



SHERWOOD CRIER

SPRING 2021

LSPOA PRESIDENTS NOTES



The Coronavirus vaccine is starting to roll out, albeit slowly. We will continue to operate the Lodge within the capacity limits and restrictions imposed by the State Emergency Declarations and County Health Department guidelines. Projections are currently looking optimistic for more normal operations by mid to late summer. However, with viral mutations and the emergence of new Covid strains, there is still a great deal of uncertainty for the near future.

During our Special Members meeting on December 12th, the settlement recommended by our legal counsel affecting our covenants was approved. The settlement has since been finalized, and as a result there will no longer be enforcement of the LSPOA covenants. The most recent revision of our covenants had closely mirrored the Town of Rome Code in most aspects. It is expected that our lack of covenants will have only minimal impact on our community and we will work closely with the Town of Rome to address any issues that come up by amending the Town Code. You can still turn to your sub-division LSPOA Director to assist in answering questions and help to navigate the Town Code concerning the restrictions that were formerly covered by our covenants.

We recently were notified that the Small Business Administration has forgiven the balance of our Payroll Protection Program loan that was received in April, 2020. Additionally, our Lodge Manager, Michelle, found a substantial grant for bars and restaurants that does not require repayment. We also recently applied for, and were approved for a second round Payroll Protection Program loan, that will cover many expenses over a six month period helping us to maintain a favorable profit/loss balance for the coming year, and allow some physical upgrades for Lodge operations to be implemented. We appreciate your continued patronage of our Lodge and we look forward to a time when these Covid challenges are behind us.

Continue to stay safe and enjoy our beautiful lake community.

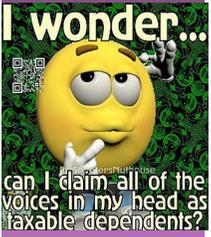
David Trudeau, LSPOA President

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FROM THE TREASURER



Hello to all our members,

We are still working our way through COVID.

In review of 2020, the year was better than expected being the COVID year and having to close and shorten hours several times during 2020. We were pretty close to breaking even at the Lodge. Then with the -Grantø from the State of Wisconsin being considered as Income we were positive for the year. This is very good considering the challenges of this past year. I applaud Michelle, the board, and our staff for keeping us open and accessible as much as was possible in 2020, and for keeping our heads above water financially. The PPP Loan mentioned last fall has been forgiven and with the new federal legislation in December, this is now non-taxable. The EIDL Grant was subtracted from the loan so we owed that amount to the bank and paid that off in early December. With the same new federal legislation mentioned the EIDL amount was reclassified as non-taxable and forgivable and should be returned to us. And by the time of this publication should already be through the SBA processing and deposited in the bank.

We did receive a Grant from the State of Wisconsin in December, as I mentioned, thanks to Michelle being alert and applying as soon as we were notified of our eligibility. That was also deposited in our account. Again, this -Grantø was taxable and did affect our bottom line.

In the latest round of loans, now called PPP2, we have applied, received confirmation and were approved. The funds were distributed to us on January 20th. We will have a 24-week period to prove that we used the loan for payroll and other purposes. This loan is forgivable up to the amount if used for payroll, utilities, and mortgage interest.

Staying fully open has been difficult due to media reporting more positive cases and fear of contamination. This has caused several shortenings of our hours during the winter.

You will notice that there are some new changes at the lodge, the front door and the kitchen expansion project which will help in safety, space, and efficiency of our kitchen. And there are a couple unseen improvements like the new beer cooler in the basement and repair of the cooler floor in the kitchen. These projects have also required us to close at times in February. These projects all affect the bottom line but everyone involved feels these are necessary fixes and improvements. I am confident in our Management controlling the issues and keeping us open as much as possible during these improvement projects.

Lastly, but not least, we will pay of the mortgage/line-of-credit in March. I know this has been of great concern for a number of years and is now paid-off. We can all take a collective sigh of relief. And thanks to the previous board and staff at the lodge for making this possible.

To recap, even with all of the deterrents of 2020 our financials are looking good. We had a small profit in 2020 which was unexpected but realized through the efforts of Michelle and our staff working hard. We are looking forward to the Lodge being a busy place this summer.

