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LSPOA PRESIDENTS NOTES



SPRING 2024

Greetings Lake Sherwood Residents,

As our spring like winter weather continues, I extend warm greetings to each and every one of you. It has been a little light on snow this winter season, but it is hard to complain about the warmer temperatures. Let's hope for an early spring!

With the turn of the new year, we again embark on another chapter filled with opportunities and challenges. The Lake Sherwood Property Association remains committed to serving our community and enhancing the quality of life for all of our members. In this newsletter, you'll find updates on recent happenings, upcoming events, and important reminders. We encourage you to stay engaged and involved as we continue to work together to make Lake Sherwood the best it can be.

A friendly reminder to ensure your association dues are up-to-date. Your contributions play a vital role in maintaining our community's amenities and services. Please encourage others that are not members to join LSPOA. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your dues, please reach out to the association office.

Finally, a big "Shout Out" to our staff for providing us the opportunity to enjoy the Lodge!

Warm regards,

Craig Gerlach



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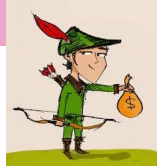
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FROM THE TREASURER



Hello to all our Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association members,

Financially ... another good year for the Lodge. Inflation continues taking its toll as you all are aware. We have kept our prices competitive over the past year. Costs have gone up on some products significantly. We are monitoring our costs in detail and have started several initiatives to control our purchasing and stay competitive. Last year our staff worked through the issues of shortages in both food and employees. Cost increases means menu price increases. Inflation affects the Lodge, like everyone else. We are not immune.

In early 2023 we made some more improvements on the Pavilion. We'd like to see this structure become the choice to celebrate weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and family gatherings; or to just sit and enjoy the lake and the Lodge on the weekends in 2024. Thank you for your understanding while we improve the Lodge and our property.

The Independence Day celebration is set for Saturday July 6, 2024 with the fireworks and Southbound band for the evening. Mark your calendars for the biggest event of the year right here at the lodge.

Your donations and dues are key for scholarships for our members and family members who are embarking on college. Each year we award between \$2,000 and \$4,000 to our members and their families toward their college expenses. Your \$100 can support the continuing education for our members children and grandchildren attending college. Donations/dues were slightly down in 2023. I hope you all realize that your donations/dues help support the major events during the year as well as the Lodge improvements. Donations help keep the doors open and support the property, building and any improvements made during the year as well as our many community events; like the Fisheree and the Independence Day Celebration. This year again the Fireworks cost is increasing so please consider donating to the summer's big event by committing a donation specifically to the Fireworks.

Morgan has taken on the role of Manager at our Lodge. Please come in and meet her and her staff. She has lots of new events planned for the summer. Morgan and her staff have lots of new ideas on how to improve your experience at the lodge. Please check often on our websites for updated and upcoming events. Please remember to say thank you to our management and staff for doing as much as they can to keep the lodge open for business for as many hours as possible. Also, please remember that these are the people who are working for your relaxation and enjoyment. They are working as hard as they can so you can enjoy the lodge, good food and beverage. If you are aware of someone who wants to wait or cook, please let Morgan know.

To recap, our financials are ok. We are keeping the lodge safe and enjoyable for all of you our members and visitors. Through the efforts of Morgan and our staff, and they are working hard, we are staying the course.

Have a great 2024 and Stay Safe!

Patrick Geib – LSPOA Treasurer



PICKLEBALL, IT'S REALLY A BIG DILL!

The Rome Pickleball Club continues to play at the Rome Town Hall with the following schedule;

Monday- 1:00 to 3:00---Gentle play

Tuesday through Friday--- 8:30 to 10:00---Open Play

10:00 to 11:30---Advanced Play

Free lessons will again be offered starting in March. Our Spring schedule will be released at a later date. For more information, contact Ron Blair at 715-258-3796 or ronbarbblair@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE MANAGERS

Greetings from the Kitchen;

What a great Winter, looks like Spring may come early!! I have been busy working on getting our staff trained and ready for another busy Summer. If anyone knows of someone looking for a part-time job send them over for an application. Our kitchen is looking for cooks and dishwasher/pizza makers. We also just finished the Summer menu. There will be a couple of different salad choices. We are also adding a Tuscan Chicken to our pizza menu. We will be running some new daily specials along with our regular favorites. Keep updated by looking at Facebook or our website.

Hope to see you all real soon at the Lodge.

Holly Braaten

Kitchen Manager

Greetings everyone we had a great fun winter. Looks like spring is just around the corner. I am happy to report that we have received positive feedback on this winter's events and adding favorite dishes back onto the menu. As summer is approaching our management staff has been working on a customized menu for the summer. We are introducing different dishes, specials and specialty cocktails. We are also very excited for the next upcoming months as I have been working on filling up our calendar with great entertainment and events. This is going to be a fun filled summer with bands, acoustic performers, comedy, classes, and so much more. Keep up to date with upcoming events on the Lake Sherwood Lodge Facebook page, or on our bulletin board located in the lodge. Check the event calendar for a sneak peek of some events that are happening this summer. Exclusive offers and discounts coming soon to Sherwood members, so please stay tuned. Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone!

Morgan Belke

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

If you like libraries, you will love the Lester Public Library of Rome. It is a small but busy library located on Rome Center Drive (by Nekoosa/Port Edwards Bank). There is an active Friends of the Library group working with the staff to create programs and activities for residents in Rome and the surrounding communities. If you would like to join in the fun and help with events, it is easy to join...just ask at the circulation desk! The Friends just sponsored a Chocolate Celebration on Fat Tuesday that was well attended. Lat fall they sponsored a first annual Scarecrow Walk in the woods behind the library. This spring, a social activity is in the works for March, along with the summer social in July. The mission of a Friends Group is to support the library and spread the word about how fantastic it is. We are fortunate to have this library in our town.

**SAVE THE DATE
JULY 6TH, 2024
LAKE SHERWOOD POA
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**



2024 LSPOA General Membership Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 2024 Memorial Day General Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend. The meeting will be held in person at the Sherwood Lodge and via Zoom. Meeting information, including a Zoom link, will be posted on the LSPOA Website and emailed to property owners for whom LSPOA has emails.

