

2022 RDLA Labor Day Newsletter

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2022 RDLA Fall Meeting/ Get Together and Pot Luck

Saturday September 3rdth, 2022 @ NOON

Location: The Rod and Gun Club

We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Labor Day Weekend Meeting / Pot Luck.

We are going to be back in the Rod and Gun Club. Come on down and **please bring a dish to pass**. We will provide the main entree. **Bring your own plates, utensils and beverages**. We'll get to have lunch, meet your neighbors and have a couple raffles. Bring some cash! There are no elections this year since all of the Board Members were elected in 2021.

Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, September 4th, 2022, the RDLA will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast. Based on last year's feedback and a very successful turnout we will be serving it again as **take-out only**. We will have a take-out counter set up and provide a quick and easy way to have a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast for you to take back home or to your campsite. Please come down to the **Rod and Gun Club between 8 and 11** to get breakfast from us. The cost is still only \$5.00 per person with special kids pricing.

Aquatic Invasive Species Seminar

On Saturday morning August 6th, seventeen members of the Rock Dam Lake Association participated in a seminar on aquatic invasive species, put on by Kendra Kundinger, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. An "Aquatic Invasive Species Informational Document" was passed out containing information on fourteen different invasive species. Upon completion of the land portion of the seminar, the participants did a slow pontoon ride around the lake shore, looking to identify any type of invasive species. The trip concluded with no findings at this time.

A special thank you to the following: Cals Rock Dam Resort for the pastries and coffee setups, Ruth Tiry for making the coffee and bringing it along with cups, plates, napkins etc. to the seminar, Rob and Cathy Walker for furnishing the coffee and the use of their pontoon boat, and Kevin Hendricks for the use of his pontoon boat.

For more information about Golden Sands and to find a copy of the Informational Document go to <https://www.goldensandsrcd.org/aquatic-invasive-species>.



Road Clean-Up

The Haycreek Road clean-up was a success once again this year. We had an unusually small turnout but the weather was beautiful and the finds were fantastic! Thanks to volunteers Kevin & Virginia Hendricks, Ruth Tiry and Rob & Cathie Walker.



Brats on the Beach

Thanks to everyone who came out to support this year's Brats on the Beach. We had a fantastic turnout and raised over \$800. A special thanks to Mark and Lori Anderson for their generous donation of the Brats and to Virginia and Kevin Hendricks for their donation of the Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs, buns, condiments and beverages,

Big shout out of thanks to all of the great volunteers:

Claire Dreis	Rob Walker
Marc and Diane Collins	Ruth Tiry
Steve Miller	Cynthia McGovern
Noelle Hazard	Kristi Aberwald
Duane Checky	Larry Welborn
Virginia Hendricks	Max Hazard

Fireworks Raffle Winners

1st Place – Kim Krueger

2nd Place – Ricky Diercks

3rd Place – Susie Crawford

Thanks for supporting the Fireworks!!!

A huge thank you to everyone that sold raffle tickets for us. Businesses: AKA Lakeside, Cal's Rock Dam Resort. Our tremendous individual Rock Dam Days sellers: Jim McGovern, Rob Walker and our newest "Junior Salesperson of the Year" Max Hazard. Thanks to everyone that bought them too!



Firewise Homeowner Matching Grants

As you may recall, we were able to access matching funds this year for Firewise Homeowner Wildfire Risk Reduction projects this year. Besides the \$500 matching funds provided by this program, the Lake Association committed to matching any awarded grants. Ten homeowners signed up for Ignition Zone Assessments which were conducted Friday of Memorial Day weekend. Two homeowners submitted applications for risk reduction projects again this year and both projects were approved. We hope to continue this project again next year.

Rock Dam Days Parade



Rock Dam Days Parade (cont.)



Fireworks 2022

Vice President Jim McGovern and the team from J&M Displays outdid themselves once again this year. The finale was the big surprise that no one expected. It will be hard to top it next year.

