



# SHERWOOD CRIER

# LSPOA PRESIDENTS NOTES



Dear Lake Sherwood Property Association Newsletter Recipient/Reader:

Hello everyone, My name is Chuck Donegan. I am the current president of Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association for the year 2022. I was Vice President for the past 2 years and have been on the board for 4 years. I have been visiting Lake Sherwood for over 50 years and I have been a full time resident for over 35 years.

I would like to thank Dave Trudeau for his 2 years of service as our last president of LSPOA. It was not an easy 2 years for him. I would also like to thank Michelle and her staff for their efforts to make Sherwood Lodge a great place to eat, drink, and visit with family and friends..

The lodge floor has been sanded, stained, and 3 coats of polymer has been applied this February. Thanks to Creative Hardwood Flooring for a good job done. New tables and chairs have been updated and added to the lodge to increase seating capacity. The old tables and chairs have been sold to help with the cost of the new tables and chairs.

We have some Sub-Division openings that need representatives for the Board. If you think you would be interested in volunteering please contact any Directors or join us at our monthly meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am. Our meetings have been held VIA Zoom. Call the office to get access numbers to join the meetings.

Our next major fund raiser will be our 4th of July Celebration. This year it will be on July 2nd, 2022. We will need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success. I realize everyone has family, but the more volunteers we have the less time others will have to work, so please consider volunteering for only 2 hours. Contact the LSPOA office for volunteering information.

Stay Safe and Thank You

Chuck Donegan LSPOA President



# SAVE THE DATE

# 2022 LSPOA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration



Mark your calendars for the 2022 LSPOA 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Celebration to be held on July 2nd, 2022.

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Dear
Mother Nature,
get back
on your meds,
pop open a
bottle of wine,
and start
thinking warm,
happy
thoughts....

# FROM THE TREASURER

If money doesn t grow on trees, then why do anks have ranches?





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Hello to all our Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association members,

Financially this was a very good year for the Lodge. There were improvements in early in

2021 in adding space in the kitchen, the beer cooler in the basement, to resurfacing the deck and bringing the deck up to the current building code. We had a successful Fishery and Independence Day celebration after missing this event totally in 2020. Michelle added many fun weekend get-togethers like meat raffles and music/karaoke. I do not have the actual final numbers yet as our CPA is preparing the return as I write this letter. But from our ledgers 2021 appears to be one of our best years ever.

I mentioned my hope in the Restaurant Revitalization Fund in the fall, but government assistance for restaurants has been exhausted so I believe there is no more assistance available.

The Lodge was closed in February to resurface the floor. As part of the improvement the nostalgic tables were replaced with new modern tables and chairs. This update increased our capacity to server more of you and other customers on our very busy nights. I really like the new tables and chairs and I hope you do as well. Thank you for your patience during our remodeling.

Donations were slightly down in 2021 and I hope you all realize that your donations help support the major events during the year as well as the Lodge improvements. Donations keep the doors open and support the building, and really any improvements made during the year as well as our many community events. This year in particular the Fireworks cost is increasing 25% so please consider donating to the summer big event by committing a donation specifically to the Fireworks.

Michelle, Morgan, and staff were working through the same issues that we all are in shortages in both food and employees. Our suppliers have not been able to consistently get the favorites you all enjoy so our cooks have been flexible in providing what is available. Prices started to inflate late in 2021 and are continuing to escalate. Price increases means menu price increases, as you are all seeing, and will most likely realize more as we work our way through 2022. The menu might change even on a weekly basis as food is available, or not available, and costs inflate. Please understand that this is our world post-COVID and it affects the Lodge as well as almost every other business. As I mentioned last year, we are debt free at this point and hope to continue debt free as long as possible. Employment continues to be an issue. We are constantly looking for new staff in the kitchen and waitstaff. We will have to shorten the lodge hours and especially our kitchen hours due to the lack of employees to fill the hours wead like to be open. 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 and it is not their problem that we canat find employees willing to work. 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 Michelle or Morgan know.

In 2022 we are hoping to improve the pavilion. Weed like to see this structure become the choice to celebrate wedding, birthdays, anniversaries, and family gatherings; or to just sit and enjoy the lake and the Lodge on the weekend. We are considering several other projects for the near future that will mean the lodge may be closed at some time during the coming year.