The “Labor Day” General Membership Meeting will likely be held Saturday, August 24 at 10 a.m. followed by the Sherwood Lodge Customer Appreciation Event. Check the LSPOA Website and your email, a couple of weeks prior to the meeting, for further information. The meeting will be held in person at the Sherwood Lodge and via Zoom.

2024 LSPOA Scholarships

The Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association is a community organization that works to enhance its community. The Scholarship Program provides an opportunity to assist LSPOA dues paying members, their children/grandchildren to pursue their career goals through education. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2024.

Scholarship Qualifications:

Individuals who apply for a LSPOA scholarship must:

1. Be a dues paying member or a child/grandchild of a dues paying member of the Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association for three (3) years prior to the scholarship application year.
2. Intend to be a full-time (12 credits or more) student at a post-secondary school in the fall semester or quarter of 2024.
3. Complete the application requirements as noted on the Scholarship Application and submit the application and associated documents by **April 1, 2024**.

2024 LSPOA Board of Director Nominations and Election

LSPOA By-laws state: One Director should be elected for each of the recorded subdivisions (additions) of Lake Sherwood. Elected Directors shall own property in the subdivision to which he/she is elected. The term of office shall be for one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. There shall be no limit of successive terms.

Nominees to the 2024 Board, selected by the Nominating Committee, will be presented to the Association Members at the Memorial Day Weekend General Membership Meeting. LSPOA is seeking individuals interested in representing their subdivisions as Directors. If you are interested in becoming a LSPOA Director please email lsboa@wctc.net. The Nominating Committee will add your name to its list of nominees for the subdivision in which you live. Ballots are developed after the Memorial Day Weekend General Membership Meeting and provided to LSPOA Members in August. Elected Board Members are announced at the Labor Day General Membership Meeting.

Be active in your Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association! Become a LSPOA Director.

2024 Woodland Lutheran Church-Rome Community Garden Plots Available

The Woodland Lutheran Church Rome Community Garden has several plots available for the 2024 growing season. The Garden is located on the Woodland Lutheran Church property at 280 14th Avenue. It houses 28 - 4 ft. x 12 ft. raised beds that receive full sun and are protected from pests by a tight wire fence. The Garden received funds from the Rome Town Players which enabled the installation of a drip irrigation system that irrigates each garden automatically. All gardeners need to do is keep fertile soil in their garden, plant, weed, and then harvest their vegetables, herbs, and/or flowers.

The Garden plots are open to all Town of Rome community members. There is a limit of one plot per family until May 1, 2024, when open plots become available without restriction. The recommended donation for the use of each 4 x 12 raised bed is \$10 for the 2024 season. The donation is used to maintain the garden area and its irrigation system.

If you are interested in a plot for the 2024 growing season complete the three Garden Registration forms found on the Woodland website at <https://www.woodlandlutheranrome.org/page/community-garden>. Send the completed forms along with your \$10 donation to Woodland Lutheran Church, 280 14th Avenue, Nekoosa, WI 54457. Make checks payable to Woodland Lutheran Church. You may also obtain the forms at Woodland. Check the Woodland website for office hours. If you need the forms emailed to you, have questions, or need additional information contact Laurie Francis, RCG Coordinator, at lfrancis@scacable.com.



Entities that Regulate on Lake Sherwood

Let's not chance fines and/or reworks! Before planning to build/erect structures, make shoreline modifications, set a pier/dock or boat hoist/lift, camp, use your lot and its structures for short term rental, ride your ATV/UTV or use your boat be sure to consult with the following entities to assure your project and/or actions meet their regulations and to obtain a permit if required. Additional entities may also regulate your projects and activities and need to be contacted. Might have to do some research!

- Town of Rome – townofrome.com
- Building Inspector and Zoning Administration, 715-325-8019,
- Building Inspector, Dan Hansen, hansen@romewi.com, also at (715) 347-7866
Administrative Assistant Support Specialist, Taylor Owczynsky, owczynsky@romewi.com
- Police Chief, Jason Lauby, (715) 325-8020, lauby@romewi.com
- Challenges with Short Term Renters , (715) 504-6244 or residents can report problems through a website link at <https://safe.hostcompliance.com/tips/route>
- Adams County –Shoreland, Wetland and Habitat Protection - Chapter 396, - co.adams.wi.us
- Planning & Zoning, www.co.adams.wi.us, (608)339-4222
- Adams County Land & Water Conservation, www.co.adams.wi.us, (608) 339-4268
- DNR – Piers and Docks, Hoists and Lifts, Shoreline, Boating Regulations, dnr.wi.gov, 1-888-936-7463

Beach Clubs on Lake Sherwood

All off shore Lake Sherwood lots are provided access to the waters of Lake Sherwood in various ways. One of these ways is via subdivision beach clubs. Lots in subdivisions with beach clubs are deeded fractional ownership in such beach clubs. A few beach clubs have organized owners to regulate use of their beach clubs, others have not. Questions regarding beach clubs, such as placing piers, boat hoists, etc. should be directed to these organizations. Additional entities may also regulate the beach club shoreline and placement of piers, etc., such as Adams County and DNR. The Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association has no involvement in, or jurisdiction over, Lake Sherwood beach clubs.

Adams County Beach Club Recommendations

The Adams County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) received a grant from the Wisconsin DNR to survey and create a shoreline protection plan for each beach club located on the Tri Lakes. These beach clubs make up 11% of all waterfront property/shorelines on the lakes. It is the hope of Adams County LWCD that property owners on the Tri Lakes will adopt conservation practices to protect the shoreline and the lakes. Conservation practices are used to protect upland vegetation and slow shoreline erosion to increase the strength and longevity of shorelines. A healthy shoreline that utilizes conservation practices helps increase the water quality and overall health of the lake. The grant received by Adams County LWCD only accounts for the planning of these projects, so there is currently no implementation funding available. However, with the plans set, it is much more likely for a beach club to receive additional funding. Areas of concern, goals, and solutions provided by Adams County LWCD for beach clubs on Lake Sherwood can be found at <https://www.co.adams.wi.us/departments/land-water-conservation/beach-club-recommendations>.



