

UPPER TURTLE LAKE DISTRICT SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



Calendar Of Events

May

- 11: Spring Social Spare Time Bowling 11:00 AM
- 24: Commissioner Mtg. Almena Village Hall 9 AM

July

- 4: Boat Parade 1:00 PM North end of lake
- 6: Poker Run 2:00- 4:00 PM

August

- 17: Annual Mtg. Ritchie Pavilion Turtle Lake 10 AM
- See page 4 for more information.

Meet Your Lake Neighbors



Rick and Julie Zellmer live in Woodbury, MN. Julie has been coming to Turtle Lake since 1970. Her grandparents had a cabin, and she spent many summers with them. Rick and Julie have 2 (adult) children and it was important to them to be able to introduce their kids to "Lake Life". They have

had their place since 2004.

Their family enjoys watersports and fishing on the lake, but their favorite thing about Upper Turtle Lake is watching the sun set as they slowly cruise the waters.

Julie will be coordinating the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant this year. The grant requirements are the same as past years. We will need **at least 100 volunteer hours** from lake residents. Please contact Julie at raznjazellmers@msn.com or 651-261-6215 if you are interested in volunteering this year. CBCW Supplies will be available on the Zellmer property at 1552 2-2 1/2 St. Turtle Lake, WI. The TimeTree app will be used to schedule dates and times for volunteering again this year as well.

CLP 2024 Treatment Plan

The Lake District and its Lake Consultants have proposed a 2024 CLP Treatment Plan. The map below indicates where the treatment is anticipated to take place on the north side of the lake. Please note that the 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 20 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 2024, sometime between ice out and late May, depending on the weather.

Additional information, including a larger map can be found at the Lake District's website located at www.upperturtlelake.com. If you want a copy of the permit contact Harmony Environmental. They will conduct a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more lakeshore owners, organizations, special united of government request one.

Any request for a public meeting on this treatment must be made within five days after this notice has been published. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives and must be sent to Harmony Environmental, 336 Gerland Rd, Rice Lake, WI 54868 and to the WDNR @ 810 W. Maple St. Spooner, WI 54801



Everyone's Responsibility: Wake Awareness & Lake Etiquette

Coming out of last summer's annual meeting the Lake District put together a volunteer group of lakeshore owners to discuss the impact of Wake boats on Upper Turtle Lake. We were fortunate to have six lakeshore owners step up and give up their time for this important issue. There were an equal number of owners from both sides of the conversation that not only expressed their view but were equally interested in the other side's view.

After meeting a number of times and through their research, the recommendation from this group was communication and education. They felt that if everyone understood what was happening to the lake and shoreline along with the potential long term impact that can happen with the larger wakes being produced by wake boats, pontoons, speed boats and some big bass boats, we can then utilize and enjoy the lake responsibly.

Large speed boats, pontoons and wake boats produce significantly larger wakes that require a greater distance to dissipate. When these waves do not have time to dissipate they cause damage to shorelines, docks, lifts and other boats. Our lake is considered a fairly shallow lake and these wakes can churn up the lake bottom which then can increase the algae blooms as well as decrease the water clarity and water quality of the lake.

The Lake District is promoting these recommendations from the committee:

- 1) Stay in the middle/larger portions of the lake.**
- 2) Stay at least 200 feet from docks, boats or people.**
- 3) Slow or no wake speeds in the two narrow portions of the lake.**
"Slow or no wake" means a speed at which a motorized boat moves as slowly as possible while maintaining steerage control.
- 4) Do not make repetitive passes over the same spot.**
- 5) Play music at a level that does not disturb or offend others from enjoying the lake.**

All of us as lakeshore owners have an investment that we want to continue to enjoy and utilize for a long time. Let's all take this responsibility seriously.

Message from UTLD Chair

Greetings Upper Turtle Lake District Residents. Hoping this newsletter finds everyone well and hopefully enjoying the mild winter and early spring. Hard to believe open water in early March! I want to take this opportunity to update you on our lake consulting as well as our treatment plan for this year.

