

2024 RDLA Christmas Newsletter

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The New Boat Ramp Is In and Completed!

After almost 10 years since we first began discussing a new boat ramp with the county, it is finally a reality. I'm sure some of you thought it would never happen and at times it seemed like it might not. It was amazing how quickly it happened once they started. Total elapsed time of the demolition and removal of the old ramp and pouring of the new ramp was less than 3 weeks. The new ramp was also realigned, the dock was replaced and the 2 trees next to the ramp were removed for easier access to the ramp. A special thanks to Curtiss Lindner at the Forestry and Parks Department for helping make this happen!



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*

From: Rock Dam Lake Association

Movie Night

Thanks once again to Rob and Cathie Walker for putting on our annual Movie Night! It is one of the great memories that they create for the kids at the lake each year. This was probably one of our best Movie Nights ever with a great turnout and nice cool weather! Thanks to everyone that came out!



President's Corner

It's the end of another great year at Rock Dam and time for all of us to be thankful for having such a special place to spend time with our families and friends. It's also time for me to thank all of you for all of your support.

Besides all of the usual great support we receive from the community, this year was capped by great support from the County with the replacement of our much-needed new boat ramp. The community and businesses continue to support us in so many ways whether it is helping to fix our RDLA sign, buying raffle tickets, t-shirts or Brats, sponsoring the Fireworks Show or coming to the Pancake Breakfast. We couldn't do it without all of you!

I would also like to thank the RDLA Board for everything they did this year. It's a commitment of their time, energy and in many cases their generous donations. I'm also grateful for neighbors stepping up to fill our open board positions each time we have an opening. I am so proud to be a part of this dedicated and community loving team. I'd also like to recognize Ellen Johnson who created a new community event, the Rock Dam 5k Walk/Run.

As I say each year, everything we do is about enhancing life at Rock Dam and making memories for our members and their families, the local residents and visitors. I'm sure that all of you have great family memories from this year. Again, everything we do happens because individuals and businesses get involved and donate their time, money and resources. In some cases, all of the above. Rock Dam continues to be a special place because of everyone that helps make those memories. Thank you so much!

To each of you and your families, Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year full of special memories!
Kevin

Pancake Breakfast

This year's pancake breakfast set another new record and we didn't run out of anything! In addition to the popular carryout option, we also continued to provide the option for our customers that wanted to "eat in". It was the best of those two worlds! It's great to see so many members and campers come out to support us each year. It continues to be our largest single day event fundraiser.

Thanks to everyone that made this so successful.

We received donations from:

AKA Lakeside, Grassland Butter, Kwik Trip, the Rock Dam Rod and Gun Club and Ruth Tiry.

Thanks also to all of our helpers:

Mike Sergenian, Rolf DeRouin, Linda & Greg Pittz, Virginia & Kevin Hendricks, Judy & Jim Hidde, Ed Irish, Kathy Anderson, Kristi Aberwald, Randy Dobbs, Jim McGovern, Ruth Tiry and Susann & Eric Skinner.

Again, a special thanks to all of our customers!

Firewise Funding will be available again in 2025

We have been informed that there will be DNR funding for Firewise projects once again in 2025. Since reducing wildfire risk is a focus of the RDLA, the Lake Association Board has been applying to the DNR for matching funds, up to \$500 per homeowner, for projects that reduce Homeowner Ignition Zone Risk. The focus for 2025 projects will be limited to vegetation (tree and shrub) reduction. More details will be shared via Facebook in the Spring and at the May meeting.

Rock Dam Community Christmas Party

Saturday January 4th 2025 @ AKA Lakeside

- 🌟 **Cocktails** 5:00 pm (Cash bar)
- 🌟 **Dinner** 6:00 pm
- 🌟 **Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass.**
- 🌟 **Ugly Sweater Contest – Prize to be awarded**

There will be presents for the youngsters and the young at heart. Once again this year, we will play the grown-up gift exchange. As a reminder, each adult that wants to play can bring one wrapped gift. Suggested value of the gift should not exceed \$20.00.

Know Your Wildfire Risks
Debris burning safety tips

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

Sand Castle, RDLA Meeting & Pancake Breakfast Pics



"Rock Dam Days" Dates 2025 - 2026

2025- July 12th

2026- July 11th

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