



Bone Lake Newsletter

Bone Lake — Once called Onondogacona which means lake of small pines

FALL 2024

HARVESTER UPDATE

Harvester grant awarded, downpayment made

At the 2023 annual meeting the BLMD board proposed that the District purchase a harvester to manage curly leaf pondweed in the lake since the Wisconsin DNR had greatly limited our use of chemicals.

The proposal was voted upon and passed, based on the condition that we spend no more than \$273,000 and receive no less than a 30 percent grant from the DNR. After the meeting we found out that the Waterways Commission grant money was all gone and we would have to wait until the next year to apply for a grant.

In 2024 the District entered into a contract with the harvester manufacturer to purchase the harvester and required equipment for \$250,867. This contract amount was submitted to the Waterways Commission as a part of the application for grant funding. We received notice of our acceptance and then began preparing for the Commission's grant decision meeting on September 9th.

Each applicant was required to give a five-minute presentation to the Waterways Commission Board of Commissioners emphasizing how their grant request would fit into their long-term lake management plan and how it would benefit the largest number of lake users. Cary Olson, BLMD Chair, presented our application prepared by our commissioners and Cheryl Clemens, our consultant.

The meeting lasted five hours and covered projects from simple ramp requests to multi-million-dollar shoreline parks. Each project was rated and voted on by the commissioners and then awarded a grant percentage up to a maximum of 50 percent. Our request was given a 50 percent grant. This 50 percent grant will save the District \$50,173.40 over the budgeted 30 percent grant.

We received a partial grant payment in September of \$62,716.75 and submitted our downpayment for the harvester, conveyor and trailer on September 30 to Inland Lake Harvesters, Burlington, Wisc. Our harvester is in production with an anticipated delivery date of mid-May 2025, and after our final payment is made.

When completed, commissioners Cary Olson, Mike Musial, and others will receive training on the operation and maintenance of the harvester and equipment. ■



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Tamarack

Larix laricina

A boreal deciduous conifer tree reaching 80 ft. tall commonly found in swamps, bogs and low-land areas. The leaves are needle-like, light blue-green, turning bright yellow before they fall in autumn. Seed cones are small with lustrous brown scales. A colorful choice for a lakeside planting.

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Bone Lake has ordered Inland Lake Harvester's Model ILH10-800 in cobalt blue, which is now in production.

Dear Bone Lakers,

Fall is finally in the air and the trees are showing their wonderful colors around the lake. We started this year with an early ice out record and with low water levels due to lack of snowfall. It quickly turned into a very wet and windy spring and early summer. At the end of June, we recovered nicely with 10 inches of rain in June. Since that time, it has been extremely hot and we are now at 16 inches below our June high.

In looking at some of John McCall's lake volume calculations, this 16 inches are equal to about 0.8 billion gallons or about 5 percent of our lake volume. This is the lowest I have seen the lake in my 22 years as a resident.

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We now need to hope that we have a wet fall and get plenty of snow this winter. We continue to see dramatic swings in temperature and rain fall around the U.S. and the world.

No, we can't dam Fox Creek, but need to hope that water levels will return to normal in the coming year.

On October 1, Bob Boyd delivered the sad news to the commissioners that his granddaughter, a PhD in Aquaculture found the first zebra mussel on Bone Lake.

Bob checked some other lifts at neighbors who had removed their docks and found 16 additional zebra mussels. Samples were given to Polk County and they confirmed that they were about a year old at one-eighth to one-half inches long. Bob and Dick Mackie checked Fox Creek and found more there but still small in size.

Polk County stated that we should keep an eye out for larger zebra mussels as that would show they are growing and populating. I found some very small ones on my deepest dock section on the west side of the lake across from Wilkins.



DEANNA MEYER

An adult zebra mussel.

Everyone should please check their docks and lifts once they are removed and report to any commissioner zebra mussels found — their size and location — so we can track the population.

