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FROM THE HELM – BEACH BOY SURFING



Annesa Probst's first try on a paddleboard!

Over the last few years, I have seen an upswing of paddleboards on the lake, and it got me thinking about paddleboarding history. According to The International Stand-Up Paddling Magazine, standup paddling dates back thousands of years. Ancient cultures from Africa to South America used boards and canoes with long sticks to fish, travel, ride waves, and fight wars. They used their spears as paddles to silently move into enemy territories.

The more modern stand-up surfing was first seen in Hawaii in the 1940's. Hawaiians would often take their boards out into the ocean with their paddles and stand up on their boards to get a better view of the surfers in the water and the incoming swells. Then they would ride the wave back using their paddle as a rudder to steer! Some of the men on the island were seen standing on their boards to shout hints at the other surfers, coining the phrase Beach Boy Surfing.

Paddleboards are treated the same as canoes and kayaks in Wisconsin, requiring a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person. Over 90% of boat fatalities that are related to drowning involves the victim not wearing a PFD. Make sure you are always being safe on the water and wear your PFD!

In the next week we are conducting this year's boat census, and last year's data was encouraging for the non-motor boat users. We saw an additional 11 canoes for a total of 39 canoes, and 28 additional kayaks/paddleboards for a total of 156 kayaks/paddleboards! We saw a decline in fast moving boats and an increase in non-motorized vessels, telling us that the lake use is slowly changing.

I hope to see you supporting the sport of beach boy surfing on Lake Ripley before the leaves turn to orange and red and we ask ourselves what happened to those long hot days out on the lake. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Jimmy DeGidio, Chair

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? NOT THE GHOSTBUSTERS!

The District gets a lot of calls about potential violations around Lake Ripley but the Lake District does not have authority to deal with many issues. Here is the correct contact information for the right folks to call when you see something that concerns you:

- Someone was acting recklessly on Lake Ripley! Who do I call? → Call the Town Police at 608-501-8153. The Town of Oakland Police Department have their own boat patrol out on the lake most weekends who will handle these types of complaints.
- Someone has cut down trees along the shoreline! Who do I call to discuss this? → Call Jefferson County Zoning at 920-674-7130.
- There is a huge tree down across the trail in the Lake District Preserve's woods! Who do I call? → Call us – the Lake Ripley Management District at 608-423-4537. We handle all things Preserve.
- What are Ripley Park hours? Admission fees? Shelter rental? E.coli? Beach conditions? For any question regarding Ripley Park → Call Cambridge Activities Program at 608-423-8108. They manage this park.
- When does the public pier go in? What about the public boat launch? There is a buoy that seems to be in the wrong place. How much is a seasonal boat launch pass? Who can I talk to about this? → Call the Town of Oakland at 608-423-9635 for these questions.
 - All concerns about erosion control: call Town of Oakland at 608-423-9635.

Our email has changed! We have updated our email to a government system in order for it to be more secure. Our new email address is: Lake.manager@tn.oakland.jefferson.wi.gov.

LAKE-FRIENDLY SUNSCREEN

Have you ever thought about what is in the sunscreen that you put all over yours and your children's bodies? We sure have! There are many different ingredients in conventional sunscreens that are not only toxic to us, but to our environment, and more specifically to our beautiful Lake Ripley. One of the main harmful chemicals found in conventional sunscreens is called oxybenzone. Oxybenzone is an endocrine-disrupting chemical that is absorbed through our skin and can have some pretty harsh consequences, such as skin irritation, phototoxicity, and allergic contact dermatitis. This chemical is harmful to adults and is potentially of greater harm to children (FDA 2019).

Not only does oxybenzone affect us humans, but because these chemicals wash off our skin while we are in the water, it has a major toxicological effect on plants and algae, and acts as an endocrine disruptor in the larvae of the aquatic insects, subsequently disrupting our freshwater ecosystem.

The University of Alberta published a study summarizing the effects chemical sunscreens have on the Daphnia – a tiny but essential part of the food chain for many smaller species of fish. The results showed that “exposure to UV filters over 48 hours prevented the Daphnia from navigating through their environment. Exposure over 14 days-similar to what might occur near popular beach areas-proved lethal for the tiny crustaceans. Losing a Daphnia population would put all of the species that rely on them at risk of starvation, and in certain conditions could cause the local ecosystem to collapse” (Boyd et al. 2020).

So how can we help? We stop using sunscreens with oxybenzone or octinoxate listed as ingredients! There are many different options that are sold at local drugstores that do not contain these harmful chemicals. They are made with natural ingredients that have performed well in tests for SPF and UVA protection. Everyone can do their part to help protect our beautiful Lake Ripley!

WHY DO YOU LOVE LAKE RIPLEY?

