

# TOMAHAWK LAKE

Association, Inc.

*Lake life in the Northwoods*

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## President's Letter

by Noah Lottig, PhD, TLA President



Dear friends, neighbors and TLA community,

Spring is here and I feel like there is much more of a sense of optimism this year than many of us felt last year. If there ever needed to be an early spring, it was this year, and the weather delivered. Ice-out was one of the earliest years on record in the last four decades. I am looking forward to life getting back to normal and I am so optimistic that this summer will feel much more normal than last year on so many fronts. As an organization, we will still be taking some steps to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the health and safety of our lake community. As an example, we have pushed back the date of our annual Sip & Bid event to later in the summer to ensure all who want to get vaccinated have the opportunity before we sponsor an indoors event. However, we are also excited that the organization is planning on holding all of our planned events this year and will ensure that they are a safe environment for all.

With Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources financial support (grants), we have contracted with Onterra Ecological Services to take over many of Ned Greedy's prior monitoring responsibilities. They will be working on Tomahawk Lake extensively this summer collecting aquatic plant data and helping us update our Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Please say "Hi" when you see them and thank them for their help managing our lake. Also, please stay tuned for information about their efforts and reports they will be generating. They are an extremely capable organization and we are excited to be working with them.

I am also excited for the efforts our Environment and Education Team has put in to develop our *new* Lake Stewards program. Please read their article on pages 4-7 to learn more about simple ways that each of us can help preserve and protect our lake. Together, our small actions can have a substantial impact on the long-term health of our beautiful lake. Tomahawk Lake is one of a limited number of water bodies designated as an Outstanding

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### DEDICATED TO TOMAHAWK LAKE

The Tomahawk Lake Association is the only resource dedicated exclusively to Tomahawk Lake. This does not mean that the issues we address necessarily are unique to our lake, but they are of high concern to those who care about the lake. Tomahawk Lake unites us as an "interest group," and therefore gives us greater capacity to have an impact on our shared concerns through our combined efforts, and financial resources.

### SIGN UP ONLINE FOR E-NEWSLETTER

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***Get out your calendars now!!***

### TLA Fundraising Events

#### Hermit Island Swim & Paddle

Saturday, **July 3**, 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
Hermit Island (Olmstead Island)

#### Jazzy Jaunt (Boat Parade)

Saturday, **August 7**, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Daniels Point to Kemps Bay

#### Sip & Bid

**SUNDAY, August 29**, 4:00 p.m.–7:00p.m.  
Kim & John Griffin Residence

***Be sure to read all about these events on pages 10-11.***



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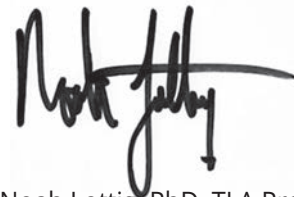
Resource Water (ORW) in the state of Wisconsin and we all have a personal responsibility to do all that we can to ensure our water quality is maintained in the near term, as well as long-term for the future generations that will no doubt love this lake as much as each of us does.

I know many of you are concerned about the explosive growth of milfoil that we experienced last year. It was one of most aggressive years of milfoil growth that I can remember since I have been on the lake. We are in the process of obtaining permits to harvest over 100 acres of milfoil this year. Based on my initial conversations with the DNR, I do not envision any issues with getting those permits approved. Our harvesting efforts will be focused on large, dense beds of milfoil across the entire lake that are in areas of high boat traffic and inhibit recreational access. Currently, our contractor is

scheduled to start harvesting in early July when many of the beds begin to get close to the surface. We will also be concurrently operating one of our dive boats to focus on dense milfoil beds in areas that are difficult for the large mechanical weed cutters to access. Undoubtedly, we will not be able to get to every bed of milfoil on the lake and we are limited to harvesting milfoil only, but we will do our best to manage as much of the population as we can. I want to thank Ned Greedy from the bottom of my heart for agreeing to come out of retirement and help get the dive operation running this year. We could not mobilize this effort without his help. If you see Ned, please thank him for this extra effort after his well deserved retirement.

Through a combination of your generous support of TLA, the generous support of our local town communities, and the support of the Wisconsin DNR, we are excited to announce that we anticipate being able to balance our budget

for the first time in several years. Thank you for all of your generous support and commitment to our lake and lake association. We could not work to protect and preserve this amazing resource without your support. If you have not joined or renewed your membership this year, I encourage you to do so. You will find a membership form included with this newsletter. We rely on your support now more than ever. If you would like to learn more about what our organization is doing, please visit our website [www.tomahawklake.org](http://www.tomahawklake.org) and join our Facebook group. We will be actively updating information on all the great things happening on Tomahawk Lake regularly.



