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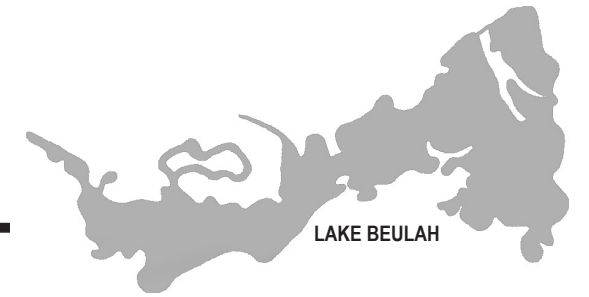


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From the President's Desk

Two questions frequently addressed to me this summer by Beulah-area residents have been: 1) is water going over the Mill Lake spillway? and 2) is Well # 7 responsible for the water level decline in Lake Beulah? Since I haven't played in the spillway for about 40 years (but for an evening or two, perhaps), and I am not a hydro geologist, I couldn't answer either question with authority. But I am told that, for a time this summer, no water was entering the Mukwonago River system from Lake Beulah. Water levels in many area lakes have dropped significantly this summer. The Village of East Troy has represented that Well # 7 was drawing an average of less than 5000 gallons per day from October to May, significantly less than the average withdrawal rate last summer. So, hopefully, some sustained rainfall (and snow this winter!) will put things back in order.

The LBPIA began the summer with a collaborative pancake breakfast with the Friends of the Mukwonago River. The Lake Beulah Yacht Club graciously hosted the event, which was very well attended. The breakfast was part of our on-going efforts to connect with organizations sharing our interest in protecting the watershed. There is a tentative plan to hold a similar event next summer, and possibly extend the host groups to other area organizations committed to preserving our shared resources. In many, there is strength.

Among the challenges facing our board is

the manner in which we address issues about which there may not be a clear consensus of the membership. We were unanimous in our opposition to Well # 7, which made it easier for the board to act on behalf of the association. A more recent concern is the operation of boats designed to create large waves for wake boards, and whether that activity should be prohibited on Mill Lake. The Town Board has asked for input from the LBPIA, and we're soliciting your views. In this issue you'll find articles addressing the pros and cons of such regulation. Please come to our fall meeting on September 15 at the Town Hall to continue the discussion.

Once we've ventilated the wake boarding matter, we'll turn the fall meeting over to our guest speaker, Michael Cotter. Michael is an East Troy native who now directs the Shoreland Zoning division of the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department. His department is the principal place to go for answers about development along the shores of Lake Beulah. So please come to the meeting---we try to bring in the professionals to address your questions so that your board doesn't have to play in the proverbial spillway!

By: Dan Bach
LBPIA President

LBPIA Fall Membership Meeting

Featured Speaker: Michael Cotter
Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 9:00 AM
Town of East Troy Town Hall
N9220 Stewart School Road, East Troy, WI

*The usual coffee, donuts,
and good fellowship will be available.*

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Anti-Wake Board Ban on Mill Pond

Hello fellow lake enthusiasts. I have been a part of the Lake Beulah community since my childhood and my family has been part of the LBPIA for nearly 30 years. My Mother has been coming to the lake since she was a little girl; it's even where she met my Father. I have learned how to swim, water ski, sail and wakeboard on Beulah and in following great tradition, even met my wife on the lake. I believe I speak for everyone when I say that ensuring our great lake remains healthy and safe for years to come is top priority.

Concerns regarding wakeboard boats causing damage to our shorelines, particularly in Mill Lake, have recently been brought to my attention. There seems to be a feeling that wakeboard boats are the main reason for erosion on our shorelines and for the creation of large waves that could endanger swimmers and other boaters. Wakes from ballast boats are no more damaging to property or shorelines than ice during winter, waves created by the wind or even deck and speed boats. All boats and activities are creating some impact, but it has not been proven that it is solely boaters creating the impact. However, if not properly educated any boater can cause damage to our great resource, or worse yet cause harm to swimmers and other boaters.

I believe the true problem that is plaguing our lake is the number of boaters who are not following the current rules. According to the Wisconsin Boating Laws and



Responsibilities pamphlet, "vessels towing persons may not come within 100 feet of other vessels, persons in the water, a swimming area, or a public boat landing". Unfortunately I have seen this rule broken many times by boaters of all types. Wakes formed by skiers, wakeboarders, fishermen, tubers, or even someone driving 10 miles per hour when at or within 100 ft of shore, are going to cause disturbance. Singling out one group is illogical; boaters of all types are breaking the basic rules we have in place to protect our lake and each other. We need not banish one activity or another, but rather better educate all boaters and enforce adherence to current rules and regulations.