Thanks again to everyone who makes the Fireworks such a special event for the community. A special thanks again to all of our great business and family sponsors. It wouldn't be possible without your generous support.



Movie Night

(Sponsored by Rob & Cathie Walker)

Saturday Night - 8:30pm to 10:30pm @ Rock Dam Beach

Bring the kids down with your chairs and blankets for a night of movie memories down by the lake!

Popcorn and snacks will be available for purchase.

It's always a great time and admission is free!

See you there.

Hay Creek Clean-Up Project

Those of you at the May meeting will remember that John Gerold requested a group of volunteers to begin work on clearing downed trees that are blocking access up Hay Creek. Well, John and Mike Sergenian have made a few trips up the creek and have made quite a bit of progress with limited resources. They have cleared out a few of the larger trees allowing travel of about an additional 200 yards. They began at the lake end and are now planning on working from the ATV bridge back towards the lake. There are still quite a few trees to take out but they are pursuing it almost as diligently as the beavers that keep trying to dam the creek back up. John is also working with the county to get the beavers trapped and re-located. I'm sure John will provide us with a detailed update at our upcoming meeting. Thanks John and Mike!

RDLA Sign Update



Many of you are wondering what is happening to our sign. Well, a couple of members approached me after our last meeting to offer their help in getting our sign and Eagle back in place. Raymond Gahan has been working on a plan that will allow us to get it back up and in a way that will keep it from rotting out at the bottom and falling over again as it did. They have a plan for a new foundation and are just confirming what we will use for the uprights. The hope is to keep it wood so that it retains its rustic charm. We should have the final details to share at the Saturday meeting. Thanks Raymond!

Kayak Race Winners – 2022

16 years & under – 1st Place - Brennan Mar, 2nd Charlie Kolbeck, 3rd Blake Tischendors
17 years and up – 1st Place - Chris Ward, 2nd Keaton Lyons, 3rd Sasha Nitz
Thanks to everyone that participated. We had a great turnout.



Boat Ramp Update

The Boat Ramp project is continuing to move forward. The County has decided to split the project up into two phases. The first phase is for engineering and grant writing. This is in support of the larger project that was discussed at the last meeting. The request for proposal has been approved and the bid has been posted. Once the engineering firm is hired, they will begin to develop a timeline for construction. Funding for the second phase will then need to be approved.

High Speed Internet Update

Here is the latest update from Astrea on the High-Speed Internet Project (provided August 10th). They are anticipating an end of August start date for the project. The main infrastructure will take roughly 6-8 weeks to complete. From there they will be able to begin the customer connection process. They should be sending out letters very soon informing residents that they are coming to the community. They indicated that the broader sales and marketing communications takes place about 3 to 4 weeks prior to being up and running. Watch your mail for more details.

Rock Dam Community Christmas Party
Hold the Date! Saturday January 7th 2023
@ AKA Lakeside

Rock Dam Days from the Lake



The Photo to the left is of Neil Kolbeck and his new Rock Dam Lake Invention. He designed and built a miniature radio-controlled pontoon that is able to carry a beer cooler to his family, friends and neighbors while they are out on the lake. We understand that he might be in negotiations with Grub Hub on it right now. We'll keep you posted on developments when we hear more. In the meantime, keep an eye out for the S.S. "Pour Choices" on the lake! Nice work Neil!



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Debris burning safety tips

Safest time to burn
No DNR burn permits required when ground is fully snow covered.

Caution
Snow must remain for entire burn
DNR burn permits may be required.

Avoid burning in spring
DNR burn permits required, fire danger changes daily.

Watch for dry conditions
Critical fire danger subsides as vegetation fully greens.

These are general guidelines. For the most current fire situation and permit requirements, visit dnr.wi.gov, search "fire"

PREVENT A WILDFIRE

Nearly 1/3 of all wildfires in Wisconsin are caused by debris burning in spring

Over 70% of debris burning wildfires are caused by people who did NOT get a burn permit

Get a DNR burn permit — it's free, easy and the responsible thing to do
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