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## NEW TLA Board Member



**David Burbie**

David and his wife Trish have been part of the Tomahawk Lake community since 2007. David grew up in the Northwoods and after spending time in Milwaukee,

Charlotte, Tampa, and Los Angeles, made the decision to relocate to the Twin Cities nine years ago to be closer to family AND beautiful Tomahawk Lake. The Burbies are busy with four children between the ages of 9 and 12... yep, four within three years (10-year-old twins). David's father, Dale, has been on Main Street in Minocqua since 1966 and currently owns No Sweat Clothing. Dale also owned Omni Clothing (and managed DeByles if anyone remembers that far back...) before

semi-retiring and closing the doors to Omni in 2012. Having lived in multiple regions in the US, both David and Trish believe there is no better place than a day on Tomahawk Lake with friends and family. When not on the lake, David's busy working for a global asset management firm and a career he continues to enjoy after 25 years. David looks forward to meeting his Tomahawk Lake neighbors and helping keep our slice of heaven as beautiful as can be.

## 2021 TLA Budget

### INCOME

Town Revenue	\$30,000
Grant Revenue	\$28,275
Membership Dues	\$80,000
Event Income	\$10,600
Misc. Income	\$1,850

**Total Income** **\$150,725**

### EXPENSES

AIS Mgmt & Control	\$44,844
Harvesting Contractor	\$40,306
Payroll Expenses	\$35,300
Member Communication	\$9,675
Event Expenses	\$6,200
Lake Stewardship	\$6,200
General Operations	\$4,700
Contract Services	\$3,500

**Total Expenses** **\$150,725**



# Entire Thoroughfare Channel to be Designated Slow-No-Wake

Traditionally, there has been a stretch of the Minocqua Thoroughfare (*the water channel connecting Lake Minocqua, Mid Lake and Tomahawk Lake*) that was not subject to slow-no-wake designation. The location of this 3,000-foot stretch was between the mouth of Mid Lake and 1,200 feet north of the Thoroughfare Road bridge (*see red line on map*).

The northernmost portion of this stretch lies in the Town of Woodruff and the southernmost portion lies in the Town of Minocqua, but it briefly snakes back into the Town of Woodruff in the middle of the Minocqua portion.

Late in 2020, the Woodruff Police Department discovered that its code of ordinances did in fact designate the entire Thoroughfare as slow-no-wake in 1989. On January 26, 2021, the Woodruff Town Board met and re-affirmed that Town's position that all parts of the Thoroughfare shall be designated slow-no-wake in Woodruff.



Vertical Green Line = Minocqua/Woodruff Town Boundary  
Yellow Line in Channel = Portion lying in Town of Minocqua  
Red Line in Channel = Portion lying in Town of Woodruff

## DISTANCE, SPEED & TIME INFO:

<b>3,033 feet (.57 mile)</b>	⇒	Total distance of segment being discussed (appx)
<b>6 minutes, 54 seconds</b>	⇒	Travel time @ typical slow-no-wake speed of 5 mph
<b>1 minute, 23 seconds</b>	⇒	Travel time @ typical powered speed of 25 mph
<b>5 minutes, 31 seconds</b>	⇒	Difference in travel time between 25 mph and 5 mph

The Minocqua Town Board met on March 2, 2021, to consider slow-no-wake designation for the entire Thoroughfare. This topic had been on a couple Minocqua Town Board agendas in prior months for general discussion. After discussion, the Minocqua Town Board voted to designate the entire Thoroughfare as slow-no-wake.

**This action will take effect by April 22, 2021.**

## Boat Waves Impact Water Quality

- Studies show that powering up ski boats and wake boats during operation in shallow water create waves that impact shorelines and scrub the bottom of the lake.
- Shallow water is considered 15 ft. of water depth.
- Wake boats create a deep downward thrust during operation, which creates a sediment plume.
- The resulting sediment plumes have potential adverse impacts on aquatic plants and fish spawning habitats.
- Shoreland restoration is impacted also, causing land and vegetation to recede.
- Large waves also impact other boaters. Many people have reported being swamped by the large waves caused from wake boats.

### What can we do?

- Stay in water depth of 15 feet or more when powering up and running.
- Operate Wake boats in water depths of 15 ft. or greater.
- Stay away from docks and shallow water.
- Do your skiing in larger parts of the lake where there is less traffic.
- Stay away from restaurants and bars where people and boats are congregating. This is a dangerous area also.
- When approaching others in depths less than 15 ft. of water, power down to a no-wake zone.
- Refrain from slower speeds in heavy traffic as that causes larger waves and is hard for others to maneuver.
- Be respectful of other boaters. Use common sense!



