

# Upper Turtle Lake District Spring 2023 Newsletter

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## Meet Your Lake Neighbors!



Meet John and Sue Vono. John and Sue are avid pickleball players, and official snowbirds, enjoying their winter months in Arizona. John loves to fish, and says that Turtle Lake “feels like home”. Sue loves to sit on the deck and watch the serene lake. John’s family has been part of Upper Turtle Lake since the 1950’s. It is a family venture, as he and his two sisters all have homes on the lake. John and Sue built their lake home in 2005, and commuted from the cities until they fully retired in 2017. You may also know John as your Lake District chair. John and Sue, thanks for all you do!



## 2023 EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### **Ice Breaker and Tree Giveaway:**

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. Spare Time Bowl

**Poker Run:** Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 p.m.

**Music on the Lake:** Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Independence Day Parade:** Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. Rain Date  
Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.

**Upper Turtle Lake District 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:** Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Ritsche Pavilion, Turtle Lake.

## Notes from the UTLD Chair

Greetings Upper Turtle Lake District Residents! I'm hoping this newsletter finds everyone well, and I know we are all waiting patiently (or impatiently) for summer weather and open water on the lake. I want to take this opportunity to update you on our results from the past 5-year Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP) efforts, our activities over the past months, and what we anticipate going forward.

First, the 2022 evaluation of the previous plan indicated that we were successful in returning the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) invasive species back to the level present in the 2010 evaluation. This success was a result of everyone's hard work and diligence! Our 2017 5-year APMP was primarily focused on this goal. Our 2022 bed mapping indicated 16.64 acres of CLP present similar to the 2010 results of around 10 acres and a drastic improvement from the 2017 result of 132 acres. However, this success came with a trade-off. Our native vegetation survey in 2022 indicated that there has been a reduction in native species diversity and distribution.

Using this information, we have been working on our next 5-year APMP. A draft of the plan is currently on the Upper Turtle Lake Website ([www.upperturtlelake.com](http://www.upperturtlelake.com)) under the "Lake Information" button and the "Lake Protection" page. I will confess it's a lengthy document but if you have time to review it and provide any questions or feedback it would be greatly appreciated. Without going into too much detail, the main focus of the next plan is to maintain the targeted levels of CLP, continued education and monitoring for additional invasive species, maintaining and enhancing the native vegetation species in our lake as well as identifying factors that affect our lake water quality. As an initial step activity, we have applied for a permit from the DNR to treat roughly 10 acres of CLP in 2023 and are awaiting DNR review and approval.

Thanks for everyone's engagement and hope to see you at the Spring Social on May 6th.

John Vono, UTLD Chair.

## 2023 Notice of Aquatic Plant Management on Upper Turtle Lake

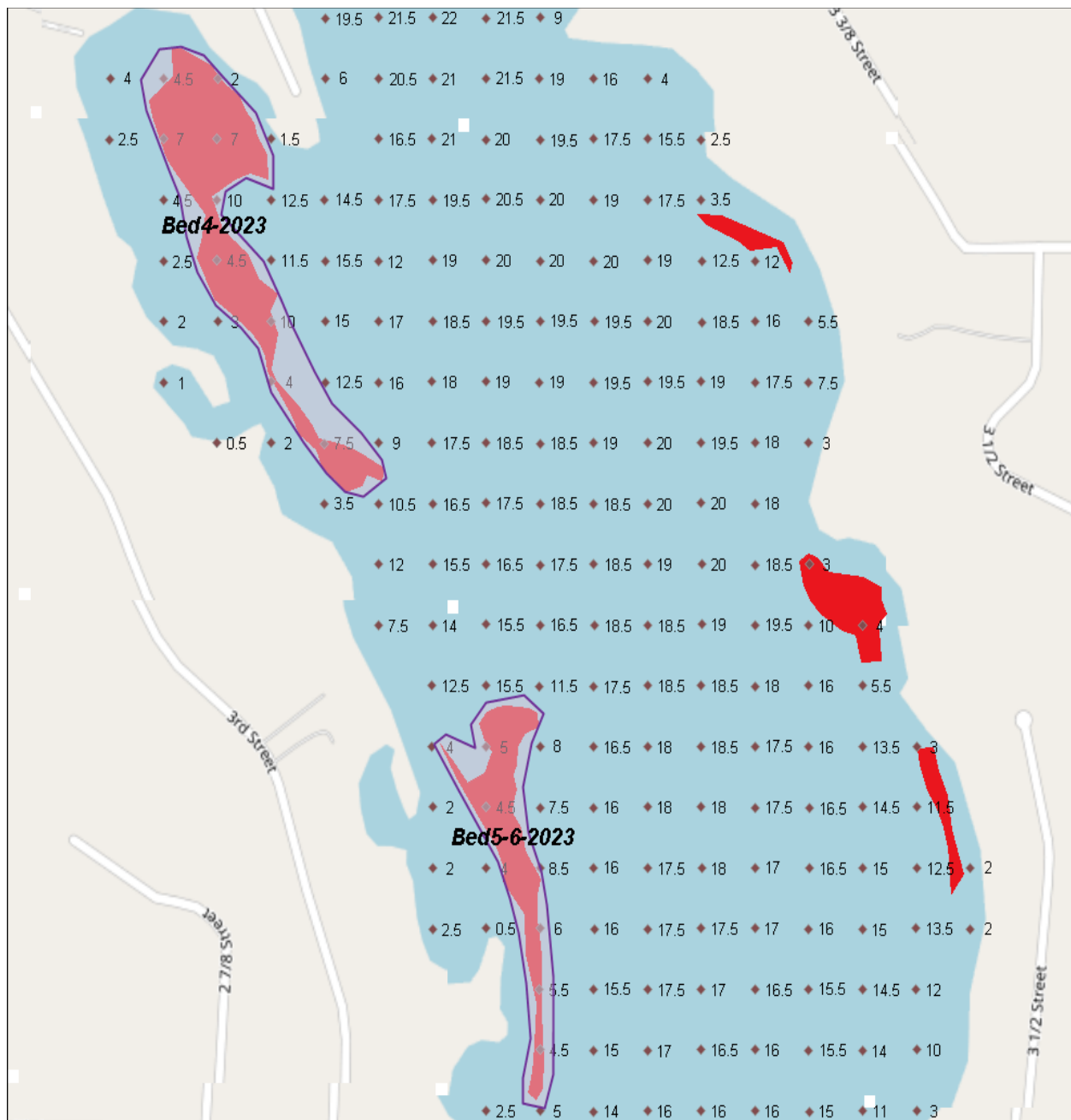
The Lake District and its Lake Consultants have developed a proposed 2023 CLP Treatment Plan. The map on the next page indicates where treatment is anticipated to take place, in CLP beds 4 and 5, located in the southwest quadrant of the lake. Please note that treatment areas may differ based on the DNR permit approval. This serves as notice, as specified per Chapter NR 107, WI Administrative Code: that the Lake District intends to treat approximately 10.47 acres in Upper Turtle Lake with aquatic pesticide to control nuisance exotic aquatic vegetation curly leaf pondweed (CLP). The aquatic pesticide to be used is Aquathol K with the active ingredient endothall. Northern Aquatic Services from Dresser, WI will complete the proposed treatment during the spring of 2023, sometime between ice out and late May, depending upon weather conditions.