As a reminder, we still have procedures in place for cleansing, sterilizing and sanitizing the lodge. Stay safe!

Patrick Geib ó LSPOA Treasurer

2022 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 2020 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 lspoa@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.

NEWS FROM THE MANAGER

Hello Sherwood Customers,

This year has been extremely hard for Lake Sherwood Lodge. We are trying our best to keep things going and as normal as possible. We are doing all we can with the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding through this tough time. I can only hope that things will be better soon. We have some small renovations happening at the Lodge this year that will make a huge difference. I want to give a big shout out to our customers! We truly appreciate your business, loyalty, and friendship and most of all we appreciate that you have chosen us to have great food and fun with. Also I would like to thank you for your continuing membership of Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association.

We are open everyday at 11am, serving great food, drinks, and conversation. Great daily specials you must come, see and taste. We are planning some great events, specials, and music this year. Stay updated by looking weekly at our events page on our website at www.lakesherwoodlodge.com

We can't wait to see you all soon. Stay safe.

Michelle



THE LOWER HALL & PAVILLION IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT.
GREAT FOR ANY GATHERING AND EVENT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR. 30-DAY NOTICE REQUIRED.
CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE IT IS BOOKED
(715) 325-2636

ROMEMAKERS Home and Community Education

Romemakers have been meeting by Zoom and we are getting better at it every time we meet. Members have been collecting money, food items, and clothing items in partnership with the library or the Adams food pantry. The library continues to collect items for the food pantry, but not the clothing. We are partnering with them in this effort to help keep people fed during this Covid-19 crisis. We also support the Nekoosa Backpack program. Donations of food can be dropped off at the library Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Curbside pickup can be arranged if you do not want to come inside the library. Watch for details on the library website.

The new project for Romemakers this winter is making clothing protectors for people in assisted living. We have a Thrivent Grant to purchase flannel for the protectors, and members will be working at home to cut, sew, press, and put fasteners on each item. Once again the library will partner with us to help with the disbursement of material and collection of the finished items.

There is always a lot to do in H.C.E. We invite others to come to any meeting to learn more, or please call Jeanne at 715-325-6244, or Arlene at 715-325-4152. The meetings are always on the 2nd Thursday in the morning by Zoom. Come and join us, we can always use new ideas and helping hands.

Woodland Community Quilters

The Woodland Community Quilters are continuing their project of making quilts by transporting quilts from one person to the next for the different parts of the project. There are about 18 people working on the quilts, some are tying, some are sewing squares together, some are cutting squares, others are matching squares, laying out patterns and pinning, some are taking sheets apart and measuring them for backs and fillers, and others are putting quilts together and sewing around them. There is a job for anyone interested in joining us. So far, we have over 250 quilts finished since the end of October. We are running short of sheets to use for backings for the quilts, so if you have any sheets or large pieces of material you would like to donate, we could sure use them. We also need yarn or pearl cotton of all colors for tying. Contact Jeanne Osgood at 715-325-6244 or Woodland Church at 715-325-3686 so we can arrange to pick up or have you drop off your donations. If you are interested in being part of this project, please call Jeanne or Woodland Church. Thank you.

Lake Sherwood Covenants and Protective Restrictions Rescission

In December, 2020 settlement documents addressing issues in a Notice and Demand letter received by LSPOA from the attorney of an owner of lots in Westwood Shores were approved by Lake Sherwood Property Owner Association Members. This action completed the requirements to accept the settlement documents as set forth in the LSPOA Bylaws. With the acceptance of these documents LSPOA was released of all claims made by the property owner, the LSPOA Covenants and Protective Restrictions were rescinded and no longer will apply to Lake Sherwood and Westwood Shores lots, and any references to covenants and restrictions in the LSPOA Bylaws were eliminated.

Various entities regulate building, setbacks, lot uses, shorelines, shoreline structures, camping, short term rental and much more on Lake Sherwood. The regulations of these entities are similar to many of those contained in the recently rescinded LSPOA Covenants and Protective Restrictions. The Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association intends to support the regulations imposed by these various entities. LSPOA Directors will actively identify activities on Lake Sherwood that impede its purpose to preserve, maintain and improve amenities of the Association, the value of Lake Sherwood property, the water quality of Lake Sherwood and the ability of Members to enjoy their property. Such activities will be reported by LSPOA to the appropriate regulating entity.



