
Upper Turtle Lake District Spring 2020 Newsletter

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Happy 2020 Spring UTL Residents!

Navigate is taking on a different meaning this year. We like to think of navigating our boats. This year we are navigating a "new norm" due to the COVID-19 virus. From social distancing, shelter at home, to virtual happy hours and connecting in creative ways all over. I hope this letter finds you and your family well. And we can all soon connect on the lake. A Heartfelt Thank you to our essential workers, healthcare workers, emergency workers, and everyone helping us get through these uncharted waters. Thank you also to my fellow lake commissioners for their flexibility, dedication, and talents during this season:

BE WELL EVERYONE. WE Are in this TOGETHER! Hope to see you on the lake, in the boat parade, at the poker run, at the garage sale, and at the Annual Meeting! Please note that all dates are tentative due to the Pandemic.

Sherry Warrick, Chair UTL

CBCW

The Upper Turtle Lake District will be sponsoring a Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) project again this year at the Upper Turtle Lake public boat landing. The initiative is currently in a holding pattern to avoid face-to-face inspections.

As a review, CBCW includes teams of volunteers as well as paid staff, who perform boat and trailer checks, disseminate informational brochures and educate boaters on the prevention steps to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). These steps include:

Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment.

Remove all attached plants or animals.



2020 Events:

Tree Giveaway:

Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 a.m.
– 12:00 p.m., or until gone, at
the Boat Landing.

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Poker Run: Thursday, July
2nd, 3:00-5:00 p.m., more
information on page 2.

Independence Day

Boat Parade: July 4th,
2020, 1:00 PM. Meet near
the island. More information
on page 2.

Third Annual Lake District Public Forum and Annual Meeting:

Tentative Date is Saturday,
August 15th, 2020. More
information to follow.

Lake District Garage

Sale: Friday and Saturday,
August 21st and 22nd. More
information on page 3.

Drain all water from boats, motors, live wells and other equipment.

Never move live fish away from a waterbody.

Dispose of unwanted bait.

Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer and use leftover minnows only if used on the same body of water or if no lake water or other fish were added to the container.

Following these steps also helps boaters comply with Wisconsin state law, which prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species.

In 2018 there were 285 boats inspected, with 564 people contacted and 248 hours spent on boat inspections. (81 paid, 167 volunteer). In 2019 there were 307 boats inspected, 572 people contacted and 222 hours spent inspecting boats (81 paid, 141 volunteer). 46% of the boats inspected reported prior encounters with CBCW volunteers.

Once things return to some semblance of order, the DNR will be contacted to set up a CBCW training. We will be making a plea for volunteers when we learn it is safe to begin inspections. Please consider donating some time! Watch the UTLD Facebook and website pages for updates.

Independence Day Boat Parade

Everyone looks forward to this popular summer event! Parade participants should meet near the island at 1:00 p.m., and follow the Lake District Pace Boat around the lake. The Pace Boat will have the Lake District banner prominently displayed. Who can take the 2020 trophies? The Studnicka family has taken home the "Most Creative" trophy three years in a row, can they be unseated? Trophies for "Most Creative" and "Most Patriotic" decorated watercraft will be awarded at undisclosed lake locations. Be mindful of boats that don't want to be bombarded with water balloons. Be careful, have fun, and good luck to all participants!! Inclement weather date is July 5th, 1:00 p.m. Notification of the parade being rescheduled will be posted on the Facebook site by 12:00 p.m. on July 4th.

Free Trees!

The Upper Turtle Lake District purchased 350 trees to give away to landowners within the District. The trees will be distributed on Saturday, May 9th, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Boat Landing. Four year old bare root transplants of Norway Pine, White Spruce, Red Oak, Serviceberry, and Red Maple were purchased. If you can use some trees, stop down and pick them up. We expect the trees will go quickly. Social Distancing Measures will be practiced. Drive up, stay in your car, and the trees will be put in your trunk or truck box.

Poker Run

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 2nd, 3-5 pm** for the first ever **Poker Run!** A Poker Run is an event where participants cruise to seven different docks. You will receive a card at each dock, and once you receive all 7 cards, you'll determine your best poker hand. Participants will then gather at Roxie's Bar and Grill for dinner, a social gathering, and to determine the winners. Prizes will be awarded! If you'd like more information, check out the Wikipedia Poker Run details. Rain date is Friday, July 3rd, 3-5 p.m.

Sound like fun and want to get involved? Here's how:

Host: Volunteers are needed to host a dock. This would include marking your dock, possibly selecting a theme for your dock, decorating & providing a "treat", and dealing a card to each participant. Please contact Lisa Nelson if you're interested.

Play the game: It's easy and fun for all ages! Please email Lisa if you're interested in playing. A headcount is needed.

Gather: After visiting all 7 docks between **3-5 pm** to receive your cards, meet at Roxie's (119 Soo Ave East, Almena, WI) at 6 pm.

Cost: The cost is \$10/player which includes dinner at Roxie's. Please plan to pick up your playing sheets and make **cash** payment by 2 pm on July 2nd at the Nelson's Dock (1450 3 3/8th Street). The dock will be marked with balloons.

Questions? Contact Lisa Nelson at Lisa.a.nelson@comcast.net or 651-245-5607. Please spread the word to all your neighbors!

Music on the Lake

If you or someone you know would like to share your musical talents, we'd love to host a music on the lake event. Please reach out to Lisa Nelson if interested. (See contact information above.)

