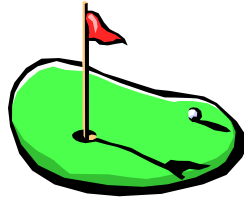


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Dear Fellow Lauderdale Lakes Homeowner:

This issue of the District Dialogue focuses on our upcoming annual meeting and budget hearing. As in past years we will meet at Lutherdale Bible Camp, Saturday, September 4, on Labor Day weekend. Please attend to learn more about the various activities managed by your Lake District, plans for the future and exercise your right to vote.

This year has been busier than normal for the District, managing the ongoing projects, relocating resident geese and working through the legal challenges on our wetlands. More on these topics follow in this newsletter.

Our proposed 2011 budget is presented in this newsletter. I am pleased to report that the board worked hard to control expenses while executing the programs you have come to rely upon. For the third consecutive year, our proposed budget is calling for a decrease in funding over the previous year.

Although Labor Day is right around the corner many great days on the water remain. Enjoy and boat safely.

Scott Mason,
District Chairman

ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

LUTHERDALE CHAPEL, N7891 HWY. 12

SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

MEETING BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

BUDGET HEARING & AGENDA

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of 2009 minutes
3. Commissioner Election
4. Treasurer's report
5. Water Safety Patrol report
6. Golf course report
7. Environmental Projects
8. Outflow Dam report
9. Septic pumping report
10. Weed harvesting report
11. Amendments
12. Approval of 2011 budget & tax levy
13. Other business for discussion

COMMISSIONER NOMINATION

One position on the Lake District Board is up for re-election this year. Incumbent Scott Mason is running for re-election. His name will appear on the Commissioner ballot as unopposed.

GOLF COURSE UPDATE

Chris White continues to do an excellent job managing our golf course. Although this has not been a record year, we are doing very well. Rounds and revenue are within budget and above average compared to the last two years.

April & May golf rounds, as well as revenue, were up slightly over 2009. June and July continue to track better than average in both rounds and revenue. More on this at the annual meeting.

VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

In 2004, the Wisconsin State Legislature changed the laws governing lake districts. One of the more significant changes eliminates the provision for absentee voting. Anyone wishing to vote must be present.

Registration for the Annual meeting and Budget Hearing will begin at 9:30 AM. Lake District residents and property owners are considered eligible Electors. We will use Walworth County tax rolls and LaGrange/Sugar Creek voter registration lists to check in electors and distribute ballots.

WATER SAFETY PATROL

The joint (Lauderdale Lakes-Town of LaGrange) water patrol continues to work well. We continue to see two frequent violations on our lakes this season. The first violation is expired registrations. Some registrations expired this past spring (Mar. 31, 2010) and boaters have either forgotten to renew their boat registration (required every 3 years in Wisconsin) or have neglected to replace the old sticker with the new one on their boat. The second violation we are seeing is underage operation of Personal Water Craft. The age limit has been creeping up each year and now the age limit, as of Jan. 1, 2010, for operating a PWC in the state of Wisconsin is 21 years of age unless the operator has successfully completed a DNR-sanctioned boating safety class and they must be prepared to show their completion certificate. If such training has been completed, the PWC can be operated by anyone 12 years of age and older.

For those boaters who pull skiers or youngsters in some sort of tube behind their boat, please be aware that there is a limit on our lakes of 2 skiers/tubers etc. being towed at any given time behind your boat. There are safety concerns about being able to retrieve more than two skiers/tubers from the water on a busy weekend on the lakes. Under some circumstances, it may be challenging to retrieve even two people who have capsized in the water at the same time.

We wish you safe boating as we head into the final months of this boating season. The non-emergency number to the Water Patrol is 262/742-4300 which may transfer to a pager or to the water patrol boat.

WEED HARVESTING

We are having a normal to light year for Weed Harvesting. The original unit purchased in 1990 is still looking good so far in that we have had no breakdowns this summer. For being 20 years old we are very happy with the equipment. Virtually all of the components are repairable or replaceable. The diesel engine is showing its age and we may replace it over the winter.