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## TAKE THE PLEDGE – BECOME A LAKE STEWARD

It's not someone else's responsibility to preserve the health of our beloved Tomahawk Lake - it's yours, and it's mine. So, to keep the water in Tomahawk Lake clean for generations to come, all we ask is that our fellow Tomahawk Lake property owners join us in taking "The Lake Steward Pledge".

To take The Pledge, simply review and implement the 5 easy-to-follow action steps listed below and tell us when you do so. We'll feature your name in our TLA newsletter and on our website. You'll also receive a digital copy of *Shoreline Magazine*, along with a copy of Wisconsin shoreland survey, both of which will help you understand and execute additional healthy lake habits and shoreline practices.

*By taking The Pledge, you're committing to take small steps on your property that make a big difference on our lake!*

### HOW TO CARE FROM HOME

#### 5 STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT TOMAHAWK LAKE

Traditional lake landscaping practices – seawalls, removal of aquatic plants, large expanses of lawn, and blazing down all the trees lining the shore – is harming many Midwestern lakes. While the ordered beauty of a flawless yard has its appeal, it's crucial to remember that lakes are living systems. They need clean water and a leafy shoreline edge with aquatic plants and trees to foster a well-functioning eco-system. Tomahawk Lake is no different, and if we all do our part, it will remain pristine for years to come.

Our 5 action steps focus largely on preventing or minimizing what is called 'water run off' from entering the lake. This is vital because whatever we do on land, ends up in our water. I will state this again given its importance, **whatever we do on land, ends up in our water**. Ideally, we want to capture any water runoff (like rainwater or snow melt) before it reaches the lake. If we aren't able to capture this water, we should ensure that it's free of chemicals, fertilizer and things like rock salt (used in the winter months). It probably comes as no surprise that the living things in our lake don't do well on a poison induced or high salt diet!

#### 1. CAPTURE WATER RUNOFF BEFORE IT REACHES THE LAKE

Ideally, property owners capture water runoff before it reaches the lake. This is known as **diversion, rock infiltration and rain garden practices**. Diversion, rock infiltration and rain garden practices move water to areas where it can soak into the ground vs reaching, and ultimately polluting, the lake. The types of diversion practices you choose depend on your property. It's estimated that during a 1" rain storm, an average sized roof can collect 600 gallons of water. As such, another method to capture water runoff is by placing a barrel at the end of your rain gutters, as featured below. As an added bonus, the water captured can be used for watering lawns and gardens, thus conserving water overall.

In the months ahead, on the TLA website, we'll identify additional diversion and infiltration practices for Tomahawk Lake property owners. Please note that multiple diversion and infiltration practices may be necessary at your home. In taking The Pledge, we ask that you commit to at least two diversion and infiltration practices to capture water runoff on your property.



A rain barrel is placed below a rain gutter to capture water runoff from the residence.



Planted in a low area, this rain garden helps catch water runoff

#### 2. ESTABLISH A 'NO MOW' AREA OR PLANT A NATIVE GARDEN

The easiest and least expensive way to filter water runoff is to leave your shoreline natural and/or establish what is called a 'no mow' area between your land and the water. As such, do not mow to the edge of where your property meets the lake but leave an area that is natural. The Wisconsin DNR recommends leaving a minimum 10' foot buffer between your lawn and lake, but if the minimum 10' is not possible, try to start with several feet of no mow area. Or, if you like color, plant a garden full of beautiful native



wildflowers. This section of land helps to act as a natural buffer, catching and filtering water runoff that wasn't captured upland near your house. We'll update the TLA website with a listing of native wildflowers and a guide to help you plant.

Given how easy it is to implement this filtration practice, we are asking all Tomahawk Lake property owners to leave at least a section of their shoreline natural, either with a several foot no mow area or native garden. **Note: per action step #1 above, establishing a no mow area or planting a native garden counts as one of the two diversion and infiltration practices we are asking Tomahawk Lake property owners to implement.**



Native gardens follow these shorelines at residences on a Midwestern lake; shorelines can be aesthetically pleasing while also protecting the shoreline & quality of the water.



Shorelines left natural helps prevent erosion and filters water runoff before it reaches the lake – and these look pretty too!

### 3. MINIMIZE CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER USE

While it's probably obvious that chemicals, like ant poison applied to an ant hill in your yard, are toxic for our lake, it's important to note that things like fertilizer and grass clippings can cause just as much damage. Action step three is to minimize chemicals and fertilizer used on your yard, which means more time for you to relax on the dock – a win win! If you must add fertilizer to your yard, make sure the middle number on the front of the bag (representing phosphorus or Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium) is ZERO. Even this no-phosphorus formulation should be used cautiously as excess Nitrogen, when washed into the lake, can cause excessive aquatic plant growth and decrease water quality. Insecticides and pesticides kill pollinators and ultimately birds, so cease using these too.

