



The NORTH STAR

Alma Lake – Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

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Chairman's Chat

By Tony Waisbrot

"The economy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the environment"—Gaylord Nelson

Late in the summer of 2015, the environment involving all our lakes was attacked when the legislature in Act 55 ripped away local control of shoreline zoning and replaced it with an inadequate one-size-fits-all state standard. It has been described as a sneak attack conducted by two legislators in an 11th-hour amendment to the state budget. There was no debate and there were no public hearings.

No one had asked for this and no one saw this coming. Gone was the lake classification system which was the centerpiece and foundation of our zoning codes earned over years of work at huge expense with both Republican and Democratic sponsorships as well as strong local involvement.

Further legislative threats regarding indiscriminate dredging of fish spawning habitat and allowing all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to race through the shallows of our lakes, destroying the lakebed, were defeated. Those legislative items are expected to come back in the next legislative session.

Thus, the Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative (WSI) was formed to lead the effort to return local control of our shorelines to local government and to defend against further attacks on the lake environment. Your lake district has joined this effort with more than 71 lake groups.

Through the Wisconsin Shorelines Initiative's attorney they found that county zoning authority in section 236 of state subdivision law had escaped repeal, allowing counties to delay the loss of local shoreline zoning authority and through their lobbyist and former Republican Senate Majority Leader, they worked inside the Republican caucus to prevent the most damaging legislation.

WSI is joining with other water groups to educate our Legislature and to introduce legislation that will return data-driven regulation and ensure the protection of our lakes. They are working to recover local control of our lakeshore to protect our lakes and rivers, our homes, our tax base and our local economy.

We are all the last line of defense for our lakes—Wisconsin's greatest natural and economic resource. Learn more at wisconsinshoreland.org

Your Lake District Board of Commissioners will plan to continue to be a part of this initiative.

The New “Alma Moon Breakfast Club”

Why wait all year to have breakfast with your neighbors and friends. Instead of having a breakfast social once a year lets meet once a month with the newly created **Alma Moon Breakfast Club** (AM Breakfast Club). Starting January 14, 2017 the AM Breakfast Club will be meeting monthly at the 3C's for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 9am. Anyone who is available or in town that Saturday is welcome and no RSVP is required. This is a great time to meet up with neighbors and friends.

The idea of the AM Breakfast Club was submitted by Ann Waisbrot to the newly formed Social Committee. The Social Committee members are Corliss Tischer, Terri Beier, Marilyn Workinger and Audrey Lehner and will be working throughout the year on organizing our social events and annual meeting. Thank you Ann for the idea and thank you Social Committee for approving and organizing the AM Breakfast Club.

Alma-Moon Lake Tax Levy Decreases

According to the Vilas County News-Review, residents within lake districts will generally see an increase in taxes used for the rehabilitation of their lakes. For example, Little St. Germain (up 19.66%); Big St. Germain Lake (up 114.27%) and Lost Lake (up 50%) for protecting and improving the water quality.

Meanwhile the Alma-Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation district saw a decrease of 9.52% in its levy.

Tony Waisbrot, Chairman of the Lake District Commissioners noted that since the Lake District was formed in 1980, our lake residents have always been proactive in not only preserving the great lake assets we enjoy, but also working with lake residents to conduct studies and projects to improve the environment in and around our lakes.

2016 Lake Updates

Fish Stocking: On August 13, 2016 WDNR stocked 32 Muskies averaging 10.5 in. in Moon Lake and 14 were stocked on Alma Lake as part of the Lake District's effort to continue to work with the DNR in order to maintain a quality fishery on our lakes. The DNR stocks fingerling walleye every other spring in our lakes and 10-12 inch musky every other fall.

Loons and Eagles: Our Loons had two hatchings this year and our Eagles had one eaglet.



Loon Family. Photo by Ann Waisbrot



Eaglet. Photo by Ann Waisbrot



Musky Stocking

Alma Lake – Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Socials

Audrey Lehner did a wonderful job coordinating several socials this year that were well attended by our members. The socials were a great time for meeting new neighbors, getting caught up on what's happening on the lakes, and of course enjoying great food. Socials this year were at the 3 C's on May 7th and Chicken BBQ was at the New Twilight Bar & Grill on August 20, 2016.

A big THANK YOU goes to Audrey Lehner, the 3 C's and the New Twilight Bar & Grill for making our socials a great time.



Breakfast Social at the 3C's
Photo by Ann Waisbrot

“Buckshot” Anderson at Annual Meeting



"Buckshot" Anderson,
Photo by Ann Waisbrot

Our Annual meeting on September 3rd was the most well attended meeting in years. Our Keynote Speaker “Buckshot” Anderson is a great story teller and we loved his stories about fishing and his years as a guide in the Northwoods and St. Germain area. If you weren’t able to hear him speak at the annual meeting you can read his articles in the “Lakeland Times” or read one of his many books that are available at local retailers.

Do you know these Local Artists?

Ann Waisbrot of Moon Lake along with Kris Main and David Zielinski of Alma Lake are very accomplished artists. Ann Waisbrot has spent her life in the arts creating in many media, administering gallery and museum programs, teaching and currently focuses on creating beautiful nature oil paintings. Kris makes beautiful jewelry along with many different types of craft items and soaps. David is a skilled woodworker and both Kris and David create amazing stain glass art pieces.



David's blue ribbon
stained glass
"Falling Feathers"

Ann, Kris and David were honored this year by having several of their pieces chosen by the Eagle River Revitalization Program to be displayed on banners that hung along Wall and Railroad Streets in Eagle River. The banners were displayed during the summer until Veterans Day, November 11th.

Kris received the First Place ribbon and Honorable Mention in the Best of Show class for a statement necklace at the Vilas County Fair. She also received four additional ribbons for other entries at the Fair.

