

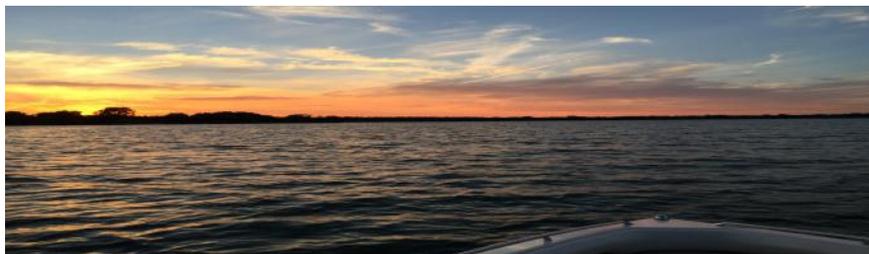


Lac La Belle Management District

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SPRING 2019 ISSUE

From Lac La Belle Management District Chair Dan Bauer



Welcome to the LLBMD 2019 Spring Newsletter!

The Lac La Belle District Board of Commissioners has made a commitment to the protection and rehabilitation of our lake because we understand the importance of this resource to people in our community, people who visit Lac La Belle, and the District members that call the lake their home. Recent land developments occurring around the lake may have an impact on lake water quality that will be of interest to LLBMD members. The Lac La Belle District Board is committed to working with developers, the City of Oconomowoc, the Town of Oconomowoc and the Village of Lac La Belle to ensure steps are taken to maintain, and where possible, improve the water quality of the lake. We reached out to several organizations in this endeavor including Tall Pines Conservancy and the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program.

Education and communication are paramount to the protection of the lakes. Lake water quality can also be affected by aquatic invasive species, storm runoff, and other environmental/non-environmental factors. It is our hope that this newsletter and the LLBMD website will continue to provide useful information about Lac La Belle and related lake shore activities. Lac La Belle is beautiful and there is no better way to gain appreciation for this resource than to experience the lake first hand! Hope to see you on the lake soon!

Please welcome our three new Board members, Jim Groose, Ernie Bollinger, and Jeff Bode, to the Board. Thank you also to Karen Carr, Terry Largent and Dave Zimmermann for their continued service. We look forward to their contribution, knowledge, and continued support of the District Mission!

Have a great spring and summer season!

Dan Bauer

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Would You Like To Restore Your Shoreline?

The LLBMD has been helping residents to restore the Lac La Belle shoreline for 10 years! Several restored properties can be located by boat along the north side of the island channel near City Beach, the westerly shores along West Wisconsin Avenue and along North Lake Road between the dam and Bender Beach. One property is at the north end of the lake. Can you find it?

These 16 property owners worked with Lisa Reas, Shoreland Restoration expert, to design native plant landscapes that are beautiful and beneficial to the critical habitats of the songbirds, reptiles and other lakeshore animals. In addition, the plantings help buffer wave action from the lake to decrease erosion of the shoreline. Native plants provide screening and privacy to landowners, as well as deterring geese from coming onto the lake shore. This program provides a simple way to keep the



shoreline looking clean, healthy and beautiful for all and to help improve lake water quality!

Please review the criteria below if you are interested in participating:

- Property must have water frontage on Lac La Belle
- Restoration site at least 800 square feet
- At least 8 feet deep, deeper along lot line
- Planted with 100% native Wisconsin species
- Visible and accessible
- Cooperate with terms/agreement that will be provided to you
- Access for planting volunteers and delivery of supplies and mulch
- This cost sharing program includes reimbursement to the property owner upon project completion at 75% of the project cost, up to \$2,000.00.

If you are interested in the program, please submit the form below before **June 1, 2019**. A LLBMD Commissioner will then contact you regarding the necessary paperwork to proceed. This paperwork covers design and site preparation, planting, annual maintenance and a future commitment to maintain the shoreline for five years.

I am interested in learning more! Please send me additional information.

Note: You can also request this information on our website!

Name (Please Print Clearly)

Mailing Address

House # and Street

City, State, Zip

Property Address If Different
From Above

House # and Street

City, State, Zip

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

Please return this form by June 1, 2019 to: LLBMD, PO Box 511, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

SETTING THE PERFECT WAKE

For wake riders looking to build their boat's wake to its full potential while preserving the lake and the enjoyment of other lake users (Article courtesy of Jeff Bode).

