

UTLA and Upper Turtle Lake District August 2018 Newsletter

Upper Turtle Lake Association and Lake District

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2018 July 5th Parade Winners

Congratulations to the July 4th boat parade winners! The Most Creative award went to the Studnicka family for their "Vacation" float.



The Most Patriotic Award went to the Lang family!



2018-2019 Upcoming Events:

September 15th, 2018, 3:00 p.m. Lake District update and social gathering, Spare Time Bowl, Turtle Lake.

October 6th, 2018, 9:00 a.m. Upper Turtle Lake District Commissioner Meeting, Almena Village Hall

December 1st, 2018, 9:00 a.m. Upper Turtle Lake District Commissioner Meeting Almena Village Hall

April 13th, 2019, 8:30 a.m. Lake District Commissioner Meeting, Public Forum to follow at 10:00 a.m., Turtle Lake School Media Center.

June 8th · 2019: UTLA Annual Meeting and Lake District Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Turtle Lake School Commons.

July 4th, 2019: Boat Parade, 1:00 PM. Meet near the island and follow the pace boat around the lake. Be careful, have fun, and good luck to all participants!! Rain date July 5th, 1:00 p.m.

Even though the boat parade had to be rescheduled to July 5th due to inclement weather, over 30 participants took part in the annual festivities. Thanks to all for helping get the word out to Lake District members!

Social Gathering and Lake District Update

Get to know your Lake District neighbors! You are invited to a Lake District Social Hour Saturday, September 15th, 3:00 pm at the Spare Time Bowl in Turtle Lake. A brief Lake District update will be given while you meet your neighbors. Dave Blumer from L.E.A.P.S. will join us to address any aquatic invasive species (AIS) questions you may have. If you have a plant on your shoreline or one you see on the lake that you want identified, drop it in a plastic bag and bring it along. Appetizers will be provided and beverages are available for purchase.

Volunteer Update

Thanks to all who helped over the spring and summer in meeting the volunteer task needs required under our grant! Your work is critical to our success and helps keep our out-of-pocket expenses to a manageable level. This is where we stand:

Grant item	Number of volunteer hours needed	Number of volunteer hours through July	Boat Time Needed	Boat Time through July
Clean Boats Clean Waters	120	112	0	0
Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring	32	28	16	12.5
Dye Study	48	50	24	18
Water Quality Testing	42	27.5	14	7.5

The dye study is complete and the water quality testing continues through the fall. No additional help is needed in these areas.

We need more Clean Boats Clean Waters and Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring help into the later summer and fall months. Any additional hours will assist in meeting the grant requirements, our funding needs and will show our collective commitment to lake improvement. Please sign up on the Time Tree app or by calling Becky Bird (651-497-1081) or Sharon Dunemann (507-261-9772) as you have availability to help.

Heard on the Lake...What we have heard from you!

Lake property owners have expressed concern about large wakes causing shoreline erosion. If you operate a watercraft, please remember Wisconsin regulations, which state that it is illegal to operate a vessel within 100 feet of the shoreline, dock, raft, or pier at greater than slow, no wake speed.

A small child was hit really hard in the head with a water balloon during the boat parade festivities. Please folks, be careful, and don't throw balloons at boats that don't want to be fired upon! And, please use biodegradable balloons!

We recently had report of a jet skier purposefully running over a mother duck and her ducklings, thinking it was great sport. We are working hard as a district to protect and preserve our lake and its treasured creatures. Please be respectful, and remind your guests to be respectful of wildlife. When accountability can be established, these kinds of incidents will be reported to the DNR for follow up.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant Update

The rhodamine dye study has been completed, and although we don't have the final test results, the dye seemed to dissipate slowly throughout the lake. The pre-treatment aquatic plant survey and curly leaf pondweed (clp) bed mapping was completed, and although not part of the grant, a 10 acre test plot for CLP has been treated. (This treatment was paid from lake association Jump Start funds.) Supplies have been purchased for Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) efforts, and boat landing volunteer staffing for the CBCW initiative is ongoing. An AIS educational program featuring Paul Skawinski, UW Stevens Point and statewide coordinator of the Citizen Lake Monitor network was held and we are well underway for the volunteer AIS monitoring initiative.

The Lake District experienced two significant cost overruns in the dye study and DNR permit requirements. We successfully sought a grant amendment to cover the increased costs. As you may recall, this grant is a reimbursement grant, which means expenses are first paid, and then reimbursed at 75% of the approved costs. The first reimbursement request was submitted in July.

YTD Treasurers Report:

Beginning Cash:	\$15,989
Income:	4,615
Expense:	17,943
Ending Cash:	2,661

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Communication Updates

Communications will be sent to the first owner on file with the County and not to all of the co-owners. Please share this newsletter with your family! It is also posted on our website.

We are considering communicating by email vs postal mail. Postage is expensive, so if you would like to receive your newsletters via email, please email us at

UPPERTURTLELAKE@HOTMAIL.COM and let us know your preference.

What do you want to see from your Lake District?

Send written suggestions to either the PO Box, or email address listed on the first page of the newsletter. Call any of the board members at the phone numbers listed above. Want to help? Contact us!!