To recap, our financials are very good. We are keeping the lodge safe and enjoyable for all of you our members and visitors. Through the efforts of Michelle and our staff working hard we are staying the course. Have a great 2022 and Stay Safe!

Patrick Geib ó LSPOA Treasurer

# WOODLAND COMMUNITY QUILTERS

Woodland Community Quilters work on quilts every Monday from 9:00 ó 12:00. We are only working half days now, and hope to be back to our 9-3 schedule soon. Since November 1, we have completed over 220 quilts. We still need donations of clean sheets and fabric, so keep us in mind when you have some to give away. We are also in need of yarn and pearl cotton to tie the quilts. If you have some yarn or pearl cotton to donate, please call so we can pick it up, or arrange for you to drop it off. We need about 10 yards for each quilt, so if you have partial skeins we may be able to use them.

The quilt group is a social group as well as a group that works on a very deserving project. Our quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, and local agencies that help people in Adams and Wood Counties. We usually take a break in the morning to catch up on news.

If you would like to help on this project, you do not need to sew. We have many other jobs available, like cutting, pinning, ironing, matching fabrics, tying, and measuring. Please call Jeanne at 715-325-6244 or Linda at 507-358-6614 if you have something to donate or would like to help.

# **NEWS FROM THE MANAGER**

Happy Spring to all our Customers,

I want to thank all of our customers for a great year we had here at Lake Sherwood Lodge. We are looking forward to seeing you all this summer. We are in need of workers again. If you have a child or grandchild interested in working this summer, please have them stop in to fill out an application.

This February we closed for some remodeling. We had the floors re-done and an upgrade with new tables & chairs. The deck that was re-built last spring will get stained before Memorial day.



We are trying to make this years 4th of July Celebration the best one yet. Please help us with our goal. There will be a volunteer sign up sheet in the bar starting on Memorial day. Take a look and see if you can help, any little bit will help. The fireworks have gone up 25% more than previous years and any donations is appreciated. We will have our canister out in the bar to help with that increase.

Check out all upcoming events and special on Facebook and our website.

## Michelle

# 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. Lake Sherwood property owners are urged to do the same.



# 2022 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 2022.

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 2022.

Complete the application requirements as noted on the Scholarship Application and submit the application and associated documents by **April 1, 2022** or obtained from the LSPOA Office. PAGE 3

## **Entities that Regulate on Lake Sherwood**

Let so 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, Vacant, 715-325-8019, zoning@romewi.com

Building Inspector, Dan Hansen, 715-347-7866, owendanhansen@gmail.com

Police Chief, Jason Lauby, (715) 325-8020, <u>lauby@romewi.com</u>

Challenges with Short Term Renters , (715) 504-6244 or residents can report problems through a website link at <a href="https://safe.hostcompliance.com/tips/route">https://safe.hostcompliance.com/tips/route</a>

- Adams County óShoreland, Wetland and Habitat Protection Chapter 396, co.adams.wi.us Planning & Zoning, www.co.adams.wi.us, (608)339-4222
- O 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.

### **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.

## 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 <a href="mailto:atvmudmama@gmail.com">atvmudmama@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:ramc@rapidangels.com">ramc@rapidangels.com</a> 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: <a href="https://widnr.widen.net/s/r57n2bmj5t">https://widnr.widen.net/s/r57n2bmj5t</a>

### 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 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.

# 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 Director of 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 upon any public right-of-way, in any public park, cemetery or the Rome Transfer Site, except upon snowmobile routes designated by the Town Board.

#### § 308-4Prohibited 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 an 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/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 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 õslow, no wake speedö 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 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 wildfire 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** Part II: General Legislation

Chapter 137 Boating and Waterways

§ 137-1Intent. The intent of this article is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and the capability of the water resource.

