



# Bone Lake Newsletter

Bone Lake — Once called Onondogacona which means lake of small pines

FALL 2023

## BOATING SAFETY

### Where did the boating season go?

by Mike Musial

It's a bittersweet feeling that the boating season slipped away so fast. Yet, sometimes it is nice to take a break from what we love, so when we come back we can continue to appreciate it.

This year has been a very good boating season. I had no reports of any major accidents or injuries. Through observations and talking to other boaters we have noticed a conscientious effort by wake boaters and water sport activists in keeping their distance from other boaters. Thank you for these efforts!

**Boaters beware.** All the buoys have been removed from the lake. The loaner life jacket kiosk, located at the north end landing, is still in place and will be available to anyone who may need to loan a life jacket for the day.

With water temperatures consistently dropping, unexpected falls into the water are more likely to end in tragedy because even strong swimmers can become incapacitated quickly in cold water. Coupled with fewer people on the water to potentially help in an emergency, it's vital that people take steps to ensure their safety. While more boating-related accidents happen during the busy summer, a higher percentage of cold-water incidents are fatal and survival rates drop drastically.

The easiest and most effective way to stay safe and survive a fall into the water is to wear a life jacket (foam is better than inflatable during the cold-water season), not just have one along.

Until next boating season, be safe! I hope you continue to appreciate and enjoy the lake this winter. ■

Mike Musial removes the Bone Lake buoys on October 14 under an autumn rainbow.



PHOTO: BONNIE MUSIAL



PHOTO: PRAIRIE NURSERY

### Little Bluestem

*Schizachyrium scoparium*

This highly ornamental native grass with blue-green foliage reaches a height of three feet by autumn when it turns a striking reddish bronze. Excels in dry sandy soils and sunny places. Host plant for numerous butterflies. In autumn migrating birds feast on the seed heads. Pair it with New England Aster for striking color late into autumn.

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# Dear Bone Lakers,

Another watercraft season is coming to an end, but we are still enjoying some lovely fall weather with the trees just hitting their peak as I write. We started the year with a very late ice out and high water levels, but quickly became below average after a hot spring and summer. We have recovered nicely and are now about average for this time of year.

Please remember to check your boats, trailers, and docks for any invasive species and report any unusual findings to any Bone Lake commissioner. There was a posting on the Bonelakers Facebook page of a pontoon covered with adult zebra mussels found upon exiting Balsam Lake for the year. We are still fortunate to not

have any confirmed zebra mussel findings, but that doesn't mean that we should let our guard down.

The CD3 unit at the north landing had 510 uses for the season of April-October which is double the use of last year, and with a longer season this year. Comparisons for uses during the same time period of August-October 2022 are about the same at 250.

The Clean Boats Clean Waters monitor data states we had much stronger usage of the station when leaving the landing than entering. For Bone Lake we need to have more uses coming into the lake to ensure we stop aquatic species entering Bone Lake. Next year we will be putting more emphasis on using the station before launching your boat.

**North landing.** Last year at the annual meeting we approved funding with the Town of Bone Lake for expansion of the north landing parking lot. After a slow start due to weather and then being required to have a professional engineering firm design the lot to meet all Polk County runoff requirements, I'm happy to report that the project was finished on October 13th. The new parking lot is more than double our current lot size, providing a much safer parking environment. Next spring we will be putting up no parking signs along Bone Lake Park Lane to keep the road safe for everyone coming in and leaving the landing.

**Annual Meeting.** The big news from our August 12 annual meeting is that we approved the purchase of a harvester to control curly leaf pondweed, a necessity since the DNR has greatly limited our ability to chemically treat CLP with Endothall. This rule change required that we update our Aquatic Plant Management Plan to include plant harvesting for CLP control. The updated plan was approved by District members at the meeting and was submitted to DNR in early September. A DNR-approved APM plan is a requirement for grant funding to purchase a harvester.

We recently learned that funding from the 2024 calendar year Wisconsin Waterways Commission Lake Project grants was already depleted by the time we applied in September (grants decisions begin in April each year). So we will apply in April 2024 to receive a harvester grant for 2025. This will put us at the front of the line, hopefully we get a larger grant, and also give us another year to save for the purchase of the harvester.

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR, CONTINUED

**Commissioner election.** Mike Musial was elected for another 3-year term as a commissioner. Mike manages Bone Lake boating safety along with setting and maintaining buoys and installing the docks. Mike worked on repairing the south landing and was able to stabilize the concrete blocks there. Longer term we are looking into a better solution as the spring ice heave and winds can move these massive pads making boat launching difficult.

