

2023 RDLA Labor Day Newsletter

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2023 RDLA Fall Meeting/ Get Together and Board Member Elections

Saturday September 2nd @ NOON - Location: Rod and Gun Club

We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Labor Day Weekend Meeting / Get Together. As always please bring a dish to pass, we'll get to have lunch, meet with your neighbors and have some fun. It's RDLA election time again. We'll be voting for all of the Officer and Board positions. Steve Miller has informed us of his desire to step away from his position as Treasurer. Linda Pittz has also informed us of her desire to step away from the Board. Thanks to Steve and Linda, for all of their contributions to the RDLA and for always being there to pitch in when we needed an extra hand. We are also looking for someone to take over our Social Media responsibilities. We're looking for someone that is energetic and creative that would like to assemble, edit and post events and content on our Facebook page and website.

Please let Kevin know if you are interested or if know someone that you would like to nominate. 😊😊😊

Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, September 3rd, 2023, the RDLA will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast. We will be set once again as **Take-Out** service. We will have a take-out counter set up and provide a quick and easy way to get a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast for you to take back home or to your campsite. We will also have a few tables set up for dine in customers, if desired. Please come down to the **Rod and Gun Club between 8AM and 11Am** to get a hot and tasty breakfast from us. The cost is still only \$5.00 per person with special kids pricing.



The Eagle Has Landed (again)!!!!

After being out of place for a little over a year, the Rock Dam Lake sign, along with our mascot eagle are back home and standing proud. They look better than new and will now stand for many years to come.

Special thanks to Raymond Gahan who assembled a skilled team of volunteers that got the sign repaired, new log posts set in place and the eagle perched back on top! The planning and installation team included Raymond Gahan, Jeff Gahan, Frank Gahan, Mike Sergenian, Dave Sailing, Jason Nelson and Raina Sykora.

A big thank you also to John and Rita Patey for re-landscaping the base and bringing in all of those beautiful flowers.

We are so lucky to have this group of members, neighbors and friends that rallied together to make sure that the sign would return, better than ever!

Road Clean-Up

The Haycreek Road clean-up was a success once again this year. We had a great turnout this year and got to know some neighbors a little better. The weather was beautiful and the finds were fantastic! Thanks to volunteers Kathy & Loren Anderson, Virginia & Kevin Hendricks, Theresa and Jerry Kiel, Jim McGovern, Susann Skinner and Ruth Tiry.



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 Hot Dogs, buns, condiments and beverages,

Another big shout out of thanks to all of our great volunteers:

**Linda & Greg Pittz
Diane & Marc Collins
Cynthia McGovern
Max Hazard
Jan Loomis
Virginia Hendricks**

**Rob Walker
Ruth Tiry
Noelle Hazard
Kristi Aberwald
Brett Hazard
Connor Hanson**



Fireworks Raffle Winners

1st Place – Jessica Holm

2nd Place – Parker Provo

3rd Place – Tommy Thompson

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 most successful 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. Five homeowners signed up for Ignition Zone Assessments which were conducted Friday of Memorial Day weekend. Three homeowners submitted applications for risk reduction projects again this year and all projects were approved. We hope to continue this project again next year.

Rock Dam Days Parade



Rock Dam Days Parade (cont.)



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Fireworks 2023

Vice President Jim McGovern and the team from J&M Displays took the challenge and delivered a show that topped last year's show in brilliance and duration. Great job once again!

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

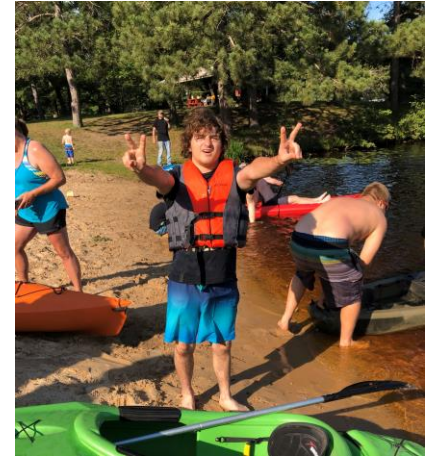
John Gerold received limited response to his request for volunteers from our membership, so no physical work has transpired this summer. John is pursuing other avenues to get outside support and funding so that we do not have to make this a do-it-yourself type initiative. John will provide an update on those plans at the September meeting.

