Boats anchored in every available bay and quiet location. In the open waters, large waves and speaker noise prevail. I've received numerous comments from concerned residents about large wakes resulting in sailboats being swamped, kayaks tipped, tubers pulled through the channel and shoreline damage. As lake residents, we need to be extra vigilant and

courteous while boating. The safety patrol is doing its best to watch and protect our safety but we each must use common sense. So, please be courteous...and safe.

Golf Course

Last year the Board decided to make repairs to the clubhouse to ensure its safety and comfort. The repairs have been well received and should give the building years of future use. Coupled with COVID 19, this did not seem like the right time to consider a significant remodel or rebuild of the clubhouse, therefore, it has been taken off the table at this time. Notably, the course itself is in great shape. The first of two new irrigation pumps were just installed to insure healthy turf through the dry spells. We added a new point of sale system that will give us timely and accurate course information for future decision-making.

Highway 12

Four lane Highway 12 runs from Richmond, Illinois northwest past Lake Geneva and terminates on the north side of Elkhorn. The plan was for Highway 12 to then extend from Elkhorn to the bypass around Whitewater. This extension is commonly referred to as the "Red Line." For various reasons, mainly budgeting, the Red Line section of the road has not been built.

Over the years a significant increase in traffic on the existing Highway 12/67 has led to higher accident counts. The Lake District has consistently supported the completion of an environmental impact study along the Red Line.

We will continue to monitor and notify you of any changes to the status of Highway 12. Feel free to contact your state representatives to express concern for the completion of the Red Line.

Boat Speaker Noise

Our Board has received many complaints about excessive volume and inappropriate music content from boats with elevated

speaker systems. If you live on the lake you undoubtedly know what the discussion is about. The lake environment is for everyone's enjoyment. Please show common courtesy to others. If you are not skiing and do not need those speakers on, please enjoy the internal speakers in your boat. We would much rather ask for your cooperation than to have to create laws prohibiting certain volume limits.

Watershed Study

Commissioner Jim Kroepin is heading up a new watershed study. While in its infancy, we have already taken care of several storm water runoff sources near the golf course at the woods on Country Club Dr. The primary drainage channel through the woods has been rip rapped to detain and slow the flow of water into the lake. Additionally, new seed has been planted along the street sides of the area to help filter water before entering the lake. 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, but one that we feel is extremely important at this time.

Pier Reminder

If you are considering building a new pier or significantly remodeling an existing pier, you are required to get a pier permit. The Lake District handles the inspection process for the permit, which is issued under the Towns' authority. If the pier is found to be compliant (within the Towns' pier ordinance) the permit is issued. However, should the pier require a variance or be in a sensitive area it will require Town Board action. The hearing and enforcement are handled by the Towns of LaGrange or Sugar Creek. The District and the Town of LaGrange have been reviewing the Town Pier Ordinance to reflect legislative changes.

For more information, please go to lauderdalelakedistrict.com.





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