

DISTRICT DIALOGUE

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Dear Lauderdale Property Owners,

As we approach the 2020 Annual Meeting the COVID-19 virus has had a definite impact on all our lives and that impact will affect our annual meeting. Therefore, please carefully read the section on our shortened annual meeting and how we plan to hold it. We will be following best practice guidelines as best we can.

We have had few meetings this year because of the virus, however your board has been hard at work on many fronts. I couldn't ask to work with a more dedicated group of people volunteering to serve our lake community. They have continued their various tasks and jobs, despite COVID-19 presenting very real challenges. Additional strains related to social distancing, changes in rules, procedures and scheduling, not to mention more "drop in" boaters and residents' guests escaping their quarantine by using the open waters of Lauderdale. While we unfortunately had one boating accident, our Lake Patrol has been working to keep an eye on boaters' safety. Please drive defensively and be courteous to other boaters. There are many boaters that are either new to boating or unfamiliar with Lauderdale Lakes. If you are new to the lake and have questions about the boating rules please call the Water Safety Patrol, they will be happy to assist you.

THANKS: I would like to thank Chris Pavlatos for providing masks to the District very early when they were in short supply and Dick Mikulecky for providing disinfectant products that helped us open and keep operating. Both of these donations were extremely helpful and timely for our operations.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will again be held at Lutherdale, however, we will meet outside under the pavilion in front of the Chapel by the parking lot. This meeting will be held rain or shine. The Board of Commissioners will set up at one end of the pavilion and attendees will be able to sit at

socially distanced seating under the pavilion or outside around the pavilion. Masks will be required!!! In order to keep the meeting to a minimal amount of time, as recommended by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, the only agenda items will be those required for Lake District Annual meetings (please see the Agenda). Please bring a folding chair and if it is raining bring an umbrella. We will not use a slide projector or give reports or handouts, so please review the reports herein and if you wish to, bring your copy of the District Dialogue. Should you have questions pertaining to a subject please contact the commissioner in charge of that area.

Meeting Registration will begin at 9:30 am and the meeting will start at 10:00 am.

Jack Sorenson
District Board Chairman

LAUDERDALE LAKES
LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

LUTHERDALE BIBLE CAMP PAVILION, N7891 HWY 12
SEPTEMBER 5, 2020
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 AM
MEETING BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

BUDGET HEARING & MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of and Recognition of Commissioners
3. Approval of Minutes of August 31, 2019 Annual Meeting
4. Commissioner Election
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Approval of 2019 Budget & Tax Levy
7. Adjournment

RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Diederich, Commissioner – Water Safety Patrol & Clean Boats, Clean Waters
- John Summers, Commissioner – Septic Pumping and Piers
- Jim Kroeplin, Secretary – Dam
- Greg Wisniewski, Treasurer – Aquatic Plant Management
- Jack Sorenson, Chairman – Golf Course
- Sue Pruessing – Walworth County Appointee
- Don Sukala – Town of LaGrange Appointee

Commissioner Ron Diederich has served our board for many years and has recently decided not to continue his commission. Please join me in thanking him for his dedication and time given to the Lake District. He has made important contributions resulting in the lake being a cleaner and safer lake.

I am also happy to introduce Dean Bostrom who has filed Nomination Papers for Commissioner #2. Dean's bio is attached for your review.

COMMISSIONER ELECTION

The District Board is comprised of five elected Commissioners, each serving staggered three-year terms. In most years, two Commissioners are up for reelection, although every third year only one commissioner is up for election. This year, positions #2 and #3 held by Ron Diederich and Greg Wisniewski, respectively, are up for election. Greg has filed nomination papers and is willing to serve another term. Dean Bostrom has also filed nomination papers and is running for seat #2. Please see the Candidate's Bio information below.

CANDIDATE BIOS

Greg Wisniewski Commissioner #3

I am the incumbent Commissioner for position #3. I have continuously overseen the Aquatic Plant Management Program since 2013 and am currently the Treasurer of the LLLMD Board of Commissioners (since September 2017). For several years I also administered the Clean Boats-Clean Water Program.

