



The Loon Call



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Reminder

Cumberland Fire Chief Barry Kuenkel recommends every property owner make an appointment with the Fire Department (715-822- 4352) to determine if there are any obstacles that would prevent the fire trucks or water trucks from reaching your home. An ounce of prevention...

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New District commissioners Stephanie Boysen and Greg Warner.

AIS Rapid Response Action Plan design underway

The Pipe Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District held its annual meeting on September 1, 2012 at Christ Church. Stephanie Boysen and Greg Warner, pictured above, were elected new commissioners, and Curt Deering was elected Chair. Greg Warner will serve as Secretary, and cover District communications, and our Invasive Species Rapid Response Plan.

The Rapid Response Plan maps strategy and implementation tactics in the event an invasive species is discovered in Pipe Lakes. With this plan in place we won't waste any time managing and/or eradicating an invasive should one be discovered here. These are the steps to designing the plan:

- Committee gathers documentation, owner input, consultant recommendations, details and costs of alternative containment options.
- Consultant drafts plan including funding proposal.
- Committee reviews plan with property owners, Polk County, Town of Johnstown, and DNR.
- DNR approves plan.
- District designates sources of initial funding such as tax levy, or contributions.

The District has set aside \$2500 in the 2013 budget to initiate a contingency fund for implementing the Rapid Response Plan once it is approved by DNR.

Nearby lakes are treating invasive plants – curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil – at substantial costs. Be diligent and clean your boats and equipment before entering Pipe Lakes.

The District is continuing to work on improving our communication to owners. We need volunteers to provide feedback on what is working and what is not. If you have comments or are willing to serve on the Communications Committee, please call Greg Warner at 507-202-5233

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Yes, it was a fabulous boat parade again this year!

Eight boats entered the contest this year. It is very clear that families and cabins plan throughout the year for this event and hours and hours are put into outfitting the boats with decorations and props.

The judging, as always, was based on energy, decorations, costumes, originality and theme. Each judge is given a score sheet and each boat is scored from 1-5 in each category. Points are added up from all judges to determine the rankings and first through sixth place trophy winners. If there is a tie score, then the judges confer and deliberate until the tie is broken; every year it's very close. This year our five judges ranged from age 11 to 40 something.

First place: Vote No/Wedding (McCarthy/Peterson), was well decorated, their energy and enthusiasm continued around the whole lake, and the dog on board was even dressed for the occasion. The costumes were fabulous, but the live accordion music was the clincher.

Second Place: London 2012 for their great energy and enthusiasm. Their use of the kayak and also the representation of many sports was fun!

Third Place: Kentucky Derby. The costumes, hats, and the "horses" were great! We hope that the horses were allowed pain medication and a beer after having those jockeys ride on them for an hour.

Thank you to all who participated! We look forward to next year.

Clockwise from top left: first place, second place, and third place boat parade winners.



Johnstown ATV Ordinance permits ATVs on Johnstown roads

Following is the Town of Johnstown's ATV Ordinance which allows the operation of ATVs on all town roads under the conditions outline below. Please observe the conditions of operation and stay safe when operating an ATV around Pipe Lakes and on Johnstown roads.

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN ATV ORDINANCE 2008-2

1.1 AUTHORITY: The Town Board of the Town of Johnstown has the specific statutory authority, powers and duties pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes.

1.2 PURPOSE: Following due consideration of the recreational value and to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by ATV travel, this ordinance has been created.

1.3 SCOPE: An ordinance designating All-Terrain vehicle routes pursuant to Wis. Stats. 23.33 (8) (b). The applicable provisions of 23.33 regulating ATV operation pursuant to routes are adopted.

1.4 ROUTES: All township roads.

1.5 CONDITIONS:

1. Speed limits: 35 MPH, except that State law restricts speed to 10 MPH within 100 feet of pedestrians and when within 150 feet of a dwelling
2. All persons under the age of 16 must follow guidelines as stated in Wi. Stats. 23.33 (5)
3. DNR registration required.
4. Insurance – Proof of insurance must be carried on the vehicle.
5. ATV shall come to a complete stop at all intersections of US State, County or Town roads.
6. ATV shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
7. ATV shall be operated on the extreme right side of the road, travel in single file and shall display a lighted head lamp and trail lamp at all times.