- § 137-2 Applicability and enforcement. The provisions of this article shall apply to the waters of Lake Sherwood, Lake Camelot and Lake Arrowhead, all of which are within the jurisdiction of the Town of Rome. The officers of the Police Department of the Town of Rome shall enforce the provisions of this article.
- § 137-3 State boating and safety laws adopted. State boating laws as found in §§ 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.
- § 137-4 Speed restrictions.
  - A. No watercraft, other than personal watercraft, shall be operated at a speed greater than slow-no-wake before sunrise
  - B. or after 8:00 p.m. or at any time when entering, traveling in or leaving a posted section of water. The speed limitation contained in this article shall not apply to any patrol or rescue craft.
  - C. No personal watercraft shall be operated at a speed greater than slow-no-wake before 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. or at any time when entering, traveling in or leaving a posted section of water. The speed limitation contained in this article shall not apply to any patrol or rescue craft.
  - D. Lake Sherwood controlled areas: no person shall operate a watercraft at a speed faster than slow-no-wake in the following areas of Lake Sherwood in the Town of Rome, Adams County:
    - (1) The area located off the Kings Way Dam about 250 feet west, between the Scarlet Beach Club and Lots 14 and 15 of the Robindale Addition.
    - (2) The area of the large island located on the south side of Lake Sherwood between the Yeoman and Longbow Beach Clubs all the way to the east to the 10th Avenue Dam that separates Lake Sherwood from Lake Camelot.
    - (3) The area within 100 feet of the dam. Buoys marking this area shall be placed and maintained by Adams County.
  - E. Lake Camelot controlled area:
    - (1) No person shall operate a watercraft at a speed faster than slow-no-wake in the portion of the lake commonly known as the Camelot Channel. Buoys marking this area shall be placed by the Town.
  - (2) The area within 100 feet of the dams. Buoys marking this area shall be placed and maintained by Adams County. F. Lake Arrowhead controlled area: the area within 100 feet of the dam. Buoys marking this area shall be placed and maintained by Adams County.
  - G. Subsections A to E do not apply to events permitted under § 137-6.
  - H. Pursuant to its authority under § 30.66(3)(ag)2, Wis. Stats., the Town of Rome hereby exempts Lakes Arrowhead, Camelot and Sherwood from the prohibition set forth in § 30.66(2)(ag)1, Wis. Stats.

### § 137-5 Water skiing.

- A. Water skiing, for the period of May 1 through August 15, shall be limited to the daylight hours between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first. Water-skiing during all other times of the year shall be restricted to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to sunset.
- B. No person may operate a motorboat towing water skis; an aquaplane or a similar device carrying more persons than the towed device(s) was either designed to carry or is rated to carry, unless the motorboat operator provides a pickup boat to be in operation while the towing occurs. In the event that the provision of a pickup boat is not required, the motorboat towing the device(s) must have enough capacity-rated seating to accommodate the total number of individuals occupying the motorboat and the towed device(s).
- C. Subsections A and B do not apply to events permitted under § 137-6.
- § 137-6 Races, regattas, sporting events and exhibitions. No person shall direct or participate in any boat race, regatta, water ski meet or other water-sporting event, or exhibition unless such event has been authorized by the Town Board.
  - A. Application for permits shall be made to the Police Chief. Approval for permits may be granted by the Town Board upon recommendation of the Police Chief.
  - B. Permits shall be valid only for the days, hours and designated areas specified thereon.
  - C. Pickup and drop off areas for water skiing will be designated on the permit and shall be marked with regulatory markers as per § 30.69(3)(d), Wis. Stats.

#### § 137-7 No motor area.

- A. No person shall operate any motor on any motorized boat or similar device within any designated "No Motor Operation Area." All waters north of the County Road D bridge that compromise the Walden area of Lake Camelot are designated a "no motor operation area."
- B. The "no motor" limitation contained in this article shall not apply in case of patrol boat, rescue craft and aquatic weed control devices.

# **CONSERVATION NEWS**

## by David Trudeau, Conservation Committee Chairperson

The Annual Lake Sherwood Fisheree was held on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The \$100 prizes were awarded for a 31 inch northern, a 16½ inch walleye, and a 19¾ inch bass. The largest catch registered was a 35½ inch northern which netted a cash prize of \$1,410. The first place trophy in the youth panfish division was awarded for a 7 inch perch. This is our single annual fundraiser for our Conservation Fund. We made a \$4,350 profit, which mostly is a result of our raffle sales. We completely sold out of our raffle tickets, so 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 recognize those volunteers and personally thank them for participating. Our 2022 volunteers were Norm Abler, Laurie Francis, Ron Stowell, Graig Gerlach, Jordan Gerlach, Brooks Becker, Mike Schill, Bill Warner, Lisa Sabia, Chuck Donegan, Brad Adkins, and myself.