Hey wakeboarders and wake surfers, are you seeking that perfect wake to launch your OMG tricks? You might be surprised to learn that where you ride can be as important as the boat you choose to set the perfect wake. This is an important consideration, especially when wakeboarding on lakes with extensive shallow areas like Lac La Belle! According to US boating statistics, wakeboarding and surfing continue to increase in popularity spurring demand for wakeboard boats. Nearly all boat manufacturers are building a wake boat model and many specialize in custom hulls and features to displace greater volumes of water maximizing boat wake potential (ie., bigger wakes). To produce the perfect pull, wake boats are built larger and heavier with greater horsepower and added features, like fillable water-ballast tanks (or fat sacks) and trim plates to shape bigger "crisper" wakes.

Go Big...Go Deep!

To put more WOW in your wake and your tricks, drive in deep water. Wake size and shape have a ton to do with water depth! For a boat wake to reach its full potential, the boat must be driven in deep water. The question is "How deep should the water be for the wake to reach its full potential?" Wake science tells us that wakes change dramatically in deeper water. In shallow water the wake height can be less than half of what it is in deep water. Depending on the amount of water displaced by the boat (the heavier the boat, the more water displaced), ten to fifteen feet of water depth is needed for the wake to reach its full potential. *Wake World* (a popular site for wake rider exchange) bloggers share from their experiences that a minimum of 10 feet of water under their boat is necessary to put "WOW" in their wake. **Driving your boat in 15 feet of water or greater while towing a wake rider will allow your wake and your rider to reach their full potential.**



Don't Rock Their Boat!

To preserve lake health and the enjoyment of others while wake riding, **drive at "Slow-No-Wake" speed in shallow water and stay at least 300 feet away from the shoreline and other boats when creating a wake.** Lake water quality researchers report disturbance of lake bottom sediments by motorized boat activities reaching down ten feet. To put it simply, if you see a "mud line" trailing in the wake of your dreamboat, you are whipping-up bottom mud into the water...And, no one wants to see that! Wake riding in deep water (greater than 15 feet) will power your wake while protecting lake water quality. Lake shoreline and shallow water areas are the "war-zone" between land and water. These areas provide critical habitat for lake residents and aquatic life. Excessive wave action can destroy these areas and, during high-water periods, cause property damage. When boating to and from deep water operate at a "Slow-No-Wake" speed, especially once your ballast tanks are filled. Watch for high-water warnings and follow Slow-No-Wake rules. Stay at least 300 feet from shorelines and shallows. Also...

*Fish and other aquatic life love the weeds that boaters hate! Driving in water deeper than 15 feet will keep the boat and your rider out of those weeds and preserve a safe refuge for anglers and fish.

*Sailboat racers occupy the same deep-water space that wake riders prefer. **Watch for orange buoys and white sails; avoid getting so close that your wake wags their sails especially when the wind is light.**

*Pontoon boaters typically cruise the perimeter of the lake but often anchor or drift through deep water for relaxation. Avoid driving so close that your wake topples their tapas!

*Savvy wakeboat and water ski boat drivers know that when a towed rider falls they should: stop the boat immediately without turning, wait a few seconds for the boat to slow down, THEN turn the boat around slowly and idle back to the rider. Following these four simple steps will ensure safety for everyone, save gas and prevent unnecessary wake disturbance.

Following these tips will help set the perfect wave and allow everyone to enjoy the lake!

Goose Round-Up!

In the past the LLBMD has worked with USDA Fish & Wildlife Staff and the City of Oconomowoc to reduce the number of non-migratory geese on Lac La Belle. It is important to understand that the purpose of reducing the goose population is to bring the number of geese to a level that can be healthfully supported by the lake environment. Excessive numbers of geese contribute to water quality problems, including E-coli bacteria, increased phosphorus loadings and increased risk of illness for humans and other wildlife. If there are enough birds, the LLBMD will again remove geese on both Lac La Belle and Fowler Lake in June, 2019. Once captured, the geese are euthanized and provided to a food or animal pantry for consumption.

In order for the Goose Round-Up staff to remove geese on your property, consent is required prior to the Round-Up. **If you have submitted a consent form to the LLBMD AFTER 2013, you do not need to submit one now. Your consent remains in effect until you notify us that consent to access your property is no longer given.** If you would like to participate as a new property owner, please complete and return the form by June 1, 2019 to:

LLBMD

PO Box 511

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

OR

www.llbmd.org & click on "Forms"

In order to maintain accurate cost estimates for the Round-Up, we need to know where the geese like to spend time on or near the lake. If geese frequent your property, please let us know by including this information on the Consent Form or by contacting the LLBMD through the website at www.llbmd.org. Thank you!

