
UTLA 2017 April Newsletter

Upper Turtle Lake Association

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UTLA Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Board Members

Guest Speaker: Sharon Dunemann, Lake District Committee

Secretary, Treasurer, and Annual Report

Board Nominations

Association Member Input

Adjourn

Coffee and Doughnuts will be served.

Important Lake District News

You are invited to attend an informational meeting on forming the Upper Turtle Lake District. This is the most important Lake District meeting you will ever attend! You are receiving this notice because your property may be affected. The meeting will be held Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, 10:30 a.m. at the Ritschie Pavilion, Turtle Lake, WI. This meeting will be held directly following the Upper Turtle Lake Association Annual Meeting, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the same location. (Continued)



Upcoming Events

UTLA Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:00 AM

Ritschie Pavilion, 114 Martin Ave East, Turtle Lake, WI

Upper Turtle Lake District Informational Meeting

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:30 AM

Ritschie Pavilion, 114 Martin Ave East, Turtle Lake WI

July 4th Boat Parade

The Boat Parade will be held Tuesday, July 4th, 1:00 P.M. Participants should meet near the island and follow the pace pontoon around the lake. Like last year, voting will take place at undisclosed points. Be mindful of watercraft that don't want to be bombarded with water balloons. Be careful, have fun, and good luck to all participants!

A big concern that has been brought to the attention of the UTLA Board is Upper Turtle Lake's water quality. Many members have expressed concern about the deteriorating water quality, invasive species potential, and the direct impact water quality has on our property values and the lake recreational quality. We all want a clean lake. We have curly leaf pondweed, an invasive species. This needs to be managed, and the Lake Association has no funds to manage it.

A Lake District is a local government agency designed to manage a lake. It is guided and operated by its members. Lake Districts are the most inclusive form of government that exists in the US. The Lake District board does not make any decisions. The members (the landowners, both residents and non-residents) who attend the Lake District meetings discuss matters, make decisions, and then vote.

Lower Turtle, Echo, Staples, Beaver Dam, Rice, and Horseshoe Lakes, to name a few, all have or are in the process of forming Lake Districts. Lower Turtle has been in existence for almost 30 years, Horseshoe just approved their Lake District last summer, and Echo is in the process of forming a Lake District.

Please come and learn what a Lake District is all about, what it would mean to you, and how we can collectively take a proactive approach to make a positive impact on our lake! If you can't attend, please contact Sharon Dunemann or Carol Timmerman (numbers are below) for more information. You can also email your questions to the email address on the front of this newsletter, or send a question via Facebook.

Invasive Species Update

Zebra Mussels have been found in Big McKenzie Lake, west of Spooner. Certain water quality criteria are needed to support growth and survival. WDNR researchers have determined that Sand, Upper and Lower Turtle Lakes, Rice Lake, Long Lake, the Vermillions, and Big Trade Lake are all suitable lakes for zebra mussels. Please keep an eye out for this invasive species. The best areas to look for them is to check your structures that are in the water, docks, boat lifts, shorelines, etc.

Your UTLA Board

President: Carol Timmerman (507) 398-9995

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Board Member: Mark Koegel (715) 357-3633

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Bring your annual membership dues to the annual meeting, or mail to PO Box 461, Turtle Lake WI 54889

2017 UTLA Annual Membership Dues: \$20

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

I would like to volunteer to: _____