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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/SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

Now that the Memorial Day weekend is behind us, and June is nearly here, it's time to start thinking about summer on Little Cedar Lake. This newsletter contains important information. Please read!

Starry Stonewort Update

As was reported at the Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (LCLPRD) Annual Meeting in September 2018, several patches of Starry Stonewort were detected in August in Little Cedar Lake in the vicinity of the public boat launch. Starry Stonewort is an aggressive invasive algae that is spread via boats, trailers, motors, anchors, etc., and can form dense mats on lake bottoms which interfere with native vegetation, fish habitats and recreation. Its presence near our boat launch strongly suggests it was introduced by a boat or boats that inadvertently transported it from another lake. Starry Stonewort has been detected in three other Washington County Lakes, including our neighbor, Silver Lake. Despite efforts to control and contain it there, it has continued to spread, necessitating a costly dredging project this summer.

We must take measures to control and contain the population of Starry Stonewort in Little Cedar, in order to prevent its spread not only within our lake, but to other lakes as well. Thus, the LCLPRD has worked with Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) specialists from Washington County and the Wisconsin DNR over the winter to formulate a control and containment plan for Little Cedar, and has obtained grant funds to implement such over the next three years. Several elements of the plan depend on volunteer assistance, and we encourage you to consider participating in the activities specified in the grant. Containment efforts will consist of hand-pulling of the existing Starry Stonewort populations by scuba divers on three occasions this summer, the first of which will occur on **June 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon**. Volunteers in canoes or kayaks will assist with surface retrieval and packaging of the harvested Starry Stonewort. Likewise, a pontoon boat will be required for diver safety. The other two hand-pulling efforts will be in July and August, with specific dates to be determined. If you would like to volunteer for any or all of these events, please notify us at lclprd@gmail.com.

Efforts to prevent further introduction of Starry Stonewort into Little Cedar, as well as its spread from Little Cedar to other lakes will focus on boater education and boat inspections at the time of launching and removal. Thus, one of the requirements of our grant funding is the provision of **100 hours of Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)** activities on Little Cedar each of the next three summers. **We need volunteers (age 14 and older) to accomplish this!** Once trained, volunteers will tend Little Cedar's launches (Ackerman's Grove and the Cedar Bay Association launch), and provide information about proper inspection and cleaning. Cassie Taplin, the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Washington and Waukesha Counties, has been providing CBCW training sessions to those interested in volunteering. Two sessions remain: **June 10 and June 22**. Information on time, location and registration for these sessions can be found on the LCLPRD website (www.lclprd.org).

As a reminder, Wisconsin's invasive species rule (WI Administrative Code Ch NR 40) includes requirements to remove aquatic plants and animals and drain water from vehicles, boats, trailers and equipment before placing them in any water of the state, upon removal from the water, or transporting them on a highway. Failure to do so can result in a citation, and fine up to \$2500. Please avail yourselves of the supplies at the AIS cleaning station when removing your boat from Little Cedar or other lakes!

Consult the website for information on the July and August dates requiring kayak volunteer assistance. An update on this summer's Starry Stonewort control and containment efforts will be provided at the Annual Meeting in September.

Weed Control Employees of the Big Cedar Lake PRD will operate our weed harvester again this year. Weather permitting, pre-season harvesting of Eurasian Water Milfoil in areas of the kettle and on the north end of the big lake will most likely commence next week; "regular" harvesting will begin later in June. At that time, a schedule will be posted to the website. Please check it frequently for updates and schedule changes due to high winds, inclement weather, etc. The harvester will conduct pier pick-ups of weeds 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.

Ackerman's Grove County Park & Boat Launch

Washington County implemented user fees for its parks in 2018. No fee is required for those entering Ackerman's Grove County Park on foot or bicycle. An attendant will not be on duty at the park entrance; 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.iml?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.

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 a session in June at the District Building (4480 Gonring Drive). The session consists of 12 hours of instruction. The class meets on **June 10, 12 & 15 from 6-9 p.m.** To register, contact Dan Carroll at bigcedarlake@nconnect.net.

The LCLPRD website 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.

Annual Boat Parade The boat parade will be on **Thursday, July 4th at 7:00 p.m.** This 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. As decided at the Annual Meeting, **there will be no rain date**. Event cancellation will be posted to the website by 6:30 p.m. on July 4th.

Annual Summer Social The Summer Social will be on **Sunday, August 4th at 3:00 p.m. at Ackerman's Grove County Park, Shelter 3**. The LCLPRD will cover the shelter 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.

Fish Stocking *Walleyes for Tomorrow* conducted activities on Little Cedar in May, but the results of their efforts were not as favorable as in 2018 due to an early spawn. They plan to return to Little Cedar annually, and will be looking for volunteers for 2019. Updates on other potential fish stocking activities will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Goose Roundup Provided we can locate at least 35 Canada geese, a roundup will be conducted in June. Please contact us no later than June 3rd at lclprd@gmail.com if geese are frequenting your property.

Town of West Bend Leaf & Yard Waste The Town-provided leaf and yard waste facility requires an authorization sticker to be permanently affixed to the lower left corner of the rear window of a vehicle delivering said waste to the facility. Stickers are \$5.00, and require proof of residency. They must be purchased in advance at the Town Hall during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.).

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 monthly, 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. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday, June 4th, Monday, July 1st** and **Monday, August 5th**. **The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd**.



LCLPRD Upcoming Events

June 4

LCLPRD Monthly Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

June 10

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Training Session (9:00-11:00am)
Ackerman's Grove County Park, Shelter 3

**June
10, 12, 17**

Boater Safety Classes (6:00-9:00pm)
Big Cedar Lake PRD (4480 Gonring Drive)

June 15

Hand Pulling of Starry Stonewart (9:00am-12:00pm)
Public Boat Launch, Volunteers in Kayaks Needed

June 22

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Training Session (9:00-11:00am)
Washington County Public Agency Center (333 E. Washington Ave)

July 1

LCLPRD Monthly Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

July 4

Annual Boat Parade (7:00 pm)

Aug 4

LCLPRD Summer Social (3:00 pm)
Ackerman's Grove County Park Pavillion #3

Aug 5

LCLPRD Monthly Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

Sept 3

LCLPRD Annual Meeting (6:30 PM)
Town of West Bend Town Hall