



Lac La Belle Management District

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From Lac La Belle Management District Chair Dan Bauer

Welcome to the LLBMD 2018 Spring Newsletter!

There are a number of items contained in this newsletter that will be of interest to many Lac La Belle lakeshore property owners. The LLBMD Board of Commissioners has made a commitment to the protection and rehabilitation of our lakes because we understand the importance of these resources to people in our community. It is well known that tourism interest involves our numerous freshwater resources. People are more likely to choose clean healthy lakes over those that have poor water quality for living, working and playing. If you are a riparian owner or have property adjacent to the lake, the programs taken on by the LLBMD will be of interest to you. Your LLBMD Board Commissioners believe that education/information is paramount to the protection of the lakes from stormwater run-off and aquatic invasive species, such as Starry



Stonewort. While the LLBMD cannot guarantee that Lac La Belle and other area lakes will remain healthy, it is important for all to appreciate and take part in efforts to keep the lake healthy for everyone to enjoy. Also, the LLBMD Board currently has an open seat on the Board. Please consider this your personal invitation to join us and take the lead in managing the valuable water resource outside your front door. If interested in this open seat or any other lake related matter, please contact me via email

dbauer@wi.rr.com, or by phone at 262-893-4402.

Dan Bauer

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Considering Improving Your Shoreline?

The LLBMD can help—literally! In its ninth year, the Shoreland Restoration program offers District residents the opportunity to work with Shoreland Restoration expert, Lisa Reas, to bring native plant landscapes to Lac La Belle riparian properties. Shoreland plantings provide many wonderful benefits!

- Shoreline vegetation provides critical habitat to songbirds, reptiles and other lakeshore animals
- It buffers wave action from the lake and decreases erosion of shoreland
- Native plants provide screening and privacy to landowners
- Plantings help deter geese from coming onto the lakeshore
- Best of all, the native plant vegetation grows into beautiful landscaping!

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, please consider the following criteria for participation in this program:

- Property must have water frontage on Lac La Belle
- Restoration site to be at least 800 square feet by 8 feet deep
- Site will be planted with 100% native Wisconsin species
- Site will be highly visible and accessible
- Landowner must cooperate with terms/agreement and provide additional volunteer labor for planting

If you are interested in the program, please submit the form below before June 1, 2018. A LLBMD Commissioner will then contact you regarding submittal of necessary documentation to proceed. This paperwork covers designing and prepping of the site, planting, annual maintenance and future commitments in maintaining the shoreline.

Yes! I am interested in learning more! Please send me additional program information including a contract. 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, 2018 to:
LLBMD, PO Box 511, Oconomowoc, WI 53066**

Would You Like To Help?

The LLBMD is looking for volunteers to be part of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN) by collecting certain types of data about Lac La Belle. The CLMN offers volunteers the opportunity to collect many types of data. **Secchi disk** monitoring is the backbone of CLMN and is the most common type of monitoring. Secchi volunteers collect water clarity information on their lakes throughout the open water season. Secchi volunteers may also be asked to collect chemistry data on their lake. Chemistry volunteers collect **phosphorus** and **chlorophyll** samples four times a year in addition to collecting Secchi data. This extensive volunteer monitoring allows Wisconsin DNR lake managers to assess the nutrient enrichment state of the lakes. In addition, some volunteers also collect **temperature** and **dissolved oxygen** data for their lakes. Other types of monitoring activities include aquatic invasive species monitoring and native aquatic plant monitoring. Ideally, all volunteers will be able to find a level of involvement that suits their interests and abilities.

Satellite imagery is used to retrieve water clarity data for lakes across the state. This effort began in 1999 when the University of Wisconsin-Madison Environmental Remote Sensing Center (ERSC) developed a model for the retrieval of water clarity data from satellite images and CLMN volunteers provided on-the-ground Secchi data to calibrate this model for each satellite image.

Water clarity data was retrieved for over 8,000 lakes statewide between 1999 and 2001. The DNR continues to analyze data in this way today in its remote sensing program.

The partnership between the volunteer monitors and the Wisconsin DNR has resulted in an extensive volunteer monitoring database. Data collected by volunteers has been published in numerous reports, is frequently used by limnologists (scientists who study lakes) and water resource planners for a variety of purposes and is reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on a regular basis.

Lac La Belle currently has Secchi disk monitoring and water chemistry data being collected by a single volunteer; however, another volunteer or volunteers would be appreciated.

If you are interested in providing additional help for those tasks or any other type of monitoring, please contact the LLBMD at info@llbmd.org.



Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program

Have you heard about the Clean Boats, Clean Waters watercraft inspection program? Volunteer participants are stationed at boat launches as trained boat inspectors. Their focus is to discuss aquatic invasive species (AIS) with watercraft users and prevent the spread of AIS by conducting a free watercraft inspection. Boat inspectors help perform boat and trailer checks, disseminate informational brochures and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. You may notice the new AIS signage at the boat launch the next time you visit. While the photo does not show the cleaning tools that will be arriving soon, it does show the places to look on your boat and trailer to keep AIS out of Lac La Belle. Your help is appreciated in keeping the lake AIS free! Once placed, cleaning tools should remain on the signage for all to use.



Thank you to Brad Steckart, Waukesha County AIS Coordinator and Mark Frye, Oconomowoc Public Works Director, for their assistance in providing the signage at the boat launch!

Goose Round-Up!

For several years 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. Each year, geese return to the lake where they were raised to rear the next generation. The goal is not to eradicate all geese, but to bring the number of geese in line with the amount 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, 2018. 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, 2018 to:

LLBMD

P.O. 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 District through its website at www.llbmd.org. Thank you!

Goose Roundup Consent Form - 2018

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 approved site 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, 2018!

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: _____

A Carp Telemetry Study On The Oconomowoc River By Ben Heussner, Wisconsin DNR Fisheries Biologist

Acoustic telemetry allows fisheries biologists the ability to track the movement of fish in large waterway systems by using fixed receivers that can be deployed in strategic locations. Receivers that “listen” for tagged fish can be placed above or below dams or electric barriers to determine if fish are moving around these obstacles at certain times of the year. Additionally, this technology can be used to determine if fish are moving among lakes or habitats within large systems of water.

Beginning in late spring, stationary receivers will be placed in the center of the Oconomowoc River above and below the electrical barrier in Ixonia. Common carp will be implanted with sonic tags and as these implanted fish pass the receivers, data will be recorded that will let fisheries biologists know where the carp have been and if they can pass through the barrier into other systems easily.

This project will provide specific fisheries management recommendations for controlling detrimental common carp and any potential new invasive species in Lac La Belle and the Oconomowoc River system. Gaining a better understanding of the migration patterns of common carp specific to the Oconomowoc River and Lac La Belle will result in more effective reductions in common carp populations, further promoting water quality and angling opportunities.



Enjoy A Few Photos From Lac La Belle Resident Photographer, Charlie B.

Charlie is an aspiring 7th grade photographer who was kind enough to share some of his recent nature photography! All pictures were taken in the last two months on or near Lac La Belle. *Thank you, Charlie!*



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

Thank You Lisa Conley!!

The LLBMD Board of Commissioners would like to thank Lisa Conley for her years of dedicated service to the District in collecting Secchi Disk and water chemistry data. Lisa moved to Lac La Belle in 1972. In 1983, she began working with the surrounding municipalities to implement water quality management practices that resulted in the formation of the LLBMD! Since that time, she has remained interested in the water quality of Lac La Belle and has generously volunteered her time to collect data on behalf of the LLBMD via kayak during the summer months each year.

2018 Entry/Donation Form

Light Up the Lake

Boat Parade & Fireworks on Lac La Belle

Saturday, August 18th (rain date Sun. Aug 19th)

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 18th (rain date Sunday, August 19th). We will be part of “Festival Week” including the Festival of the Arts on August 18th and 19th. 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 8/16)

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



LaBelle Yacht Club

Annual Membership Rates

* Family	\$85
* Individual	\$55
* Single/under 30	\$35

Membership Benefits Include

- Numerous Boating Events
- Annual Social Events
- Nautical Education/Sailing Instruction
- Business Connections
- And More!

You don't have to be a sailor or live on the lake to enjoy the benefits!

Join Today!

Contact our Membership Chair: Frank Carlson
262-960-7205 | frcarlson3@gmail.com
Or visit our website: www.labelleyachtclub.org

LaBelle Yacht Club



Established in 1878



Lac La Belle Management District

PO Box 511
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 typically meets the third Thursday of each month 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

June 1	Goose Round-up Consent Form needs to be submitted
June 1	Shoreland Restoration Program deadline
June 8	Healthy Lakes Conference, Seven Seas Restaurant
July 1	Independence Day Parade & Fireworks (Fowler Lake)
August 17	Annual Meeting, 7PM Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall
August 19	Lac La Belle Boat Parade & Fireworks