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**WE BELIEVE IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON LITTLE CEDAR LAKE AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.**

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

After a very long winter, we are looking forward to an enjoyable summer on the lake. Here are some updates on Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (LCLPRD) related topics:

Ackerman's Grove County Park & Boat Launch

Washington County has implemented user fees for its parks. No fee is required for those entering the park on foot or bicycle. An attendant will not be on duty at park entrances; automobile license plates will be recorded by cameras. A park user has seven (7) days from the date of his/her visit to pay the entrance fee associated with his/her license plate. The fee can be paid online <http://www.co.washington.wi.us/departments.imi?Detail=149>, by mail or in person (*Washington County Planning & Parks Dept*, 333 E. Washington Street, Suite 2300, West Bend 53095 or *Washington County Golf Course* 6439 Clover Road, Hartford 53027).

Park Fees:

- Daily Pass: \$5.00 (per carload).
- Seasonal Pass: County Resident: \$30.00; Non-Resident: \$40.00; Senior (age \geq 60): \$20.00

Boat Launch Fees: NO additional Park Pass required if only using the Boat Launch. Obtain and/or pay for boat launch passes via instructions listed above.

- Daily launch fee: \$8.00 (Now required for *each time launch is used*, i.e., when you launch your boat in the spring and remove it in the fall)
- Seasonal Fee: \$80.00; Senior or Disabled: \$40.00

Failure to comply with park entrance fees may result in a fine of up to \$50.00.

Ackerman's Grove County Park will host two **Beer Garden** events sponsored by *Raised Grain Brewery*. Park admission fees will be waived for these events. The beer garden venue will be near the Soccer Field pavilion.

Friday & Saturday, July 13th & 14th from 3:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday, August 24th & 25th from 3:00 to 9:00 PM

Aquatic Invasive Species Bradley Steckart, the joint Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator for Waukesha and Washington counties, will again manage the *Clean Boats/Clean Waters* program at all county boat launches. Aquatic invasive species on boats and trailers are spread by travel from lake to lake. Please avail yourselves of the supplies at the AIS cleaning station when removing your boat from Little Cedar or other lakes. **Volunteers are needed to monitor the Ackerman's Grove launch.** *Clean Boats/Clean Waters* watercraft inspector training sessions are offered on May 5th and 19th. If interested, please contact Bradley at bradley.steckart@co.washington.wi.us or (262) 335-4806.

Starry Stonewort is a newer AIS species threatening Wisconsin lakes. Fortunately, there has been no evidence of it in Little Cedar Lake.

As in previous years, invasive purple loosestrife in and around Little Cedar's wetlands will be biologically controlled with the placement of purple loosestrife beetles.

Water Quality Two years ago, we obtained a grant to measure *E. coli* levels in Little Cedar Lake. The results are posted on the website under the "About LCLPRD" tab. In summary, with the exception of one outlier, *E. coli* levels were well within the EPA's good water quality guidelines. The Washington County Environmental Health Specialist regularly monitors *E. coli* levels at Ackerman's Beach, and will post a Swim Advisory or Beach Closure if levels exceed the EPA guidelines.

Secchi testing of water clarity has been routinely conducted in the past. This year, we have been awarded a DNR grant to also monitor phosphorous, chlorophyll and water temperature. Riparian landowners are asked to maintain shore fronts to minimize runoff, and refrain from using fertilizers with phosphorous.

Fish Stocking In April, *Walleyes for Tomorrow* stocked Little Cedar with walleye fingerlings.

Goose Removal Provided we can locate at least 25 Canada geese, goose removal will again be conducted in June. Volunteers will be needed. Please contact us at lclprd@gmail.com if you are able to assist with the roundup.

Weed Control Employees of the Big Cedar Lake PRD will operate our weed harvester again this year. Harvesting will commence in June; the harvesting schedule will be posted to the website. Please check it frequently for updates and schedule changes due to high winds, inclement weather, etc. Lake residents may also harvest weeds in front of their properties and collect floating weeds. The harvester will conduct pier pick-ups on the last day of each harvest. If you'd like to take advantage of this service, please have weeds at the end of your pier by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up days. We continue to monitor Eurasian milfoil, but for the fourth year in a row, no chemical treatment is planned.

Boater Safety Classes Anyone born after January 1, 1989 must complete and pass a boater safety course in order to independently operate a motorboat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters. Boater safety instruction and certification is offered online (<https://www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin>). The Big Cedar Lake PRD also offers classes in May and June. The classes consist of 12 hours of instruction and are held at the District building (4480 Gonring Drive). Please see the LCLPRD website for class dates, times and registration information.

The website also includes Little Cedar Lake Water Traffic Ordinances and access to the current Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws & Responsibilities. In addition, LCL ordinances are posted at the public boat launch.

Summer Lake Activities:

Kayaking/Canoeing/Paddle Boarding "Club": We would like to gather kayakers, canoeists and paddle boarders interested in navigating the lake with a group on Saturday mornings from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. If you would like to join us, please meet at the island on the south end of the lake on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. beginning on May 26th.

Annual Boat Parade: This year's boat parade will be on **Wednesday, July 4th at 7:00 PM** (Rain date July 5th). The annual tradition has become one of the highlights of the summer, and participation continues to increase every year. We encourage everyone to decorate their watercraft and join in the fun. The *Most Patriotic, Most Creative and Best Decorated* vessels will receive awards. Watch the website for more details. We're looking for several volunteers to take photos of parade participants as well, especially from the west side of the lake. If you're interested, please contact us at lclprd@gmail.com.

Annual Summer Social: This year's Summer Social will be on **Sunday, August 5th at 3:00 PM** at **Pavilion #3 at Ackerman's Grove County Park**. The LCLPRD will cover the pavilion rental/park admission fees, as well as brats, burgers, and paper products. Attendees will be asked to bring their own beverages, and an appetizer, salad or dessert, based on the first letter of their last name. Because the event is subsidized by the LCLPRD, we must limit attendance to District residents. Please watch the website for details, including instructions for entering an event code to access the park that day.

Website Visit our website www.lclprd.org for updates on meetings, activities, events, etc. If you "subscribe" to the website (under the "Contact Us" tab), you will receive email or text notification whenever a new notice is posted. Consider using the **Trading Post** to list items you would like to buy or sell. Finally, if anyone has any photos or news to contribute to the website, please email them to lclprd@gmail.com.

E-Mail Notifications The Board occasionally sends notifications to District members via email regarding weed harvesting, high water restrictions or other important business. If you haven't yet notified us of your email address, please send it to lclprd@gmail.com.

Meetings The LCLPRD Board meets throughout the spring, summer and fall, usually on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30 PM at the Town of West Bend Town Hall. The times and dates are posted in advance at the Town of West Bend and Town of Polk buildings, as well as on the website. District residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any of these meetings. The next regular Board meeting will be on **Monday, May 7th**. Please call or email us if you want to get involved. ***The 2018 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 4.***

The Commissioners of the Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District