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Wisconsin Boating Laws

The Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Warden Service invite you to **safely** enjoy the recreational opportunities available on Lake Sherwood. Wisconsin Boating Regulations are available in a printed brochure or online at www.dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0301.pdf. Please review the brochure to assure your boating behavior adheres to its regulations. Below are excerpts from this publication to increase the safety of boating on Lake Sherwood and help to reduce the number of citations issued by local and state personnel.



Requirements for Towing Skiers

A person may not be towed behind a vessel before 10am. When a vessel is towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, or other device, the operator must have another competent person on board to act as an observer or the vessel must be equipped with a wide-angle rearview mirror. A PWC (Personal Water Craft) operator may not tow a person on water skis or other devices unless:

- The PWC is designed and recommended by the manufacturer to accommodate at least three people, **and** a competent observer is on board and in a position to observe the person being towed or the PWC is equipped with a wide-angle rearview mirror.
- Those towing skiers on water skis, a surfboard, or similar devices and those being towed must act in a safe and prudent manner.
 - *Vessels towing persons may not come within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, any PWC, or any marked swimming area or public boat landing.
 - *Persons being towed behind a vessel on water skis, a surfboard, or other device, or their towing rope, may not come within 100 feet of a PWC.



Personal Watercraft Laws & Regulations

PWC operators must obey the laws that apply to other vessels as well as obey additional requirements that apply specifically to the operation of personal watercraft, including registering the watercraft with the state and carrying a B-1 class fire extinguisher on board. The following are additional regulations that must be followed when operating a personal watercraft in Wisconsin.

- Every person on board a PWC must wear a U.S Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD.
- An operator of a PWC equipped with a lanyard-type engine cut-off switch must attach the lanyard to his or her person, clothing, or PFD.
- A PWC must not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- A PWC operator must always face forward,
 - A PWC may not be operated at faster than “slow, no wake speed” within:
 - *Within 100 feet of any dock, pier, raft or restricted area on any lake;
 - *Within 100 feet of any vessel; or
 - *Within 200 feet of shoreline on all lakes, reservoirs, and bays.
 - *A person 12-15 years may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. (Parental supervision is not a substitute for a boating safety course certificate as with other motor boats.)
 - *A person at least 16 years may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. A person born before January, 1, 1989, is exempt from the safety course requirement.
- A PWC must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, including:
 - *Jumping a wake with a PWC within 100 feet of another vessels.
 - *Operating within 100 feet of a vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or similar device or operating within 100 feet of the tow rope or person being towed.
 - *Weaving a PWC through congested waterway traffic
 - *Steering toward another object or person in the water and swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision.
 - *Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with a PWC.



Alcohol & Boating Under the Influence (BUI)

Wisconsin law prohibits anyone from operating a motorboat or manipulating water skis or similar devices while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Alcohol and drugs cause impaired balance, blurred vision poor coordination, impaired judgement and slower reaction times. Anyone who operates or attempts to operate a vessel is deemed to have given consent to an alcohol and/or drug test. It is illegal for a person to operate a motorboat or use water skis, a surfboard or other device if he or she is under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance or has a blood alcohol concentration of .08% or greater.



Town of Rome Boating Regulations

rt II General Legislation, Chapter 137 Boating and Waterways regulations can be found at <https://ecode.com/34010050>.



Snowmobiling, ATV/UTVing and Motorcycling

The local Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club is dedicated to providing the finest trails for recreational family snowmobiling. The Sno-Bandits maintain 35 miles of trails in northern Adams and southern Wood County. Call 715-325-6711 for more information.

The Monroe Recreation Area Trail system, 500 miles of road routes and 50 miles of off road trails, is a premiere riding experience in the Central Wisconsin area. The Monroe Center ATV Club is responsible for maintaining the trail system, which includes development of trail maps; trimming grass, brush, and trees, tree removal, placing of trail signs, and grooming the trail bed. E-mail atvmudmama@gmail.com for more information.

The Dyracuse Recreational Park is on over 500 acres and contains Motocross/Supercross and Pee Wee tracks and over ten miles of trails. The Rapid Angels Motorcycle Club also owns a portion of the park and hosts several annual competitions including Motocross and Hill Climb events and a Harescramble. Call 715-325-8017 for Dyracuse information and email ramc@rapidangels.com for Rapids Angels information.

Enjoy your trails and please ride legally and safely!

State of Wisconsin Snowmobile and ATV/UTV Laws

WI Snowmobile Laws: <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/le/LE0201.pdf>

WI ATV/UTV Laws: <https://widnr.widen.net/s/r57n2bmj5t>

Adams County ATV/UTV Trails & Road Usage Regulations

Adams County ATV/UTV Trails Open May 1 and Close Oct 31. Adams County has 32 miles of off road ATV/UTV trails. ATV/UTV's are not allowed on snowmobile trails in Adams County. For additional information or an updated ATV/UTV map contact Adams County Trails Department at 608-564-7513.

Road Routes signed for ATV/UTV use in Adams County is typically open year round and regulated by the local municipality via an Ordinance. Each township has its own Regulations. When crossing municipal boundaries you could easily be traveling an approved Road Route onto one that is not. It is the operator's responsibility to know and understand their location and the associated rules and regulations. Citations can be issued for riding on unopened Town, County or State roadways. Township Roads are named like: Fish Lane, Elk Ave, Badger Drive, Akron Court, 13th Lane, 5th Ave; County Highways, are an alpha character like: Z, E, B, N, F, J etc.; and State Highways have numeric characters like 13, 82, 21.




Town of Rome Snowmobiles and ATV/UTV Vehicles Regulations

Part II General Legislation, Chapter 308, Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles regulations can be found at <https://ecode.com/33912452>.

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* Denotes Board Member appointed in accordance with Article 6, Section 7 of the LSPOA Bylaws and lives in the subdivision

** Denotes Board Member appointed in accordance with Article 6, Section 7 of the LSPOA Bylaws and does not live in the subdivision.

Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association Participation Opportunities



I am interested in LSPOA participation opportunities checked in the list below. (If you have other areas of interest state them in your email or note them on this sheet if mailing.)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Fill in the form and email it to LSPOA at lsboa@wctc.net or mail to LSPOA, 1146 West Queens Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457.