Understanding the reasons why people like Lake Ripley seems like a simple question and for some of us there can be a simple answer or for others perhaps a feeling that is difficult to put into words. Either way it is a great question as I found out spending time on Lake Ripley during the Memorial Day and July 4th holiday weekends talking to people and asking that exact question!

It might be a brief moment in time, a perfect morning of fishing or a collection of experiences that touch a person enough to answer the question without hesitation. I came away from my conversations with a sense that we have a special

place here on Lake Ripley that draws people for a variety of reasons. I was impressed with the respect afforded to all the people on the lake without regard to whether they were cruising in a new boat or fishing quietly from grandpa's old aluminum canoe. It made no difference who you are just only that you were enjoying the lake and a community of people gathered. This is my answer to why I like Lake Ripley.

Paddle on My Friends,

Jon Tilp



Everyone looks out for each other on the lake. This year my kayak was lost but easily found in minutes thanks to this great community. – Beth Quakenboss

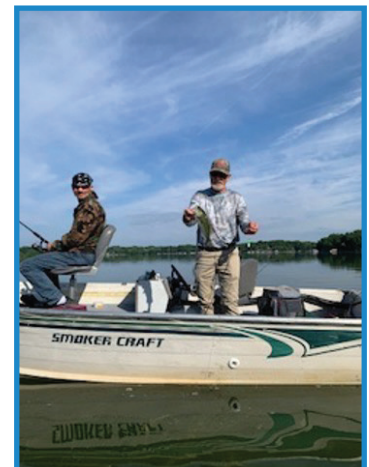
WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT LAKE RIPLEY



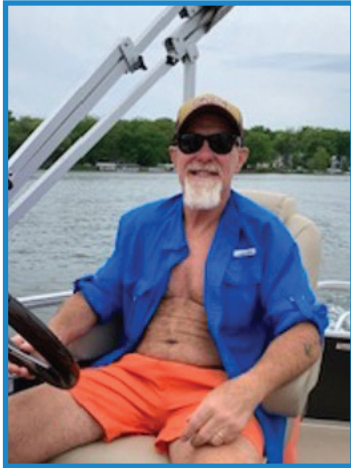
Pat loved living on the Lake Ripley until her passing in March of this year. Since 1979 her family has enjoyed every season on the lake and the nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren are ready to continue the family tradition. – Pat Marquis



Lake Ripley is a great lake with a lot of great people. I love it! – Andy Ferguson



This is my second time on the lake, and I like it. It is a small enough lake to cover with just my trolling motor. – Mark Verhalen



People on or around the lake represent a special community to me. The lake is our meeting place to enjoy each other – Jim Goyer



My family loves the lake! Boating and spending time on the lake is our recreation all summer long - Stephanie Woloshin

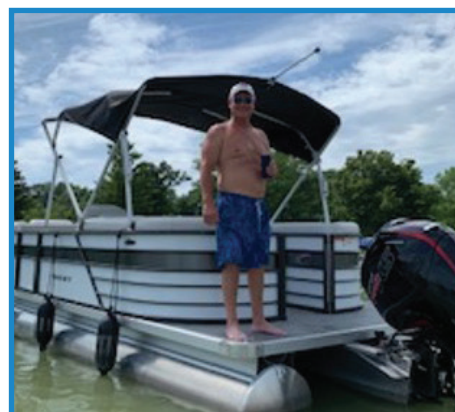


When I wake up every morning, I look at the lake for a gauge of the day. A peaceful calm lake is the start to an enjoyable day – Rich Nelson and Roxane Schiller

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT LAKE RIPLEY



I like the lake for the camaraderie. Friends and I worked to clean the corner area of rocks and things that may hurt your feet. Now people can wade barefoot – Lawanna Bowe



I like that the fishermen have the no wake time and then everyone gets together later to have a fun time – Shane Heth



We love the no-wake rules in the morning for fishing. I always catch fish on Lake Ripley – Wayne Romano

OFFICIAL NOTICES

ByLaws Changes Proposed

Two proposed Bylaw changes are on the agenda for Lake Ripley Management District resident electors to vote on at the annual meeting.

The first proposed change is to make the "Nomination of Commissioners" language more clear. The change would see the candidates filling out a Candidate Interest Form and submitting it to the Lake Manager 45 days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3 – NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONERS: Any eligible interested candidates for vacancies on the Board shall submit a completed Candidate Interest Form to the office of the Lake Manager by email, regular mail, or hand-delivery no later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting. The form shall be available on the District's website and include the candidate's contact information, qualifications, a brief statement of interest and a signed declaration indicating a willingness to serve a three-year term on the Board. The names of all interested candidates who timely submit a completed Candidate Interest Form shall appear on the written and published notices of the annual meeting and the ballot. Nominations will also be accepted from those electors in attendance at the annual meeting. [8-20-22] The board shall nominate candidates to fill all vacancies on the Board. If none of the remaining elected commissioners, whose term does not expire, are resident electors, then the candidates shall be resident electors. [Sec. 33.28(2)] The suggested number of candidates nominated by the board is the number of vacancies plus one. Any three electors may nominate additional candidates by submitting written nomination papers to the secretary at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting. The names of all nominated candidates shall appear on the written and published notices of the annual meeting. Ballots printed for the election shall provide space for write-in candidates.

