



Clark Lake Advancement Association

Winter / Spring 2015

President's Message

I hope you all had a colorful fall and mild winter. It was very cold at the lake and as of now, we don't have much snow. Last September and October, we had very significant rainfall events that caused localized flooding and the lake levels to exceed the maximum limits on the dam. Your CLAA board checked lake levels and lake level management at the dam on October 15 and 28, 2014, and found extremely high levels and no level control boards taken out. This condition is in direct violation of the permit for the dam. We informed the Town of Sevastopol of these conditions, and they finally removed three level control boards on or around October 31, 2014. On November 19, 2014, the lake completely froze over, with these high lake levels. The Town of Sevastopol staff was unable to meet the required DNR lake levels prior to ice forming on the Lake. On December 4, 2014, lake levels were still about 8 inches higher than the permit allows.

High lake levels present when the lake freezes over causes ice to push against the shoreline and shoreline structures, causing damage to the shoreline and nearby structures. We have already observed shoreline damage in a number of areas, and recommend that lake residents inspect their properties after ice-out this spring for damage. If you have shoreline damage or damage to structures, you should take photographs and submit a complaint to the Town of Sevastopol. Please send the Association a copy too. The Association has made multiple efforts to enter into a partnership relationship with the Town to assist in the operation of the dam, but has been rejected. Your personal contact/complaint with the Town of Sevastopol will help to demonstrate the value of cooperation.

The Lake Association exists for two primary reasons, first to improve or maintain the water quality, fishing and boating on the lake and secondly to provide social events for members to make lifelong friendships. I have asked Bill Hebal and the Social Committee to explore the idea of a new social event for the 20-40 year old children or grandchildren of current members. We have seen a falloff in picnic attendance in that age bracket and in part, it could be the lack of connection to the association. Hosting a social event for the 20-40's will increase the connections between future

members and their interest in the activities of the Association. If you think this type of event could be of value, please contact Bill Hebal.

2015 Meetings and events

Board of Directors holds all of its meetings at the Jacksonport Town Hall located at 3365 County V at 11:00 a.m. on **May 9** and at 8:00 a.m. on **June 6, July 11, August 8** and **September 19**. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for **July 11** at 9 a.m. Agenda items for the Annual Meeting include approval of the budget, report on activities, any suggested bylaws changes and the election of new directors. The annual picnic will also be on **July 11** at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park with fun starting at 11 a.m. and food served at noon. The Fall Dinner is scheduled for **September 12** at 5 p.m. Please join us in as many of these events as possible. Watch for an email and flyer in June with more information on the Annual Meeting.

Website

Our website <http://www.clarklakewi.com> is available for keeping current on lake activities, including a buy/sell section for CLAA members. Please forward website updates to Kirby Bouthilet. Check out the Lost/Found and Volunteer Opportunities sections – learn how you too can help. We want the web site to be more helpful to members so if you have any ideas on additions or changes, please contact Kirby. We would like to use email to communicate with members more frequently and at a lower cost for the Association. Please make sure your email is up to date when you turn in your dues this year.

Volunteer Help

Our lake association is successful because of the care and interest of volunteers in maintaining and improving conditions on Clark Lake. Your CLAA board can't do it alone. We need additional volunteers to help on 2015 lake activities, such as the annual picnic and Phragmites control. Please see the website for more details. Three board members terms expire in 2015 and the Board would like to see multiple volunteers for those positions.

Invasive Species Control

We continue to battle the invasive plant (Phragmites) along the far northeast shore and around East Bay. Our 2015 work party is scheduled for **September 12** at 9:00

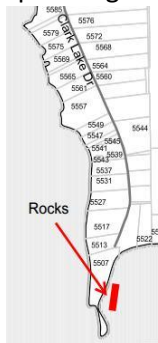
a.m. Please help us in this effort. To prevent bringing more aquatic invasive species (AIS) into Clark Lake, or moving AIS from Clark Lake into other lakes, please remember to clean and drain your boat prior to launching into and upon removal from the lake.

Lake History Continues

The Association has completed the early (1880-1940's) history of Clark Lake. We have developed a DVD, which can be purchased at Welsing's Foodland in Valmy and the Jacksonport Craft Cottage in Jacksonport. We will make a similar DVD for the period 1940's to the 1980's, so please forward any pictures, stories and other historical memorabilia regarding that time period on Clark Lake to Kirby Bouthilet for possible posting on our website and for this new DVD. We also need a volunteer to coordinate this new effort.

