

Clark Lake Newsletter

Spring, 2024

A Note From the Editor

Welcome to the Clark Lake Association Newsletter!

This newsletter will be issued on a quarterly basis...November, February, May, and August. The intent of this newsletter is to keep lake residents informed of news and events happening within the Clark Lake community. Anyone wishing to contribute a photo or an article for the next newsletter publication should submit it to Terry Schneider at Carters2052@sbcglobal.net by August 31st, 2024.

Happy Memorial Day
from the Clark Lake
Association Board!



Message Mark Weisse for details about becoming a
Clark Lake Ramp Volunteer



Please sign up to be a Clark Lake Ramp Volunteer

Educate boaters how to preserve our lake and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive
species
2 hour shifts are available every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer.
Even one shift can make a difference.

Reminder

Board Meeting Saturday,
June 8th, 2024
8:30 AM
Jacksonport Town Hall

A Message from the Clark Lake Association President...
Mike Brunet

Greetings:

This is our Spring Newsletter. What a strange winter! I hope all of you are looking forward to an early spring. All members should have received their annual dues notice and annual letter. Thank you to Terry Schneider for doing the legwork with Sir Speedy (Eric), putting stamps on 326 folded notices and taking them to the post office. Please let us know if any of them did not arrive in one piece. The CLAA Team has planned a number of events for this coming year. Please take time to read the articles and announcements in this newsletter and participate in your organization. Share it with your neighbors that are not members. I want to emphasize four main items:

The CLAA website - Clarklakewi.com, and the Clark Lake Facebook/Meta are two separate entities. The website is maintained and controlled by CLAA. The Facebook page is not part of CLAA. It is another source of information, but not controlled by CLAA. We are looking for a way to communicate Ecoli test results, swimmers itch, etc. to the lake residents in a timely manner. Posting at the beach and boat ramp helps a few.

Continuation of Clark Lake Association President... Mike Brunet

Volunteer – This is your lake. The Board serves as your representative for Clark Lake. The Board provides various activities for the health and safety of the lake and fun activities for members, their families, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the lake and its valuable surroundings. But we cannot do it alone. Please get involved and give us a few hours of your time and talent.

Newsletter - CLAA is looking for historical items to highlight in the Newsletter. Please share items (articles, photos, stories, etc.) with Terry. Again, this is your newsletter.

Directory – Please review and update your contact information for safety and contact information. We rely on electronic communication more and more.

CLAA needs new Board members to fill some vacancies. Please let us know before election during the Annual Meeting in July. Please review the duties of the committees on our website, clarklakewi.com. The Board members chair the various committees that preserve and protect Clark Lake and provide opportunities for members and non-members to participate in activities on and around Clark Lake and enjoy what we are blessed to have here in Door County. The Board members also plan and organize the events for you to create memories and get to know your neighbors.

I hope everyone will have a safe and enjoyable Summer. For those full-time lake residents, please keep an eye on your neighbors' place and notify them of vandalism (mailboxes, mail), power outages, storm damage, etc. I am looking forward to being able to meet in person in and around Clark Lake this next year. Thank you for the taking the time to get involved in the betterment of Clark Lake.

Mike Brunet



Social Committee Update



CLAA Invites All Current Members To A Summer Kick-Off Party

**at
ISLAND FEVER in Jacksonport**

(Event will be held outside under a tent)

Saturday, June 22, 2024

12 - 2 PM

Taco Bar and Sodas

(Included)

Cash Bar

Please R.S.V.P. number of people attending by June 15th to:

Kathy Steinmetz

Email: kmsteinmetz12@gmail.com

Phone: (414) 467-9444

Upcoming Summer Events 2024

5TH ANNUAL CLAA BOAT PARADE

Saturday, July 6th

Meet in front of the BEACH at

11:30 AM

Parade begins at 12 Noon!

Music provided by

Jerry Voelker's Polka Band

CLAA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, July 20th

9:00 AM

**At Jacksonport
Town Hall**

**All CLAA Members should plan
to attend! A quorum is needed!**



CLAA 2nd Annual Kayak Poker Run

**Saturday, August 3rd
9 - 11 AM**

**Sign up instructions and
designated route map
will be available closer
to the event!**

**Stay tuned for
further details!**



CLAA Fall Dinner

Sunday, September 15th

**The Lodge at
Leathem Smith**

Cocktails - 5:30 PM

Dinner - 6:30 PM

**Stay tuned for further
details!**





The Wisconsin Historical Society Presents

Great Lakes **SMALL STREAMS** HOW WATER SHAPES WISCONSIN

A traveling exhibit exploring our state's long relationship with water and the impact we have had on our vast waterways.