1. Help in planning and/or volunteer to assist at one of the following events:

- LSPOA Fisheree,
- 4th of July Celebration, in 2024, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to continue this event. See the LSPOA 4th of July Celebration Volunteer Needs listing on our website online or return this form and tell us below in what activity and at what time you can assist.**

2. Join an LSPOA Board Committee

- The Housing Committee duties are to maintain and improve properties, building, equipment and facilities owned by the Association.
- The Business Committee duties are to operate properties, building, equipment and facilities owned by the Association.
- The Recreation Committee duties are to propose, promote and supervise any Association recreational functions.
- The Covenants Committee duties are to recommend covenants and protective restrictions and/or revisions to covenants and protective restrictions and to enforce all covenants and protective restrictions to subdivisions (additions) to Lake Sherwood recorded by the Adams County Register of Deeds.
- The Budget Committee duties are to prepare and institute an annual budget for the Association.
- The Conservation Committee duties are to conserve, preserve, guard, enhance and protect the fish, wildlife and natural resource of Lake Sherwood.
- The Member Relations Committee duties are to organize and promote special events throughout the year to foster fellowship and community among LSPOA Members such as holiday gatherings pot luck dinners, etc.
- The Scholarship Committee duties are to advise the Board of Directors in establishing scholarship funding, establishing and modifying scholarship criteria, and other elements of the scholarship program as deemed appropriate.

3. Be an LSPOA Director for your subdivision

- Nominees are identified in April of each year

4. Lend your expertise in one of the following areas:

- Legal Resource
- Accounting/Financial Resource
- Office Assistance – software resource, newsletter development assistance, database management
- Technology Resource
- Gardening
- Other:

THANK YOU – LSPOA Board of Directors



CONSERVATION NEWS

by David Trudeau, Conservation Committee Chairperson

The Annual Lake Sherwood Fisheree was held on Saturday, January 20th, 2024. \$200 prizes were awarded for a 29 inch northern, a 20½ inch walleye, and a 19⅝ inch bass. The largest catch registered was a 31⅝ inch northern which netted Mike Schwister a cash prize of \$500. The first place trophy in the youth panfish division was awarded for a 9⅝ inch crappie. This is our single annual fundraiser for our Conservation Fund. We made a \$3,000 profit, which is generated from our raffle sales. Due to the less than ideal lake ice conditions, our contestant registration was down 40% from last year. This affected the money in the prize pool and our fund raising totals. We congratulate the prize winners and thank everyone who purchased tickets to support our worthy cause. These funds will be used solely for fish habitat improvement projects and stocking. It is often difficult to get enough dedicated volunteers to make an event like our Fisheree happen, so I want to thank all the volunteers and Lodge staff who made our 2024 event a success.



I am writing this article in mid-February and right now, unusually warm weather is delaying our winter fish sticks installation. We are still hoping to complete that project with a cold snap predicted in about 7 days that should improve the lake ice thickness we need to make this project happen. This winter, the fish sticks will be anchored in the no-wake Conservancy Area on the south shore on the Adams County property between the weed harvester launch ramp and the lower Camelot dam. Our Conservation Committee has also helped with tree drops and installed some fish sticks bundles on Lake Arrowhead. We are cooperating with fish habitat projects on other Rome lakes to pool our resources by sharing equipment and volunteer labor.

I was notified in mid-February that we were awarded 2024 DNR grants for the Healthy Lakes program for the three Rome Lakes. There are 12 Healthy Lakes practices planned with the DNR 75% share totaling \$12,000. Five native planting projects will be on Lake Sherwood properties. In meeting the DNR grant eligibility requirements, I submit the Healthy Lakes grant application through the non-profit 14 Mile Watershed Alliance organization, where I am currently President.

The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is planning another informative State of Our Lakes luncheon for Saturday, June 8th. This year's program is still in the planning stages, but save the date, and watch for the agenda to be published on the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance, Town of Rome, Tri-Lakes and Lake Association websites.

As spring approaches, be aware of the posted fire danger and use caution when building campfires or outdoor burning of leaves or brush. Following the Firewise program guidelines and Home Ignition Zone recommendations are the best way to protect your property from wildfire threats. In our continuing effort to reduce potential wildfire spread in the Sherwood area, LSPOA received nearly \$4,000 in Wildfire Risk Reduction grant funding from the DNR. This grant supports our efforts to remove standing and down dead fuels in the Sherwood Forest public property plus funds two \$500 Firewise private homeowner grants for projects on Sherwood properties. Look for the information elsewhere in the Crier about eligibility for these two grants.

We are always on the lookout for active volunteers to assist with the many worthwhile conservation activities on Lake Sherwood. You can be a volunteer or member of the Conservation Committee, even if you are not on the LSPOA Board of Directors. Please contact me to offer your help.

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Firewise Fuels Reduction Funds Available for Lake Sherwood Homeowners

Because Lake Sherwood is a Firewise site, fuels reduction projects around **two** private homes (out to 100 feet) are eligible for cost share funds in 2024. The purpose is to reduce the ignitability of the home in the event of wildfire. Funds can be used towards up to 50% of costs associated with reducing fuels, up to \$500 per property.

Eligible projects could include live or dead tree and shrub trimming or removal to reduce fuels around the home or other fire hazards or to improve driveway access and visibility of fire numbers; chipping up brush and/or hauling brush to transfer site; removal of wood mulch and fire-prone shrubs from near buildings. Both hardwood and evergreen trees are eligible as long as the project reduces wildfire risk.

Eligible expenses for reimbursement include equipment use (chainsaws, trucks, chippers), hiring a contractor or renting equipment to complete activities listed above. The 50% in-kind match from the homeowner could include homeowner's labor or use of homeowner's equipment or by covering part of the out-of-pocket expenses.

Ineligible projects include structure modifications, purchase of hardscaping materials, purchase of equipment, hiring a contractor for routine maintenance and beautification projects not directly tied to wildfire risk reduction. Vacant lots are not eligible to participate.

If you are interested in taking part in this opportunity, you must have a home visit conducted by a DNR forestry specialist and you must be present so that you can hear the details of the program firsthand and ask questions. Each home visit takes approximately 30-45 minutes.

If you are interested in more information about these wildfire fuels reduction grants, contact LSPOA Conservation Chairman, David Trudeau, **by 5/15/24** by phone at 715-325-6275 or by email at dtrudeau@wctc.net. Once your project is approved, you will have until 10/15/24 to complete the work and submit project documentation for your 50% reimbursement up to \$500.

