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Message: An Open Letter...

When you encounter ATVs on public roads in Webb Lake, Wisconsin use extreme caution. The odds are very high the drivers are drunk.

For nearly 100 years Webb Lake, Wisconsin successfully promoted itself to the outside world as a paradise of peaceful lakes and forests. Our spectacular hunting and fishing built a destination. In 2009 that all changed... that's when criminal behavior became our new driver of economic development.

A few weeks ago my wife and I met a large group of ATVs on County Road H in Webb Lake. All were traveling illegally at high speed with cases of beer strapped onto several machines. One driver was demonstrating his skill by driving on the two left side wheels at 50+ mph as he passed us. This sort of thing is now commonplace in Webb Lake... especially on weekends. The Town of Webb Lake celebrates and promotes the public road sport of drunken ATV driving and bizarre behavior for the benefit of a few tavern owners and their best customers... alcoholics and drugged crazies... many if not most of whom are attracted from out of state, escaping proper law enforcement at their home.

Webb Lake provides a safe haven for this illegal activity because "It's good for business"... even though this behavior results in the destruction of real estate values while threatening the safety and well being of all residents and visitors.

Wisconsin adds to our problems with a dangerous loophole in state statutes. The DMV and DNR operator's license laws and enforcement are disconnected. For example, those who have DMV license revocations for drunk driving can legally drive ATVs on our public roads, to their favorite watering holes... often impaired. Wisconsin's historic heavy drinking tradition seems to be at the root of this ridiculous loophole and Webb Lake celebrates it.

For many years, the Town of Webb Lake Board applied common sense and worked hard to comply with state municipality statutes with integrity and solid law enforcement... no secrecy or coverups... now it is a Wild West Show. Our local police department has been eliminated, the Sheriff is absent, the DNR is absent and the County DA sees no evil... all of which has transformed the town into a paradise for drunks, tavern owners and various other forms of criminal behavior including drugs.

Our broken government and law enforcement invites unreported crime. A wrongful death claim against the Town seems inevitable under the current circumstances.

Fortunately, in today's world, crime, bad government, self serving local politicians, corruption, tax fraud, abuse of political power and conflicts of interest, etc. are easily exposed.

I have confidence the offices of Burnett County, Sheriff, District Attorney, DNR, Attorney General, DOJ, DOT, DCI, Assembly Representatives, Federal agencies and honorable media outlets will now proceed with the long overdue investigations and necessary actions to fix our town.

No doubt... eventually Webb Lake will return to good government with the removal of bad actors.

In the meantime however, our residents will be at risk during the process of dirty house cleaning.

(Ed added a link: https://rvlife.com/contaminated-campground-water/)