Goose Roundup Consent Form - 2019

I authorize representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Wildlife Services and LLBMD to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management (egg oiling and/or round-up). **This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the permitted sites list.** Decisions on goose management will be made on an annual basis. Please contact a LLBMD Commissioner if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, know of a nest, or have any questions or concerns. *Thank you for your assistance!*

Name (PRINT) _____

Lake Address _____

Phone _____

Signature (Mandatory) _____

Please return form as soon as possible, no later than June 1, 2019!

Send to:

Lac La Belle Management District

PO Box 511

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

OR

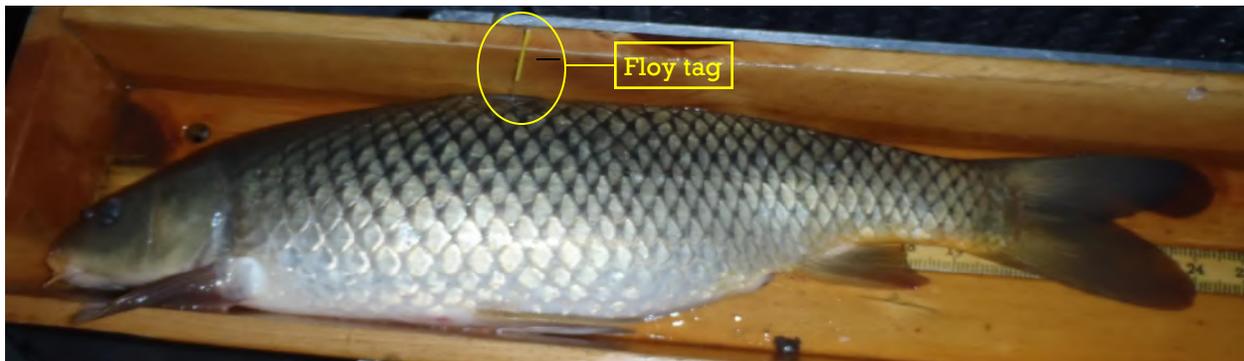
email to: info@llbmd.org

Locations where geese can frequently be found: _____

\$100 Reward Offered As Part of Carp Telemetry Study In Lac La Belle and Oconomowoc River

Recently, Ben Heussner, Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Biologist, shared data from the ongoing Carp Telemetry Study in which emigration patterns of common carp were studied relative to the effectiveness of the electrical barrier at deterring upstream migration of common carp in the Oconomowoc River and Lac La Belle. Carp had been removed and tagged from the overall system above and below the electrical barrier and then distributed purposefully to determine emigration patterns. Preliminary results of the carp telemetry study indicated 11 of the total 17 tagged carp were downstream at the end of the year. Seven of the ten released carp remained downstream of the barrier and never returned upstream, while others came near the barrier and lingered but never swam upstream past the barrier. Three of the ten fish released downstream from the barrier stayed below the

barrier until it was shut off; at which time they returned upstream. After that, one carp returned downstream. Four carp released upstream stayed upstream and never returned. The barrier could be considered particularly useful in June and October of each year when the fish spawned upstream and emigrated downstream. In learning to maximize the usage of the barrier facility, upstream and downstream tendencies can be used to remove carp at certain times of the year and then use the barrier to restrict movements back into the upstream system. In addition, Heussner explained there is a \$100 reward offered if one of the 20 specifically numbered floy tagged carp are caught and returned as part of the Oconomowoc River Carp Tag Return Program. To date, none have been caught! Details of the Carp Tag Return Program can be found on the LLBMD website at www.llbmd.org on the "Reports" page.



The LLBMD always appreciates photographs of any activity or wildlife on or around the lake, so keep your cameras ready! JPEG format is ideal and all photos can be sent via email to: info@llbmd.org. Thank you!

Lac La Belle Resident Photographer, Charlie B. Strikes Again! Look Who's Here This Year!



Some Friendly Boating Reminders!

Please remember to adhere to all boating rules/regulations in addition to those listed below:

- Speed limit is not to exceed 10 mph after sunset one day until sunrise the following day.
- After determination by municipalities, High Water (Slow-NO Wake) is posted at the City boat launch, reported in the *Oconomowoc Enterprise* newspaper & on the LLBMD website.
- Quiet conversation while boating at night is appreciated! If you are fishing at night, please direct your lights into the lake as much as possible to avoid casting light into residents' homes. Thanks!