The harvesting is going as planned. We generally hit the high concentration areas of Don Jean Bay and Sterlingworth Bay early and often. We never go into the sensitive areas until after the fish have spawned, typically around June 15. From there we hit all the normal spots and respond to reports from homeowners. With the cooler weather in July we have cut fewer weeds than in some years, but August is often the big tonnage month. The crew works 4 10-hour days to max the time the machine is on the water and to have less interference to boating activities on Fridays. Just a reminder, we cannot, by our permit from the DNR, cut inside the dock line. Those weeds need to be cut by hand either by you or someone you hire. If you are looking for someone to do that hand work, let us know and we can recommend someone. If you are a high school or college student looking for some fun outside work, let us know and we'll get you in touch with those that need the service.

This is the fourth year for one of our cutters, Doug and the first year for Floyd, who is proving to be a quick

study and doing a great job. Our other team members, Mike, the crew chief, has provided great leadership for the past 9 years and Jerry and Bob round out the team by providing back up, This crew not only does the cutting and hauling but also most of the routine maintenance that keeps the equipment in top shape. We are very pleased with this CREW!!!

GEESE CONTROL

The USDA conducted their third consecutive annual goose round-up in June. During this period the young are not yet able to fly and the adults are molting their primary flight feathers so they too can't fly. The system works as follows: We have spotters on each lake relaying to the collection team the locations of the geese. The team boats drive the flocks to shore and then up on shore. The geese are then encircled by the land team, each carrying a lightweight piece of fence 8 ft. long. The circle gets progressively smaller until a cage is formed. The geese are then carried one by one to a trailer with about a hundred cages. The geese end up in food pantries in the Milwaukee area. Extra care is given not to over-stress the geese. The handlers are very gentle. We collected 85 birds down from 105 in '09 and 134 in '08.

LAKE ORDINANCE INVESTIGATOR (LOI)

Inspection of new dock installations has been the focus this summer. Each new pier has been checked against the sketch provided by the home owner as part of the permit process. We are happy to report that to-date only one pier had to be partially dismantled because it was

not built to the sketch provided and was not conforming. The dock ordinance is available from the Town and in the Lauderdale Lakes Directory. If you have questions you can contact the Town of LaGrange Building Inspector. His name and number are also in the directory.

Here's a SAFETY TIP that could save you a lot of problems. Make sure your raft is marked with reflectors on every corner. This is a legal requirement and your failure to comply could get you in deep water if a boat hit it at night and someone was hurt. So protect yourself with some nice big reflectors on each corner. The Water Patrol also suggests you put your LL # on it. If it breaks loose, they will get it back to you.

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER (CBCW)

The Clean Boats Clean Water program has been implemented and very well accepted by lake residents and transient boaters. The program is designed to prevent the spread of invasive species and fish borne diseases from one lake to another. Floyd Pochowski and Bob Waesco Jr. are out on the launch sites and Pleasant Lake launch several days a week performing this vital service. Floyd asked me to mention that lake weeds hanging from your trailer can earn you a ticket from any law enforcement agency and the fine can be up to \$400. He also wanted me to thank all the people who are complying with the suggestions of the CBCW team and are being very pleasant about it. Infestations of invasives can cost millions to control so we are spending our time and money on prevention. It's up to all of us to make this program successful on Lauderdale Lakes.

DISTRICT WETLANDS ON DON JEAN BAY

As many of you already know there have been several years of controversy over the use of the wetlands, owned by all of us through the Lake District. The current Lake District Commissioners have spent many hours attempting to resolve the issues with the understanding that the majority of the Lake District residents support the ski team activities and the municipal uses on the Wetlands. To fully understand and gauge the sentiment on this issue, we asked for a ballot vote at our 2009 Annual Meeting.