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 drive 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 ó townofrome.com

*Zoning Administrator, Greg Broniec, 715-325-8019, zoning@romewi.com

*Building Inspector, Dan Hansen, 715-347-7866 ó owendanhanzen@gmail.com

*Police Chief, Jason Lauby, (715) 325-8020

*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 ó 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 ó 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.

Lake Sherwood property owners are urged to do the same.

2021 LSPOA General Membership Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 2021 Memorial Day General Membership Meeting, 10 a.m., May 29, and the Labor Day General Membership Meeting, 1 p.m., September 4. Check your email, a couple of weeks prior to the meetings for further information on meeting attendance ó in person or online.

2021 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. A minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2021.

Scholarship Qualifications:

Individuals who apply for a LSPOA scholarship must:

*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.

*Intend to be a full-time (12 credits or more) student at a post-secondary school in the fall semester or quarter of 2020.

*Complete the application requirements as noted on the Scholarship Application and submit the application and associated documents by April 1, 2021. The application and instructions can be found at

<https://www.lakesherwoodlodge.com/scholarship> or obtained from the LSPOA Office.



Rome Sno-Bandits

**Make New Friends
Join A Snowmobile Club
You'll Never Ride Alone**

The Town of Rome Fire Department partnered with members of the Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club to stage a mock snowmobile accident. The snowmobile and crash victim were provided by our club. The fire department used this staged accident as a training exercise for real life challenges of remote rescue. They videotaped the call, took still pictures and used a Go-Pro camera on the victim to provide complete coverage of the exercise. They plan to combine all of the media for department training purposes. Our club also plans to use this video for our snowmobile safety classes.

The mock accident showed some of the challenges that the Town of Rome Fire Department faces with their current equipment. Their UTV with tracks is effective to travel to accident scenes. However, it is not currently outfitted to easily transport an accident victim out from the crash site to plowed blacktop roads where the ambulance stages and waits. At the conclusion of the training exercise, the fire department and the Sno-Bandits returned to the fire station. It was there that our club's board presented a check to the Town of Rome Fire Department that will allow them to purchase a Medlite Transport Deluxe MTD-103. This apparatus will be permanently attached to the UTV. It will allow the fire department to strap a patient on a backboard and transport them with an IV and oxygen tank while an EMT tends to them. Without this apparatus, the patient on the backboard is placed in the box in the back of the UTV and the EMT must walk alongside the vehicle. As an added bonus this equipment will not be limited to snowmobile only use. This also can be used in the summer time for ATV/UTV type accidents.

The Town of Rome was recognized as a Snowmobile Friendly Community by the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) in 2020. Working with the Town of Rome Fire Department on this training exercise and making the donation to the purchase the piece of equipment solidifies the Rome Sno-Bandits commitment to community service and promoting safe snowmobiling.

Do you love to snowmobile or know someone who does? Please consider joining our club. Applications are available on our website <http://www.romesnobandits.com>, at club meetings, and at various sponsors around Rome. Club meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month, September through June. Check our website or Facebook page for meeting locations and time as they are changing due to Covid-19 restrictions.

There are no meetings in July or August.

Website: www.romesnobandits.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/RomeSnoBandits

Email: RomeSnoBandits@gmail.com

We Are **Proud To Be A Snowmobile Friendly Community**



CHANGES COMING IN 2021 TO THE TOWN OF ROME TRANSFER SITE!