First, as most should be aware our District and previously our Association has been using LEAPS as our lake consultant. Dave Blumer the president of LEAPS has been very instrumental in providing guidance, development of our Aquatic Plant Management Plan, oversight of treatments and assisting with all the complicated and detailed permitting application process. Dave has decided to discontinue his consulting services and we will miss him and his expertise.

As a result, our District has engaged Harmony Environmental based in Rice Lake to assist us this year. Cheryl Clemens the owner of Harmony is working with us this year on our activities. I won't take up too much of this article on Harmony but you can see the Harmony Portfolio on our website <https://www.upperturtlelake.com/lake-protection> .

The main activity for this year is a treatment of roughly 20 acres for Curly Leaf Pondweed in the north section of the lake. We will be doing pre and post treatment surveys to determine the effectiveness of the treatment. The public notification of permit application for this planned treatment is included in this newsletter.

Thanks for everyone's engagement and hope to see you at the Spring Social May 11th .

John Vono, UTLD Chair

UTLD is looking for someone to complete 100 paid hours for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant. Person must be self-motivated and willing to work May through August/early September. If you're interested, or know someone who may be, contact us at: upperturtlelake@hotmail.com for more information.

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Help Needed

Upper Turtle Lake District will be building and installing a Decontamination Station later this spring at the boat landing. The funds for this project were approved at the last annual meeting and will be purchased by the district. We are looking for volunteers to help build and install it.

Once built we will be looking for some volunteers to help with the low level maintenance of it.

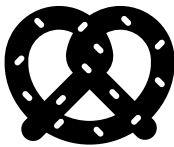
Please contact Mike McCauley at mjjmccauley@gmail.com if you can help with any part of this project.

Thank you!!

Upcoming Events

Spring Social

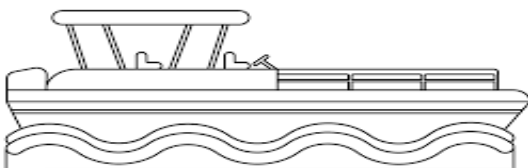
Please join us Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm for the Upper Turtle Lake District Social Hour at Spare Time Bowl in Turtle Lake. Appetizers will be provided. Come and meet your lake neighbors!!! To be certain we have enough appetizers ordered for everyone, please RSVP to Kim Swenson at kim.swenson2015@gmail.com by Saturday, May 4th.



Independence Day Boat Parade

The annual Boat Parade will begin at 1:00 pm on July 4th. Parade participants should meet near the island at the north end of the lake. The Lake District lead boat will have the Upper Turtle Lake District banner prominently displayed. PLEASE follow the lead boat around the entire lake. Trophies for “Most Original” and “Most Patriotic” watercraft will be awarded. Please be respectful of those boats who do not wish to be pelted with water balloons.

Inclement weather date will be Friday, July 5th at 1:00 pm. Rescheduling will be posted on the Lake District’s Facebook page by 12:00 pm on July 4th.



Poker Run



The fourth annual UTLD Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 6th from 2:00- 4:00 pm. We are hoping to get the same turnout from participants and dock hosts this year. If you’d like to host a dock this year, please contact Cindy Wolff at (651) 270- 7820.

More details to follow on the Upper Turtle Lake District website at www.upperturtlelake.com or the Upper Turtle Lake District Facebook page.

Get Involved In Your Lake Community

We need more assistance completing the Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteer hours. For those of you who have gone through training and need a refresher there are videos available on our website at <https://www.upperturtlelake.com/clean-boats-clean-waters>.

For those of you who have not had training or if it’s been a while since attending one, Polk County is offering an in-person and an online training.

The first training will take place on Thursday, April 18th from 10 AM - 12 PM at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake. This will be an in-person training. The second training will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd from 5:00 - 7:00 PM and will be an online training. The trainings will cover the same material, so you only need to attend one of them.

To register for either training please visit: <https://forms.office.com/g/WuR4wdNBHT>. You must register to take part.

If you complete the training, please contact Julie Zellmer as we get grant credit for the training time.