You Don't Go Fishing

To Escape

Life...

You Go

Fishing to
Live Your



One of eight bundles of five trees which were cabled together and anchored to shoreline.

In early February, we finished our fourth effort at installing fish sticks for shoreline spawning habitat on the east island in the no wake Conservancy Area in February. We had enough sub-zero weather to get adequate lake ice to be able to put in some additional habitat this winter. The trees are on the south shore of the island and protrude about 30ø into the lake, so steer clear with your motorized boats or paddling. The trees are in eight bundles of five trees each, spaced about 50ø apart. The lake contour map shows the water depths dropping to 6ø or more just off shore

where the trees will be mostly submerged upon ice out. This is a DNR designed 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 and Tri-Lakes funding.

We have already heard that we were awarded 2022 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 of the projects will be on Lake Sherwood properties. In meeting the DNR grant eligibility requirements, I submit the Healthy Lakes grant application through Tri-Lakes Management District.

I also applied for a \$5,000 Surface Water Education grant for the 14-Mile Watershed Alliance to support efforts to promote improving water quality around our lakes and upstream in the agricultural landscape.

The 14-Mile Watershed Alliance is planning another informative State of Our Lakes luncheon for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. This year¢s program is still in the making, but the main topic will focus on



Fish Sticks Volunteers: Adkins, Hutchinson, Rockenbach, Endrizzi, Dettner, Burkoth, James, Keuler, Trudeau, Fischer.

Not Pictured: Herreid, C.Fischer, Gosse, Stowell,

the goals of the Fourteenmile Creek Watershed Nonpoint Source Watershed Plan, commonly known at the 14-Mile Watershed 9-Key Element Plan. Kyle Kettner, the recently hired Watershed Coordinator with Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department, will introduce the plan and his role in implementation and bringing the many partnerships together to reach the identified milestones.

As spring approaches, be aware of the posted fire danger and use caution when building campfires or outdoor burning of 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, I received a \$1,500 Wildfire Risk Reduction grant from the DNR. This grant supports our efforts to remove standing and down dead fuels in the Sherwood Forest public property. I am planning our annual three hour work detail for Sherwood Forest for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of October. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate.



The Town of Rome is planning to expand curbside brush pick-up this year and visit the sub-divisions on both sides of Highway 13. The pick-up will have to begin earlier in order to accomplish this expanded route, probably by mid-September. Watch for a mailing with details to come out around Labor Day.

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. **Thank you, David Trudeau** 

# 2022 LSPOA General Membership Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 2022 Memorial Day General Membership Meeting, 10 a.m., May 8, and the Labor Day General Membership Meeting, 1 p.m., September 3. Check your email, a couple of weeks prior to the meetings for further information on meeting attendance ó in person or online.

# **LSPOA Committee Membership Opportunities**

LSPOA has the following committees working to meet the purpose of our Association: Nominating, Housing, Business, Recreation, Budget, Conservation, and Scholarship. All members of the Committees must be LSPOA Members but need not be Directors. The work of these committees makes our Association successful. If you are interested in becoming a committee member please email LSPOA at lspoa@wctc.net or phone the LSPOA office at 715-325-4066.

## 2023 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 2023 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 <a href="mailto:lspoa@wctc.net">lspoa@wctc.net</a>. The Nominating Committee will add your name to its list of nominees for the subdivision in which you live.



# Rome Sno-Bandits

.Do you love to snowmobile and do you belong to a snowmobile club? The Rome Sno-Bandits have over 250 members and maintain

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35 miles of trails in Northern Adams County and Southern Wood County. We are deeply committed to serving our community through volunteering, holding community events, and donating to several local charities and organizations. We promote and support our local businesses.

The Rome Sno-Bandits are members of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) and were the AWSC 2021 Snowmobile Club of the Year. The AWSC is dedicated to the preservation of snowmobiling throughout the state by monitoring regulations and proposed legislation that could affect our sport. They are the legislative voice for Wisconsin's snowmobilers and 600-plus snowmobile clubs statewide. Wisconsin is home to more than 25,000 miles of trails thanks to the efforts of snowmobile clubs with their tireless volunteers.