2019 Entry/Donation Form

Light Up the Lake

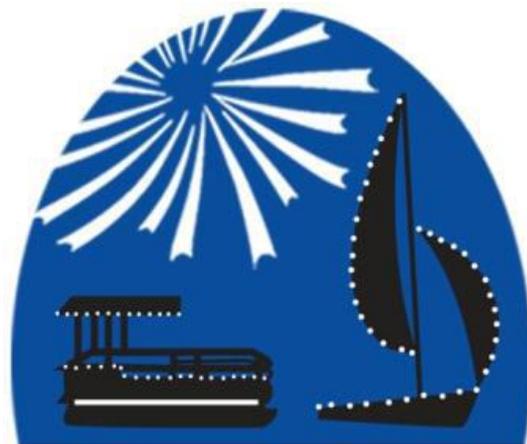
Boat Parade & Fireworks on Lac La Belle

Saturday, August 17th (rain date Sun. Aug 18th)

Band Concert 7:30pm

Boat Line-Up 8:00pm

Boat Parade / Fireworks – Dusk/Dark



This year we will “Light up the Lake” on Saturday, August 17th (rain date Sunday, August 18th). We will be part of “Festival Week” including the Festival of the Arts on August 17th and 18th. The Boat Parade will begin immediately after our beloved Legion Band’s special concert, followed by the illumination of the skies by fabulous fireworks.

Our area loves a parade and here’s how you can participate! Consider entering a boat or donating to the firework show. The decorated boats can be anything that floats, lights up, makes noise, or is illuminated in any way. Most of us just rig these decorations up on Saturday afternoon. Again... the more lights the merrier! These lights are hooked into the generator or power source which will be provided if needed. You can either have a theme for your watercraft or just join the parade with your family name, business or club.

You’ll feel good about doing it, and the thousands of people who watch will thank you with their applause. Your contribution will be highlighted in local publications, as well as announced by the Emcee prior to the show. The fireworks show is largely funded by your generous donations!

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming involved, please contact Bonnie Lewis-Tschannen at bonnie@stapletonrealty.com or 262-567-8910

See below for the entry/donation form (boat deadline of 5 pm Thursday 8/15)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Boat Theme: _____

- _____ YES - I will be entering a boat
- _____ YES - I will need a generator
- _____ YES - I have a generator to lend
- _____ YES - I will be making a donation for the firework show

Lake Angels: \$10 - \$49 Bronze: \$50-\$499 Silver: \$500 - \$1,499 Gold: \$1,500 - \$2,499 Major: \$2,500

(Circle donation level)

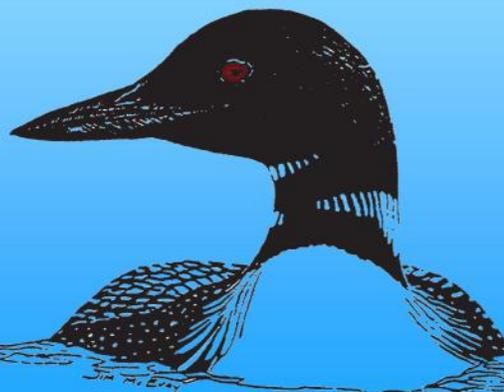
****(Make check out to: Light Up the Lake Fireworks)****

Please return this form and checks to: Stapleton Realty / Attn: Light Up the Lake
112 N. Main Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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for boaters, personal water craft users, and lake shore owners

- As a lakefront property owner or a guest, your actions reflect the nature of your surroundings.
- How the land and water is used affects the well being of all.
- Be courteous on the water. Remember, anglers fish early and late in the day.
- Know and obey Wisconsin Boating Safety Rules. ➤ Operate a boat that is the right size and speed for the lake.
- Observe “no wake” zones.
- Maintain 10 mph speed limit on small lakes (50 acres or less).
- Operate motorized boats at slow speeds in shallow water.
- Operate your boat and personal water craft with due regard for swimmers and anglers.
- Prevent the spread of nuisance weeds, such as Eurasian Milfoil.
- Stay far enough away from the shoreline to protect ecology and prevent erosion.
- Dispose of all trash, including food, properly.
- **BE AWARE** of your **ACTIONS** and **HELP PRESERVE** the **ENVIRONMENT**





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Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac La Belle for today and tomorrow.”

Location, Newsletter & Website

The LLBMD Board typically meets the third Thursday every other month from March to October at 7PM at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall located at 6812 Brown Street in the Town of Oconomowoc. Check our website at www.llbmd.org for the latest information including agendas, minutes or an extra copy of this newsletter. We hope you visit soon!



Important Dates

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| June 1 | Goose Round-up Consent Form Due |
| June 1 | Shoreland Restoration Program Submittal Deadline |
| June 29 | Independence Day Parade & Fireworks |
| August 15 | Annual Meeting - Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall Beginning - 7PM |
| August 17 | Light Up The Lake Boat Parade & Fireworks (Rain date - August 18) |