**Grant applications for 2024.** We will apply for a grant for our Clean Boats Clean Waters work. We generally receive \$8,000 which helps to defray the cost of hiring our youth boat inspectors at both the north and south landings. This coming year we will be looking for

adult inspectors for this paid position as we are having a difficult time staffing the landings with younger people. Please see the notice below.

All of our other grants run over multiple years so our volunteers will keep them going: CLP control grant 2024 and AIS decontamination station 2026.

**Thank You.** I am continually amazed at all the work and time and support our volunteers contribute to improving Bone Lake, keeping it such a great place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at [caryolson@comcast.net](mailto:caryolson@comcast.net) or call 612-581-6626.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe fall and winter season and look forward to next spring on the water. ■

—Cary Olson, Chair



The wooded area behind the restrooms at the north landing was cleared and graded to create a new parking area. Incoming vehicles with boats will now be directed through the CD3 cleaning station for mandatory decontamination before launching as well as before leaving the launch area.

### CBCW Boat Landing Monitors Wanted

Bone Lake Management District is looking for persons to work as monitors at the two public landings, helping to protect Bone Lake from the introduction of aquatic invasive species. Monitors will:

- Interview watercraft operators when they arrive at the landings and record their answers to a few questions;
- Walk around and inspect the watercraft for any potential aquatic vegetation attached and point that out to the operators so they can remove it;
- Enter information from watercraft operators into an online WDNR database.

The job starts on Memorial Day weekend and ends Labor Day weekend. Most of the monitoring hours are on weekends with an occasional weekday. Work day ranges from four to eight hours. Bone Lake Management District will provide training and assistance. Wage is \$13 to \$17 per hour.

If interested or for more information:

Call Bob Boyd 715-553-0629 or Dick Mackie 715-857-5205.



### If you missed the annual meeting this year...

you can watch the recorded meeting at the BoneLakers Facebook page. Click/tap on "Featured" and scroll down to find the recording.

Meeting documents are part of the meeting minutes PDF that can be downloaded at [bonelakewi.com](http://bonelakewi.com) > administration.

**Do you smell something stinky?**

A failing septic system can cause unpleasant odors, and even backed up sewage! Failing systems also contribute phosphorus and other nutrients into ground-water that enters Bone Lake.

Polk County defines a failing septic system as one that causes or results in any of the following:

- Discharge of sewage into surface water or groundwater.
- Introduction of sewage into zones of saturation.
- Discharge of sewage through a drain tile or into zones of bedrock.
- Discharge of sewage to the surface of the ground.
- Failure to accept sewage discharges and back up of sewage into the structure served by the private sewage system.

**Contact Richard Mackie soon! Inspections are free. 715-857-5205 or seesallyrun@lakeland.ws**

**Runoff from your waterfront property contains nutrients that feed algae in the lake. Containing this runoff keeps our lake clear.**

# Septic incentive cost share still available

by Alex Chorewycz

Bone Lake Management District is offering a \$2,500 cost share incentive to lake property owners who wish to replace their non-compliant septic system. A non-compliant system is one that has effluent (sewage, wastewater) that flows from the system onto ground surface or into surrounding ground water. Of particular concern and an example of a non-compliant system, are those that have a tank or barrel with holes in the sides which allows sewage/waste water to drain onto ground surface or into surrounding ground water.

If you have a non-compliant system which should be replaced, and you wish to take advantage of the cost share incentive, you must first call the District’s representative, Dick Mackie who will provide a free, no obligation inspection/review/evaluation of your current system to determine if you qualify for the septic incentive. Dick Mackie’s number is 715-857-5205, or email seesallyrun@lakeland.ws.

Bone Lake Management District as well as Polk County, strongly suggest that any Bone Lake property owners with a system installed before 1980, which may be nearing or has already reached the end of its working capacity, replace their non-conforming system.

## Are you doing your part to reduce waterfront runoff and algae growth in Bone Lake?

Your efforts to install and practice runoff mitigation or diversion practices at your property will help to reduce or eliminate the amount of runoff that contributes to algae growth in our lake.

Runoff mitigation/diversion projects are a *great* way to help maintain our lake’s clarity and health. Installing a waterfront runoff mitigation/diversion project such as native plantings, rain gardens, rock-trench and other runoff diversion projects will reduce runoff that would otherwise go into our lake. Runoff from lakeshore properties contributes to algae growth and the resulting bloom that turns our lake green.