Gerry Albright, who manages the north landing for the Lions Club reported he had found zebra mussels on both the fishing pier and the dock when they were pulled from the water.

There is nothing we can do to eliminate zebra mussels from Bone Lake. What we can do is to be diligent in cleaning watercraft coming into the lake to prevent additional infestations, and cleaning watercraft leaving the lake so we don't spread them to other surrounding lakes. This includes all the other potential invasive species such as Eurasian milfoil, rusty crayfish, purple loosestrife, yellow iris, and spiny water flea.

The cleaning station at the north landing had 750 sessions this year compared to 510 last year, a 47 percent increase showing that people were using the unit, with the air and grabber tool having the highest usage.

The CBCW group that monitors both landing stated

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that more people used the units upon leaving the lake versus coming into the lake. Next year we will be focusing on instructing watercraft visitors to use the cleaning stations *before launching* into Bone Lake.

A Polk County law adopted in 2023 requires cleaning your boat *before launching and before leaving the landing*; Polk County signs were placed at the landings in June. Next year we will be looking for adult volunteers to work alongside the CBCW youth workers to have more support enforcing the mandatory cleaning station law.

The new parking lot at the north landing was a great success. We had no one park on the road, improving safety, and after a couple of weekends the movement and parking in the available spaces worked well.

The August annual meeting was a great success at the Luck gymnasium. Guests liked the openness of the area and the acoustics and visuals were excellent. We need to thank everyone at the school who helped us get set up and run the meeting. Two commissioners were re-elected to three year terms: Cary Olson, Chair and Shelley Rose, Vice-chair.

Grant applications for this coming year will be continuing with the CBCW grant application. The District will apply for grant funding to update the Bone Lake Comprehensive Management Plan for 2025-2035. Shelley Rose is leading this effort and will be looking for volunteers to join different committees that focus on the required details in the plan.

Thank you. We have a lot of volunteers that help manage everything that needs to be done to keep Bone Lake a great place to enjoy during every season. We can always use more help so please contact me or any commissioner with your interests and availability. Have a wonderful fall and winter. See you next spring on the lake! ■

— Cary Olson, Chair

save the date

Bone Lake Management District

**2025 ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2025**

Luck School Gymnasium
810 South 7th Street
Luck

Election of two commissioners,
3-year term

Send any nominations for
BLMD commissioner to
Deb Dawson,
Nominations Chair
jeffdebawson01@msn.

harvester help wanted

Bone Lake's new Inland Harvester will arrive in May 2025. We will need operators, helpers and maintenance people to assist in harvesting operations. If you're interested in volunteering or in a paid position, please contact Mike Musial at mbmusial@lakeland.ws or 612-207-5254.

The aquatic plants shown in the tray were collected from a boat trailer parked at the Bone Lake north landing in August. They are small duckweed, forked duckweed, coontail, flat stem pondweed, clasping leaf pondweed, common waterweed (elodea), northern water milfoil, and filamentous algae — all non-invasive native plants.

Attached to the plants were the invasive zebra mussels shown in the photo with the coin. We don't know the origin of the collected plants, but we do know that aquatic plants attached to a boat or trailer can introduce invasive species into another lake. It's important to clean your boat before launching and before leaving any lake landing. Remove all vegetation. Empty and dry live wells. Throw away bait in the trash. ■



Soren Larson Sawmill

by Gerry Albright

Have you ever driven into Don Langel Park and noticed all the signs posted around the park? One that might have escaped your notice is a brown sign on the right just as you enter the park identifying the location of the old Soren Larsen Sawmill, a significant player in the development of the Bone Lake area.

Details of Soren Larson's sawmill are wrapped in time when logging in the area was big business. White pine abounded here and made great lumber for fueling the building boom happening in Chicago, St. Louis, and all points east at the turn of the twentieth century.

