

# Peppermill Lake District News

July 2019

Summer Issue

## Highlights:

- 2020 Planning
- Town EMS Services
- County Recycling
- July-August Calendars
- Agenda

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## Planning for 2020

“The rains keep coming,” seems to be refrain this spring and early summer. In June alone we had sixteen days with measurable amounts of rain, totaling over 6 inches.

Water levels on the lake are still high but not as high as in August of 2018. The current outflow rate at the dam has been keeping up with new rains but not enough to lower the lake to any degree.

The guidelines the County uses for acceptable water levels for our lake are 910.31 feet (above sea level) as a minimum and 911.31 feet as a maximum, in other words, a one-foot variance.

An acre of water one foot deep (an acre-foot) is over 325,000 gallons. Since our lake is around 67 acres, about 21 million gallons of water has to be moved in order to bring the lake down a foot. And that’s assuming groundwater isn’t seeping back in, springs are turned off and the water table isn’t as

high as it is.

Jordan Lake, by contrast, is a 233 acre lake, and is over 4 ft above it’s ordinary high water mark. It would need to channel over 300 million gallons of water out in order to return to “normal” levels.

None of these facts give much solace to those of us experiencing shoreline erosion and flooded docks.

We do have a no-wake ordinance in place so please contact the local DNR Warden if you see violators. Even if the Warden cannot come right away, if you can take a picture, especially one that captures the boat registration number, and send it to the DNR, they will follow-up. The Town and the Lake District have no law enforcement capabilities.

We will be replacing most of our no-wake buoys in 2020, in as much as they help slow boaters down.

At the upcoming July meeting, we will be holding

our usual budget prep meeting so that the Board can present the 2020 numbers to you in plenty of time before the annual meeting.

Buoy replacements, aerator pump replacements, and initial funding of the proposed grant we are working on, will be discussed along with the usual suspects like harvesting.

To date we have had one small harvesting of aquatic plants. The mild temps and regular rains have kept the chara in check so far. A second harvesting is scheduled for later in July. See the calendars on page 3.

We will also discuss revisions being made to our lake management plan. Changes are necessary in order to qualify for the grant we are seeking.

The annual meeting is coming and two Board seats are open for nominations. Please consider joining the Board. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Peppermill Lake

## Join the Board!

**There are two open positions to vote on this year. Each is a three-year term.**

**Anyone interested can submit his or her name to Jeff Ranous to be placed on the ballot.**

**By law, nominations can be taken from the floor at the time of the meeting.**

**Once elections are completed, an organizational meeting will be held immediately after the Annual meeting to select officers.**

**Two seats are open for 2020.**



## Town Of Jackson EMS Services changing

For many years the Town of Jackson has contracted with Marquette County for emergency medical services because of our proximity to the Marquette County border. Response times are much better because the Fire Station is only a few miles away. The only other EMS service in the County is Lifestar and they are based in Adams and do not support this part of the County.

Now, the current volunteer EMS service is changing and is being replaced by a professional 24/7 paramedic service. Marquette County has found it hard to find new volunteers for EMS-related services and the current team is aging. The move to full-time certified paramedics means our town tax bills have increased.

Last year the Town Board increased the levy limit by a vote of residents at the budget meeting to cover the

increased costs.

The Marquette County Board just recently finalized the location of the nearest EMS station to us to be constructed. The Town Board had lobbied for the new EMS station to be located next to the Fire Station on STH 82 or in the Town of Oxford, but the Marquette County Board chose to locate the station at the old Crossroads Motel location just on the other side of the expressway.

According to data provided by the County, an ambulance from that location can get to the Town of Jackson in under 20 minutes, the minimum standard set by the State for rural areas.

The new station has not been built yet and the new service will not begin until 2020 and it will take time to ramp up staffing. While Marquette County would like to see the Town sign a long-term contract, the Town is only

considering at most a two-year commitment in order to evaluate the quality of the service while exploring other options.

## New Recycling Guidelines Begin

Adams County is simplifying recycling guidelines starting this month. We no longer have to bag our recycled material. You can now use a regular garbage bin and place all your glass and plastic in that bin, unsorted. Newspapers and cardboard can be placed outside unbundled, as well. Simply put: no bags or ties. The cardboard should be flattened and be no wider than 3ft X 3ft. Books, phone books, magazines, paperboard (food and beverage boxes), office and school paper are all accepted.

**Pet food bags, tissue paper, gift wrap, aluminum pans or foil, scrap metal, plastic bags, motor oil bottles, and Styrofoam are not accepted.**

The County is in the process of getting new recycling equipment and approved bonds for the construction of a new recycling center. Plastic bags and twine used to bundle paper can jam up equipment.

When in doubt, you can consult : <https://www.co.adams.wi.us/departments/solid-waste-recycling/recycling-guidelines>

# July 2019

| Sun | Mon                           | Tue                                 | Wed                                 | Thu                                          | Fri                                       | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----|
|     | 1                             | 2                                   | 3                                   | 4                                            | 5                                         | 6   |
| 7   | 8 <i>Cicadas can be heard</i> | 9                                   | 10 <i>Songbird singing declines</i> | 11                                           | 12 <i>Great Blue Heron young in nests</i> | 13  |
| 14  | 15                            | 16 <i>full moon (strawberry)</i>    | 17                                  | 18 <i>sandhill crane chicks begin to fly</i> | 19                                        | 20  |
| 21  | 22 <i>Harvesting Begins</i>   | 23 <i>goldenrod begins to bloom</i> | 24                                  | 25                                           | 26                                        | 27  |
| 28  | 29                            | 30                                  | 31                                  |                                              |                                           |     |

# August 2019

| Sun                                        | Mon                         | Tue                                   | Wed                                       | Thu                                               | Fri | Sat |
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| 4                                          | 5                           | 6                                     | 7                                         | 8                                                 | 9   | 10  |
| 11                                         | 12                          | 13 <i>blackberries begin ripening</i> | 14                                        | 15 <i>full moon (buck)</i>                        | 16  | 17  |
| 18                                         | 19 <i>Harvesting begins</i> | 20                                    | 21                                        | 22                                                | 23  | 24  |
| 25 <i>Black-eyed Susan seed collection</i> | 26                          | 27                                    | 28 <i>snapping turtles begin hatching</i> | 29 <i>Monarch butterflies head back to Mexico</i> | 30  | 31  |

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## Proposed Agenda – Quarterly Meeting - **Noon**, July 13, Jackson Town Hall, Hwy 82 and 4th Ave.

Call to Order—Proper meeting notification—Approval of minutes —Treasurer's report

Reports — grant, harvesting,, lake management plan

Citizen Comment

### Unfinished business

- Discuss/Act on allocating funds for lake/groundwater studies
- County Representative update

### New Business

#### - Wisconsin Lake Partnership dues

- Lake level
- Peppermill Lake Sign theft (4<sup>th</sup> Ave.)
- Buoy replacements

- 2020 Budget preparation **Call to order**—Proper Meeting Notice notification—Approval of Agenda—Approval of Minutes—Treasurer's Report

### Unfinished Business

#### Announcements/Correspondence

ACLA Update/Dues Payment - Town/County/CSWAC updates

**Calendar update—Next Meeting(s) — Adjourn**