If you ride, please consider joining our club. Applications are available on our website, at club meetings and at various sponsors around Rome.

Club meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, September through June, at 9:00 am at the Rome Town Hall. There are no meetings in July or August.

Respect landowners by staying on marked trails! Landowners kindly allow us to build trails across their land for snowmobile trails only. Snowmobiling outside of trail markers is trespassing and could result in the loss of these trails. If you trespass, we all lose!

Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs 2021 Snowmobile Club of the Year



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# 2022 LSPOA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND 2022 LSPOA SUBDIVISION REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS



#### **2022 LSPOA Board of Directors Officers**

President – Chuck Donegan, 1128 Earl Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-728-0022, donegan01@yahoo.com Vice President – Mike Schill, 354 Princess Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-323-0670, mike.schill@hotmail.com Secretary – Laurie Francis, 1057 Kings Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-5787, Ifrancis@scacable.com Treasurer – Patrick Geib, 339 Huntington Ct, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-886-4000, geibenterprises@tds.net

#### **2022 LSPOA Subdivision Directors**

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Deer Lodge - OPEN

Glencove – Laura Smith, 23831 Pond View Drive, Plainfield, IL 60585, 815-439-5788, laurasmith6@comcast.net Greenleaf – OPEN

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2/2022 \* Denotes Board Member appointed in accordance with Article 6, Section 7 of the LSPOA Bylaws and does not live in the subdivision.

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

Directors for Subdivisions without representation after the Board of Directors Election may be appointed. LSPOA first seeks directors who live in the subdivision to appoint to the Board. If not identified LSPOA appoints individuals who live in another—subdivision. Several appointed 2021 Board of Directors have volunteered for 2022 and may be appointed. The LSPOA Board of Directors normally meets on the second Saturday of each month. If you are interested in becoming a LSPOA Director please email LSPOA at Ispoa@wctc.net or phone the LSPOA office at 715-325-4066.



# 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:	<del> </del>	
Fill in the form and email it to LSPOA at Ispoa@wctc.net or mail to L Nekoosa, WI 54457.	SPOA, 1146 West Queens Way,	
<ul> <li>Help in planning and/or volunteer to assist at one of the following</li> </ul>	events:	
☐ LSPOA Fisheree, held January, Free Fishing Weekend		
☐ 4th of July Celebration, in 2022, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to continuous the LSPOA 4th of July Celebration Volunteer sign up sheet in the		
2. Join an LSPOA Board Committee		
☐ The Architectural Committee duties are to enforce the conditions and return the properties through the review and approval of building plans.	estrictions applicable to	
☐ The Housing Committee duties are to maintain and improve properties, facilities owned by the Association.	building, equipment and	
☐ The Business Committee duties are to operate properties, building, equipowned by the Association.	oment and facilities	
☐ The Recreation Committee duties are to propose, promote and supervise recreational functions.	e any Association	
☐ The Covenants Committee duties are to recommend covenants and pro-		
revisions to covenants and protective restrictions and to enforce all crestrictions to subdivisions (additions) to Lake Sherwood recorded by of Deeds.	•	
$\Box$ The Budget Committee duties are to prepare and institute an annual bud	get for the Association.	
☐ The Conservation Committee duties are to conserve, preserve, guard, enfish, wildlife and natural resource of Lake Sherwood.	nhance and protect the	
☐ 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 eler	nents of the scholarship	
program as deemed appropriate.  B. Be an LSPOA Director for your subdivision		
□ Nominees are identified in April of each year	FORRE NT	
1. Lend your expertise in one of the following areas:		
☐ Construction/Repair of LSPOA buildings		
☐ Accounting/Financial Resource	REMEMBER THAT THE LOWER HALL	
☐ Office Assistance – software resource, newsletter	AND PAVILLION IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT. GREAT FOR ANY GATHERING	
development assistance, database management :	AND EVENT ANYTIME DURING THE	
☐ Legal Resource	YEAR. CATERING AVAILABLE. 30-DAY	
☐ Technology Resource	NOTICE REQUIRED.	
☐ Gardening	CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE	