Soren and Annie Larsen migrated from Denmark in 1885. They held many picnics in what became known as Soren Larsen's Grove. Soren built his sawmill in 1894; it operated for two years, producing pine boards and dimensional lumber for buildings in the area. Horse-drawn skids and the waters of Bone Lake were used to transport raw logs to his mill.

In 1905 Soren held an auction at his 80-acre farm in the north area of Bone Lake, selling pigs, calves, milking cows, and mill wood. This was the site for the Dueholm Post Office (1894-1906) along what is now 250th Avenue.

In 1912, Soren, while filling a silo, managed to cut off 4 fingers, which left him with an amputation at the wrist. In 1915 he sold his acreage on Bone Lake and moved to Velva, North Dakota. He got caught in a blizzard in 1916 while trying to get to his mailbox and wandered until he was found a mile away (presumably frozen), though the records aren't very clear.

Soren's wasn't the only sawmill in the area. Danish settlers first came to Northwest Wisconsin in 1873 and established it as a logger's paradise. It is noted by Daniel Smith (founder of the Town of Luck) in the book *A Little Bit of Luck*, that H.P. Christianson was the first Dane to build a sawmill in 1879 on Little Butternut Lake. Jorgen Jorgensen built one in 1897, along with one of the nation's largest Danish windmills, to power a sawing and a flour milling operation just west of Pickerel Lake. In 1903 it moved to Dahl Lake.

The tall white pines that escaped the lumberjacks' axes at the turn of the century can still be seen all around Bone Lake. Bald eagles like to build their nests in these trees due to their massive size and structure. Several of these nests can be spotted around the lake when touring the shoreline in your boat. Look in the tops of the tallest pine trees for the nests. The Bone Lake Management District *Wildlife and Habitat Around Bone Lake* map of 2014 highlights several of these nests, many of which which still are in use.

In the 1940s Don Langel Park's ten acres was acquired by the Town of Bone Lake and the Lion's Club took over maintaining the park, an arrangement still in place today, 80 years later. ■

Bone Lake 1914 plat map showing Section 31, North End of Bone Lake and what would later become known as Don Langel Park.



PHOTO: GERRY ALBRIGHT

Brown Historical Signs

The brown signs scattered around Polk County were posted 50 years ago by Frank Werner, Howard Jorgensen, and Willis Erickson as part of a Polk County Historical Society project to identify places of historical significance to the area.

Many of these signs have fallen into disrepair or are no longer in place, but the Soren Larsen sign has persevered the elements and remains in Don Langel Park. The sign is in good shape for its age and identifies the location of a significant player in the development of the Bone Lake area.

Sterling Eureka and Laketown Historical Society (SEHLS) recently spearheaded a project to get all of the historical signs listed on a Googlemap app. The original map of 400 signs dates from 1980, but the new digital version is online, thanks to efforts of Kristin Sehr, at https://maps.app.goo.gl/x8JUuAEiXvu1S8Pm7?g_st=im.

The Soren Larson sign is number 328 in the registry of the Polk County Historical Signs.

Update on Lake Management Plan

by Shelley Rose

The need to update Bone Lake's Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) was discussed at our August 2024 annual meeting. Our CLMP was originally developed by the District in 2009 and updated in 2015.

The current plan has guided our efforts for the past ten years around the general goals of:

- Improving water clarity,
- Maintaining safe navigation,
- Protecting and improving the fishery,
- Maintaining and enhancing natural beauty, and
- Protecting and enhancing wildlife.

Our overarching goals are great, and an extraordinary amount of excellent work went into our current plan. Even so, it's important for our District to begin working on a new 10-year plan to anticipate changing conditions and respond to the needs of those who use and love the lake. We have a wide range of public uses and a diverse group of stakeholders. An updated plan will help us anticipate conditions and issues affecting the lake environment for the next ten years.

We are in the process of applying for a surface water grant from the Wisconsin DNR to share the costs associated with updating the plan. This grant is very competitive. If the District is awarded a grant, the planning process will begin in earnest in 2025 including establishing an advisory committee, conducting focus groups to identify and prioritize key issues, updating any critical studies, and surveying property owners.