Other practices that help with reduction of algae growth in the lake include:

- Make sure that when mowing and trimming your yard that grass and weed clippings are blown *away* from the lake;
- When raking or blowing leaves, keep the leaves from going into the lake;
- Make sure that any ashes or debris from outdoor fires do not get dumped into the lake (ashes from campfires contain high levels of phosphorus).
- Don’t mow closer than 10 feet from the water line; this also helps to control runoff going into the lake.

If you would like to learn more, or are ready to take the next step with a project, please contact Mary Chorewycz at 651-454-9456 or amchorewycz@yahoo.com to receive additional information and arrange for a no cost, no obligation site visit by our lake consultant, Cheryl Clemens, who will work with you and provide various ideas for runoff mitigation projects that are best suited for your location. ■

# Clear the way for emergency vehicles

by Shelley Rose

**H**ad it not been a false alarm, Bone Lake property owner, Katie Lafky, would have found out the hard way that emergency vehicles could not reach her house. Road access did not provide the clearance needed for fire or medical emergency response.

After the false alarm incident, Milltown Fire Department Chief John Sorensen came out to the Lafky property and walked the entire road to show what they could do to ensure appropriate access.



John Sorensen, Milltown Fire Chief

Katie shared her story at this year's Bone Lake Management District Annual Meeting so other property owners could be made aware of this potential problem. Chief Sorensen also spoke at the annual meeting. He discussed accessibility, and identification requirements, and brought a fire truck to demonstrate how large these emergency vehicles are!

The Chief described the road and driveway clearances that trucks need to navigate and get to dwellings in a timely and effective manner. On a straightaway, a minimum clearance width of 8 feet is needed but 12 feet is better. Corners require a 20-foot-wide clearance and it takes 50 feet for these trucks to turn around!

Overhanging branches and limbs are also obstructions for emergency vehicles. Chief Sorensen recommended removing overhanging impediments to create a 12- to 14-ft. high opening. He also encouraged us to display our house numbers on both the driveway and dwelling.

The Milltown Fire Department is made up of up to 40 volunteers who respond to fire, medical, and rescue incidents. The department responds to about 250 calls per year, with a large majority of them being medical calls.

Property owners can email the Milltown Fire Department at [mfd@lakeland.ws](mailto:mfd@lakeland.ws) (or leave a message at 715-825-2217) about an in-person visit to discuss ways to improve access and identification so first responders can effectively do their jobs. Although the Fire Department cannot legally require that owners do the work, at last check, four owners have met with the Department with three already making corrections. For those folks located on private roads, cooperation from the road's owner may be necessary before safety changes can be made. ■



Chief Sorensen brought a fire truck to the annual meeting to demonstrate how large emergency vehicles are.



PHOTO: PAUL SKAWINSKI

## Why do we care so much about aquatic plants?

A diverse native aquatic plant community is the foundation for a healthy, balanced lake. Aquatic plants are our lake's own filtering system, helping to clarify the water by absorbing phosphorus and nitrogen that could stimulate algal blooms. They not only protect water quality, but produce life-giving oxygen. They also provide food, shelter, and nurseries for fish, wildlife and insects.

Be sure you know the rules about removing or treating aquatic plants at your lakeshore. If you have questions, contact any District commissioner or visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lakes/plants](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lakes/plants).

## Don Langel Memorial Park, north landing news

by Gerry Albright

### Invasives to watch for

DEANNA MEYER, LWRD INTERN



Adult zebra mussels attach to hard surfaces in the water.



More than 12 leaflet pairs

Eurasian water milfoil looks a lot like native Northern water milfoil but has more leaflets, red stems and is limp when out of the water.



5-6 petals per flower  
Stiff upright stem  
Grows 3-9 ft. tall

Purple loosestrife grows in wet soils. It looks like many other purple flowering plants.

As you read this, the leaves have lost their color or fallen and the lake has settled in for a winter's slumber. The park docks have been pulled and the Point shut down to vehicular traffic for the winter. As is the case every year, the park remains open year round (as do the most important part—the newly painted restrooms) but the Point where the docks are stored is closed off to vehicles.

A big “thank you!” to Teri Albright and Barb Stoneseifer for leading me through rehabilitating the rain garden to the left of the boat launch. We spent several sessions pulling weeds and meeting with our District consultant, Cheryl Clemens in May to work through what was native and what was not. This rain garden is a good demonstration of how a rain garden and diversion captures most of the runoff from boats coming out of the water, and also captures runoff that flows down the hill into the park. The captured water soaks into the ground rather than flow into our lake. With these types of mitigation efforts and the others the District has championed, the lake has been amazingly clear this summer. If our efforts continue, we should see even further improvement!