My wife, Brenda, and I purchased our first home on Lauderdale Lakes in 1992, one year after the Lake District was formed. I became impressed with the Lauderdale Lake District organization/people in their focus toward improving the Lake quality and their ability to accomplish these goals. As an investigative architect, I occasionally offered assistance where I could be of help. When a Commissioner vacancy occurred, I agreed to fill that position.

The Aquatic Plant Management Program requires DNR grant applications, bidding, and contracting with lake biologists to obtain hundreds of aquatic plant samples, assisting in the preparation of the Aquatic Plant Management report, and obtaining a 5-year mechanical harvesting permit. I was able to accomplish this in 2015 and 2020. Administration of the Aquatic Plant Management Program also entails overseeing four employees, monitoring program efficiency, approving costs, and paying expenses.

As Treasurer, I have organized the District operating account to replicate the District budget items to provide simplified posting of District books on the website; this provides accurate and timely revenue and expense information to all constituents. I now manage the District principal operating checking account, through the District accountant for improved coordination between other District accounts which will facilitate future financial continuity.

The continued monitoring of the septic systems and the Aquatic Plant Management Program are providing substantial Lake quality improvements. Further improvements to our watershed are needed and will take our Lake's quality to the next level. Some of the funding and implementation of these improvements have been started in 2020 and will continue in 2021. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue with this work.

Dean Bostrom Commissioner position #2

My wife Tracy and I purchased our Lauderdale Lakes home in October 2013 with the goal of eventually retiring here on Lauderdale Lakes. After working for park and recreation agencies for 35 years, in April of 2018 we realized our goal and became full time residents.

Since becoming part of the Lauderdale Lakes community, I have been involved in a variety of activities including: serving as Board President of the Lauderdale Lake Riders Snowmobile Club since 2017; serving on several different Yacht Club event planning committees, assisted teaching Yacht Club sponsored PFW safety classes; participate in the Lauderdale Lakes Men's Golf League; and currently serve on the Geneva Lake Conservancy Board of Directors which advocates for the preservation and environmental health of Walworth County's lakes and waterways.

My education and work experience includes receiving both my B.S. and M.S. degrees in Parks and Recreation Administration and working for award winning park and recreation agencies. I served in the capacity of Executive Director for the last 32 years of my career with 3 different agencies. As an Executive Director I oversaw all aspects of daily operations, capital development, financial management and long-range planning for all parks, recreation programs, conservation areas and facilities including golf courses, water parks, ice arenas, and recreation, senior and fitness centers. During my career I served on 8 different Board of Directors including Illinois and Indiana Park and Recreation State Associations, two Special Recreation Associations, a Sport Counsel, a Park District Foundation and a YMCA.

I place a high value in transparency, open communications, honesty and promoting resident involvement in a boards' decision-making process.

We love living here on Lauderdale Lakes and I personally want to give back and share my background and experiences working in parks and recreation and with different Boards to help the LLLMD accomplish their goals and to preserve the quality of Lauderdale Lakes not only for the immediate future but for future generations as well. I would appreciate your vote.

ANNUAL MEETING VOTER INFORMATION

The Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District thanks you for taking time to participate and vote at the Annual Meeting. Your Board is a Board of volunteers and we all work together in a democratic process that provides direction and guidance for the recreational enjoyment, preservation and safety of our natural resource, Lauderdale Lakes. We value the input of all “electors” and “property owners” within the District and as such want to inform you of some of the guidelines for our Annual Meeting.

Registration:

Registration will occur as it has in past years, beginning at 9:30 AM at Lutherdale. We use the most current listing of District Residents to which we have access. We use Walworth County tax rolls and LaGrange & Sugar Creek voter registration lists to verify elector status and distribute ballots. If for some reason your name is not on the registrar’s list or your qualifications are unclear, you may sign an “Affidavit” swearing to be a qualified elector or resident within the boundaries of the District and you will be issued a ballot.

