

2022 RDLA Memorial Day Newsletter

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2022 RDLA Spring Meeting / Get Together

SATURDAY MAY 28TH @ 12:00 NOON

Location: Outdoor Pavilion across from the Boat Ramp

It's time to get together again in person and kick off another great summer at Rock Dam! Lunch will start at noon sharp. Come on down, **but please don't bring a dish to pass**. We will provide all of the food. **Bring your own beverages**. It's a great time to see your neighbors & friends and meet someone new! We'll have our "new" Rock Dam Lake T-Shirts for sale. See you there!

Road Clean-Up 2022

The annual Haycreek Road clean-up is scheduled for Saturday June 4th at 9:00 AM. We'll provide all of the Tools, Gloves, Trash Bags and Bug Spray. Come on out and help clean-up one of the main roadways into our great community.

If you'd like to help, please call Ruth Tiry @ 715-267-7398.
We'll meet outside the Rod and Gun Club at 9:00 AM.

New T- Shirts

We have a new T-Shirt this year which was beautifully designed by our very own Virginia Hendricks. We will be offering a V-neck option for women again this year. The V-necks and Crew necks are both Heather Navy. We will be holding the price at \$15 apiece and will be selling them at all of our RDLA events. The campground will also be selling them, but only in the crew neck style.



Fireworks 2022



The RDLA 2022 Fireworks Show is being planned to take place on July 9th. Chairman Jim McGovern has been hard at work making sure this year is as great as ever.

Thanks again to all of our Sponsors!!!

Please Help Support our Fireworks!

We need your help to keep our Fireworks Show "the Best in the Area". We greatly appreciate the new family sponsorships we gained last year. Unfortunately, each year we lose a few sponsors and we need new ones to take their place. We know how much it means to the community and we want to continue to keep it the centerpiece of Rock Dam Days. You can help if you or a relative that owns a business would like to participate or by contacting businesses that you know would like to become a sponsor.

We are continuing to offer "Family & Neighbor Sponsorships" to local residents and members of the Lake Association. You can also help by selling raffle tickets to you friends, family and neighbors. The cost of sponsorship is \$250.

Contact Kevin Hendricks for Sponsorship information or for raffle tickets. Email Kevin at - khendricks@outlook.com

Tickets are also available at AKA Lakeside & Cal's Rock Dam Resort.

2022 Rock Dam Lake Community Summer Events

May

May 28, 2022 – RDLA Spring Meeting

12:00pm to 1:30pm

At the Pavilion across from the boat ramp

June

June 4th, 2022 – RDLA Haycreek Rd. Clean-Up

9:00am to 10:30am

Meet at the Rod and Gun Club

July

July 9, 2022

Brats on the Beach

11:00am to 1:00pm – Rock Dam Beach

Rock Dam Days Parade

12:00pm to 12:05pm – Main St. Rock Dam

Kayak Race

5:30pm - Rock Dam Beach

Pontoon Parade

8:00pm – Rock Dam Lake

RDLA Fireworks Show

9:30pm – Rock Dam Lake

RDLA Fireworks Raffle Drawing

After the Fireworks – AKA Lakeside

September 3, 2022

RDLA Pot Luck Lunch / Meeting

12:00pm to 1:30 – Rod and Gun Club

Sand Castle Contest

4:00pm to 7:00pm – Rock Dam Beach

Free Family Flicks

8:30pm to 10:30pm – Rock Dam Beach

September 4, 2022

RDLA Pancake Breakfast

8:00am to 11:00am – Rod and Gun Club

High Speed Internet Project Update

Here is the latest news we recently received from Astrea on the Internet Project.

1. They are working through the last of the Federal Paperwork with the Public Service Commission on the funding (lots of hoops!).
2. Design and Engineering work is complete.
3. Most materials are ordered; some have been received.
4. Construction is likely to start in the beginning of June.
5. Connections to homes that subscribe with Astrea will be available by late summer or early fall. (Some areas might be sooner).

“Rock Dam Days” Dates 2022 – 2024

2022- July 9th

2023- July 8th

2024 – July 13th

The President's Corner

Well although we are still learning how to live with Covid, it seems like last year was almost as normal as previous years. We were able to hold all of our usual events and even squeezed in a BINGO with Dr. B! As I write this column, we are planning a full slate of events and hope that this will be our best year ever at Rock Dam!

As most of you have already seen or heard, we've gone digital! Most of you received this newsletter via email and it is just the beginning of our electronic journey. I know, many people are asking what took us so long.

There are a number of reasons that we made the conversion. The biggest is that communicating electronically will allow us to communicate more easily and more often.

It's quite an effort to print, address, stuff and mail correspondence to over 100 members, multiple times a year.