### 4. MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Septic seepage can also run into the lake under the ground. This waste acts like fertilizer, so it too will cause an increase in weeds and algae. Have your septic system inspected every three years by a professional, and this year, if you don't recall the last time someone paid you a visit, please schedule an inspection.

### 5. ALLOW NATIVE AQUATIC PLANTS AND FALLEN WOOD TO REMAIN IN THE LAKE

Action step five is another simple, no cost, effective way to better the health of our lake: allow native aquatic plants and fallen wood/trees to remain in the lake. Tree roots and the natural grasses/flowers preserve the shoreline by holding it in place, ultimately slowing down or preventing erosion. Leaving trees along your shoreline also provides the added benefit of privacy. Lastly, aquatic plants and wood, like fallen trees or branches, should remain in the lake. Below the water, this wood acts as feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for all sorts of critters – from fish to song birds. Above the water, ducks, geese, turtles and other creatures use the wood to sun themselves.

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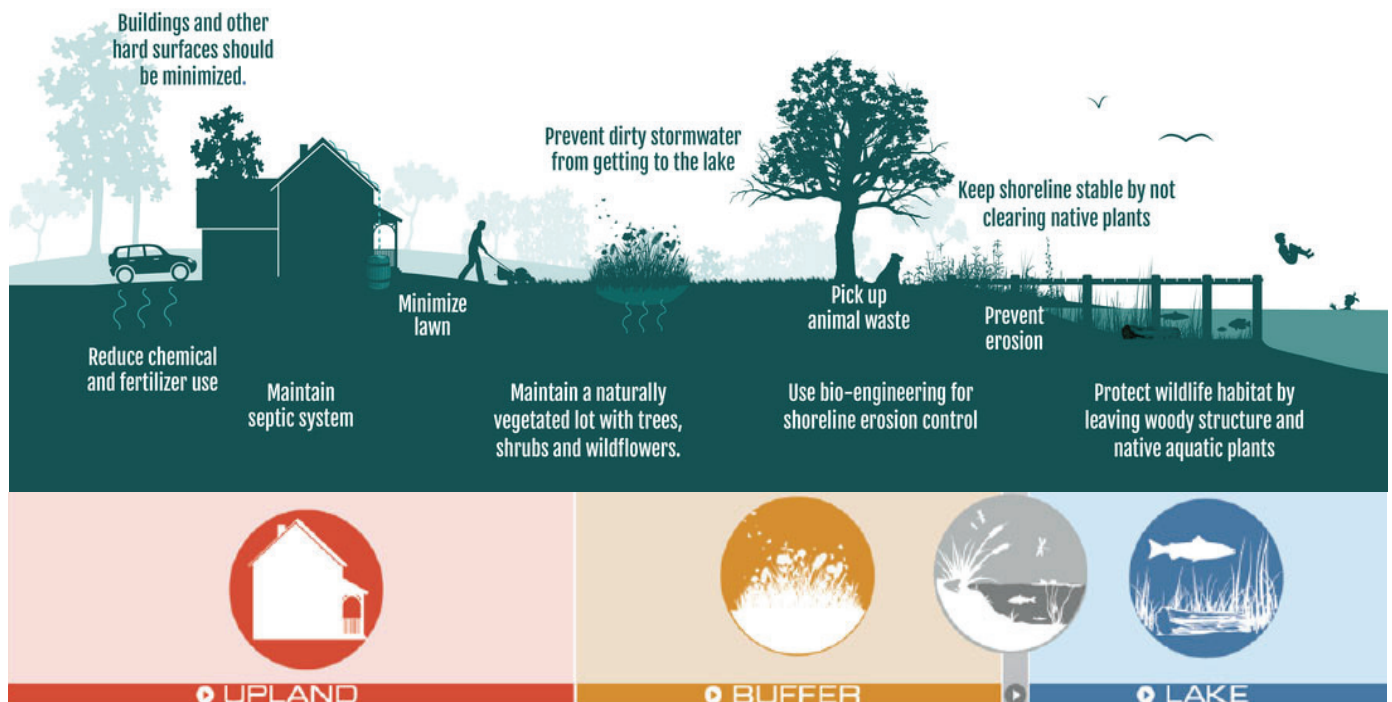


Fallen Trees help keep shorelines intact & act as a feeding, eating & nesting areas for fish & critters; All photos taken by Mark Budinski Photography

## Thank you!

**In closing, thank you!** We are a community. We lean on and support each other, and we need to continue to care for our lake together. Implement the five action steps listed above and feel good about making a difference to the health of our lake. As my husband says, "What could be more important than leaving our kids a clean planet?"