All qualified electors and property owners within the District have the right to vote. The following describes who is qualified to vote:

- All “electors” within the District are entitled to vote at the annual meeting and so are all “property owners” provided each elector and/or property owner is a U.S. citizen and 18 years of age or older on or prior to election day.
- An “elector” includes everyone residing in the District whether they own or rent the property at which they reside. They must have resided in the District for 28 days before the election. An elector may be disqualified as a result of incompetency or by reason of conviction of treason, felony, or bribery unless pardoned.
- A “property owner” includes anyone named as an owner of property who has title to property in the District. A spouse of a named property owner may also vote under the Wisconsin Marital Property Law. No one who is not a titleholder or an owner of property can vote unless they qualify as an elector as described above.

- Only one vote can be cast by any elector whether by virtue of ownership of property or elector status within the District, regardless of how many properties are owned by that person.
- Absentee and proxy voting is prohibited by Wisconsin Statutes.
- Wisconsin State law is clear regarding voting - “one person, one vote”, no matter how many properties a person owns within the District.

SAFETY PATROL
By Ron Diederich

As I work with the Water Safety Patrol for another year, I need to bring up a very Important point. The residents of Lauderdale Lakes should be very grateful that we have the Water Safety Patrol which is overseen by the Lake District board. As our greatest assets, we are fortunate to have Chief Ken Blanke, Sergeant Janene Littman and Sergeant Chris St. Clair and our force of first-class officers to oversee and operate this important service on our lakes. Maintaining safety on the lakes is their main responsibility and I hope we all appreciate this. Could you imagine boating on Lauderdale without their presence? Be thankful we have them.

	2017	2018	2019
Total Hours Patrolled	2,053 Hours	1,991.5 Hours	2,155 Hours
Number of Contracts	483	402	577
Number of Warnings	58 Written	62 Written	70 Written
	122 Verbal	75 Verbal	187 Verbal
Number of Citations	78 (2 OWIs)	101 (1 OWI)	121 (5 OWIs)
# Dismissed	36	39	66
# Fine Imposed	42	62	51
Total Citation Revenue	\$2,384.28	\$2,701.16	\$3,444.04

As we near the end of our 2020 boating season, there are a couple of items I would like to address:

Pebble Beach Area - This has been and continues to be a very popular place for boats to anchor. There is a line of buoys along the east side of this area. We need to remember that all anchored boats must be to the west of this line. Parking on this line or to the east of it can result in a citation.

Spotter Rule - Please remember that our lake is different than most lakes in Wisconsin. We require a competent spotter in any boat or PWC towing a skier, wake boarder, or tuber at all times.

Towables - Remember if you are towing a tube or skiers behind your boat the maximum number you can tow is two (2) people at once. It is also not allowed to pull a person on a towable into or out of Sterlingworth Bay or through the channel between Green Lake and Middle Lake.

As you can see on the comparison chart above, 2019 was a busy year on our lakes and to date 2020 is much busier. We all need to take things a little slower and be considerate of our fellow boaters.

For informational purposes, the Water Safety Patrol created a tri-fold brochure entitled “What You Need to Know When Boating on Lauderdale Lakes” which is updated each Spring. It summarizes the local boating laws enacted by the Towns of LaGrange and Sugar Creek, is available in plastic boxes at each boat launch, and Officers carry them in our patrol boats. This brochure augments the Wisconsin Statewide boating laws summarized in “The Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities” (which Officers also carry on our patrol boats) published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Both documents can be viewed or downloaded on the Water Patrol page of the Lake District website, www.lauderdalelakedistrict.com, or within the Documents section which can be found on the menu bar.

Thanks - I would like to thank Jeff Angst and Scott Mason for their continued help in numerous repairs and improvements to our patrol boat fleet.

Enjoy your time on the water and be safe!

CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS

By Ron Diederich

We are now in our twelfth year of operating the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program. This program is operated with the help of grant money from the DNR. The purpose of the CBCW program is to educate boaters who visit our lakes to check and clean their boats before they launch them and as they remove them. This helps to reduce the transfer of invasive species from one lake to another. We monitor the three boat launches on Lauderdale as well as the launch on Pleasant Lake.

This year the inspections are completed by Tyryn Garza who is doing the inspections for the second year. Tyryn is a recent graduate of Elkhorn High School and is doing a great job for us this summer.

With the COVID-19 virus this year we got off to a delayed start, but we are currently doing inspections at the four boat launches. This will continue until early September.

GOLF COURSE

By Jack Sorenson

Following the various guidelines relative to the virus meant that the golf course was allowed to open this year on April 24th for play only, the clubhouse was required to remain closed. Carts were not allowed and various “social distancing guidelines” dictated other changes. Despite the slow opening we have had a very busy season.

Kristy has overseen the implementation of a new Point of Sale system for the Golf Course. We now have the electronic controls for detailed revenue and expenditures that flow from the POS system to the accounting books. This will ultimately give us great information for decisions now and well into the future.

Sparky has taken several bunkers out of play and has improved sand in the remaining traps. The cutting of the grass has been improved with several pieces of newer equipment. Sparky has worked hard to make improvements to keep the course in the great shape it has been in. We have just replaced one of the old irrigation pumps and now have more pump efficiency for irrigation.

We plan on adding additional sprinkler heads in areas that are currently hand watered.

We have made some improvements to the Clubhouse primarily to ensure its safety and basic preservation. These recent improvements will give us more time with the buildings so that we may systematically discuss and take our time to come to well thought out conclusions on how to handle our aging buildings. With the advent of COVID-19, the board does not feel that this would be the time to enter into a major decision on a clubhouse building project. However, we have added to the reserve account in the budget for the eventual remodeling or rebuilding of the clubhouse.

THANKS: Many thanks to Nancy Jacobsen and Paul Lopardo for their time and talent at repainting the signs at the golf course. Additionally, Tom Winter has donated beverage coolers with the golf course logo on them. Thanks to all the volunteers that have helped in many ways.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

By Jim Kroeplin

Don Jean Bay Shoreline Erosion: We have reviewed the majority of the shoreline with our consultant and have begun conversations with the DNR about what we may be able to do and what grants may be available. Originally, we thought riprap would be the likely shoreline treatment. We have found out that the previous bio-log treatment was partially funded by the DNR. That being the case, we will be limited in the types of treatment we can use. We are looking at a number of options that will include rock and vegetative practices to stabilize and supplement what was installed previously. The DNR has recently revised their grant program. Preliminary submittals are due by September 1, 2020 with final submittals due by November 1, 2020. We plan to meet with the DNR in early to mid-August to review the site and discuss shoreline treatment practices in more detail. We feel we will be on schedule to meet the September and November timelines for grant submittal.

Watershed Study: As previously mentioned, the DNR has revised their grant program. We are targeting the September and November dates for a grant submittal to perform/ update the watershed study. We have started conversations with the DNR to understand their thoughts and potential concerns so that we can address them in our submittal.

PIER INSPECTION

By John Summers

The Lake Management District works in cooperation with the Town of LaGrange to administer the pier inspection program. The Lake Management District handles the permit process while the town handles enforcement of the ordinances and the variance process. A new agreement was signed this year to help identify the responsibilities of everyone involved. I would like to thank the Town of LaGrange board members for their cooperation in making this work. If you are installing a new or replacement pier anywhere on the lake you will need a permit. If you are repairing or replacing vertical supports of your existing pier you will need a permit. YOU MAY replace ALL of your decking without a permit if you aren't replacing vertical supports. Please contact the Pier Inspector BEFORE you start work. Starting work before a permit is secured will result in double fees for the permit. Our Inspector is Kai Cook. You can find his contact information, the pier permit application and the current ordinance on the LLLMD website. Please fill out the form completely and submit it with the \$150.00 fee and a survey and mail it to LLLMD. Please note that we are in the process of rewriting the pier ordinance. When the new ordinance is adopted by the town, we will post it on our website.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