Our Wild Pets



Kayak Race Winners – 2023

9 years & under – 1st Place – Dane Thompsen, 2nd Cooper Marten, 3rd Bryce Hansen
10 – 15 years – 1st Place – Blake Tischendorf, 2nd Austin Tischendorf 3rd Hunter Jachinson
16 years & up – 1st Place – Sasha Nitz, 2nd Zachary Nikali, 3rd Jim Witkowski
Thanks to everyone that participated. We had a great turnout.



Boat Ramp Update

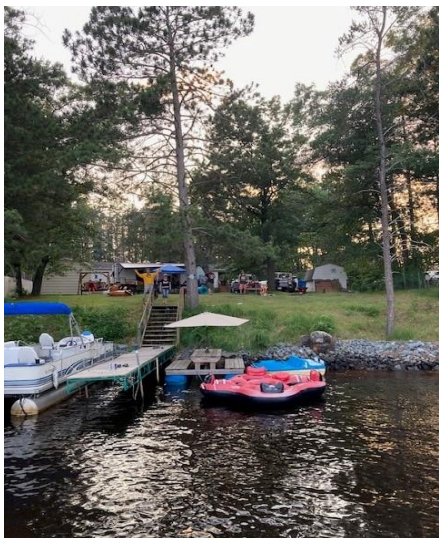
Unfortunately, the Boat Ramp project did not get selected for funding in the latest DNR Grant cycle. It just missed the funding cutoff once again. The project will be submitted again during the Spring 2024 application cycle. The County is still committed to doing the project, but needs the grant funds to move forward. Keep your fingers crossed for 2024.

High Speed Internet Update

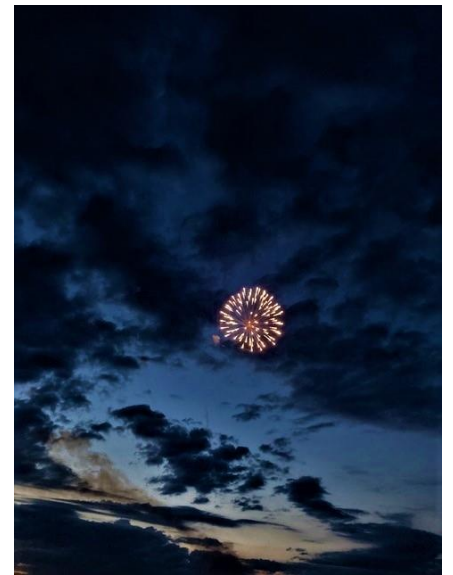
It has been almost 34 months since Astrea reached out to see if the Lake Association would support them in applying for a grant to bring High Speed Internet to Rock Dam. The first four customers were just hooked up a couple weeks ago and reports are extremely favorable. Thanks to everyone that helped write letters of support, we now have two internet provider options at the Rock Dam.

Rock Dam Community Christmas Party
Hold the Date! Saturday January 6th 2024
@ AKA Lakeside

Rock Dam Days from the Lake



Rock Dam Days from the Lake (cont.)



A very special **Thank You** to Ron Kunding and Family for the fantastic DJ'ing, entertainment, games and prizes Ron and his team provide for the crowd. Thanks especially for all of the prize donations he collects for the kids. Ron continues to expand the experience for everyone that is at the beach and park on Saturday each year. It's clear that he and his team love being part of the Rock Dam Days Fireworks program and we are lucky to have them be part of our weekend. Thanks Ron!

2023 Fireworks Sponsors

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Know Your Wildfire Risks
Debris burning safety tips

Safest	Caution	Avoid	Watch
time to burn No DNR burn permits required when ground is fully snow covered.	Snow must remain for entire burn DNR burn permits may be required.	burning in spring DNR burn permits required, fire danger changes daily.	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

dnr.wi.gov, keyword "fire"

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Rock Dam Lake Association

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