- > Entry to the Transfer Site will change in 2021. There will no longer be an entrance off of Apache Avenue, instead the new entrance to the site will be off of Roman's Way. WATCH FOR SIGNS TO DIRECT YOU INTO THE SITE.
- > The requirement of a current Town of Rome Transfer Site tag will be **strictly enforced**.
- > The first time you enter the Transfer Site in 2021 please have your tag and proof of Town of Rome property ownership available for the attendant to verify upon entry. Thereafter, you will need to show the tag each time you enter the site.
- > Fees have changed or increased on several items, please review the Transfer Site Brochure located at <https://www.romewi.com/transfer-site/>. Most notable is recliners, sofas and love seats now cost \$10.00 to dispose.
- > Please ask for assistance if unable to place items into an open dumpster! DO NOT PLACE WASTE ON THE GROUND.
- > If dumpsters are full, you'll need to bring back items when space is available in the dumpster(s). DO NOT PLACE WASTE ON THE GROUND.
- > Contractors using the site MUST HAVE A CONTRACTOR'S PERMIT and show proof that waste being disposed of is from a property in the Town of Rome. Property owners cannot give a contractor performing work at their property their Transfer Site tag for entry. Annual permits can be purchased at Town Hall and one-time permits are available at the Transfer Site.
- > Do not borrow your Transfer Site tag to other individuals.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TRANSFER SITE IS A LEVY SUPPORTED BENEFIT FOR ALL TOWN OF ROME PROPERTY OWNERS. THE TOWN NEEDS TO PUT THESE MEASURES INTO PLACE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE BEST USE OF TAX DOLLARS WHILE MAINTAINING THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS.

THANK YOU.



TRANSFER SITE STOP IN FOR YOUR STICKERS

Monday 8:00 a.m. - NOON
(Memorial Day to Labor Day only)
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (during Daylight Savings time)
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Winter hours)
Choose to Reuse Saturday and Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Memorial Day to Labor Day only)
Phone: 715-325-8021

2021 LSPOA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND 2021 LSPOA SUBDIVISION REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS



LAKE SHERWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2021 LSPOA Executive Board

President – **David Trudeau**, 1060 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-6275, dtrudeau@wctc.net
Vice President – **Chuck Donegan**, 1128 Earl Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-728-0022, donegan01@yahoo.com
Secretary – **Laurie Francis**, 1057 Kings Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-5787, lfrancis@scacable.com
Treasurer – **Patrick Geib**, 339 Huntington Ct, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-886-4000, geibenterprises@tds.net

2019 LSPOA Subdivision Representative/Board Members

Ancaster – **Laurie Francis**, 1057 Kings Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-5787, lfrancis@scacable.com
Broadsword* – **Stacy Charles**, 147 Jacob Circle, Oregon, WI 53575, 773-612-1835 stacycharles7@outlook.com
Canterbury – **Chuck Donegan**, 1128 Earl Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-728-0022, donegan01@yahoo.com
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Glencove – **Laura Smith**, 23831 Pond View Drive, Plainfield, IL 60585, 815-439-5788, tim-laurasmith@comcast.net
Greenleaf **– **Open**
Huntington – **Patrick Geib**, 339 Huntington Ct, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-886-4000, geibenterprises@tds.net
Kingsherald – **Alice Goeldner**, 338 Kings Herald Ct., Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-383-2104, aog@solarus.net
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Lancer* – **Brad Adkins**, 373 Lancer Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-334-4664, brad.adkins@solarus.net
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Longbow – **Open**
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Oxford – **Ronald Fischer**, 1093 Queens Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-572-8195
Pikestaff** – **Jerry Wiessinger**, 1056 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-3152, jerry@wiessinger.com
Quarterstaff – **Open**
Robindale – **Robert Gosse**, 4101 N. Morris Blvd, Shorewood, WI 53211, 414-412-8552, rgosseia@gmail.com
Royal Crest – **Frank Bardwell**, 358 Princess Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457 715-325-3751, bardwell@wctc.net
Scarlet – **Angie Moths**, 314 Dale, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 262-385-1170, angiemoths@gmail.com
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Westwood Shores**– **Ron Stowell**, 1086 West Queens Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-659-8003, ronjen@wctc.net
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* Denotes Board Member appointed in accordance with Article 6, Section 7 of the LSPOA Bylaws and does not live in the subdivision.