14 Mile Watershed Alliance Immersed in Strategic Planning



While this young organization has already had an impact in its work to educate the stakeholders of the watershed about how to protect our water resources, the organization has begun a comprehensive strategic planning process to have a broader impact on our water quality future. This process began in December, 2023 and will finish in March, 2024 after an evaluation of the watershed needs for the long term. The continuing mission of the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is to protect and improve the condition of the watershed water sources for all stakeholders. Early steps in the planning process have identified the need to have a greater impact on the excess water nutrients (primarily nitrogen and phosphorous) from non-point sources that make their way into both the surface and groundwater from throughout the entire watershed, then into our lakes and streams.

Planning continues but our preliminary direction recognizes that:

- 1) Any actions will be data driven.
- 2) The organization will be adding more experts in highlighted fields to its volunteer team from the community that have work life experience that can be used to accomplish our objectives.
- 3) Communication and education will be key components of the resulting plan.
- 4) The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance will remain a community based nonprofit organization.

You are welcome to participate in the formation and direction of the plan at our monthly meetings, held the 2nd Monday of the month, at Sherwood Lodge at 6 pm.

Once the strategic plan is complete, the Alliance will publish a more detailed explanation of its resulting objectives and direction to benefit our long term water quality. You will be able to access the information on the Alliance web page: <https://14milewatershed.org/>



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Target root causes, reduce nutrients, muck and algae, improve navigation and habitat...

Nanobubble May Restore Balsam Lake Naturally

by Dale Ulbrich

Balsam Lake is a wildlife habitat as well as a recreational retreat for us humans. Unfortunately, the lake can suffer from a variety of issues that affect habitat, are unpleasant and even unsafe, affecting our enjoyment of the lake. Without a proactive lake management plan and the right tools, it may be difficult and costly to combat these problems.

Balsam Lake has several issues that arise due to human activities, as well as natural occurrences. Human activities such as agricultural runoff, untreated sewage, yard and road runoff, and improper land use can all lead to contamination of the water. Natural occurrences such as changes in water levels and erosion can also cause problems. All can lead to changes in water quality and impact life in the lake. The most common issues Balsam Lake homeowners and lake users experience are high nutrient concentrations, muck buildup, excessive algae growth, and foul odors.

High Nutrient Concentrations

The lake accumulates high levels of nutrients, mainly from runoff from nearby agricultural land, urban areas and lakeshore properties. This runoff contains nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus that feed algal blooms and excessive growth of aquatic plants. As plants decay in the water at the end of a season, oxygen levels drop making it difficult for fish and other aquatic organisms to survive. This problem is known as eutrophication.

Muck

Muck is a type of sediment that accumulates in lakes, consisting of decomposing plant material, algae, and other organic matter. Common sources include leaves, fish waste, dead fish, dead algae, aquatic plants, yard clippings and waste from waterfowl. Nutrients in muck can contribute to algae blooms.

Algae and HABs

Algae are a type of plant that grow when there is an abundance of nutrient available. Some types of algae—blue-green algae or cyanobacteria—are harmful algae blooms (HABs) that produce toxins harmful to humans and animals. Algae blooms have become a problem for many bays in Balsam Lake.

Algae consumes oxygen and sunlight needed for other aquatic life, often leading to fish kills. Algal blooms have an unpleasant smell and appearance. Also, over time, the resuspension of organic material in the water from boat traffic and wave action can negatively impact the health of the lake. Reducing the use of lawn fertilizer and controlling runoff carrying nutrients to the lake can help reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus available to algae, however, this prevention tactic alone isn't effective enough.

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Boston Bay inlet summer 2023; below, summer 2022



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Foul Odors

Foul odors in Balsam Lake are a sign of water pollution and poor water quality. When pollutants such as sewage, fertilizers, and agricultural runoff enter the water, dissolved oxygen levels decline and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) is produced, leading to an unpleasant ‘rotten egg’ smell. In some cases, the smell can be strong enough to be detected from a distance and can cause health issues. This sign of water contamination should be taken seriously.

Creating a Proactive Lake Management Plan

A good lake management plan includes a variety of control methods, though a proactive plan focuses on tools that are restorative, preemptive, and sustainable. Using a combination of tools, including aiding the beneficial bacteria, reduction of available phosphorus with alum treatments, sedimentation ponds to reduce nutrient runoff to the lake, and other sustainable tools, lake districts can manage and restore water bodies with less impact on the environment, ecology, or their bottom line.

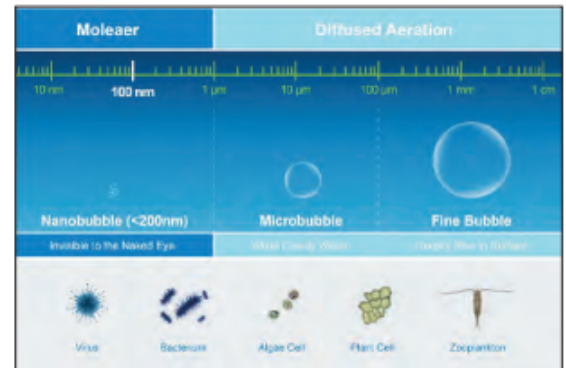
Proactive lake management is all about taking a holistic approach to solving problems, rather than simply treating symptoms. It’s about understanding the importance of sustainability and using restorative tools to prevent or mitigate problems before they occur. One very effective restorative tool available today is nanobubble technology.

Using Nanobubble Technology to Target the Root Cause of Common Lake Problems

Nanobubbles are tiny bubbles of air that are very small, under 200 nanometers in diameter. Created by pressurized air injected into water, nanobubbles have a number of unique properties that make them ideal for proactive lake management. When used in lakes, nanobubbles can have a profound impact on water quality.

First, nanobubble technology delivers the highest oxygen transfer efficiency and increases dissolved oxygen levels throughout the water column. More oxygen throughout the water and in the sediment-layer helps increase natural muck digestion by the good bacteria in the lake and reduces foul odors.