Lake District Garage Sale Friday/Saturday August 21st and 22nd

This is not like any other garage sale - everything is free! The Upper Turtle Lake District will sponsor a unique garage sale this summer. All items will be free! If others can use the items we no longer use, they will be welcome to take them. Shoppers will be offered an opportunity to make a financial donation to the Turtle Lake Area Food Pantry. Especially in this time of job loss, there is more need than ever. A donation is suggested, but is not required.

This is an opportunity to both recycle our unused items and to serve others within our Turtle Lake Community. Like all dates right now, this timeframe is subject to change. Advertisements will be placed on Facebook, the website and in the Turtle Lake Times. If you have items you would like to donate, would like to make a Food Pantry financial donation or can help in other ways please call Sharon Dunemann at 507-261-9772.

Raking your Shoreline

Raking your shorelines and shallow water has proved to help clean the lake and it's a great way to remove weeds! Once you start raking regularly, you'll begin to see the long term benefits. If you are in need of help and would like to hire someone for this task, the gentlemen below are willing to help. This is not a Lake District sponsored activity so any negotiating of work/rates should be between the homeowner and the individual.

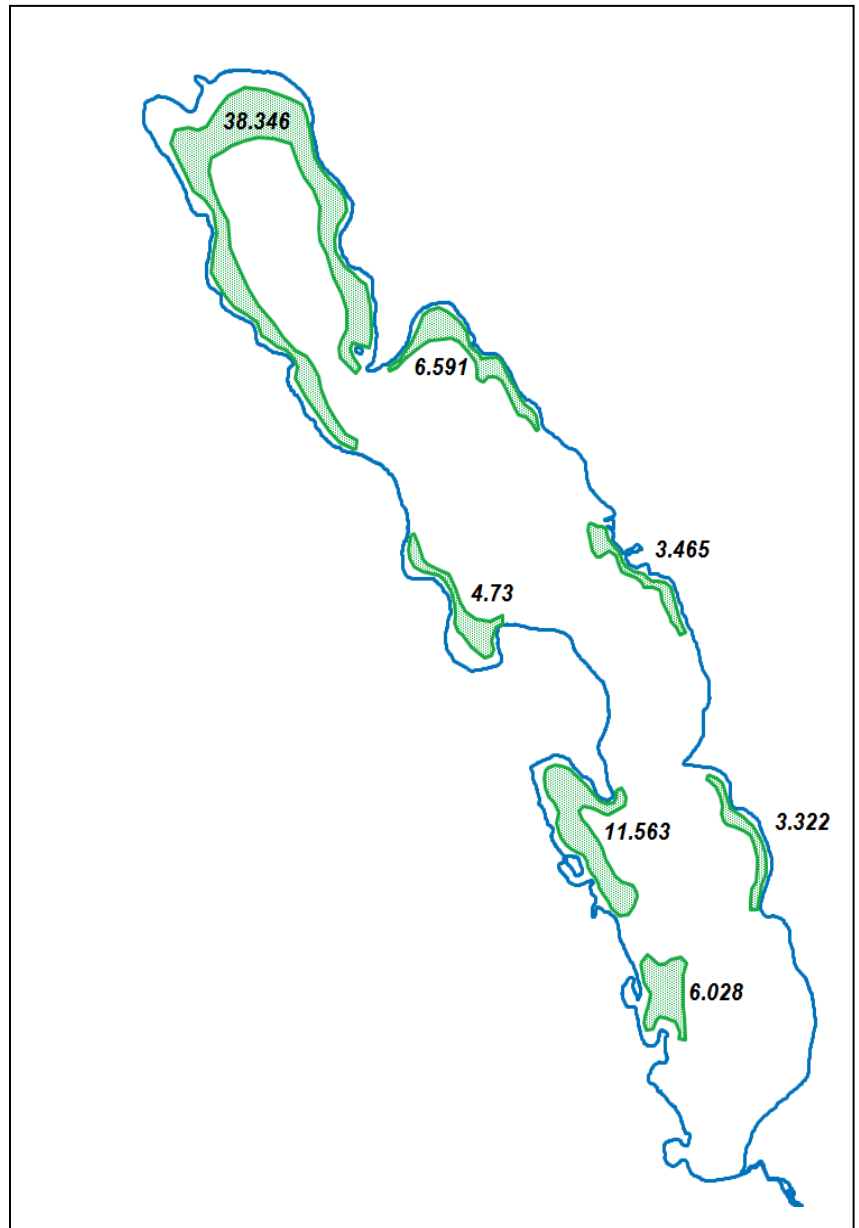
Dylan Nitchey 715-641-1645, Randy Selle 715-641-1179. (Randy can also provide help with mowing and tree/debris removal.)

Notice: 2020 CLP Management and Treatment Plan

Based upon the studies completed in 2019 and 2020, the Lake District and its Lake consultants have developed a 2020 CLP treatment plan that will begin this spring. The treatment plan targets the same areas as in 2019. (See map on the next page, the treatment areas are highlighted in green.) As you may remember, CLP is a cold water, early season aquatic invasive species that begins its growth cycle under the ice.

This serves as notice, as specified per Chapter NR 107, WI Administrative Code; of intention to treat approximately 74.09 acres in Upper Turtle Lake with aquatic pesticides to control the nuisance exotic aquatic vegetation curly leaf pondweed (CLP). Northern Aquatic Services of Dresser, WI will complete the proposed treatment during the spring of 2020, sometime between now and late May, depending on weather conditions.

Additional information including maps and a copy of the permit application can be found at the Lake District's website and on the website of Lake Education and Planning Services, LLC at www.leapsllc.com Lake Education and Planning Services, the consultant working with the Lake District 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: Lake Education and Planning Services, 302 21 ¼ St, Chetek, WI 54728 **and** to the WDNR, 810 W. Maple Street, Spooner WI 54801.



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