**We want to hear from you!** Please send us a photo(s) or tell us a bit about the action steps you implemented. No action or project is too small. Remember, even the small steps make a big difference. Send emails to: [tessmallery@yahoo.com](mailto:tessmallery@yahoo.com) or text (773) 564-6424.





## TLA LAKE STEWARD PLEDGE

### PRESERVING THE LAKE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

TLA is embarking on a Lake Steward Pledge to recognize those lake property owners who are committed to the long-term health of Tomahawk Lake for future generations. We have identified 5 steps that we are asking Lake Stewards to complete on their property to earn the designation of "Lake Steward." The 5 steps are:

1. Capture water runoff before it reaches the lake
2. Establish a "no mow" area or plant a native garden
3. Minimize chemical and fertilizer use.
4. Maintain your septic system
5. Allow native aquatic plants and fallen wood to remain in the lake

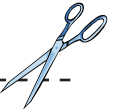
These 5 items are all critical to helping maintain the quality of Tomahawk Lake. The effort to complete these tasks is varied by property, but our hope is that you will take the pledge to commit to the five-step program and begin the journey. There are ways to get started today. We have revamped the TLA website ([www.tomahawklake.org](http://www.tomahawklake.org)) to provide you with much more information on the 5 steps. We encourage you to read about the steps, take the lake property survey, and most importantly, educate yourself on both the "why" and the "how" to accomplish each of these 5 steps. Once you have committed to begin your journey to Lake Stewardship, sign the pledge below and email it or mail it to TLA at the following address. In return, we will email you a link to Shoreline Living Magazine, which will show you what is possible.

Email: [tessmallery@yahoo.com](mailto:tessmallery@yahoo.com)

Mail: Tomahawk Lake Association  
P.O. Box 535, Minocqua, WI 54548

*You will then be recognized in our fall newsletter as taking The Pledge to become a Lake Steward.*

***Thank you for joining us on this journey.***



### LAKE STEWARD PLEDGE

**I AM COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE OF TOMAHAWK LAKE AND HAVE TAKEN THE PLEDGE TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE FIVE-STEP PROCESS TO BECOME A LAKE STEWARD.**

NAME:

DATE:

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRESERVING THE LAKE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

# Postcards from Tomahawk Lake

## Launch into spring!

by Louis J. Molepske, Jr., TLA Board Member

The ice is receding from Tomahawk Lake's 3,462 acres, and soon some lucky boater will be able to claim the unofficial prize of being the first boat launched for the 2021 boating season. Who will it be? A lake resident? A weekender? What type of boat will it be? A fishing boat? A huge wake boat? Or possibly it might be an authentic launch.

Prior to the modern boats we see on Tomahawk lake, some costing as much as a starter home, Tomahawk Lake's expanse was traversed by canoe, rowboat and sailboat. It was not until the late 1800's that steam powered launches came to Tomahawk Lake, but only in limited numbers as the launches were expensive and required more maintenance and mechanical skill to operate. The rise of the internal combustion engine in the early 1900s gave way to a new age of boating for the masses, and with it came gasoline-powered launches as seen in the postcard entitled, "Launch at Sanders' House, Tomahawk Lake, Wis."

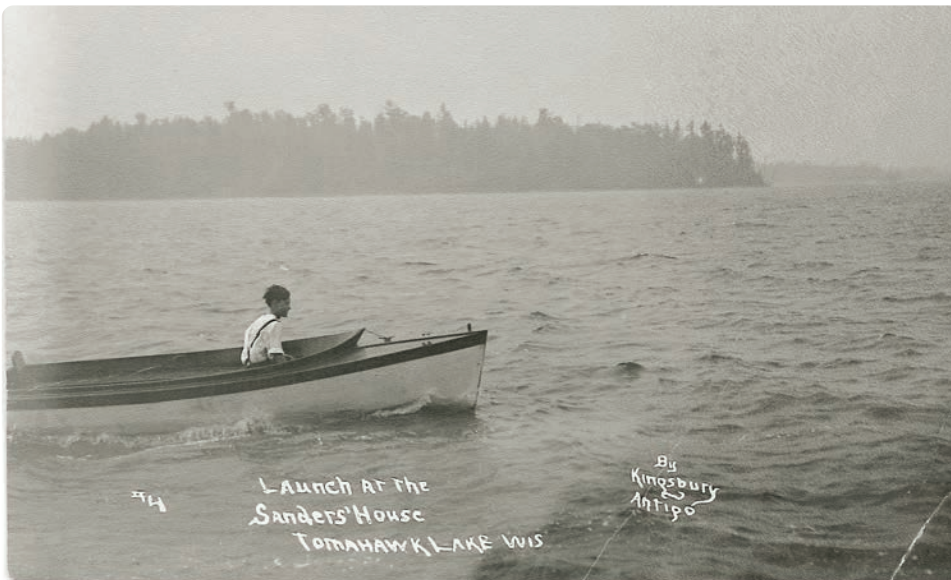
The postcard reminds me of Tomahawk Lake's boating past and the simplicity of heading out in a small craft on your own, eager for an adventure. You can almost hear the putt, putt sound of the launch powered by likely a 15-horsepower inboard engine, possibly a 15 horsepower Universal Engine on a 1910 Mathis Launch.