Second, nanobubbles produce oxidative effects that break down excessive nutrient levels (e.g. phosphorus, nitrogen, and heavy metals). Their air bubble size makes them stable, remaining suspended in water for long periods of time without floating to the surface and popping. When they encounter contaminants, they collapse and produce a mild oxidant that degrades harmful bacteria and dangerous pathogens.



How Can Nanobubble Aeration Be Used To Improve Water Quality At Balsam Lake

The District is proposing using nanobubble technology beginning in summer 2024 in Boston Bay Inlet, Forest Circle Bay, and Raskin Bay, three bays that were previously identified for dredging.

The three bays have extremely high phosphorus and nitrogen levels and excessive weed growth that is harvested every year to maintain a boating channel. Neighbors that have been there for over 50 years remember when the bays had sand bottoms, healthy aquatic plant populations and no algal blooms. Some said they used to enjoy watching the fish spawn and nest on the bottom in the springtime, but now the sand is covered by 12-24 inches of muck and the fish have lost this habitat.

Should the treatment prove successful in Balsam Lake (as it has been in over 3,000 applications in fifty countries) the nanobubble aerator would be moved to other Balsam Lake bays identified as impaired.

Sensors will be used to monitor important lake quality indicators like dissolved oxygen, pH value, water clarity, Chlorophyll A, and temperature for the month prior to nanobubble aeration to provide a baseline, and then monitored throughout the aeration period. Also, lake sediment mapping will be conducted before and after treatment to document the reduction of muck in the bays.

Nanobubble technology by Moleaar, Inc.

Nanobubble aeration technology is now available for lakes like Balsam Lake at a price that is affordable. The mobile system and sensor monitoring by Moleaer™ will cost about \$113,000 to purchase. This same equipment can then be used at each bay planned for aeration. Yearly operation cost is about \$1,500 to power the system and conduct annual testing.

BLPRD is planning to transfer \$99,000 previously designated for the purchase of a dredger to fund the nanobubble aerator. Nanobubble technology is being considered since dredging cannot be approved in all three bays. A DNR grant application submitted in November 2023 can also offset the cost of the system. We will learn the grant funding decision in February 2024.

Nanobubble technology has additional benefits over dredging. One is that the good bacteria in the lake digests the muck, so we don't have to manage it like we would when dredging. Dredging requires depositing the dredged material near the lake for a minimum of a year so the water can seep back into the lake. Also, during dredging, property owners on the bays would not have access to their docks or will have to remove their docks for the dredger. This is not an issue with nanobubble technology.

A vote on the nanobubble proposal will be held at the BLPRD Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m. on July 20, 2024 at Unity High School

It's exciting to have a novel technology approach to restore the bays in Balsam Lake. The District is interested in your comments, questions or concerns—pro or con—about nanobubble technology, the plan for restoring bays in Balsam Lake, and in the proposed plan to fund the project.

Please contact BLPRD Commissioner Dale Ulbrich, at dalerulbrich@yahoo.com with your comments and questions. ●

Read more about nanobubble technology on page 4



The Moleaer, Inc. System

A 4'x8' trailer containing a pump and nanobubble aerator is parked on shore next to the area for lake aeration. Water is pumped by a quiet electric motor into the nanobubbler for aeration and then returned to the lake.

The oxygen dissolved in the water is then available to the good bacteria in the lake to digest muck, algae, and nutrients that encourage excessive plant growth, improving the water and exposing the sand bottom for an improved fish habitat.

Nanobubble technology is a cost-effective, proactive option to help increase muck digestion through natural oxidation and efficient oxygenation. Depending on the amount of sediment at the bottom of the lake, it can typically take nanobubbles 4-6 months to encourage digestion to reduce the layer of muck that has taken many years to build up.

Unlike dredging that is very disruptive to the ecosystem and gets in the way of enjoying the lake, nanobubble technology does not interfere with the natural bottom of the lake or interfere with docks and boating during aeration. This results in clearer, healthier water bodies and reduces the occurrence of algae blooms.



Muck, algae blooms, and filamentous algae, from 2023, appear each year in Boston Bay Inlet, Forest Circle Bay, and Raskin Bay.

Moleaer's Nanobubble Generators

System Sales from 40 to 5000+ GPM



Volunteers Needed

Please Contact Tri-Lakes Management if you are interested in helping the water quality of Lake Sherwood by having a Nanobubble Generator installed. There is No Charge to you. Please call Tri-Lakes at 715-325-3250 or email them at lakedist@wctc.net

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Nanobubble technology helps to restore water quality for healthier, more resilient water bodies.

Researchers all over the world are studying nanobubbles for a variety of applications. These studies have validated the use of nanobubble technology as a restorative tool to improve lake and pond health.

The Chemical Engineering Research and Design journal (issue 186, 2023, pg. 64-86) published the article, "Fundamentals and applications of nanobubbles: A review". The researchers studied sediment decontamination and lake management applications of nanobubbles and found that nanobubbles reduce pollution (phosphorus, nitrogen, copper), mitigate hypoxia (absence of enough oxygen to sustain fish) and anoxia (an absence of oxygen leading to fish kills), improve dissolved oxygen levels that aid in the natural digestion of muck, and help with algae control and overall water clarity.

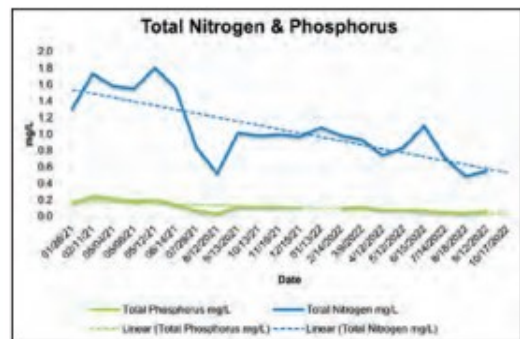
Independent researchers have validated nanobubble technology by Moleaer™, a company that develops industrial scale nanobubble technology. Paul Westerhoff, Professor at Arizona State University (ASU) School of Sustainable Engineering and member of Nanotechnology-Enabled Water Treatment (NEWT), confirmed the oxidative properties of Moleaer's nanobubble technology and the formation of hydroxyl radicals in their study.