This is an excellent opportunity to bring fresh perspectives into the work of caring for Bone Lake. Please consider lending your skills by volunteering to be on the advisory committee or a focus group. Perhaps share this opportunity with a younger adult family member.

To participate in the planning process or for more information, contact Shelley Rose at shelleykayrose@gmail.com or call 651-503-5098. ■



using weed control chemicals in lakeshore yards is harmful to life in the lake

Did you know? Herbicides and insecticides used in lakeshore yards and gardens are carried in runoff to the lake where they can harm or destroy aquatic plant growth and micro organisms essential to fish and aquatic life.

Most harmful are lawn and garden products that contain *Glyphosate*, *Imazapyr*, or *Triclopyr Ester*.

Pre-emergent herbicides of any kind should not be used near bodies of water. Leaching is almost guaranteed to occur, which would ensure that the chemicals are distributed throughout the water and sediment at the bottom of our lake.

Instead, water your gardens and planters with lake water. (Lake water is full of nutrients.) Plant native plants that don't require much fertilizer, and hand pull weeds. Adopt a natural lakeshore lawn that requires no fertilizer and little mowing.

Make sure your lawn care service provider is aware of your concerns.

Visit the website ecogardensolution.com for other information.

Autumn sunrise.
Photo by Bob Boyd.

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Wednesday	9-28-83	30"		31"	
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		36"			
		30"			
		32½"			
Thursday	9-29-83	34"		32"	
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		*48"	30#	*44"	T
		41½"	18½#		
		34½"			
		38"			
		35"			
		32"			
Friday	9-30-83	34"		34"	
		34½"		31½"	
		34"			
		39"			
		*41"	T 17#		
		*42"	21#		

/ - Fish that were under weight
 * - Fish that were kept
 T - Fish that were DNR tagged

IN 1991 I CAUGHT MY 1ST 30LB IT WAS 49" & 25½LB I CAUGHT TWO MORE 30LB
 IN 1996 WE GOT OUR PLACE ON BONE LAKE LATE IN AUG. I KEPT A LOOSE RECORD OF MY MUSKY'S AT THAT TIME IT WAS 134 MOSTLY ON BONE A FEW ON DEER LAKE & FOW IN CANADA. THE 1997 NEW CABIN COMBI COUGHT THE 1ST MUSKY 40" ON JULY 3 1997. I KNEW A FAIRLY GOOD RECRD



Dick Creek, musky hunter

Bone Lake was Dick Creek's favorite place on earth, according to his daughter Jenny Sant'Anna. Dick and his wife Jean first started coming up to Bone Lake in the 1970s, staying at Rest Point Resort.

"We first stayed in a tent, then the cabins, in a scamper, then we had a camper for a bit before they bought a place at Woodland Shores," Jenny recalls.

"They were great friends there with all their neighbors, and ended up wintering in the same country club community in Winter Haven, Florida with Hank & Jeanne Brandt."

The love of Bone Lake is strong in this family and their legacy continues.

"My brother, sister-in-law, and I have a house just north of Sandy Hook, and my other brother is building a house on Musky Bay," Jenny reports.

Dick and Jean's four children, Dan Creek, Jenny Sant'Anna, Cari Campbell, and Sam Creek, along with friends and family, are donating a bench in memory of their parents at the North Landing in Don Langel Park with the help of the Luck Lions Club. The bench will go in next spring. ■

Dick kept detailed records of all his catches on the wall in their cabin, typed or hand-written on keypunch cards.



Dick and Jean Creek at the Blacksmith Shop during their last visit to Bone Lake in 2022.