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SAVE THE DATE
2021 LSPOA 4th of July Celebration
**Mark your calendars for the 2021 LSPOA 4th of July
Celebration to be held on July 3, 2021. PAGE 6**



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 2021, 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 Architectural Committee duties are to enforce the conditions and restrictions applicable to the properties through the review and approval of building plans.
- 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Repair of LSPOA buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Financial Resource | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Assistance – software resource, newsletter development assistance, database management | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

CONSERVATION NEWS

by David Trudeau, Conservation Committee Chairman

The Annual Lake Sherwood Fisheree was held on Saturday, January 16th, 2021. The \$100 prizes were awarded for a 28 inch northern, a 21½ inch walleye, and an 18¾ inch bass. The largest catch registered was a 29½ inch northern which netted a cash prize of \$1,180. The first place trophy in the youth panfish division was awarded for an 11¼ perch. This is our single annual fundraiser for our Conservation Fund. We made a \$3,800 profit, which mostly is a result of our raffle sales. These funds will be used solely for fish habitat improvements and stocking.

We are waiting to hear if we were awarded DNR grants for the Healthy Lakes program for the three Rome Lakes. There are 25 Healthy Lakes practices planned with the DNR 75% share totaling \$23,650. The grants will be awarded by the third week of February, so as I am writing this update, I expect to hear about this grant funding any day now. I also submitted an application for funding for a DNR Surface Water grant for \$43,600 for water quality testing for our 14-mile watershed. Again, those funds should be awarded in the coming days.

We are continuing to install fish sticks for shoreline spawning habitat on the island in the Conservancy Area in February. After a couple of weeks of sub-zero temps, we finally have adequate lake ice to be able to put in some additional habitat this winter. As the landowner of the island, this is a DNR project that we have agreed to assist with for improving Lake Sherwood fish production. The funding to support this project comes almost entirely from the DNR Healthy Lakes grant.

As spring approaches, be aware of the posted fire danger and use caution when building campfires or outdoor burning of brush.

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.



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 trail 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 22 miles of 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/1e/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 are 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:

Chapter 308, Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles Article I, Snowmobiles

§ 308-1 State snowmobile laws adopted.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this article, the statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles in the following portions of the Wisconsin Statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this article as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this article. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this Code.

A. Section 346.02(10), Applicability to Snowmobiles.

§ 308-2 Unattended vehicles. No person shall leave or allow a snowmobile owned or operated by him to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.

§ 308-3 Routes and trails designated.

A. The following roads are designated as authorized snowmobile routes:

7th Drive, 8th Avenue, 9th Avenue, 10th Avenue, 13th Avenue, 13th Drive, 14th Avenue, 15th Avenue, 15th Drive, 16th Avenue, Adams Avenue, Akron Avenue, Akron Drive, Aniwa Lane, Apache Avenue, Apache Lane (1600 to 1200 block), Archer Avenue, Archer Drive, Archers Lane, Arrowhead Trail, Aspen Avenue, Badger Avenue, Chatham Court, East Queens Way, Kings Way, Kingswood Trail, Leeds, Leisure Lane, Longbow Court, North Archers Way, Norwich Way, Penhurst Way, Rain Dance Trail, Rapids Trail, Richmond Way, South Archers Way, West Queens Way, Woodbridge Way.

B. The Superintendent of Highways/Public Works is directed and authorized to procure, erect and maintain appropriate snowmobile route, trail and limit signs and markers as approved by the State Department of Natural Resources under Sec. 350.13, Wis. Stats.

C. Except as provided in §§ 350.02, 350.03 and 350.045, Wis. Stats., or for snowmobile events authorized in accordance with § 350.04, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate a snowmobile designated by the Town upon any public right-of-way, in any public park, cemetery or the Rome Transfer Site, except upon snowmobile routes the Town Board.

§ 308-4 Prohibited use of snowmobile trails.

Except for emergency and law enforcement vehicles, and as provided in § 308-1 above, no person shall operate any motor vehicle other than a snowmobile on a snowmobile trail.

Article II, All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles

§ 308-7 Designation of all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes.

A. Purpose. To establish all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes and provide safe enjoyable all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle recreation consistent with public rights and interest. Where applicable, the provisions of this ordinance apply equally to ATVs and UTVs. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the areas designated herein, including roadways within the jurisdiction of the Town of Rome.

B. Authority. This article is adopted pursuant to the authority given to Towns under §§ 23.33(4)(d), 23.33(8)(b) and 23.33(11), Wis. Stats.