Michael Stenstrom, UCLA professor and aeration expert, proved Moleaer nanobubble technology achieves >85 percent oxygen transfer efficiency at standard conditions (SOTE) per foot of water compared to less than 3 percent SOTE per foot of water with conventional aeration methods.

Additionally, Reza Ovissipour, Virginia Tech, demonstrated that Moleaer nanobubble technology eliminates pathogens like e. Coli and Listeria on surfaces within five minutes of exposure.

At a private club in Florida, nanobubble technology provides a chemical-free and sustainable way to digest muck and reduce algae, keeping muck at bay by treating the root cause.



Lake Theresa in Orlando, Florida saw a marked reduction in nutrients that feed algae and weed growth.

There are many other benefits of nanobubble technology, but these are just a few of the most important when it comes to proactive lake management. When used as part of a comprehensive plan, nanobubbles can be an extremely effective tool for preventing or mitigating many of the common problems associated with eutrophic lakes.

Romemakers Home and Community Educators

Romemakers are an active community group. Our meetings are held at the library in the community room at 9:30am on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Come and join us! We'd love to introduce you to the many opportunities in HCE.

On November 18, 2023 Romemakers hosted the Old-Fashioned Holiday Craft Fair at the Rome Town Hall from 9am until 3pm. Crafters from all over the state were set up to give shoppers a great shopping experience. The shoppers were happy, and so were the vendors. The bake sale was a huge success with everything sold by 1:00pm.

The first Saturday in December was Christmas in Rome – an event that was greatly expanded from last year. There were horse pulled wagon rides, decorated spaces in the Town Center, crafts for kids, Santa Visits, cookie decorating table, and much more. The decorated spaces were judged, and the Sno-Bandits booth won the travelling trophy for 2023. There were some outstanding decorated spots with the Auxiliary coming in a close second with their awesome train. The decorations stayed up for the season providing delight to people wanting to see Christmas lights and decorations.

On December 10th, 2023 the Romemakers had a Christmas Party after their regular meeting. Lake Arrowhead catered the party, and everyone had a great time playing some games, and exchanging White Elephant gifts.

January 7th, 2024, Adams County H.C.E. held their annual Winter Tea where we gathered together, reviewed the past year, and gave awards to the clubs and members for participation and recognition. Also, in January, Romemakers worked on a project for the Nekoosa Schools making window coverings for the classroom door windows in the middle school. They needed 70 window coverings, so it took a while to complete the project. At the end of January, we heard Heather Quackenboss, U.W. Extension Educator talk about Gratitude and Finding Joy in your life. This presentation was open to the public on January 30th, 2024, at the Adams Community Center at 10:30am. She was excellent and gave all of us ideas on finding joy in all the small moments during the day that make you smile.

On February 10th, 2024 Adams County H.C.E. had a Make and Take Craft Day from noon until 2pm at the Adams Community Center. On March 12th, 2024, at 10:00am, a speaker is coming from Baraboo to the Adams Community Center to give a presentation about Funeral Planning. She will be able to answer many of the questions you might have. This presentation is open to the public.

This spring, Romemakers will not be hosting a Voter's Forum because all candidates for the Town of Rome Supervisors and the Nekoosa School Board are running unopposed.

Romemakers HCE is part of a large organization in Wisconsin with clubs in counties all over the state. There is always something going on in HCE. If you are interested, you can come to any meeting. Meetings are held at the library in the community room at 9:30am on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Call Linda at 715-712-1471 for more information.

WOODLAND COMMUNITY QUILTERS

Winter is here and we can expect snowy, cold weather. When it comes, think about getting out of the house and joining the Woodland Community Quilters on Mondays. We have a great social time with a coffee break in the morning, and a lunch break around 1. We work from 9-3, so come when you can, and leave when you must. You do not need to sew in order to help. We need sewers, but we also need people to cut or match squares, iron, design, pin, tie, create backs and fillers, put together the layers and pin edges for a quilt, and set-up/clean-up people. Bring a friend, too, because this is a Community Quilting Group.

We can always use donations of clean sheets, yarn, and material. Keep us in mind if you hear of anyone looking for a place to donate these items.

Anyone wanting to help out with the quilt project can contact Jeanne Osgood at 715-325-6244 or Linda Beck at 507-358-6614 and we will help you find the perfect job for you, or just show up on a Monday! Hope to see you soon.

ROME GARDEN CLUB

The Rome Garden Club is a free resource for people interested in gardening in the Rome area. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Rome Public Library and is led by Master Gardeners. All sessions are open to the public. The purpose is to help residents with their questions about gardening in Rome, and to bring in speakers to assist with that education. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, starting at 9:30 a.m. The focus will be on cutting back and dividing native grasses. This will be hands on and outside so dress for the weather. Other questions you may have can also be addressed during this session. On May 8 at 9:30 a.m., Becky Gutzman, retired Master Gardener and U.W. Extension educator will do a presentation on Designing Your Landscape for Sustainable and Ecological gardening. Watch for monthly dates and the schedule for the rest of the summer. They will be posted on the Library Website and at the library.

All events will be led by Master Gardener Educators & take place at the Lester Public Library of Rome

ROME GARDEN CLUB 2024 EVENTS



APRIL 24TH, 2024
9:30-11AM

CUTTING BACK & DIVIDING NATIVE GRASSES

Discussion | Hands-On



MAY 8TH, 2024
9:30-11:30AM

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Discussion | Led by Becky Gutzman, Retired UW-Extension Educator



JUNE 12TH, 2024
9:30-11AM

DIVIDING & SHARING PERENNIALS

Discussion | Group Share | Hands-On | Led by Jennifer Fane



JULY 10TH, 2024
9:30-11:30AM

MAKE & TAKE STEPPING STONES

Hands-On | Registration Required | Led by Laurie Francis & Robert Stoldt



AUG. 14TH, 2024
9:30-11AM

NATIVE SHADE PLANTS

Discussion | Led by Barb Herreid



SEPT. 11TH, 2024
9:30-11:30AM

LAWN CARE FOR SANDY SOILS

Presentation | Discussion | Led by Janelle Wehr, UW-Extension Educator



OCT. 9TH, 2024
9:30-11AM

GROWING GARLIC & WALKING ONIONS

Discussion | Hands-On | Registration Required | Led by Jennifer Fane

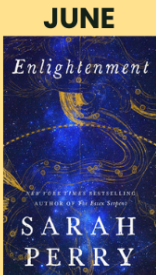
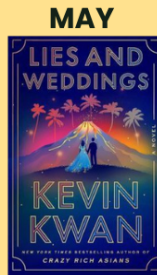
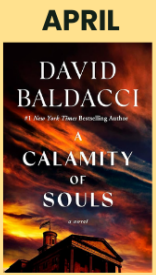
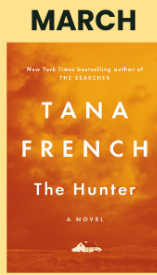
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F: 9AM-5PM
SA: 9AM-2PM
SU: CLOSED