Richard "Dick" G. Creek
 March 11, 1938 - May 28, 2024
 Jean Therese Creek
 October 9, 1938 - October 5, 2024

Zebra mussels found in Bone Lake

The aquatic invasive zebra mussels were found in Bone Lake in late September this year at the south end of the lake. In the following days more were found at the entrance to Fox Creek, and at the north landing. Property owners reported finding zebra mussels attached to their docks and lifts being removed from the water on the south and west sides of the lake. Most appear to be about a year old, one-eighth inch to one-half inch long.

The samples were confirmed by Colton Sorenson, Polk County Land & Water Resources Dept. in Balsam Lake and by Tyler Mesalk, WDNR.

Zebra mussels were first found in Polk County in Deer Lake in 2016, in Balsam Lake and Lake Wapogasset in 2022, and in Bear Trap Lake in 2023. There is no DNR approved treatment to remove zebra mussels from the water.

What problems can they cause?

Zebra mussels are small fingernail-sized mussels that are not native to Wisconsin. Adults range from one-fourth to one-and-one-half inches long and have yellow and brown striped shells. Unlike native mussels they can attach themselves hard surfaces, in the water. Zebra mussels can:

- clog irrigation intakes and other pipes,
- attach to boat motors and boat hulls, reducing performance and efficiency,
- attach to rocks, swim rafts and ladders where swimmers can cut their feet on their shells
- attach to and smother other native mussels, and
- eat tiny food particles, reducing available food for larval fish and other animals,
- cause more aquatic vegetation to grow as a result of increased water clarity.

What you can do

If you buy used equipment or move equipment out of the lake:

- Inspect and remove all plants, mud or debris found on equipment that has been sitting in water, e.g. dock posts, wheels, boats, rafts, pontoons, kayaks, jet skis.
- drain all water
- spray down equipment with a bleach/water solution including the inside of live wells. Use one tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water, or
- air dry all equipment for at least five days.
- Talk to your neighbors about taking these steps.

If you find something:

- Take a digital photo of it in the setting where it was found.
- Collect up to five specimens of varying sizes. Place them in a jar or plastic bag with water, put on ice and put in your refrigerator.
- Label the container with the address where it was found using a waterproof marker.
- Contact Polk County LWRD at 715-485-8699.

Other invasives are still out there

Just because we have zebra mussels doesn't mean we can stop trying to prevent them from entering Bone Lake. New infestations can happen, and other invasives are still out there — Eurasian water milfoil, rusty crayfish, spiny water flea, purple loostribe, yellow iris are all threats to our lake. Be sure to use the cleaning station before launching and before leaving the landing and let your family and visiting friends know how important it is to do so. ■



BOB BOYD



BOB BOYD

Above: Kayla Boyd found the first documented zebra mussels in Bone Lake in late September this year, one attached to a rock and another attached to a snail. Below: Zebra mussels shown attached to a native mussel.



PAUL SKAWINSKI, UW-EXTENSION LAKES

Plant native trees for beauty, birds, and water quality

Trees contribute a great deal to any lakeshore landscape — shade, structure, a canopy ceiling, filter for clean water, carbon absorption, and wildlife habitat. The native trees listed here are recommended for Polk County soils and habitats. If you're thinking about planting a tree, or need to replace some that have been damaged by storms or fluctuating water levels, choose one of these species for your shoreline. Winter is a good time to do your planning so you're ready to plant in spring.

Consider your habitat and soil type — then choose your trees for their shape, fall color, bark formation, shade, and even sound. Oaks and some maples retain their leaves into winter and rustle in the wind; white and red pines whistle at the slightest breeze.

Maple Forest

Sandy to silt loam soils

Balsam Fir, to 60 ft.

Abies balsamea

Black Cherry, 80 ft.

Prunus serotina

Red Maple, 90 ft.

Acer Rubrum

Sugar Maple, to 100 ft.

Acer saccharum

Basswood, 100 ft.

Tilia americana

Moist Woodland Edge

Loamy to wet, organic soils

Black Ash*, to 50 ft.