David received the First Place ribbon at the Vilas County Fair, for the stained glass "Falling Feathers"

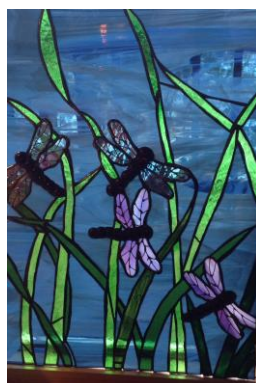
Ann Waisbrot and her Thunder Hill Studio on Moon Lake also participated in the annual Northwoods Art Tour, which is held annually mid-July and Columbus Day weekend in October. Thunder Hill studio is open by appointment (715-479-1097) and during the Northwoods Art Tour. Ann is a member of Oil Panter's of America and the American Impressionist Society. For more information on Ann Waisbrot's art work go to her web site at <http://annwaisbrot.com/>. For information on the Northwoods Art Tour go to their web site at <http://northwoodsarttour.com/>.



"A Chance
Encounter" by Ann
Waisbrot and
banner



Kris's First Place Necklace



Kris's stained glass and
Banner



David's stained glass and
banner



"For Remembering the
Autumn Gold" by Ann
Waisbrot

Welcome Our New Commissioner, Sue Zauner.

The Alma Lake – Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is happy to announce that Sue Zauner is our newly elected Commissioner and will be serving as our Secretary. Sue along with her husband Mike purchased property on Alma Lake in May 2014 but they are not new to the area. They have been visiting friends on Alma Lake for the past 30 years and honeymooned on Alma Lake 26 years ago. Sue and Mike reside just north of Madison, near Waunakee, on a small hobby farm where they raised daughters Beth (24) and Allie (21). Sue works for American Family Insurance as a project manager primarily on construction and facilities projects. She is also a member of the Waunakee Winter Wanderers snowmobile club and the Waunakee FFA Alumni.

Sue is concerned with preserving our water quality of Alma and Moon Lake and looks forward to having the opportunity to help communicate with and educate the members of our district about our mission to preserve the natural beauty and quiet environment of Alma – Moon Lakes.

The Sayner-St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club

I don't know about you, but I believe that living on Alma or Moon Lake is like living in peace with the wonders of wildlife and Mother Nature all around us. Some might call it God's Country. There are some lake owners that are not as lucky as us. Their lake might have become overrun with invasive vegetation or aquatic species causing a disturbance in the lakes eco system. It is so important to protect our lakes and environment and we are lucky to have an area club that does just that; The *Sayner-St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club*.

The Sayner-St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club is dedicated to conserving the natural resources of the beautiful Northwoods in and around Sayner and St. Germain, obeying of all rules and regulations pertaining to wildlife and plants, and in educating young and old the importance of protecting our water, air, land and wildlife. To support this mission the club does a variety of fundraiser throughout the year and all of the funds raised go back into the community through direct donations and wildlife oriented projects.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sayner-St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club or would like to get involved, their web site is <http://www.saynerstgermainfishandwildlifeclub.org/>.



Alma-Moon White Buck. Photo by Ron Tischer

Town of St. Germain and Area Information

Town of St. Germain website has been updated and you can now be placed on an email list for the town to send notices. You can get on the list by emailing townofstgermain@gmail.org.

St. Germain Recycling and Garbage Disposal Hours:

Summer: Memorial Day thru Labor Day open:

Wed/Sat 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Winter: Wednesday after Labor Day thru Sunday prior to Memorial Day open:

Wed 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sat 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Town of St. Germain Web Site: www.townofstgermain.org

Vilas County Web Site: www.co.vilas.wi.us/

Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club Web Site: www.boboensnowmobile.com

St. Germain ATV Club Web Site: www.saintgermainatvclub.com/

St. Germain Events Web Site: <http://stgermainwi.chambermaster.com/events>

Save the date: Upcoming 2017 Socials and Meeting

Social Dates

AM Club at 3C's, every second Saturday of the month at 9am.

The New Twilight Bar & Grill BBQ on Saturday, July 8th, 2017

Meeting Dates

Commissioner's Meeting, June 10, 2017 at 9am.

Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 2, 2017

District Commissioners

Tony Waisbrot (term of 2018) – Chairman, twaisbrot@frontier.com
Sue Zauner–(term of 2019) -Secretary, seam4@yahoo.com
Dave Zielinski (term of 2019) –Treasurer, davezee1@frontier.com
Milt Klingsporn (term of 2018)-Commissioner, mklings@frontier.com
Corliss Tischer (term of 2017)-Commissioner, corliss.tischer@gmail.com
John Vojta -Town of St Germain Representative, john_vojta@hotmail.com
Ronald Kressin, County Representative, rockers@co.vilas.wi.us

Meet your Commissioners



From left to right, Sue Zauner, Corliss Tischer, Tony Waisbrot, Milt Klingsporn, and Dave Zielinski

Mission Statement

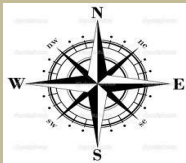
The mission of the Lake District is the preservation of Alma/Moon lakes natural beauty and quiet environment for the future generations. The focus will be to maintain the highest water quality and protect the natural shoreline through proactive participation in the protection of aquatic contamination and watershed erosion while supporting both fish and wildlife habitat. Communication of the activities to all Lake District members and the solicitation of their involvement and cooperation will be primary in the conducting of this mission. All Lake District sponsored activities will always be performed under the direction of current federal, state, and local regulations.

Future Newsletters

In order to cut down on costs and save on postage, we would like to start sending our newsletters electronically to your email. If you would like to receive future newsletters via email, please send a message to Commissioner Corliss Tischer at corliss.tischer@gmail.com. We will also have the newsletters posted on our website for everyone to view.



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