8. Owners of ATV's shall be responsible for the safe operations of their machines whether they are on them or not.

9. Routes must be signed in accordance with NR 64.12, and NR 64.12 (7) (c).

1.6 ENFORCEMENT: Any law enforcement officer of DNR, Polk County Sheriff's Department, or Wisconsin State Patrol shall enforce this ordinance

1.7 PENALTIES: Wisconsin State All-Terrain Vehicle penalties as found in 23.33 (13)(a) Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

1.8 SEVERABILITY: The provision of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town of Johnstown would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other person's circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

1.9 EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 13th day of May 2008
Arnold Peer, Chairman
Richard Sellent, Supervisor
Douglas Rouzer, Supervisor

All-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle riding is a growing sport in Wisconsin. Make sure you are operating ATVs and UTVs safely and responsibly.

ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 who are at least 12 years old for ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) must complete an ATV and UTV safety certification course in order to operate on public ATV/UTV trails and areas in Wisconsin. DNR recreational safety specialists recommend all ATV and UTV operators complete a safety course.

Visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/atv/ for state laws, changes and updates.

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► Art Ringsven with a bevy of St. Olaf beauties. Now we know why Art is so enthusiastic about talking about invasive species with everyone at the public landing!



WANTED: The Pipe Lakes P&R District is looking for a Boat Landing Monitor to supplement the efforts of our current monitor, Art Ringsven. The new Monitor will provide additional coverage at the landing to talk with and educate boaters about invasive species and inspect watercraft for attached aquatic plants and animals.

Hours: The Monitor is expected to work weekends, including Fridays, an estimated 100 hours over the summer months. Eventually the new Monitor will take over the entire program accumulating 250 hours over the summer.

Training: A training session is required, provided next spring at the District's expense. Starting salary is \$8.00/ hour.

Qualifications: The Monitor will have a passion for keeping our lakes clean, ability to relate to people in a friendly and persuasive manner, and to pay attention to detail. Anyone over 18 is invited to apply. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking for part-time work including retirees and recent high school graduates.

Contact: Dick Hollar, 2242 24th Street, Comstock, WI 54826; 715-822-5317 or dickhollar@gmail.com with a resume and to set-up an interview.

AIS Update

Art Ringsven continues doing his fine job in protecting our lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) at our public landing. Art concentrates on the high usage periods of Friday afternoons, Saturdays and Sundays. To date, Art has accumulated 222 hours at our landing inspecting boats and discussing AIS with boaters. He has inspected 506 boats and talked with 910 people. So far (knock on wood) he has found no major infractions of the laws regarding transporting “weeds” on trailers and boats. It is alarming is that only 90 percent of boaters contacted were aware of the laws regarding transporting aquatic plants. This is the lowest percentage in the past five years and compares with 95 percent last year and 100 percent in 2009.

Our underwater biologist, Matt Berg, has inspected the waters around the official landing on the north end and the unofficial landing on the south end in June, July 2 & July 31 and has found no evidence of AIS. He will inspect our waters again in September and October.

It is time to update the Pipe & North Pipe Lakes Property Owners Guide, commonly known as “The Map.” For those of you who don't know, this is a large map of our lakes showing the location of each property along with the property owner's name and lake address. Originated by Sandra Cobb way back in 1967, The Map was last updated in August, 2007. Our goal is to ensure the map is as up to date as humanly possible.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Is your information (name and address) correct on the existing map? If so, you have nothing to do. If you do not know if your information is correct, please e-mail Lisa Lynch at pipelakes@westairheating.com with your name and lake address. If you are new on the lakes since May, 2007, you are not on the current map, so please send Lisa Lynch your name and lake address. If you know of someone who is new to our lakes, please recommend they contact Lisa Lynch with their information. Finally, if you do not have e-mail, contact me, Dick Hollar, at 715-822-5317 and give me your name and lake address. Thanks!