The ballot read, “Do you support the use of the Lake District property by the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers?” The response was an overwhelming yes. Your Board is following this direction; this is an activity you want to continue.

Wetlands Legal Challenges:

Lets start with a little background. In 2000, the electors approved the purchase of the wetlands for the following reasons:

- To prevent development of the property
- To have a location for our municipal activities, namely Water Safety Patrol and Weed Harvesting
- To provide a site for the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers

In 2001, the zoning allowed for condominium development. We rezoned the land to Park to protect the property.

In 2002, the property was put into a conservation easement with the Kettle Moraine Land Trust to further protect it from any future development.

In 2008, the Land Trust prepared a comprehensive restoration plan for the wetlands. We are implementing this plan at this time. Our original plan has been consistent with the desires of our constituents and sound environmental principles.

In 2008, Walworth County issued multiple citations to the District & Aqua Skiers based on a complaint by a Don Jean Bay resident. We defended our use of the property and Judge Michael Gibbs dismissed all of the citations.

The following comments by Judge Gibbs come from the trial transcript:

“I think this was just another unfortunately what looks to me to be an abuse of government power to deal with a private dispute.”

“I think the - - Mr. Kochlefl wants this thing (the ski shows) shut down & wants them to do something different. Well, that’s for him to take care of. He should go to civil court with it. If you want to sue somebody, sue somebody. But to induce the government to impose its power on these people under a zoning ordinance is a misuse of authority.”

In 2009, Walworth County filed an appeal of Judge Gibbs decision with the court of appeals in Waukesha. Once again we defended our position. The appeals court affirmed judge Gibbs decision.

Our plan going forward is to continue appropriate legal use of the property in keeping with the direction given by our constituents.

SEPTIC PUMPING

The septic pumping program is working well. If you receive an orange card from the County, forward it to the Lake District's septic pumper, Otto Jacobs Company. They will complete the card verifying that your property has been pumped and will return it for you to the County. This process fulfills your obligation for compliance with the County's ordinance.

OUTFLOW DAM & CULVERTS

The new concrete culverts under the road near the outlet are working as planned. The water levels have been fluctuating much less than in the past. In heavy rains the lake level is not raising as high, and for much shorter periods. Instead of staying high for days or weeks, we see significant drops in 2-3 days.

LUTHERDALE A GEM IN OUR BACKYARD

Lutherdale offers a full schedule of summer youth programs. Programs run Sunday to Friday for youths 3rd grade and up and there are half week programs for grades 1-3. For a full listing of programs visit their web site at www.lutherdale.org. If you would like a brochure mailed to you, call 262-742-2352 or e-mail info@lutherdale.org.

2011 BUDGET

On the following page is the proposed 2011 Budget. We will be discussing and voting on this at our annual meeting. The proposed 2011 budget shows a very minor decrease of -.01% over last year.

PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET & TAX LEVY			
ITEM	2010 BUDGET	2011 BUDGET	% CHANGE
WEED HARVESTING	45,000	45,000	0.00%
WATER SAFETY PATROL	50,535	51,800	2.50%
DAM MAINTENANCE	2,000	1,000	-50.00%
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS	17,300	23,500	35.84%
COMMUNICATIONS	7,500	3,000	-60.00%
INSURANCE	12,000	12,000	0.00%
LEGAL	7,500	10,000	33.33%
SEPTIC PUMPING ADMIN	100	100	0.00%
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT	500	0	-100.00%
LAKEVIEW PROPERTY	13,865	12,470	-10.06%
CERTIFIED AUDIT	2,600	2,800	7.69%
MISCELLANEOUS	5,000	5,000	0.00%
GENERAL RESERVE	10,000	10,000	0.00%
COOPERATIVE DEPT MAINTENANCE	0	4,200	-100.00%
LAKE ORD INVESTIGATOR	10,000	3,000	-70.00%
GOLF COURSE	85,000	85,000	0.00%
TOTAL TAX LEVY	268,900	268,870	-0.01%

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