The young man in the postcard has his sleeves rolled, his hair back, and the vastness of the lake ahead. The launch's bow slightly planes, as it appears to pass Olmstead Island in the distance. The waves dance upon the low-profiled hull sending a cooling mist towards the lad, as he steadies the launch with the gunnel-mounted wheel in his right hand.

Can you hear the water lapping against the launch as it putts into the distance? Can you feel the humid air upon this young man's face? Did he fret as he passed the 84-foot depths of Tomahawk Lake?

The Launch at Sanders' House set out approximately 111 years ago carrying this unnamed boy, possibly for his maiden voyage of the boating season

I hope this card inspires you to get out on the water this summer, as this young man did a century ago when the world was simpler, the boats smaller and the din of a small, motored launch kept pace with the beat of an adventurous heart. *Until next time, keep exploring our beautiful lake!*



Launch at Sanders' House, Tomahawk Lake, Wis.

## Get Your Summer Started Now!

Thinking about sunny days on Tomahawk Lake and starry nights around a campfire? Well, we are, too. One way to get your summer started off on the right foot is by making sure your membership in our association is up to date.

**Some ask why a lake association is even necessary, since the lake is a free resource that's open to everybody.** That's true, and it's one of Wisconsin's very few lakes designated as an Outstanding Resource Water. Our association exists to keep it that way by combining volunteer efforts with our members' financial support.

**Our work covers multiple initiatives to keep our lake clean and healthy,** and we've prioritized two: **managing and controlling aquatic invasive species**, like Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), and **shoreland restoration and preservation**, which helps limit man-made chemicals running off into the lake that end up encouraging the growth of weeds and reducing water clarity.

**Last year, you made yourselves heard.** More of you than ever before – 211 property owners and friends of the lake – contributed dues that helped fund our initiatives to help keep our lake clean. **Your support helped us meet the twin challenges** of a deficit caused by reduced funding from the DNR, and a particularly warm and dry summer that caused EWM to



bloom and spread all across the lake.

**This year, too, we have our work cut out for us.** By joining the association, or renewing your membership, you help fund these efforts. This summer, we're hiring a mowing contractor to harvest EWM where it is too dense for our divers to do so. We have also contracted with Onterra, a well-known Wisconsin-based environmental consultant, to help us develop a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan that ensures we're doing what we can so that our lake is restored to and kept at its best possible health.

**But it's not all hard work.** As a member, you're invited to our **social events**, like the Hermit Island Swim & Paddle Challenge and the Sip & Bid silent auction hosted at one of the lake's beautiful private homes. You'll get to know your neighbors, make new friends, and be part of some of Tomahawk Lake's annual traditions.

If you're already a member, you should have recently received your membership renewal letter in the mail, and a form that's pre-populated for you to review, update, and return. Or go online at **[tomahawklake.org](http://tomahawklake.org)** to join or renew your membership there. A blank form is included in this newsletter as well.

**Our lake is what we make it. Join us and help us keep it "the King of the Lakes."**

***Thank you for your support!***

*Tomahawk Lake Association  
Membership Committee*

## 2020 Loon Breeding Season Report

2020 was a productive year for the loons who nest on Tomahawk Lake. It was a bit different than past years in that during the weeks typical for nesting we observed only four pairs of loons on their nests. We were able to identify these pairs by observing their bands and can confirm that all four were the same pairs that have held each of their territories for the last several years.

These territories consist of the area east of Daniels Point, the area near Seagull Island and into Eagle Bay, the area near the tiny Dead/Jack's Island and to the east of Windy Point, and the area at the far southern end of the lake near Echo and Blueberry Bay.



