



UPPER TURTLE LAKE DISTRICT

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

Message from UTLD Chair

What a great summer! The May Social was well attended, and many of the Lake District members enjoyed getting together. The July 4th Boat Parade was well attended, and the fireworks around the lake were beautiful. Unfortunately, rain cancelled the Poker Run and Band, but some of the dock hosts were gracious enough to have a last-minute sampling of their goodies, both at docks and on the water.

The weather has been wonderful (with the exception of July 5th!) and so many people have been out enjoying the bounty of our lake. Upper Turtle Lake needs YOU to get involved and help preserve its beauty! Whether it is getting involved with Clean Boats Clean Waters, water testing, refilling the decontamination station, or running for the Lake District board, YOU are needed! Speaking of the Lake District board, there are two positions open this year. There is a three-year position and a two-year position available. Incumbent Mike McCauley will be running for the three-year position. Please contact any board member for additional information. Carol Timmerman

Calendar of Events

August 16: Annual Meeting 11:00 a.m. at Spare Time Bowl

September 12: UTLD Commissioner's meeting 9:00 a.m. Almena Village Hall

Boat Parade Wrap Up

Congratulations to the Bianchis family who won the trophies for Most Original,



and Most Patriotic



Thanks to all who participated in this year's Boat Parade!

2025 Upper Turtle Lake District 8th Annual Meeting Notice and Agenda

Saturday, August 16th @ 11:00 a.m., Sparetime Bowl Meeting Room, Turtle Lake, Wisconsin

Welcome: Carol Timmerman

Voting Process Review: Kim Swenson

Secretary's Report: Kim Swenson

Treasurer's Report: Mike McCauley

Internal Audit Report: Internal Audit Team

2025 Accomplishments: Carol Timmerman

2026 Treatment Plan: Carol Timmerman

Voting:

- **2025 Budget:** McCauley
- **Lending Authority:** Timmerman/McCauley
- **Commissioner Elections:** Swenson

CBCW Update: Julie Zellmer

Mailing/Notification Changes: All

Public Input/Questions

Adjourn

2026 Proposed Budget - Upper Turtle Lake District

Income:

Tax Revenues	46,758.00
2025 Checking Account carryover (estimated)	7,957.00
Other Income (Poker Run Proceeds)	2,990.00
CBCW Grant Income	2,200.00
Total Income	59,905.00

Expenses:

Operating Expenses	2,800.00
Advertising, Printing and Postage	2,100.00
Social/Community Fund	2,990.00
Lake Consulting and Support	6,100.00
DNR Permit Application	685.00
CLP Treatment	38,400.00
Aquatic Plant Mapping - Pre and Post Treatment	4,100.00
CBCW expenses	2,450.00
Decontamination station	280.00
Total Expenses	59,905.00

Note: A CD Account in the amount of \$31,288.16 is set aside for rapid response implementation to new Aquatic Invasive Species.

Weed Management

It has been requested by a number of constituents that we remind our lake shore homeowners (and their hired help) who rake and/or cut weeds in their swim and dock areas to remove them from the lake. Leaving the weeds and debris in the lake to blow into their neighbor's shoreline is not only inconsiderate, but affects the overall water quality of the entire lake. When they are left in the lake, they decompose and add nutrients that fuel unwanted algae growth and spur even more weed growth in subsequent years. It is important to be thoughtful of one's neighbors and intentional of the weed and debris removal since ultimately it affects all of our lake experiences.

If you would like the name of a company who would rake and remove your weeds email Kim Swenson at kim.swenson2015@gmail.com.

Water Clarity

A secchi disk is a black and white disk that is lowered into the water to measure water clarity. For the first time since testing started in 2011, the secchi disk was visible at the bottom of the lake, measured at 25 feet. This occurred in May of this year. With the clear ice and water that was experienced last winter and this spring, Curly leaf pondweed exploded. The Lake District's 2025 survey results indicates that there are 45.88 acres of CLP, where 5.58 acres were surveyed in 2024. The 2026 budget reflects the change in the lake's status. As indicated in the Aquatic Plant

Management Plan written in 2023, the 2026 goal will be to return the lake to CLP levels experienced in 2010, which was approximately 10 acres.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Help us complete the Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteer hours this season. For those of you who have gone through training and need a refresher, there are videos available on the Lake District website.

Please contact Julie Zellmer (raznjazellmers@msn.com) with questions or for more information.

Wake Awareness and Lake Etiquette

The Lake District is promoting these recommendations from the Volunteer Lake Owner committee:

- 1) Stay in the middle/larger portions of the lake.
- 2) Stay at least 200 feet from docks, boats or people.
- 3) Slow or no wake speeds in the two narrow portions of the lake. "Slow or no wake" means a speed at which a motorized boat moves as slowly as possible while maintaining steerage control.
- 4) Do not make repetitive passes over the same spot.
- 5) Play music at a level that does not disturb or offend others from enjoying the lake.

All of us as lakeshore owners have an investment that we want to continue to enjoy and utilize for a long time. Let's all take this responsibility seriously.

Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day

Join Us to Make a Difference

Barron County, Wisconsin – Join us for Snapshot Day on August 9, 2025, hosted by Barron County Soil and Water Conservation Department! This exciting statewide event invites nature enthusiasts of all ages to help us search for aquatic invasive species (AIS) in our lakes and rivers.

Participants will assemble at Wayside Park at 8:30 am. Following a brief session on identifying target AIS and understanding search protocols, volunteers will visit designated monitoring locations to track invasive species. Any potential findings will be recorded with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, supporting broader efforts to control and manage these species. Best of all, this is a free event—no prior experience or special equipment is required!

Snapshot Day provides a hands-on, community-driven approach to scientific inquiry. It allows volunteers to directly contribute to the preservation of Wisconsin's aquatic ecosystem. Previous participants have praised the experience, highlighting the rewards of identifying species, exploring local waters more closely, and connecting with a community sharing similar interests. Snapshot Day not only aids in monitoring aquatic invasive species but also bolsters our connection to the natural environment. By understanding and safeguarding these systems, we are

preserving biodiversity and ensuring future generations can enjoy the same natural world we cherish today.

Get involved, enjoy the great outdoors, and help protect our waterways—sign up for Snapshot Day today!

REGISTRATION:

Register and find all event details at: www.wateractionvolunteers.org/events/.

Advance registration is encouraged to assist Site Leaders in developing monitoring plans, but will remain open until August 8.

For more information:

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BE SURE TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING! MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE ON 2026 BUDGET AND BOARD MEMBERS