Fraxinus nigra

Black Willow*, to 60 ft.

Salix nigra

Northern White Cedar, to 70 ft.

Thuja occidentalis

Paper Birch, to 70 ft.

Betula papyrifera

River Birch, to 75 ft.

Betula nigra

Silver Maple*, to 80 ft.

Acer saccharinum

Tamarack, to 80 ft.

Larix laricina

White spruce*, to 100 ft.

Picea glauca

Yellow Birch, to 100 ft.

Betula alleghaniensis

Pine or Oak Forest

Dry, acid, sandy soils

Bur Oak*, to 80 ft.

Quercus macrocarpa

White Pine, 100+ ft.

Pinus strobus

Woodland Edge

Sandy to medium soils

Big-tooth Aspen, to 60 ft.

Populus grandidentata

Bur Oak*, to 80 ft.

Quercus macrocarpa

Jack Pine, to 70 ft.

Pinus banksiana

Northern Pin Oak, to 70 ft.

Quercus ellipsoidalis

Northern Red Oak, to 70 ft.

Quercus borealis

Quaking Aspen*, to 70 ft.

Populus tremuloides

Red Pine, to 80 ft.

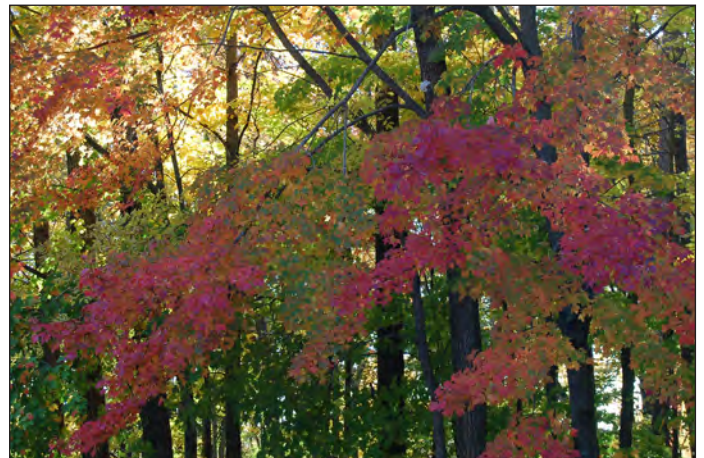
Pinus Resinosa

White Pine, 100+ ft

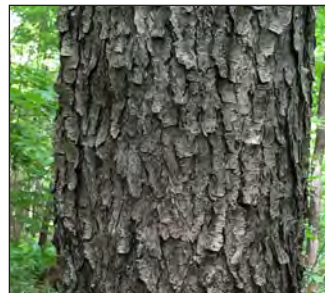
Pinus strobus

*Clay-tolerant plant

For complete plant lists by habitat go to www.bonelakewi.com and follow the link to WaterQuality.



Red maple and sugar maple in autumn



Black cherry — distinctive bark, spring flowers



White spruce, balsam fir

Choose native evergreens and avoid tree diseases.

Garbage Truck

by Cris Dueholm

That's how this bird was first described to me on a trip to Hawk Ridge, Duluth, Minnesota. When you see this bird, you immediately get it mixed up with an eagle because of coloration and size but the clue that tells you it isn't an eagle is the V or dihedral formation of its six-foot wingspan.

Here are some interesting facts about the Turkey Vulture!

They will ride the thermals looking and smelling for dead carrion to eat. Other birds don't really have a developed sense of smell but the part of this bird's brain is particularly large and more developed so they can smell their food. And the stinkier the better!

Their hooked bill is a great tool for opening the dead animal hide to consume the contents. Their stomach juices are so extremely acidic they can digest foods tainted with anthrax, tuberculosis, and rabies and not get sick. Even when they eliminate their waste it is free from the disease. And in the process, they have helped the environment, and us, to be safe and clean from all the decaying carcasses.

