

Peppermill Lake District News

April 2020

Spring Issue

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Impact of COVID-19

As some might already know, Adams and Juneau Counties have asked all owners of second homes to to refrain from coming up while the state of emergency declared by Gov. Evers is in force.

The Adams County Sheriff's Dept. puts it this way: Adams County continues to encourage limiting travel for seasonal and second homeowners. IF YOU CHOOSE TO TRAVEL TO A SECOND HOME IN WISCONSIN, YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO IMMEDIATELY SELF-QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS. YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR OWN GROCERIES, AS SELF-QUARANTINE DOES NOT PERMIT SHOPPING AT LOCAL STORES FOR SUPPLIES.

For some context, while the average number of

doctors per capita in the state is roughly 1:1300, in Adams County it is 1:10,000. The total permanent population in Adams County is about 20,000. It swells to about 120,000 in the summer.

In the 2019 state health rankings, Adams County ranked 71 out of 72 in health outcomes. With an aging population and a poor health infrastructure, COVID-19 could be devastating, here.

As of this writing, only one positive case has been identified in the county but only about 50 tests have been taken.

While government bodies are exempt from the shelter-at-home restrictions, the Adams County government has moved to conducting virtual meetings and state courts have postponed all

jury trials until May 22. All other court activity will be conducted by teleconference where possible.

The Lake District Board will be doing the same. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find log-in information for our April 18 meeting. It will also be posted on our website and on the Peppermill Lake Community Facebook site. We will not be meeting at the Jackson Town Hall as we normally do.

We realize public participation will be harder in this context but, at the same time, perhaps some folks who have never been able to attend a meeting in the past can do so, remotely, now.

"See" you on the 18th!

Recycling Reminder

The Town of Jackson Board has contracted with the Solid Waste Department for bi-weekly pick-up of recycled material in 2020.

Please do not use plastic bags for recycled content. You can use any container, like a garbage can, for pick-up of glass, plastic and metal.

Newspapers and cardboard should be left outside unbundled in a container like a tote, too. No twine, please.

In January, the grant application we submitted was turned down. Only 48% of the applicants were awarded money from the roughly \$2 million dollar pot. So there was a lot of competition

Based on the feedback we received, there was some concern that the scope of our project was too narrow. There was also a perceived chicken-or-the egg element relating to how we positioned the completion of our lake management plan against the outcomes of our project.

After consulting with DNR staff and our UW Stevens Point partners who helped write the grant, we have been encouraged to resubmit our application for 2021 after we have obviously made the necessary revisions to our application.

The grant committee feels strongly that we should reapply and this will be a topic at the upcoming April Board meeting.

Grant Update

The \$15,000 raised through the tax levy increase last year will remain segregated and will only be used for the intended goals of the grant as stipulated at the Annual meeting last year.

The deadline for the grant application is in December and new criteria for awarding grants is expected this summer so we are awaiting those new guidelines before doing any work, subject to the Board's approval,

Looking ahead, the Board will discuss work that can be done now on the lake to improve our odds of getting approval this time.

All options will be brought before the membership at the Annual Meeting in September for consideration. By then we will have a good idea what is realistic.

The Board realizes that the one-time tax increase this year to fund the grant might skew perceptions if you put

your property up for sale. At the January meeting, the Board agreed to provide language when special charges letters are sent to the Town Clerk, stipulating to the fact that the significant levy increase for this year was unique, so that prospective homeowners will not assume that the current rate is permanent.

Thanks to Russ Stearns, Phil Singleton, BJ Schmitt, and David Brownstein for their tireless support in getting this grant and lake management plan done and for being willing to give it another go.

STH 82 to be resurfaced

Beginning in June, STH 82, between CTH B and the Marquette County Line, will be completely resurfaced. That means STH 82 will be completely closed to through traffic, probably from June until November. The new road will again be concrete. Work on STH 82 from STH 13 to CTH B is not expected to begin until 2021 unless state transportation funds free up earlier than expected.

So dust off your alternate routes if you come up.

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Marsh Marigold blooms	2 Choke Cherry begins blooming
3	4 Sandhill Cranes begin to hatch	5 First Fire Flies can be seen	6 Nighthawks begin to arrive	7 Full Moon Indigo Buntings	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 White-tailed deer fawns birth	12	13 Eaglets begin to hatch	14	15	16
17	18 Wild Iris begins to bloom	19	20	21	22 Whooping cranes seen w/young	23
24 Wild Asparagus emerges	25	26	27 Rachel Carson's b-day	28	29 Beavers begin birthing kits	30
31 Monarch Butterflies arrive						

Peppermill Lake District Board Meeting Log-In

Topic: Peppermill Lake District Board Meeting

Time: Apr 18, 2020 09:50 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/547560856?pwd=bGIVQ0hSQIVBRTgYeEpyaXRzVmtVZz09>

Meeting ID: 547 560 856

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Proposed Agenda – Quarterly Board Meeting - Virtual Meeting - April 18, 2020 10 AM (Log-in, Page 3)

Call to order—Proper Meeting Notice notification—Approval of Agenda—Approval of Minutes—Treasurer's Report
Citizen Comment (Limited)

Reports - Lake Management Plan, Harvesting

Unfinished Business

- Website migration
- Discuss/Act on teleconferencing options for meetings (revisit from annual meeting)
- Tax levy language for special charges letter to Town Clerk
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New Business

- Discuss/Act on grant next steps
- Discuss vandalism at landing and 4th Ave
- Discuss COVID-19 impacts (Barley bags, harvesting, etc.)
- Buoys
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Announcements/Correspondence

County Update

Town of Jackson update

Calendar update — Next meeting(s)—Adjourn