Whitefish Dunes State Park
3275 Clark Lake Rd, Sturgeon Bay,
WI, 54235

Inside the Nature Center

May 20, 2024
thru
June 20, 2024



WISCONSIN
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

The Wisconsin Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the Herzfeld Foundation, Wisconsin Humanities Council, and Ralph Evinrude Foundation for their generous support of this exhibit.

Water Quality and Vegetation Reminders...



While on the lake, please remember to use boater safety and be considerate of those using kayaks, canoes, anchored boats with fisherman, and small water crafts. Avoid towing and high-speed boating in water less than four feet deep. Please stay out of bulrush beds and remind visitors of no motor and no wake zones. Maps are posted at both boat launches and are included in the CLAA directory.

RAMP VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! They are essential in helping to provide invasive species awareness. Please consider becoming a boat ramp volunteer!





Wanted....Rummage Sale Chairman

There has been interest expressed to the CLAA Board to reinstate the annual rummage sale on Clark Lake. This is an activity that occurred in early August in the past. The CLAA Social Committee is willing to support this event, but we need someone to volunteer to head up this activity. Please consider volunteering to help out the lake association. Please contact Mike Brunet if interested.



Neighbors
helping
neighbors

Thank You

A big thank you goes to all the helping neighbors who reached out to assist each other during the recent storm damage at Clark Lake! Whether your neighbors are young or old, healthy or unwell, friendly or not so much, we should always be looking for ways to be kind to those who live near us. Not only will an act of kindness make their day better, it will help build a more connected and happier community and strengthen relationships.



Nighttime Magic On Clark Lake

By Terry Schneider



Nighttime has been magical on Clark Lake this Spring. The skies have dazzled with sparkling stars on clear nights, and the Northern Lights have captivated viewers well into the wee hours of the night. Evening strolls along our roads that circle the lake provide nature's blend of sounds that penetrate the cool night air providing nature's symphony. It is not uncommon to hear the echoes of mooing cows in the distance, the hoot of an owl, or the eerie cry of a coyote at night. But, spring awakening brings a whole different set of sounds...the croaks of mating frogs and toads in the swamp areas...the male Whip-poor-wills singing at night to defend their territory and attract a mate...or spring peepers piercing the air as they wake up to warmer nights. Clark Lake is the perfect place to relax and enjoy nature at its finest.



Springtime On Clark Lake



An Oral History of Clark Lake...taken from an interview with Janet Hall Ries

Written by Terry Schneider

Recently I received audio tapes of oral histories recorded by early residents of Clark Lake. Interviews were conducted in the early 2000s by Paul Schumacher and Michael O'Brien. I will have to do a bit of research to identify who these people interviewed were and where they lived on the lake. To begin, I will retell some interesting stories about Jane Ries. I did not know her personally, but I knew of her. Her parents were friends of my grandparents, and I recall, as a little girl, going to their house in Casco when they played cards together.

Jane Hall Ries was about 5-6 years old in the early 1930s when her parents brought her and her siblings to vacation at Clark Lake. The family would stay at their simple cottage on the northwest side of the lake off of Butts Road. It took detours and gravel roads to reach their cottage. There was no electricity at the time so kerosene lamps were used. Food was kept in a box and set into the spring to be kept cold. Running water came from a pump shared by neighbors. Picnics were held at Cave Point, and she and her brother and sister explored all along the west shore and south shore of the lake. It was mucky in front of their property so often the kids would take a long boat across the lake and swim on the sandy side. They had tea parties with the neighbors and picked cherries in orchards along Loritz Road. A small train that operated on gravity carried them down Butts Road. Every Friday the family and neighbors had a fish fry using all the fish that they caught throughout the week and stored in the spring.

Jane spoke of a favorite memory during her days on Clark Lake. Her mother would send Jane and her sister out to pick wild raspberries so her mother could make jam. The girls were paid 3 cents a cup. One day the girls decided to strike. They demanded they be paid 5 cents a cup. However, their mother had the upper hand because she paid them the 5 cents they asked for, but gave them bigger cups to fill! Many happy memories were made exploring the dilapidated dance hall adjacent to their property. To be continued...