Photo by Judith Bloom



Photo by Judith Bloom

These four pairs hatched 8 chicks and 7 of these chicks fledged. The pair at the east end of the lake lost one of their two chicks within a few days of hatching. We did not see the pair that holds the territory in and around Kemp Station until July 10th. We were able to confirm that this is the pair that has held that territory and, in the past, has nested in the Thoroughfare just north of the bridge. We never saw them attempt a nest. We wonder if the monster docks installed just north of the bridge has impacted them. Please remember – and tell your family, guests, friends and neighbors – to **stay at least 200 feet away (65 yds. – think about 2/3s of a football field)** from loons and their nesting sites if possible. Sometimes they pop up where you least expect them. If you ever have questions or concerns about the loons on Tomahawk Lake, please reach out to me at [bloomvillenorth@frontiernet.net](mailto:bloomvillenorth@frontiernet.net) or call me on my mobile at 715-490-1014. *Judith Bloom*



## Tomahawk Lake Association

# 2021 TLA EVENTS NEWS

by Margo Oppenheim, Event Chairperson

The Tomahawk Lake Association is proud and happy to announce the following three events for this summer. After a long year of 2020, we are all looking forward to safely seeing our lake neighbors once again. Below you will find details on all events, but make sure to look for updates and reminders through our e-mail blasts.

## Hermit Island Swim & Paddle Challenge

### Saturday, July 3 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

This year's event will be held at the usual spot...Hermit Island! (or as the map states, Olmstead Island) Thanks to the Mallery and Daly Families for hosting, along with our friend the Hermit.

**Registration** will be from **9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** for all swimmers and paddlers. There is no entrance fee for this event, but in order to participate a liability waiver is required. You **MUST** be registered by 9:45 a.m. to participate so please get there early! Look for the tables on the south shoreline of the island.

**Donations** are accepted for the **buoy sponsorships**, starting at \$270/buoy or \$100/paddle sponsors. Thanks!

**Commemorative T-shirts with a new design!** Starting at \$15/ shirt are available **ONLY** at this event, as well as previous years t-shirts starting at \$10/shirt. **TLA baseball hats** are \$15/hat! Both items are available in youth and adult sizes. Also available are **TLA fleeces** in adult sizes for \$35. Bring a little bit of cash or a check written out to TLA to get your whole family matching Hermit outfits! **All donations will be used to battle Aquatic Invasive Species and Shoreline Restoration** to ensure that the "Jewel of the North" stays beautiful and pristine for years to come.

#### RACE TIMES:

- 10:00 a.m. Hermit Wave –  
*A short, 100-yard race for kids 10 years and under*
- 10:15 a.m. Swim Elite Wave –  
*Competitive swim race for trophies*
- 10:22 a.m. Swim Fun Wave –  
*Friendly non-competitive race*
- 10:30 a.m. Paddle Wave –  
*Kayaks, Canoes and Paddle Boards*

**New to the event?** That's awesome! There will be two racecourses set up – one for swimmers and one for paddlers around the island. As well as a short children's course where they can either run or swim. There will be three traveling trophies given out. Our traveling trophies get to visit your house on Tomahawk Lake for one year



and your name will be added to the TLA HISP plaque. Two trophies will go to the first female and the first male in from the Swim Elite Wave. Swimmers wanting to qualify for awards can wear a wetsuit, but are not allowed to use other devices to aid in speed such as fins. Swimmers in the friendly, non-competitive wave can use anything and all devices available that they bring with them. The third traveling trophy will go out to the first person in from the Paddle Wave. Medals will be given to each child age 10 and under that participate in the Hermit Wave.

Anyone wishing to **VOLUNTEER** their two-person manned pontoon boat, please contact Josh Rikkers at 608-225-2427 or jrikkers@cresa.com. To volunteer to sell t-shirts, please contact Margo Oppenheim at mmoppy@deerrunstone.com or 715-356-3722.

**SWIM, WALK, FLOAT or PADDLE** your way around the island with your friends, neighbors and out of town guests! Bring your kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, noodles, life jackets, fins and more! Or paddle/boat over and watch the fun! For questions and donations ahead of time please contact Tess Mallery at 773-562-6424 or tessmallery@yahoo.com.

***Come ready to compete, laugh and share in the good fun!***





Diversion Excursion now known as...

## Jazzy Jaunt!

Saturday, August 7 3:00-5:00 p.m.

2020 gave us some rocky challenges but one good thing did come out of the COVID pandemic. Our TLA one time Diversion Excursion Boat Parade and one-of-a-kind TLA flag fundraiser! We had such an amazing time safely raising money for efforts to keeping our lake clean, that it was decided to make this one of the regular events!