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☐ Other



For Immediate Release for Lake Sherwood News Letter:

The Shermalot Water Ski Team will be on the water again this summer celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> year. This year, the team returns as Champions. A few weeks after last year traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July show at Lake Sherwood, Shermalot competed in the largest water ski tournament in the world and won the Division 2 Wisconsin State Championship. Three weeks later, the team went on to the D2 National Show Ski Tournament and won the National Championship. The õClash of the Clubsö theme for the show was centered around the popular golf and water skiing activities in the Town of Rome. The two Championships earned lots of recognition for Shermalot in the national press. A feature on

the TV show õSmall Town Big Dealö and the article õRejuvenated Shermalotö in The Water Skier Magazine provided Shermalot and the Town of Rome with lots of positive publicity. Links to the features are on Shermalotøs Facebook page. The state championship was Shermalotøs first in 30 years, and the national championship was the first in its history. With those victories, the team was moved up to Division 1 for 2022.

Last year¢s rookie show director, Raefe Gross, is back this year with a new western theme, õThe Barefoot Banditö. Can Sheriff Wild Wally, his Deputy Longshot Luke, and the townspeople save the town of Windy Waters and its gold? Only time will tell. The show will open Memorial Day weekend and be performed at the Lake Sherwood Lodge on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the exact 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the invention of water skiing.

õWe are excited to be in D1 this yearö said Gross, 2022 Show Director. õWe know itos going to be a lot of work competing against the big 150 member teams, but we are ready for the challenge. Our theme is coming together and will be ready to rock for the first show.ö When asked about the team size disparity in D1 he said, õWe have about 50 die-hard skiers that love to show ski, but we would love to have more skiers and support crew so we are always recruiting. Take this as an open invitation to join us!ö

Woodland Lutheran Church is an open, welcoming, congregation located in a one story, wheelchair accessible building at 280 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rome Township.

Christian Worship Service with Holy Communion where all people are welcome!

- Sundays 9am.

Sunday School is available for children ages 3 through 6th grade and occurs during the worship service.

Confirmation Class is available

Outdoor Prayer Labyrinth open every day from sunrise to sunset. (Rachel, do we have a photo we can submit with this?

Memorial Scatter Garden – Woodland Lutheran Church outdoor scatter garden is prepared to receive the cremated remains of your loved ones. You may scatter remains under the Cross and Trees sculpture at any time. If you would like our pastor to pray with you or accompany you as you scatter the ashes, please call 715-325-3686. (Rachel, do we have a photo we can submit with this too?)

Quilters – Mondays from 9am through noon. Woodland Quilters make various sizes and thicknesses of quilts for donation and sale. Skill level required: none. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Bible Discussion groups for adults meet in-person and via zoom Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Please call the church office for topics and to RSVP. 715-325-3686.

Woodland Lutheran Church is always gathering food, paper products, cleaning products, and hygiene products for the Adams County Food Pantry. Please feel free to drop you donations off and we will get them down to Adams.

Special Holy Week Worship Services Maundy Thursday 6pm

> Good Friday 6pm Easter Sunrise Service 5:30am

Easter Morning service 9am

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# LAKE SHERWOOD LODGE'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION JULY 2ND, 2022

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

# HELP WITH THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Jolunteers do not have more time
They just have more heart

To Lake Sherwood Residents,

The recreation committee is now in the planning stage for this year's July 4th celebration. We are hoping for another great day with good weather. The turnout has always been very good and we expect the same for this years event. The celebration will be on July 2nd, 2022. We are now asking for your help in putting on the event. The volunteer sheet will be posted in the Lodge. All we need is a couple of hours of your time to make this a great celebration. The surrounding community and your families looks forward to this each year. You, as a property owner in the Lake Sherwood subdivision, can help by volunteering or please consider donating to the Fireworks Fund, and/or donating a gift basket for the Raffle which helps cover the cost of the fireworks.

On behalf of the LSPOA Recreation Committee I would like to thank you for your continued support.



# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

### MARCH

♦ March 17th...Corned Beef & Cabbage

## **APRIL**

- ♦ April 17thí .Free Easter Dinner
- ◆ April 21stô April 24th...Taste of Rome

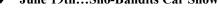
### MAY

- May 27th...Farmers Market Opens
- May 28thí .Memorial Tailgate party



**JULY** 

**▶** June 19th...Sno-Bandits Car Show



# ♦ JULY 2ND...4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Tri Norse Ski Club will resume their mini mudder for youth thru 15 years

old.

Date: Saturday June 18, 2022 Time: 10:AM to 3:00 PM

Place: Tri Norse complex, Dyracuse Mound Town of Rome This will be an 18 obstacle course with plenty of mud to enjoy.

Boys and Girls are invited to have some fun. Other events are being planned for this day.

club plays multiple days a week year-round.

Bill Arneson for Tri Norse



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Are you interested in leaning how to play fastest growing sport in America? The Rome Pickleball Club will soon be offering beginners lesions at the Rome Town Hall. There is no cost and equipment will be provided. All that is required is a willingness to learn and a good pair of gym shoes. But be forewarned, the game is addicting! Upon completion of lesions, you can decide to join the Rome Pickleball Club; the cost is only \$10/year. The

If you are interested, call Ron Blair 715-258-3796 or email ronbarbblair@hotmail.com

# Rome Library Garden Club - 2022

The Rome Library Garden Club meets at the library monthly and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The first meeting for 2022 will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Each meeting has a focus for discussion and this one will be no different. The topic is õStarting Seeds Indoorsö with a demonstration of how to start seeds so they are ready for transplanting into your gardens as soon as the weather cooperates. A seed exchange will be held, too, so anyone having extra seeds at home can bring them to this meeting to share with others. Bring some envelopes to take seeds home (envelopes are easy to fold over and label) if you are participating in the exchange.

The Rome Library Garden Club is open to anyone interested in learning more about gardening in sandy soils, sharing ideas with others, and lending a helping hand in keeping the library gardens beautiful throughout the growing season. At the March meeting, dates will be set up for future monthly meetings and topics to discuss based on participantsø interests. Master Gardener Volunteer, Deb Rokke, and retired Master Gardener Volunteer, Jeanne Osgood will be leading the discussions.

What - Rome Library Garden Club

When - Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Time - 1:00 p.m.

Where - Rome Library Community Room

Topic - Starting Seeds indoors and seed exchange



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# Romemakers HCE to Host Voters' Forum

The April **5**<sup>th</sup> Spring Election is coming soon! To aid in votersøeducation, the Romemakers HCE will sponsor a VotersøForum on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm at the Rome Municipal Building.

Candidates for the Rome Town Board, Adams County Board and the Nekoosa School Board will be participating. Written questions for the candidates need to be submitted prior to the Forum. Questions can be submitted to a forum box located in the receptionistom area at the Town Hall or at the Rome Library. The deadline to submit questions is noon on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. *Questions should deal with issues*, not with personalities. A committee of residents will screen the questions for clarity and to avoid duplication. Each candidate running for a particular position will have the opportunity to respond to each question.

The format for the forum models forums held by the League of Women Voters. Each candidate will have a chance to introduce him/herself to the audience. Then the question-and-answer period will begin. Final questions to be presented to the candidates at the forum will be selected from those submitted ahead of time. Each candidate will be given up to two minutes to respond to each question asked. Finally, at the end, each candidate will be able to make a closing statement.

Come and hear the candidates so that you can make an informed choice at the ballot box.

## **Romemakers Home and Community Education (HCE)**

Celebrating our 50 Year Anniversary this year! (1972-2022)

<u>Did You Know?</u>: The cost for being a Romemaker is \$10 annually. Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 am at the Rome Library. Social time at 9 am. A zoom meeting option is available too. Any questions, please call Linda at 715-712-1471 and follow us on Facebook @RomemakersHCE.

Membership offers many opportunities to learn, lead, and volunteer.

Romemakers donated twenty-five *Blizzard Boxes* for *Meals on Wheels*. A Blizzard Box is an assortment of donated non-perishable food items packed into shoeboxes. The shoeboxes are delivered to the recipients of the *Meals on Wheels Home Delivered Meals Program* in case normal food deliveries are halted due to weather-related or other emergencies. Items for these boxes were paid for from club dues and bake sales. Some of you may have contributed to our *Share the Warmth* cold-weather drive. If so, thank you. We collected 325 cold-weather items. 140 items were distributed at the *Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry*. The remaining 185 items were given to *Practical Cents* for a *Coats for Kids* program.