The turkey vulture nests on the ground, a rock crevice, in a hollow tree, caves, abandoned buildings, with little formation of their nest. Both parents will incubate, sit on the eggs, the only clutch yearly, for 38 to 41 days. They will then feed and train the young in the nesting area for another 30 to 45 days.

The juveniles will look different from the parent until they become an adult in one to two years when coloration will change to a red head, yellow beak, white legs with black and gray feathers to attract a mate. You will never hear this bird sing as its voice box is not developed enough BUT you will hear it hiss at intruders. Go to the Cornell Website to hear this, you'll find it very interesting.

Turkey Vultures migrate to escape the cold because of their featherless heads. This is called partial migration as they only go to Southern United States or Mexico. When you see a large group of them flying together it's called a kettle. On a cool morning, in the fall, you may see them standing on branches with their wings outstretched, facing the sun, just to warm up. Then when one leaves, they all fall into step and start to fly or glide away.

Watching this bird ride the thermals gives you an opportunity to see its gray and black wing pattern that differentiates it from the eagle's all black parallel wings. They are a daytime migrater so they ride the thermals trying not to use so much wing power. In September or October, visit St. Croix Falls as it is truly amazing to see so many birds gathered there migrating.

Next summer when you see a dead animal on or near the road look in the nearby trees to see if you can see the *Garbage Truck* bidding its time to clean up the stinky mess. ■



PHOTO: BMSE, CORNELL LABS, ALL ABOUT BIRDS

Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
ORDER: Cathartiformes
FAMILY: Cathartidae



PHOTO: ABHISHEK KAMBIHAMPATI, MACAULAY LIBRARY

TOWN AND COUNTY REPORTS

Polk County Report - Doug Route, Supervisor

The County Recycling Center is still under construction. The Environmental Services Committee passed a resolution to tax every Polk County property \$35 annually to support the purchase of new equipment, particularly for sorting plastics (\$100+K). The budget was \$150K in the red two years ago; prices for aluminum cycle up and down. The ESC resolution did not pass the county board. The remodeling of the Recycling Center was funded from the County budget after the board voted to keep it open. The County passed a resolution to hire three new law enforcement officers, one designated as a Recreational Officer.

Town of Bone Lake Report - Andy Brown, Chair

The new parking area was used heavily this summer. People respected the no parking signs on the road to the landing and improved safety for park landing users.

Town of Georgetown - Shelley Rose, BLMD

New property assessments should be received by now. Public review notices should also have been received.



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Recycling around Bone Lake

Georgetown Town Hall Second and fourth Fridays and Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Questions? Call 715-483-1088.

Luck Next to the public ice rink, west of the Luck Library on 3rd Ave. 24/7.

St. Croix Falls Hwy. 8 across from Menards.

Mon.-Thurs. 6:45-4:30 p.m.; Fridays: Memorial to Labor Day

Balsam Lake Hwy. 46 by the Government Center, 24/7.

www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling

Renting your lake home

Lake home rentals in Polk County are permitted, managed and regulated by the Polk County Health Department, establishing fees, issuing permits, making inspections and enforcing regulations.

Pre-inspections and fees are required to obtain a permit. For copies of codes, applications or other materials, contact the Polk County Health Department at 715-485-8500.

Allowed and permitted uses are governed by the Polk County Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

A **tourist rooming house** means a single-family dwelling in which sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to a maximum of two tourists or transients per bedroom, based on the sanitary system serving the dwelling, up to a total of eight from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A maximum of 12 occupants are allowed from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. regardless of the number of bedrooms.

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Access these allowed and permitted uses at the Polk County website www.polkcountywi.gov, or contact the Polk County Zoning Department at 715-485-9279 for the most recent version.

Change of address?

If you need to update your address for the Bone Lake Newsletter or for property tax mailings, contact the Polk County's Treasurer's office at 715-485-9255. The District does not maintain its own mailing list, rather we rely on Polk County property records for our mailings.

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