Additional information, including the map below and a copy of the permit application can be found at the lake district's website, located at [www.upperturtlelake.com](http://www.upperturtlelake.com). Lake Education and Planning Services, (LEAPS), will conduct a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. Any request for a public meeting on

this treatment must be made within five days after this notice is published. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent to LEAPS, PO Box 26, Cameron, WI 54822 and to the WDNR at 810 W. Maple Street, Spooner, WI 54801.

2023 Upper Turtle Lake Preliminary Large-Scale CLP Chemical Treatment (07-11-2022)						
Treatment Characteristics				Curly-leaf Pondweed Control		
Treatment Site	Acreage	Mean Depth (feet)	Volume (acre-feet)	Treatment application		
				Treatment a.i. ppm	gallons <sup>†</sup>	Estimated Cost
Bed4-2023	6.63	6.00	39.78	1.50	39.8	\$5,370.30
Bed5/6-2023	3.84	5.50	21.12	1.50	21.1	\$2,851.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.47</b>		<b>60.90</b>		<b>60.90</b>	<b>\$8,221.50</b>

\* Aquathol K® liquid aquatic herbicide (a.i. endosulfan)



## **CBCW**

The Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW) grant for 2023 has been approved. Thank you, Sharon Dunemann and Kim Swenson, for your work in writing and securing the grant! To complete the grant requirements 200 hours of boater contact is needed at the boat landing. YOU are needed to volunteer for this important initiative! Training is provided, and there are two online trainings for CBCW through Polk County. The first training is scheduled for April 26th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, the second training is scheduled for May 2nd from 5:30PM – 7:30PM. Registration is required, so if you are interested or have any questions, please email Kim Swenson at kim.swenson2015@gmail.com

## **Ice Breaker**

Please join your lake neighbors on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Turtle Lake Spare Time Bowl for the annual Ice Breaker. The Lake District will provide appetizers, and give away tree saplings. Trees that will be available are red maple, white spruce, white pine, dogwood, and red oak. This is a great way to connect with your neighbors after a long, snowy winter!

## **Poker Run and Music on the Lake**

Join your lake neighbors for the fourth annual Poker Run, scheduled for Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 p.m. More information will follow on the Poker Run, and as it develops, you will be able to find updated information on the Lake District Facebook page. Cindy Wolf is looking for dock hosts, and if you would like to volunteer, please give her a call at (651) 270-7820.

After such a fun, successful event with the band last year, we're going to do it all over again! The Music on the Lake will begin at 6:00 p.m. on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year Chicken Ranch Duo (part of the wildly popular Thrillbillies!) have been booked for this fun event. Location is to be determined, and again, more information to follow. Thanks to Lisa Nelson for organizing this!

## **Independence Day Boat Parade**

The ever-popular boat parade will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Parade participants should meet near the island at 1:00 p.m., and follow the Lake District lead boat around the lake. The lead boat will have the Lake District banner prominently displayed. Trophies for "Most Original" and "Most Patriotic" watercraft will be awarded during the parade. Please be mindful of boats that don't want to be bombarded with water balloons. Be careful, good luck to all parade participants, and have fun! Rain date will be July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m., and notification of the parade having to be rescheduled will be posted on the Lake District's Facebook page by 12:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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