By John Summers

The Lake District septic pumping program began in 1992. The purpose of this program is to prevent failed septic systems from leaking into the lake and contaminating our lake water. Every property with a septic system within the district is pumped and inspected once every 3 years. This not only protects our lake water but ensures that each property with a septic also meets state requirements for pumping and inspection. Our current

pumping contractor is Associates Septic Services of Elkhorn. We are in the second year of our second six-year contract with Associates and have been very pleased with them. If you need assistance or have a question about the program or when your property is due to be pumped, please contact me.

AQUATIC PLANTS

By Greg Wisniewski

The Lake District has been mechanically harvesting since 1991 for the purpose of:

- fighting the takeover by invasive plants
- aiding navigation and swimming
- reducing buildup of muck
- maintaining an environment for good plants and animals
- removing approximately 350 tons of plant material each year

To perform mechanical harvesting, we must have a permit from the DNR which requires:

- Lakes biologists to sample aquatic plants at hundreds of locations every 5 years and prepare/update an aquatic plant management plan. 2020 Plan will be finalized shortly and posted on website.
- DNR grant of \$9292 was received in 2019, which will fund approximately 80% of costs.
- A five-year harvesting permit was issued June 6, 2020.

2020 Aquatic plant harvesting:

- Plant growth appears slightly less this year.
- Plant harvester is nearing 30 years old; replacement is contemplated for next year.
- Trailer which transports plant material off site needs replacement in 5th wheel configuration.

- We thank the harvesting crew, Mike, Joe, Pat, and Steve for the excellent job they continue to do each year in the operation and maintenance of all our harvesting equipment.
- If needed, contact Mike or Joe at 262-742-4511.

Riparian Shore Yard Maintenance

- Pierhead to shore is riparian owner maintained; removal of floaters, debris and fall leaves leads to substantially improved water clarity.
- Lake District harvesting equipment is not allowed to cut plant material inside of pierhead; if floaters are accessible, harvesting crew will try to collect plant materials.

OUTFLOW DAM

By Jim Kroeplin

The work has been completed and fence replaced. The DNR reimbursed the Lake District \$73,695.51 for engineering and construction costs. If you are in the area, please stop by and take a look. We are proud of the work that has been completed over the past number of years.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND APPROVAL OF THE 2021 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

By Greg Wisniewski

The LLLMD board recommends approval of the attached proposed 2021 budget and tax Levy of \$198,682.

Budget comments:

Typical District programs and expenses are generally the same with some possible payroll increases.

The following 2020 special projects have commenced and will not be completed in 2020. To allow funds to remain for the continuation of these projects, a reserve account of remaining funds will be established and is delineated on line #51, \$68,263. (In accordance with the board recommendation at their June 27, 2020 meeting).

- Line #12, Don Jean Bay Shore Stabilization, \$35,000, 2020 budget
- Line #13, Tee #1 Drainage Repairs/Engineering, \$20,000, 2020 budget
- Line #14, Wooded Preserve Maintenance, \$20,000, 2020 budget
- Line #15, Watershed Study, \$20,000 is for initial engineering and grant application costs.
- Line #41, Golf course irrigation repairs, \$20,000 is for continued repair of failing irrigation system.
- Line #42, Clubhouse structural safety repairs, \$20,000 is for repair of building exterior enclosure.

Reserve funds were evaluated, and board recommendations were to increase reserve accounts,

- Line #45, APM Capital Equipment Reserve \$10,000
- Line #46, Water Safety Patrol Equipment Reserve \$5000
- Line #47, Capital Project Reserve \$50,000

- Line #57, continuation of golf course improvements/ equipment \$30,000

Reserve Accounts 2020/2021 activity (May 31, 2020 bank balances)

- Dam Reserve, \$50,050.57. Dam reconstruction complete; monies to be transferred to operating account.
- APM Equipment Reserve, \$111,583.53. Purchase of harvester replacement and weed hauling trailer anticipated 2021 or 2022.
- Water patrol equipment reserve, \$51,431. No anticipated 2021 expenditures. Replacement of 1 patrol boat anticipated in several years.
- Golf Equipment Reserve, \$78,081.96. Irrigation system may require some funding.
- Capital Project Fund, \$110,109.46. No anticipated 2021 expenditure.