Because of that we've been limited in how often we connected with you. I'd like to thank John and Rita Patey who have graciously volunteered to do most of that work for the last ten plus years. **Thank you again John and Rita!**

We will continue to mail out a very limited number of paper copies of the newsletter to members that do not have access to a computer. We are honored to have all of our members and especially those parents or grandparents who first shared Rock Dam with us and may not be so tech savvy.

The other news is that we finally launched our website!

www.rockdamlakeassociation.com **A big thanks to Melinda Mayhew (Virginia's sister) for all of her patience hard work!**

This will make it much easier to share information with our members and other visitors. We plan to use it as our primary tool to share what's going on, what already happened (pictures and newsletters) and to better connect with you. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank everyone that continues to keep the Lake Association going. The Board continues to sacrifice their personal time and efforts whenever asked and truly loves doing it for the community.

We continue to be blessed with so many great sponsors and donors that help support our Fireworks, Pancake Breakfast and the community Christmas party. None of what happens would be possible without all of them and all of you. Once again, we hope that we are able to help members, other residents and visitors make special memories at this unique place called Rock Dam.

On a final note, we lost a number of long-time members and friends over the past 12 months. We will all miss hearing them laugh and seeing their smiling faces around the lake.

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to their families.

I hope you all have a safe and memorable summer.

See you around the lake,

Kevin

Boat Ramp Replacement

As previously reported, the County Forestry and Parks Department is currently working on permitting and supplemental funding of the project. The latest update is that they are determining whether or not they will pursue a DNR grant which would trigger a number of scope changes that would result in significant cost increases. Availability of contractors is also a challenge at this time. It is now possible that this project might not be able to begin this year and that it will be postponed into 2024.

We still plan on holding a number of special fundraising efforts over the next 24 months to help offset our portion of the project and to potentially add upgrades to the ramp. Please contact Kevin Hendricks about donating to or helping with this much needed replacement.



In Memory

Suzanne Burt

November 16, 1941 ~ December 12, 2021



Sue enjoyed camping with her family every summer at their camp in Rock Dam, and attended numerous fairs and festivals with her husband Jim. Sue was also a member of the Hub City Model Railroad Club in Marshfield and the Edgar Steam and Gas Engine Club. Our sincere condolences go out to the Burt family.

In Memory

Joe Chenier

December 31, 1943 – March 20, 2022



Joe worked a variety of jobs from a cook to maintenance. He had retired many times from his job that he adored and loved at Wyndham Villas. Everybody that knew Joe loved him. He had a big heart and would do anything for anyone. Joe lived a full life and loved spending time with Becky, family and friends at Rock Dam. Our sincere condolences go out to the Chenier family.

Help!!!

Due to the recent strong winds and rotted posts, our sign blew down. We need help figuring out the best way to reinstall it and help to make that happen. If you'd like to help or know someone that can, please contact Kevin at khendricks@outlook.com. or 847-530-9957 Thanks!



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

dnr.wi.gov, keyword "fire"



Fireworks Sponsors

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Bob's Corner Garage
Broadway in Stanley
Burly N' Bucks
Cal's Rock Dam Resort
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The McGovern Family
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Thank You!!!!

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"Get to Know" the Rock Dam Rod and Gun Club

The Rock Dam Rod and Gun club is a sports organization, but we are a lot more involved with the community than just Hunting and Fishing. We help support many local organizations in the area such as Greenwood EMS and Fire Department, Thorp youth trap club, Thorp youth Archery Club, Rock Creek Handicap Hunt, the Highground, RDLA Fireworks, Thorp FFA Alumni toy show, Reseburg 4H Club, Turkey Federation, Thorp American legion Park. We help support the Rifle Range south of Thorp along with 2 other Sportsmen clubs. We also give out 2/\$250 scholarships each year to 2 qualifying Seniors from Thorp, Stanley, Greenwood and Osseo-Fairchild Schools. We also with our sponsors have a youth Fishing Day in February. This is all done with funds from our Ice Fishing contest, Smelt Feed, Poultry Shoot and Pumpkin Fest Stand. We are very grateful to the area businesses for their support to us.

If anyone is interested in joining the Rock Dam Rod & Gun Club, contact a member or let one of our officers know. Memberships are \$5.00 a year and we meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month except April and November (Election Days), then it is the following Wednesday. You do not have to attend the meetings to join.

Roy Tyznik, President

Ed Irish, Vice President

Jean Ketterhagen, Treasurer/Secretary

Firewise Project \$\$\$

As you may recall, the DNR has a program which helps homeowners reduce wildfire risk on their properties. They provide matching funds for approved projects like gutter covers, wood bark border removal, fire resistant decking, etc. Grants of up to \$500 are being made available to homeowners this year by the DNR and the RDLA is going to match the DNR grants. This means that you could receive up to \$1000 back if your project is selected! If you'd like to learn more, please contact Kevin Hendricks at khendricks@outlook.com.

Please remember to renew your membership to the RDLA!

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 Willard, WI 54493

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