C. Operation. Pursuant to § 23.33(4)(d)4., Wis. Stats., except as otherwise provided in § 23.33(4), Wis. Stats., no person may operate an all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle on the roadway portion of any highway in the Town except on roadways that are designated as all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle routes by this article.

D. All roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Rome are designated all-terrain or utility terrain vehicle routes unless otherwise indicated below. Designated roads under this subsection shall exclude all county, state, and federal highways and all private roads.

(1) The following Town roads are not designated as all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes:
(Reserved)

E. The following county roads have been approved and are designated as an ATV/UTV route:

(1) CTH D, extending from 9th Avenue to STH 13
(2) CTH Z, extending from Akron Avenue, North to County Line

F. Operation of ATVs and UTVs shall be suspended on any road where construction or emergency conditions exist.

G. The Town of Rome reserves the right to close or modify routes at any time.

H. Signage Required. Pursuant to § 23.33(8)(e), Wis. Stats., a sign shall be erected on each highway that crosses the Town's territorial boundary alerting motorists that all highways under the jurisdiction of the Town have been designated as all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle routes unless otherwise indicated. Any highway under the jurisdiction of the Town which is not designated as an all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle route shall have signs erected at such locations as appropriate to indicate the highway is not designated as an all-terrain and utility terrain vehicle route.



Boating

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/1e/1e0301.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 between sunset and sunrise. 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
- ♦ There are minimum age and boater education requirements for operators of PWCs. A person younger than 12 years may not operate a PWC.

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 motorboats.)

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.

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TOWN UPDATE

GENERAL TOWN UPDATE FROM ADMINISTRATOR JAMI GEBERT

Every town must hold an annual town meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of April. This year, the Town of Rome's Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 20th. Please mark your calendars and join us for the Annual State of the Town Report.

Have you subscribed to Town of Rome updates? Visit romewi.com, and click More under Subscribe To Updates to select the meeting notices or news updates you would like to receive from the Town. You can select either text or email message to receive notifications.

Friendly reminder, the Town's 24/7 hotline phone number is (715) 504-6244 for any resident(s) experiencing an issue with a Short-term Rental property. Residents can also report problems through a website link at <https://safe.hostcompliance.com/tips/route>. The Town contracts with a company named Host Compliance to monitor this hotline. Callers can remain anonymous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE FROM CHIEF JASON LAUBY

Suspicious Neighborhood Activity

Through these last months of "snowbird season," please continue to keep an eye on your neighbor's property. Many of the seasonal properties in the Town of Rome are still vacant. Officers try to give extra patrol to neighborhoods during the off season, but the best line of defense is for full time residents to always be on the lookout for suspicious activity. If you should see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood please call the dispatch center immediately at 877-885-9977 option 0. Remember, it's better to be safe than sorry when you see people in your area acting suspicious. The best way to quickly reach an officer in a non-emergency situation, is through the Adams County Sheriffs Dispatch Center at 1-877-885-9977 option 0. As always in an emergency situation dial 911.

ATV/UTV Operation

ATV/UTV operators need to keep in mind many trails change as land is sold yearly. Operators should get a current trail map prior to riding. Individuals operating on vacated trails will cause further trail closings, as generous land owners become upset when their property is abused. Additionally, the Rome Police Department, Adams County Sheriff's Office, and DNR will cite anyone caught riding illegally. As Chief, I have instructed my officers to have a zero tolerance for ATV/UTV operators caught riding on private property and closed trails.

Fireworks are Illegal in the Town of Rome

In 2021, the police department will be aggressively enforcing the discharge of illegal fireworks in the Town of Rome. In years past we have confiscated several thousand dollars worth of illegal fireworks and issued numerous citations for discharging fireworks. As a rule of thumb if it explodes or leaves the ground it is illegal. If you are discharging or caught with illegal fireworks you can expect a \$250.00 citation and the fireworks will be seized by the officer.



OPEN BURNING

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 Pritzl's located on HWY 13 and Alpine Drive or online at DNR. It is always better to use alternative disposal methods, including composting, recycling, and landfills.