**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2020 District Books / 2021 Proposed Budget**

June 25, 2020

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
		2018 Approved Budget	2018 Rev/Exp. (Dist. Bks)		2019 Approved Budget	2019 Detail	2019 Rev/Exp. (Dist. Bks)		2020 Approved Budget	2020 Rev/Exp. (Dist. Bks) 6/3/20	ADD'l 2020 EXP. in1000		2021 Proposed Budget
1 PROJECTS													
2 Aquatic Plant Management		49,550	49,569		50,000	46,895			52,000	2,966	50		52,000
3 DNR APM Manag. Plan Update Advance						(6,970)	39,925				10		
4 Dam Maintenance		4,000	1,948		3,000	97,983		3,000		17,393	2		3,000
5 Dam Reserve/DNR reimbursement						(85,495)	12,488			(73,695)			
6 Septic Pumping													
7 Septic revenue						(46,785)				(64,001)			
8 Septic pumping 2019/ Adm						53,282				10,585	42		
9 Net Septic Pumping		2,600	4,697		2,600		6,477		3,000				3,000
10 Environmental Projects													
11 Audubon, Gen. Gladstone, Admin, Wetlands		21,500	11,563		21,000		15,005		22,000	8,801	16		22,000
12 Don Jean Bay Shore Stabilization 2020									35,000				
13 Tee #1 Drainage Repairs/Engineering 2020									20,000	2,800			
14 Wooded preserve Maintenance 2020									20,000	3,937			
15 Watershed Study													20,000
16 Clean Boats Clean Waters													
17 Cost						7,027							
18 Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant						(3,680)				(5,540)			
19 Net Clean Boats Clean Waters		2,000	273		2,000		3,347		2,000		8		2,000
20													
21 Pier Inspection & Permit Fee Receipts		2,750	287		4,000		577		4,000	2,520	2		4,000
22													
23 Insurance W/O WSP & Golf		10,600	(284)		15,000		12,805		15,000	6,694	9		15,000
24 Professional Services													
25 Professional Fees - Legal		10,000	3,853		10,000		2,196		8,000		8		8,000
26 Professional Fees - Accounting & Audit		10,400	10,975		10,400		10,097		12,000	2,110	10		12,000
27 Professional Fees - Hwy 12 Consultant		18,000	9,000		-				-				-
General Lake District Costs - Administration, Communication, Community Center, Maintenance Building													
28		18,822	23,755		30,000		30,698		28,000	5,184	23		30,000
29 Water Safety Patrol													
30 State Aid & Tn of LaGr Receipts						(121,440)				(80,512)			
31 Cost /Reimbursement to LaGrange						154,594				68,800	30		
32 Net Water Safety Patrol		46,200	46,451		48,000		33,154		50,000	0			53,000
33 Planning			500										
34 Total		196,422	162,577		196,000		166,769		274,000				224,000
35 Golf Course							2,240						
36 Income			237,170				231,814						
37 Other income			14										
38 Cost of goods sold			(44,703)				(44,285)						
39 Expenses			(203,809)				(184,215)						
40 Net Golf Course			(11,328)		0		3,314		0				0
41 Golf course Irrigation Repairs/Eng.									20,000	12,800	13		20,000
42 Clubhouse Structural Safety Repairs									15,000	22,829			20,000
43 Golf course cash flow loan										20,000	(20)		
44 Contingency Fund/Cash Year End		50,000			60,000		-		20,000	0			20,000
45 APM Equipment Reserve													10,000
46 Water safety patrol equipment reserve													5,000
47 Capital project reserve													50,000
48 Total Budget Expenses		246,422			256,000				329,000	(36,329)			349,000
49 Cash Sept 1 May 31, 2020						167,443			270,192				350,105
50 Additional Projected Exp. thru 12/31						(194,677)			(233,006)				(212,000)
51 Special environmental projects 2020													(68,263)
52 Balance Tax Levy					60,775				72,171				70,476
53 Tn of LaGrange WSP Funding 40k					40,000				40,000				40,000
54													
55 Cash Available at January 1		-43652			73,541				149,357				180,318
56 Tax Levy Subtotal		202,770			182,459				179,643				168,682
57 Contin. golf course Improv/Equip.					30,000			30,276	30,000	20,959	10		30,000
58 Appr/Proposed Tax Levy w/ Impr.					212,459				209,643				198,682
59 Revenue Received (Levy,Int.)			218,416				212,827			139,168			
60 Additional 2020											212		