Meet at Daniels Point at 2:40 p.m. to pick up your flag and route map and line up for the parade. Decorate your boat and join the fun with your own drinks and snacks as we slowly tour Tomahawk Lake. Stay tuned for more info on this year's theme. This year we will be doing the route 'backwards' – we will start at Daniels Point which is on the Lake Tomahawk side of the lake and end in Kemps Bay on the Minocqua side of the lake. **This fun and relaxing fundraiser will help support the efforts of Tomahawk Lake Association in our goal of keeping our lake healthy and pristine for years to come.** Take home a one-of-a-kind Tomahawk Lake Proud blanket by donating. Register on our website, [tomahawklake.org](http://tomahawklake.org), where you will be directed to PayPal for your donation. All registration needs to be done online by Saturday, July 31. Early blanket and map pick up will occur at the Oppenheim



residence at 7848 Leary Road, Minocqua on Friday, August 6, from 4-6 pm.

**Don't want to be in a boat in the parade?**

**That's ok!** We encourage residents to stand/sit on shore and participate as well. Decorate your yard, deck, or dock in the theme to join in on the fun while cheering the boats on. You, too, should register online

and stop by the Oppenheim residence to pick up your blanket and map. **NOTE: If you haven't picked up last year's flag by July 1, we will re-sell it.**

## SIP & BID

Sunday, August 29 4:00-7:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce that the Sip & Bid event will feature wine, beer, hard liquor and hors d'oeuvres, as it seemed to go over very well in 2019. Our tasty appetizers will again be handled by Julie and Andrew of Julie Kay's Catering.

**John & Kim Griffin have graciously offered their home at 8197 Blue Jay Road in Lake Tomahawk.** The cost of the event will be \$60/person. This increase is due to an increase in the catering and refreshment prices.



There will be a silent auction to help raise **funds for TLA to help with AIS control and shoreline restoration.**

This is a fun way to raise money...while out bidding and socializing with your neighbors! If you have an item you wish to donate for the silent auction, please contact Nancy Olson at 414-915-4062 or [witaco@aol.com](mailto:witaco@aol.com). Help us to find some different items this year, dig through your collectibles and see if there isn't something worth donating and bidding on. We'll have something for everyone so please bring your checkbook to support TLA in this annual fund-raiser.



To reserve your spot at this event, please contact Margo Oppenheim at [mmoppy@deerrunstone.com](mailto:mmoppy@deerrunstone.com), Facebook private messaging or text 715-614-3722. Please send checks for this event, \$60/person, made payable to TLA, to Margo at 7848 Leary Road, Minocqua WI 54548. OR submit the \$60 registration fee via PayPal on our website: [tomahawklake.org](http://tomahawklake.org). If you need help with directions contact Kim Griffin at 815-494-4291. Valet Parking will be available, as parking is limited. This is a casual, relaxed, laid-back, friendly event with plenty of delicious food and fun items to bid on. We hope to see many of you there again, as well as those of you who have never attended. **We look forward to mingling with our Tomahawk Lake neighbors!**



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### Update your contact information

Email Cindy Ross at [crosscpa@yahoo.com](mailto:crosscpa@yahoo.com) to update any information. We need to keep you up to date on happenings around Tomahawk Lake.

*Thanks!*

## Margo's Minocqua Minute

April 1, 2021

### What is new in town you ask?

- **T & T Garage** is expanding.
- New boutique in Downtown Minocqua called **Isabella**.
- New antique store in the boardwalk shops called **Found**.
- **New condos** by Cornerstone where the old Bay View Hotel was across from the boardwalk shops.
- Old Hwy. 70 is being repaved this spring.
- The **walleye moratorium is being extended** a year on the Minocqua Chain.
- **Slow-no-wake through the entire Thoroughfare** is being enforced.
- **Shoreline Inn**, restaurant at Indian Shore's, has re-opened under new management.
- **The following restaurants are for sale:**
  - The Shamrock** restaurant in Lake Tomahawk
  - Lakeside Landing** on Tomahawk Lake
  - Minocqua Yacht Club** on Minocqua Lake
  - Little Creek Coffee Shop**

### The following Downtown Minocqua bank locations have closed:

- U.S. Bank
- Associated Bank
- **Ryden's Marine** is in the process of moving to a new location on Hwy. 51 South.
- In the last newsletter, I told you about a new coffee shop going in downtown. I have an updated name for this coffee shop – **Cafe Sonder**.
- **Oakfire Pizza** is open and has moved into the Minocqua Brewing Company building. Wood fired pizzas are their specialty. Minocqua Brewing Company is looking for a new location.

*We encourage you to  
"Support Local"  
— this past year has paid a toll  
on many businesses in the area.*

### Board of Directors Meeting – Everyone Welcome!

Anyone and everyone are **encouraged** and **welcome** to attend any Board Meeting they wish all year long.

We meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:

June 12, 2021

July 17, 2021

August 14, 2021

September 11, 2021

December 11, 2021

*Please text or call  
TLA President Noah Lottig the  
week before for location:  
218-310-7460.*