



UPPER TURTLE LAKE DISTRICT

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Calendar Of Events

August

17: Annual Mtg. Ritchie Pavilion Turtle Lake 10 AM

September

20: UTLD Commissioner's meeting Almena Village Hall 9 AM

July 4th Events Recap

The 4th of July **Boat Parade** was postponed to July 5th because of weather. We had a magnificent turnout this this year and most entrants made it all the way around the lake!!

Winners of this year's awards go to:

Georgia Geiger- Most Original



The July 6th **Poker Run** was a huge success this year! We had 327 participants. A big thanks to the five Dock Hosts!! You made the event a tremendous success. Winners of this year's event were: 1st Debi Howlett, 2nd Wesley Freund and 3rd Amy Studnicka.

For more pictures on the events happening during the weekend go to

<https://www.upperturtlelake.com/lake-activities>

or on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/upperturtlelake>

A huge THANK YOU to Mark and Cindy Wolff and family for coordinating the event. Also, thank you to the Bay neighbors for hosting the band.



Look for next year's events in the Spring 2025 Newsletter and contact Cindy if you want to be a dock host at next year's Poker Run, 651-270-7820.

And the Studnicka Family- Most Patriotic



Clean Boats, Clean Waters Update

As of July 19th we have 71 paid hours and 57 volunteer hours completed for a total of 128 of the 200 hours needed for this year.

Please consider volunteering in the next month and a half so we can reach or exceed our goal.

As an added incentive, each time you volunteer with a minimum of two hours, you are entered into the drawing for the turtle lawn statue. For more information on CBCW contact Julie Zellmer at (651)261-6215.

Everyone's Responsibility: Wake Awareness & Lake Etiquette

Large speed boats, pontoons and wake boats produce significantly larger wakes that require a greater distance to dissipate. When these waves do not have time to dissipate they cause damage to shorelines, docks, lifts and other boats. Our lake is considered a fairly shallow lake and these wakes can churn up the lake bottom which then can increase the algae blooms as well as decrease the water clarity and water quality of the lake.

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 steering 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.

Message from UTLD Chair

Greetings Upper Turtle Lake District Residents. Hoping this newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying summer. It seems we are finally warming up and drying out. Weather aside, our 4th of July weekend seemed to be successful, activity packed and enjoyed by all.

We do have some news I want to share with all of you. Barron County has added and hired a new position that will provide resources, knowledge and guidance to not only our Lake District but all the lakes in Barron County. Pat Brown is the newly hired Lakeshore Technician for the county. He attended our most recent Commissioners meeting for a "meet and greet." We are hoping he will be able to attend our annual Spring Social this coming May, once it is scheduled, to introduce himself to those attending and provide an overview of services and engagements he can provide. Some of these include "on the water" training for volunteers in plant identification, plant sampling, invasive plant mitigation and other healthy lake practices.

If you have questions or are looking for projects for your property, please feel free to reach out to Pat directly at his email address (pat.brown@co.barron.wi.us) or by phone at 715-537-6313.

Thanks for everyone's engagement and hope to see you at the upcoming Annual Meeting August 17th, 10AM at the Ritchie Pavilion in Turtle Lake.

John Vono, UTLD Chair.

UTLD Commissioner Opening

John Vono's three-year term will end this August. He will be running for a second term and his name will be on the ballot at the August 17th Annual Meeting. If you are interested in running, please contact one of the Commissioners before the meeting and we will announce you as a write in candidate.

There is an opening on the Board annually so consider running, if not this year, perhaps next!

2024 Upper Turtle Lake District 7th Annual Meeting Notice and Agenda

Saturday, August 17th, 10:00 a.m., Ritsche Pavilion,
Turtle Lake, Wisconsin

Welcome: John Vono, Introduction of Lake District
Commissioners, New Homeowners, and Guests.

Voting Process Review: Kim Swenson

Secretary's Report: Kim Swenson, Approve Annual
Meeting Minutes from 2023

Treasurer's Report: Mike McCauley

Internal Audit Report: Internal Audit Team

2024 Accomplishments: John Vono

2025 Treatment Plan: John Vono

Voting:

2025 Budget: McCauley

Lending Authority: Vono

Commissioner Election: Swenson

CBCW Update: Julie Zellmer

Boating Etiquette: Vono

Public Input/Questions:

UTLD BOARD

Chair: John Vono (651) 472-3560

Treasurer: Mike McCauley (612) 282-0624

Secretary: Kim Swenson (715) 308-9819

Almena Township Rep: Ken Scheps (715) 296-5723

Barron Cty Board Rep: Jim Gores (715) 357-3720

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2025 Proposed Budget Upper Turtle Lake District (No treatment)

Income:

Tax Revenues	5,000
2024 Checking Account Surplus (estimated)	29,725
Other Income (Poker Run Proceeds)	750
CBCW Grant Income	2,200
Total Income	\$37,675.00

Expenses:

Operating Expenses	3,000
Advertising, Printing and Postage	2,100
Social/Community Fund	2,450
Lake Consulting and Support	2,000
DNR Permit Application	0
CLP Treatment - no treatment	0
Aquatic Plant Mapping – Pre/Post Treatment	5,500
Water Quality Testing	420
CBCW expenses	2,450
Decontamination station	350
Rapid Response (account transfer)	19,405
Total Expenses	\$37,675.00

Note: A Savings Account in the amount of \$10,200.00 is set aside for rapid response implementation to new Aquatic Invasive Species.