OTHER REPORTS

Town of LaGrange: WE Energies has recently announced a significant facility to be built within the Town of LaGrange borders on property owned by WE Energies. This project is projected to provide additional revenue to the Town of LaGrange for years to come.

Walworth County: For County information on COVID-19 please see: <https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/856/COVID-19>

Boat Speaker Noise: Our board has received complaints about excessive volume and inappropriate 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, we therefore ask all boaters to use common courtesy for their neighbors. If you are asked to turn your volume down, please do so or move on to another location. If you are not skiing and do not need those speakers on, please enjoy the internal speakers in your boat. We would much rather inform the users of these audio systems of their downside and ask for cooperation and respect for their fellow lake residents than to have to create laws prohibiting certain volumes.

Highway 12: Four-lane Highway 12 runs from Richmond, Illinois northwest past Lake Geneva and terminates on the north side of Elkhorn. For decades, the route of the road had been planned to extend directly from its point of termination in Elkhorn to the bypass road around Whitewater. This unbuilt section of roadway is often referred to as the "Red Line". Due to various reasons, mainly budgeting, the Red Line section of the road was never built, therefore, traffic heading toward Whitewater generally uses the existing 12/67 which travels along the east side of Lauderdale Lakes and the west side of Pleasant Lake.

There has been a significant increase in traffic on the existing Hwy 12/67 and unfortunately this has led to a higher accident count along the route. The Lake District has consistently supported the completion of an environmental impact study along the Red Line. The study is precedent to the funding and building of the actual road along the Red Line route.

The ultimate resolution to this overcrowded stretch of road is for

the construction of the Red Line route which would relieve the bulk of traffic passing our lakes toward Whitewater. This would undoubtedly reduce the current accident rate on Hwy 12/67 as well as keep the environmental impact along Hwy 12/67 no worse than it is now.

We will continue to monitor political activity and funding for this project. Feel free to contact your State representatives to express concern for the completion of the Red Line.

Internet Service: On numerous occasions our board has been asked about the quality of the Internet service surrounding our lakes. There are several companies currently serving the Lauderdale Lake area.

I attended a Walworth County Lakes Association Meeting pertaining to rural and lake Internet service. The speaker was Brian from Edge Broadband, a Whitewater Company that is currently installing fiber optic cable near the south side of the Lauderdale Lakes area. At the seminar, Brian invited residents who are interested in higher speed internet to contact his company. If you are interested the contact phone number for Edge Broadband is 262-458-4220. They assemble information on where the interest is and it helps them in planning their routing. Our board passes this information on for your interest, not as an endorsement.

Fireworks: While the fireworks are put on by the Yacht Club, I wish to thank the entire community for the respect shown the golf course while watching the show. Show attendees left virtually no trash on the golf course! Additionally, Jeff Angst thanks the community for their financial support of the fireworks show. We all also want to thank the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department for leaving their families on the afternoon of the Fourth of July, to water down the launch site and to ensure our safety. Many, many thanks!

LAKE DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

You may find information about the Lake District on the website
For the most current contact information, see
www.lauderdalelakedistrict.com

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