Walleye Reef

The Board of Directors of Walleyes for Tomorrow has approved a grant for \$877 for appropriate rock to be placed on the bottom of Clark Lake for a walleye spawning bed. The bed is located in 3-4 feet of water



adjacent to the Roger Koehn property as noted on the drawing. It will be approximately 30x100 feet in size around 40 feet from shore. Around 50+ tons of round rock has been placed in this location. The project was completed in early March of 2015. A sign will be placed at each boat ramp that tells about the new rock in the lake. Please thank Don Hinnenthal for his efforts to obtain the

grant, Roger Koehn for permitting the placement of the rock from his property and Roger Orthober for his time and use of his equipment to place the rock on the ice.

Aquatic Plant Growth

In 2013, we all noticed an unusual abundance of rooted aquatic plant growth in the lake and especially at the north end. Growth of these plants was greatly reduced during 2014. The plants have very long stems and infrequent, thin leaves. The predominant plant identified was sago pond weed – a native plant used by geese and ducks for food and one that we have seen in much lower abundance in Clark Lake as far back as 1992. DNR staff believes that growth of this plant may have been enhanced due to the increased water clarity caused by Zebra mussels, and perhaps increased levels of nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen).

The CLAA board directed a water quality study be conducted to determine whether nutrients have increased from the 2005/2006 period and identify possi-

ble sources for these nutrients. Samples of Logan Creek at Highway 57 were taken from Mid-July to mid-September 2013 and again from February thru June 2014. Review of phosphorus data from samples taken in 2005/2006 versus 2013/2014 shows a 14% increase in recent levels of average total phosphorus. Average nitrogen levels showed a 29% decrease from 2005/2006 to 2013/2014. This monitoring is showing us that in 2013 and 2014, more phosphorus and less nitrogen was entering Clark Lake from surface and groundwater than levels measured in 2005/2006. Your CLAA board is reviewing these findings with others and will have more information on likely sources and impact on plant growth at the 2015 annual meeting.

Clark Lake Propane Cooperative Purchase Program

The CLAA continues its efforts towards Cooperative Purchasing. The first effort of the co-op was targeted towards the purchase of propane for the 2014/2015 heating season. Thanks to Chuck Birringer for his work on helping to save us all money.

Drinking Water Contamination

Many of you are probably completely unaware of the recent incidents of manure spreading on Jacksonport area farm fields that led to drinking water contamination of wells. Approximately 12 homes had their wells contaminated with e-coli due to manure being spread in areas that directly connected with drinking water aquifers. Even low levels of bacterial, metals and pesticide contamination can cause serious health risks for the elderly and very young children. Please feel free to contact the Door County Soil and Water Conservation Department if you have any questions at 920-746-2214. <http://map.co.door.wi.us/swcd>

Rental Properties

We were contacted by the Door County Tourism Zone Commission regarding the rental of cottages and houses around the Lake without a Room Tax Permit. All properties that engage in transient rentals for periods of less than 30 days require a Room Tax Permit and the collection of Room Tax. All 19 municipalities in Door County collect the room tax to help fund tourism promotion and assist in local government operations. For example, the Town of Jacksonport uses its funds to operate Lakeside Park. If you have a question whether a property has a Room Tax permit or any other Room Tax questions in general, please contact the Tourism Zone at 920-854-6200.

Availability of Residential Broadband

As times change, it may become important to have high-speed internet at your lake house. There are at least three options available, maybe more. With any of

these options, you should check on installation cost, the duration of the fixed contract, the cancellation fee and the actual speeds that you will see. There are usually big differences between the advertised speeds and what you will see at your house. My best advice is to speak to your neighbors and find out which service they are using and how they like it.

Cell Phone – those of you with smart phones may be able to create mobile personal hotspots and use the LTE signal that is available from Verizon and Cellcom. Individuals who have Sprint experience frequent drops in service. I am unfamiliar with US Cellular or ATT user services. A mobile hot spot allows you to use your phone's data plan to create a local Wi-Fi network that users can access. The mobile hot spot uses your cell phone's data plan so be careful that you don't exceed your limit.

Frontier Telephone: www.frontier.com provides DSL service through the copper telephone lines. The speed varies based on the distance to the telephone building in Jacksonport. They provide various rates for different speeds and periods of time. The cheapest plan costs \$30 per month and has download speeds of up to 6 Mbps, 8 email addresses, each with 5 GB of storage space, 200 MB of space to create your own web page or blog and a free Frontier Wi-Fi Router included.

Door County Broadband is located in Baileys Harbor <http://doorcountybroadband.com/> and has been providing wireless service to the area for many years. They have three different rates starting at \$50 per month for download speeds of 5 Mbps and upload of 2 Mbps (approximate). Their service completely bypasses the local phone company and using multiple broadcast sites within the area, service is often installed in 3-5 business days or less for \$99. The antenna serving Clark Lake is co-located on Roger Orthober's tower at his property on Cave Point Drive.