The second change aims to clarify how the Board elects their commissioners. We suggest striking the original annual meeting language and adding language that explains how the Board currently elects commissioners.

Section 5 – ELECTING COMMISSIONERS: At the first annual meeting, the electors shall elect three commissioners to the Board. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a three-year term. The candidate receiving the second-greatest number of votes shall be elected to a two-year term. The candidate receiving the third-greatest number of votes shall be elected to a one-year term. However, if none of the top three candidates is a resident elector, the resident elector with the most votes among the resident elector candidates shall be elected to a one-year term.

At subsequent annual meetings, the electors shall elect one commissioner to fill each [8-20-22] the expiring term on the board. [Sec. 33.30(3)(a)] When a commissioner's term of office has expired, a successor shall be elected to a three-year term. [Sec 33.28(2)(c)] In any year in which more than one vacancy exists, the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. However, if none of the commissioners whose terms do not expire is a resident elector, then the resident elector receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. If no resident electors are willing to be elected, the residency requirement shall be waived until the end of the term. [8-20-22] All elections for the office of commissioner shall be conducted by secret, written ballot. Commissioners shall assume their office immediately following the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Budget Hearing

August 20, 2022

9 a.m. at Oakland Town Hall
N4450 County Road A
Cambridge

Annual Meeting

Immediately following budget hearing
Oakland Town Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
- III. Nomination of Board candidates, Statements of candidates, and Election - two open positions
(Names on Ballot: Debbie Kutz, Doug Maurer)
- IV. Chairman's report
- V. Treasurer's report
- VI. Approval of the budget and tax levy
- VII. Approval of changes to the District's Bylaws (see changes in sidebar)
- VIII. Discussion and possible action on other business that can be legally considered by the District
- IX. Tabulation of vote and election of board members
- X. Adjournment

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Immediately following Annual Meeting
Oakland Town Hall

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Election of Board Officers
- III. Adjournment

Note: Public Comment will be taken at discretion of District Chair

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LAKE RIPLEY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>2021 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 BUDGET</u>	<u>2022 JAN- JUNE ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022 JAN-DEC ESTIMATED</u>	<u>2023 BUDGET</u>
Revenues:					
Real Estate Tax Levy	152,665	159,588	79,794	159,588	175,117
Interest Income	258	324	131	260	260
Carryover	11,794	16,970		16,098	13,564
Total Revenues	<u>164,717</u>	<u>176,882</u>	<u>79,925</u>	<u>175,946</u>	<u>188,941</u>
Operations:					
Landowner Cost Sharing	-	12,500	721	5,800	15,000
Weed Harvesting	12,527	13,400	1,742	11,100	13,800
Preserve Restoration/Management	16,956	10,000	1,482	10,000	15,000
Staff Payroll/Fringes/Taxes	69,725	81,482	32,470	80,032	83,941
Insurance	7,474	8,000	6,996	7,700	8,000
Legal & Accounting	1,965	3,500	630	3,500	3,500
Dues & Conferences	1,007	2,500	1,198	1,500	2,000
Office & Community Outreach	8,502	11,800	6,173	10,300	9,750
Commissioner Stipends	2,600	5,400	1,400	4,400	5,400
Rent	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Capital Reserve, Land/Equip Acquisition	9,935	22,500	11,868	22,500	25,000
Miscellaneous & General Lake Mgmt.	8,637	3,500	165	3,500	5,500
Special Programs	199	500	100	250	250
Total Disbursements	<u>141,327</u>	<u>176,882</u>	<u>63,103</u>	<u>162,382</u>	<u>188,941</u>
Balance	<u>23,390</u>			<u>13,564</u>	

LAKE RIPLEY PROTECTION FUND

Restricted Fund:

Estimated Balance (12/31/21)	\$109,379
Additional 2021 Activity	
Increase	125
Final Balance 12/31/21	109,504
2022 Estimated Activity	
Interest Earned	130
Estimated Balance 12/31/22	\$109,634

Anyone wishing to see a detailed budget may come to the District office at the Oakland Town Hall, N4450 Cty Hwy A, Cambridge, during normal business hours. Phone ahead to make sure office is open at 608-423-4537.

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