Many lakes have gone through the same growing pains that our lake community is encountering. Proper boater education and better patrolling will help all boaters and lake enthusiasts realize what a great resource we have and learn what each of us needs to do to protect it. There is nothing I want more than to be able to pass down all that I have learned on the lake to my children and generations to come. Adhering to state and local laws regarding boater safety, noise levels and environmental regulations when heading out on the water will help guarantee the lakes longevity and safe conditions for all. If we respect the lake and respect each other, we can all continue to enjoy Lake Beulah and all it has to offer.

Paul G. Smyczek, August 2012

Pro Regulation Editorial

My husband, Monty & I are life long residents of Lake Beulah. We reside on Mill Pond. Recently we sent a letter to our neighbors expressing our concern over the influx of 'Wake Board' craft on Mill. It seems that Mill Pond is the 'preferred spot' to wake/surf board because of its size and shape. The huge waves generated by these boats create an ocean/surf effect that rebounds off the shore. Unfortunately, these waves also create havoc and destruction for small craft, fishermen, swimmers, docks and more importantly our aquatic life & shorelines.

The past 3 years have seen an increase in the size and number of these particular boats. It has also seen increased damage to piers, moored boats and shorelines. On busy boating days we are unable to swim or enjoy our waterfront due to the overwhelming size of the waves crashing against our pier & shore. These waves also prohibit us from backing our boat out of our 'wet' boathouse for use. The reports we received from other residents on Mill concur with these findings.

A copy of our letter and the responses we received from our neighbors were sent to the East Troy Town Board and Chief of Police, Jim Surges. We received a positive response from them and a request from the Town Board to put our proposal before the LBPIA for its input.

We are asking LBPIA to review our request that would restrict the use of 'Wake /Surf Board' craft to the larger areas on Lake Beulah where those waves can dissipate more effectively. This request would in NO WAY affect or restrict the current activities of water skiing, tubing, or boarding behind water crafts with a normal wake.

Our hope is to preserve this natural treasure and make Mill Pond a safe & enjoyable experience for swimmers, skiers, kayaks, fishermen, slow moving crafts and residents alike.

Sincerely,

Chris & Monty Mackey

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Yellow Oak Leaves By Ray Fisher

Yellowing oak leaves is common among oaks in our area. Some trees around the lake display light green to yellow green leaves instead of dark green. This is called iron chlorosis, which is an indication that the tree is iron deficient. Such a condition will result in branch dieback and eventually kill the tree.

My daughter's house has three 100 year old white oaks in the front yard. Two of the trees had a severe case of chlorosis and were experiencing dieback. The trees lacked iron so I bought two large bags of chelated iron and used a lawn spreader to place the iron under the drip line. There were two immediate results. The first one was when I washed my clothes. All of them turned various shades of brown from the iron dust. After the first rain, a dark green circle appeared where I had spread the iron. The next spring showed no change in the condition of the trees.

It was time to consult the internet. I found Tree Help.com which sells fertilizer for oaks with "key macro and micronutrients." I also purchased some mycorrhizal fungi which the tree needs for root development. This time I used a soil auger in an electric drill to make 6" deep holes around the drip line. After all this effort of filling holes with fertilizer



and fungi, there was no improvement the following spring.

Since my attempts did not work, I called a certified arborist. The arborist took a soil sample and treated the trees with a combination of tailored soil injections and an injection into the trunks. This spring all signs of iron chlorosis have disappeared.

When something doesn't work, I view it as a learning opportunity. I recommend using an arborist to treat chlorosis. The condition involves a number of variables which need a scientific approach to treat. Fertilizing your oak trees will keep them healthy.

Use a soil auger to drill holes 12 to 18 inches deep under and inside the drip line. Space the holes 18 to 24 inches apart. Fill the holes with 10-10-10 fertilizer (not the kind of fertilizer you use on your lawn). Fill the holes up to 4 inches from the top. Use one pound of 10-10-10 fertilizer per inch of tree diameter.

Oaks with grass around them need to be monitored because trees need the leaf litter for their health. It is better to mulch the leaves with a lawn mower. If leaf litter is lacking, fertilize and occasionally add some mycorrhizal fungi. A little work will keep your oak trees healthy for future generations.

Area Chair Network

Fall 2012

Area Chairpersons are committed Lake Beulah residents who serve as the primary contacts for the Association. Should you have an interest or concern about anything regarding the Lake, please be sure to contact your area chair.

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