A *Winter Tea* was hosted by Adams County WI HCE and Easton Harmony HCE at the Adams Town Hall. The afternoon was absolutely delightful and included a real-life game of Clue!

One of our members led a community-wide effort to collect **blankets for homeless veterans**. 86 blankets were collected and donated to the Madison VA hospital. Among the blankets and quilts were sixteen lovely afghans for babies and those were delivered directly to the coordinator for female veterans at the Madison VA facility. Thank you to all who donated.

Romemakers provided refreshments including hot chocolate, homemade baked goods, and candies for the *Christmas In Rome* hosted by the *Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club* and *Romemakers HCE*. Beverages were purchased using club dues and bake sales.

Romemakers hosted our *Annual Holiday Craft Fair* this past November at Rome Town Hall. Admissions resulted in a **food pantry donation totaling \$687.35!** Thank you to all who attended.

Romemakers has a running service project of sewing *Adult Clothing Protectors* that are donated to local assisted living and nursing homes. Some materials for this project are donated and some are purchased using club dues and bake sale proceeds.

Some recent learning opportunities are:

*Learn to Quilt a Table Runner* (a hands-on beginner class to cut and sew split-rail quilt squares) *How to Pick Quilt Colors* (a hands-on class that met at Joann Fabrics in Plover)

*The Magic of Air Fryers* (in-person class by Wood County HCE class at McMillan Library) *Alcohol Painting* (a hands-on class presented by the Wood County HCE at Rome Town Hall)

Improving Your Health Through Self Advocacy (in-person class)

Making decorative *Holiday Cookie Tins* (a hands-on class)

Upcoming classes include: Prairie Flowers for Sandy Soils, Power of Attorney for Health Care and More...

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## GENERAL TOWN UPDATE FROM ADMINISTRATOR JAMI GEBERT

TOWN WELCOMES EMILY ZEDDIES AS NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR -The Town is excited to announce Emily Zeddies will be joining the Town as the new Zoning Administrator. Emily will oversee building, zoning, and conditional use permits, along with serving as the staff liaison for the Plan Commission and Board of Appeals. She replaces Greg Broniec who retired in January.

Emily has a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management, with an emphasis in Land Use Planning from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. She is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Administration. Emily completed her undergraduate Capstone Project working cooperatively with area municipalities on the Portage County Highway R redesign. Emily has been a research intern and assistant with the UW-Madison Research Station and field leader the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust.

Emily is a lifelong central Wisconsin resident, who loves the outdoors. Emily enjoys boating, camping, and hiking, especially with her dogs, Snickers and Maggie.

Emily will start with the Town on March 7, 2022. Join us in welcoming Emily.

Town Annual Meeting — Every town must hold an annual town meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April. This year, the Town of Rome's Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and join us for the Annual State of the Town Report.

# **ELECTION REMINDER FROM CLERK/TREASURER AMY REUTEMAN**

#### Important Election Dates

Spring Election is April 5, 2022 and polls will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

#### MyVote Wisconsin Website

At myvote.wi.gov you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what's on your ballot and request an absentee ballot.

## Voter Photo ID Required

Just a reminder, that you must show an acceptable photo ID to receive a ballot for all elections. Learn more about photo ID and voting at the Bring it to the Ballot website at <a href="https://bringit.wi.gov/">https://bringit.wi.gov/</a>.

Stay connected to the latest election information at https://romewi.com/election-information/.

#### 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.

## Public Works Update by Director of Public Works Brad Martinson

Dyracuse Recreational Area will soon start its 40<sup>th</sup> season! We open for the 2022 season on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - weather permitting. For track and trail updates, plus special events happening at the park, check out our Facebook page @Dyracuse Recreational Park. Dyracuse will be having a raffle this summer to raise money for a track rebuilding project. Prizes include two motorcycles, Stihl pressure washer, Blackstone Grill and season passes to Dyracuse. Tickets can be purchased at Rome Town Hall and Dyracuse Recreational Park when open.

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