Save the Date

July 3rd, 2021

Volunteers Needed



Tri-Lakes Management District Spring Newsletter:

Did you notice we had zero E-Coli alerts this year? After the conclusion of our first goose roundup in June 2020 we believe this was the main contributor in the reduction of our E-Coli issues. And although successful in rounding up over 230 geese from Lake Camelot and Sherwood, we did learn quite a bit of how the process works.



For the 2021 roundup, which will help reduce other diseases, phosphates, nitrates and algae, your Tri-Lakes Management District will be contacting and working with each Lake Association to help the USDA round up geese on all three lakes. To this end we are looking for help on each lake to accomplish this goal. Each board member will work with their respective association to ensure a successful operation.

We had 4 local boats and 1 USDA boat on Camelot last year to locate and isolate the geese to pickup locations. We discovered that the USDA's primary purpose is to round up the geese on shore after we locate and herd them to pickup locations. On Sherwood we only had 1 boat and the USDA boat. The USDA boat and I herded 4 groups of geese to a pickup location which took quite a bit of time. We can only move as fast as the geese can swim. Once on shore, the USDA collected around 70 geese in 30-35 minutes. While they were capturing the geese I went looking for additional geese and relayed back the geese's location for the USDA to come and collect them.

We now understand that herding the geese on water is too time consuming for the USDA and should be performed prior to their arrival. Their boat is to ensure they keep the escapees to a minimum and herding up additional geese in close proximity. We ran out of time and were unable to go to Lake Arrowhead.

For 2021 we are proposing the following:

Each association will send out notices to their members looking for volunteers with boats to locate the geese 1 week prior to the roundup for an initial count. One day before the roundup we may need a general idea of locations and 4-5 boats on each body of water on the collection day. Camelot will need 8 boats and 1 in the channel. We also need 1 vehicle driver for each lake to guide them to each reported pickup location. It would be best to herd the geese out of channels or bays to designated pickup locations. Beach clubs worked out quite well last year.

We also need as many permission slips as possible to allow the USDA to cross your property to collect the geese. This is still needed on Arrowhead since the association owns most of the shoreline but the USDA needs property access to the shoreline. If you filled out a permission slip for 2020 we still have it on file and the USDA will consider that as still current unless notified otherwise.

The timing is important as we only have a 2 week window, late June or early July timeframe, when the geese molt and cannot fly. We'll only get a few days notice from the USDA for our pickup day due to molting and scheduling.

As I was fully engaged in last years roundup I will avail myself to each association to discuss any additional issues and concerns.

Tri-Lakes is also looking at new technologies available including 2 companies with products that will remove phosphates from the water. We are working with the Milwaukee Water Council who are assisting us in locating new or existing companies with evolving technologies that may help alleviate our issues with chemical contamination. We are also looking at techniques to reduce algae blooms. Stay tuned for additional information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- ◆ March 17thí ...St. Patrick's Day-Corned Beef & Cabbage

April

- ◆ April 4thí .í .Free Easter Dinner 12-4
- ◆ April 15thô 17thí .Taste of Rome

May

- ◆ May 9thí í .Mother's Day Special
- ◆ May 29thí ...General Meeting @ 10am

June

- ◆ June 19thí ...Sno Bandits Car Show 9-4
- ◆ June 24thí ...Tunes on the Turn



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LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

At this time, the Lester Public Library of Rome will not have in house programs to follow proper social distancing.

We have "craft kits to go" available in the library and by curbside for kids and adults to do at home. Call us for a current list of available crafts at 715-325-8990.

The library is now offering Creativebug, a website featuring hundreds of tutorial videos on a variety of different crafts and activities that you can do from your home. Patrons can create a free account using their library card and pin number. Each month, the library will have a featured craft, supplying the materials and the link for the instructions. If you have questions or need assistance to set up your account, please stop in or call the library. Our first featured craft is how to make a Macramé Feather.

We are collecting unopened and unexpired food for the Adams County Food Pantry. Please drop off all donations during business hours. Call 715-325-8990 for a curbside drop off or bring donations to the table by our donation tree.

Please check out our Lester Public Library of Rome Facebook page and our website for temporary hours and other changes as we move through winter.

Library Hours: Monday thru Friday 10:00am . 5:00pm

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