County Zoning Change for 2016

The Towns of Sevastopol and Jacksonport chose over 30 years ago to have Door County manage zoning regulations throughout the entirety of the towns. By state law, shorelands – areas within 1,000 feet of lakes and 300 feet of navigable streams – were subject to county zoning since June 1968. Within both shoreland and non-shoreland areas, the County ordinance established development standards that limited the development of impervious surfaces – house, shed, garage footprints, decks, patios, parking areas, driveways, etc. – by zoning district. For most of the lots fronting Clark Lake, that impervious surface limit was up to 45% of the lot. On lots of 10,000 square feet, this meant you

could develop 4,500 square feet. The State Legislature has now mandated the allowable percentage drop to 15-30%. This means a vacant 10,000 square foot lot could develop 1,500-3,000 square feet. Already developed lots will be able to retain the same percentage of impervious surfaces as they have when the new regulations go into effect, but any new development would need to conform to the new standards. The Door County Planning Department is now required by October 2016 to develop new regulations consistent with the new State mandates. Please stay tuned to the two towns' web sites for more information.

Those of you who live in the northern part of the Lake in Jacksonport may be interested in a recent action of the Town Board. The Board approved the creation of a Plan Commission that is also charged with many economic development functions. If you are interested in receiving emailed copies of the Plan Commission agendas, please send an email to Robert Kufirin.

Safe Boating and Courtesy

I am sure all of you remember the discussion on a proposed change to boating speeds and hours of operations at the Annual Meeting. The clear majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting were opposed to a change. Regardless of how you felt about the decision reached at the meeting, you and your guests need to be mindful of the existing State Boating laws. The DNR warden will continue to enforce the regulations as follows:

1. *No person may operate a motor boat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area on any lake in excess of slow no-wake.*
2. *No person shall operate a motorboat, other than a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of slow no-wake within 100 feet of the shoreline of any lake.*
3. *No person may operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of slow no-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline of any lake.*
4. *No person may engage in water skiing or aquaplaning or similar activity at any time from sunset to sunrise.*
5. *No person operating a motorboat that is towing persons engaged in water skiing or aquaplaning or similar activity may operate the motorboat within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, any personal watercraft or any marked swimming area or public boat landing.*

Please take the time to discuss these laws with anyone

operating your boat or jet ski. I hope that the discussions last summer lead to a greater respect for everyone on the lake and the law. If you see a violation, you have the option of contacting the DNR Hotline at (800) 847-9367.

Passings

Lake members who died this year include:

- Louise Black. Former resident at 5296 West Shore Drive. Louis and her husband, Paul, were original organizers of the Clark Lake Advancement Association, and spent many summers on the lake.
- Agnes Birringer. Former summer resident on Clark Lake Drive from 1964-2004.
- Dan Carmody. Full time resident at 3460 Clark Lake Court.
- Nancy Gajewski (Grady). Life-long seasonal resident at 5240 Grady Road..
- Arnie Orloski. Resident at 3709 E. Town Line Road.
- Tom Schramm at 5490 W. Shore Drive

Please remember them in your thoughts.

New Owners

The building of new cottages and turnover of old cottages to new owners continues, with our new neighbors as:

- Boyce Trust 5566 Quiet Cove Lane to John and Mary Pentler
- Bucky Jones 5639 Trails End Court to Dan and Heidi Tomaszewski
- Tom Jr and Jane Frawley 5585 Clark Lake Dr. to John and Cheryl Zima
- Ernie Marxen 5508 W. Shore Dr. Ext to Eric Smentowski

Join me in welcoming these new neighbors to the lake. If you are aware of other potential new members please contact Chuck Birringer so we can send member membership information.

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2015 Membership Status

One of the decisions made by the Board last year was to determine each parcel as identified by the County was entitled to one vote. This means that if there are multiple owners of a cottage/house/parcel only one person can vote at the annual meeting. Membership in the Association provides access to the web site, social events, notice of meetings and importantly the fact that your dues help support the Association's efforts to improve the fishing, boating and the water quality. The Board may consider recommending an amendment to the Bylaws in 2015 that would change this determination, but if it was approved at the Annual meeting, it would not be effective until 2016.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, please have a safe year while enjoying the beauty of Clark Lake and Door County.

Robert Kufrin, President



Clark Lake Advancement Association 2015 Annual Dues Statement

The 2015 annual dues remain at \$20 per / family parcel. Payment of dues allows membership in the Association, with attendant benefits, including free lake directory, free attendance at picnic and full voting rights with one vote per parcel. Your membership supports CLAA's efforts to maintain the quality of Clark Lake.

Please check the box on any line if there are any changes in ownership, addresses, phone and e-mail addresses. Make the changes in the corresponding box below. We will update our website with this information.

Make Checks Payable to: CLAA

Make corrections and return this page with your check by June 1 to:

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