In August, the Wisc. DNR stocked the lake with 900 eleven-inch Muskelunge. Muskies are subspecies of pike and represent the best challenge for fisherman to catch. Did you know that Muskelunge is an Ojibwe word for “ugly pike?”

Due to the winds of the 2019 storm that hit this area and the storms this season, we’ve lost a lot of tree limbs in the park. We started a burn pile in the east end open area of the parking lot. This is an area for the Luck Fire Department to try out their new equipment and train. So don’t be surprised if after the snow starts flying, you see the firetrucks at the park. But please don’t add your own wood. It’s large enough already!

Starting in 2024, parking on the road to the landing will not be allowed (see page 3 of this newsletter) to allow movement through the boat cleaning station and the new parking lot entrance. I also want to stress that you please decontaminate your boat, both inbound and outbound, using the CD3 cleaning station to help keep invasives out of Bone Lake!

**Park fun facts.** Do you know that the park fishing pier is named the *Tim Sopko Pier*? Tim was a science teacher living in the Luck area and the pier was rededicated to him in 2020. Don Langel, the namesake for the Park, spent many hours taking care of the area we all enjoy. Don was also a founding member of the Luck ATV Club. You can drive local roads on your UTV/ATV thanks to his advocacy efforts. He was also a member of the Luck Lions Club.

The Luck Lions are always looking for new members. You don’t have to be in Luck full time to be a member. The first Friday of each month we have a meat raffle at the BonTon bar in Luck to raise funds for our projects. Come check us out, and if this seems like a group you’d like to be a part of, contact me.

To reserve a Bone Lake Park shelter for your event, call Teri or me (715) 901-2499. We’ll get you on the schedule. ■



Posted on Balsam Lake’s facebook page, this boat was pulled from Balsam Lake this year with many adult zebra mussels attached.

# Georgetown property valuation update

by Shelley Rose

Earlier this spring, we posted a notice on the Bone Lakers Facebook page about the 70.75 Petition for a reassessment of the Georgetown taxation district. The petition was deemed by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) to meet the thresholds required for a DOR investigation. Part of that investigation included a public meeting held at the end of June 2023 at the Georgetown Town Hall.

The DOR completed its investigation and provided a report to Georgetown and the original petitioners in October 2023. The complete report has been posted on the Bone Lake web site. The DOR concluded:

1. That the 2022 assessment was not made in substantial compliance with the law.
2. That the interest of the taxpayers of the district will best be promoted by special supervision of the succeeding assessments.

Based on the testimony, files, and records, the Department of Revenue ordered:

3. That there be a general supervision of the Department of Revenue of the 2023 assessment under Wis. Stat. § 73.03(1).
4. That there will be a supervised assessment in 2024 under Wis. Stat. § 70.75(3).
5. That as soon as circumstances will permit, a supplementary order will be issued regarding the appointment and compensation of personnel to assist in making the 2024 assessment.
6. That the 2024 assessment work performed shall be according to standard specifications and contract forms prepared by the Department of Revenue.

The District will continue to follow this and we encourage residents to attend monthly Georgetown Board Meetings. ■

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



KAREN ENGELBRETSON

**Commissioner Shelley Rose (right) presents Deb Dawson with a volunteer award at the August 12 annual meeting. Deb acts as the annual meeting moderator, election nominations chair and sign-in desk volunteer, and she is the BoneLakers Facebook page administrator.**

**Every year, honored volunteers receive a ceramic platter with the outline of Bone Lake crafted by artist Win Herberg of Osceola.**



**Noah Musial was recognized for his many contributions helping manage the lake's buoys and maintaining the south landing.**

## Using weed control chemicals in lakeshore yards is harmful to life in the lake.

Did you know? Herbicides and insecticides used in lakeshore yards and gardens are carried in runoff to the lake where they can harm or destroy aquatic plant growth and micro organisms essential to fish and aquatic wildlife.

Most harmful are lawn and garden products that contain Glyphosate, Imazapyr, or Triclopyr Ester.

Pre-emergent herbicides of any kind should not be used near bodies of water. Leaching is almost guaranteed to occur, which would ensure that the chemicals are distributed throughout the water and sediment at the bottom of our lake.