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BOOK BUZZ



Libraries Transforming Communities Grant
 Our library was chosen as a recipient of the Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant. This \$10,000 American Library Association initiative provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities. We are hoping to use the funding to develop a book delivery service for members of our community who are homebound. Keep an eye on your mailbox and the library's website for future updates.

Wednesday Movie Night
 The first Wednesday of the month is movie night! Come watch a newly released movie on the library's "big screen". Showings start at 5:30pm.

Weekly Story Time
 Each Wednesday at 10:30am is story time at the library. Kids (and parents) are invited to read, sing, dance, and create with our story telling staff. Every story time is a new adventure!

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 With your library card, you can get a free subscription to Creativebug. With a subscription you can watch thousands of art & craft classes, download crafting patterns, find recipes, and more. Go to www.creativebug.com to get started!

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LAKE SHERWOOD UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARCH

MARCH 16TH	Saint Patrick's Day Party Karaoke starting at 7pm
MARCH 17TH	Corned Beef and Cabbage
MARCH 23RD	Meat Raffle 1:00pm
MARCH 30TH	Adult Easter Egg Hunt starting at 2:00pm

APRIL

APRIL 20TH	80's Night Karaoke Party 7-11pm
APRIL 27TH	Meat Raffle Starting at 1:00pm
	Stay Tuned for more April Events

MAY

MAY 4TH	Kentucky Derby Party
MAY 5TH	Cinco De Mayo Food specials
MAY 5TH	Cocktails & Succulents 1-3pm *Reservation Required
MAY 12TH	Happy Mother's Day! Food specials & Mark Kamps Acoustic Guitar 4-7pm
MAY 18TH	Charcoal Drawing Class *Reservation Required *Stay Tuned
MAY 25TH	Charlie Wiggins Music 3-6pm Karaoke 7-11pm

JUNE

JUNE 1ST	Rumors 7-11pm
JUNE 8TH	Elvis & Oldies Show starts at 7pm
JUNE 9TH	Melissa Lee Acoustics on patio 3-6pm
JUNE 16TH	Happy Father's Day! Food Specials
JUNE 22ND	Loose Cannons band 7-11pm
JUNE 23RD	Renee Ricci Sundsmo Music on patio 3-6pm

FOR MORE TOWN EVENTS GO TO:
www.visitromewi.com



Follow Fertilizer Application Best Practices for Lake Health

Everybody looks forward to the spring and summer months as it means enjoyable times spent on our lakes. Good water quality is something we all appreciate and want to achieve on a continuing basis. When conditions are right, algae blooms can occur and sometimes even result in toxic Blue-Green Algae.

Algae blooms are caused by high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. There is not a single cause that creates increased levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in our lakes. We, as property owners, can do our part to help stop nitrogen and phosphorus from our properties entering the ground water or running directly into the lakes.

A HUGE contributor to this runoff is lawn fertilizer. Recognizing the importance of healthy lakes to our community, the Town of Rome encourages lake frontage property owners to consider use of lake water irrigation as a source of natural fertilization in lieu of applying commercial lawn fertilizer products.

Further, the Town has enacted a fertilizer ordinance that includes the following:

- *No fertilizer can be applied within 35 feet of the shoreline or to an established natural buffer zone
- *Zero % phosphorus (the middle number on the package) is required by Wisconsin State Law
- *Any fertilizer applied to impervious surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks needs to be immediately contained and either legally applied to turf or placed in an appropriate container
- *No person shall apply any lawn fertilizer within the Town of Rome that is labeled as containing less than 20% slow-release nitrogen.

Many of us come to our lake community from the city. Often there, pride in maintaining a pristine, weed-free green lawn is the norm. However, in lake communities, the opposite is required in order to affect the good water quality that we all desire. **The best practice for shoreline properties is to stop fertilizing or to switch only to lake water irrigation. For those properties that are offshore, we recommend that you consider stopping fertilizing or using a fertilizer product with a high content of slow-release nitrogen.**

Please join us in implementing these efforts to improve our lakes.

14 Mile Watershed Alliance

Save the Date: Saturday, June 8
Our Annual STATE of OUR LAKES will be held
Watch for details in the upcoming months

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Open burning is defined as burning any material outdoors without any air pollution controls in place. Burning in an unconfined area, a container or a pile are all considered to be open burning.

Burning solid waste materials, such as treated wood, plastic, household garbage and most other trash is prohibited statewide, and local ordinances may be more stringent than statewide requirements. It is legal to burn items such as leaves, brush and clean wood under some circumstances. However, you need to make sure you have all necessary burn permits. Permit can be obtained at online DNR. It is always better to use alternative disposal methods, including composting, recycling, and landfills.



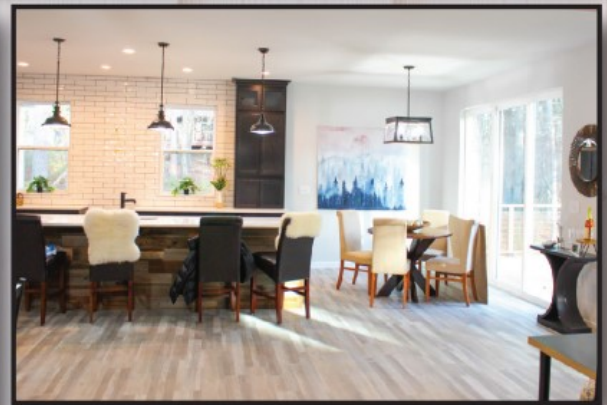
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