Instead, water your gardens and planters with lake water. Plant native plants and hand pull weeds. Adopt a natural lakeshore lawn that requires no fertilizer and little mowing.

Make sure your lawn care service provider is aware of your concern.

Visit the website [ecogardensolution.com](http://ecogardensolution.com) for other information.

# Muskellunge study begins next year

by Kyle Broadway

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will begin a two-year mark-recapture survey (2024 and 2025) to estimate adult densities of Muskellunge and assess the current status of the population in Bone Lake.

Captured Muskellunge during 2024 will be measured, weighed, sexed and marked with a fin clip and given a passive integrated transponder tag prior to release.

The recapture year will occur during 2025 where we will identify the number of marked and unmarked Muskellunge captured given similar sampling effort and that information will be used to generate a population size estimate.

Additionally, we assign ages to all captured Muskellunge and collectively these data will be used to estimate adult densities, size structure, growth, mortality, and recruitment. These metrics are compared to past surveys on Bone Lake and in relation to other regional Muskellunge populations to assess the current status of the Bone Lake Muskellunge population and determine if additional management actions are warranted.

Muskellunge will be collected using fyke nets (approximately 16 nets will be deployed in Bone Lake) that are checked every 24 hours for the duration of the survey. All fish are immediately released after data collection.

Fyke nets are set perpendicular to the shoreline where the lead line (75-100 ft. in length) redirects fish moving along the shoreline into the holding-pen part of the net. A DNR buoy will be attached to the end of the holding pen, approximately 100 ft. from shore. We ask folks not to disturb the nets as this could increase stress and adversely influence the survival of captured fish. We anticipate the survey start date will be late-April to early May.

If anyone happens to be out and about while we are checking nets, feel free to stop by and see if we caught anything! ■

Kyle Broadway is a Senior Fisheries Biologist with Wisconsin DNR, Barron office.

**If you'd like to learn more about the life in Bone Lake's sensitive areas, find the recent study at [bonelakewi.com](http://bonelakewi.com).**

The Fisheries and Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committees teamed up to produce the first Bone Lake Discovery Day held on July 15th this year. Thirteen children and fifteen adults learned about life in our lake including macroinvertebrates, aquatic plants, minnows, frogs and more. We met at Sensitive Area G at the south end of the lake near the entrance to Fox Creek. Children collected samples with their nets, then viewed them under magnification. Katelin Anderson, Polk County Land & Water Resources Dept. helped everyone use the provided charts to identify what they found.



Left: Identifying a macro invertebrate. Below: Cris Dueholm leads a talk about birds. Bob Boyd and Katelin Anderson discovering tiny life in the lake.







GORDON DIMMIG, MACAULEY LIBRARY



BLAIR DUDECK, MACAULEY LIBRARY

White-breasted nuthatch, left, and Red-breasted nuthatch, right.

## Nuthatches — which is which?

by Cris Dueholm

The birds that have not migrated by now are busy eating and caching seeds and fruits to get them through the winter. It's a quiet time when the birds aren't usually calling to find a mate but the ones that are here will still talk and are probably discussing WHY are we still here? It was during one of those transition times I noticed a different looking Nuthatch — it was the Red Breasted Nuthatch. Some of the Red Breasted might migrate southward, but in our area they will stay year-round unless we are in an irruption year, meaning they don't have enough to eat in their territorial habitat and have to "migrate" to find more food.

The Red Breasted of course has the reddish colored breast, a gray-blue back and cap with a stripe that runs through the eye which is broken up by a white stripe on top of the eye. It is smaller in size than the White Breasted.

The White Breasted Nuthatches are gray-blue on the back, with a white face and breast. The head coloring looks more like a stripe than a cap. In both species the female is colored the same but lighter. Both will eat nuts, seeds, bugs, and your suet. I see and hear them around my feeders, going up and down the trees looking for more food or putting a nut or lard into a crevice for later.

Each species will have one brood per year with around 5-9 eggs. They both will look for cavities that woodpeckers have made and abandoned. The female will do most of the work lining their nest with more solid materials and finally soft grasses and feathers for the cup to lay those eggs in. The Red will rarely use a nesting box. For both it will take a total of 35-45 days to incubate, feed and teach their young to exist in their new life. My White Breasted will use my Bluebird house for the winter for those cold nights. At times I have seen them look out the hole in the morning and yawn.

Listen for their nasal hah-hah-hah calls. Each species has a different sound and going to AllAboutBirds.org will teach you the difference.

You can play these sounds outside to "trick" the birds but are you playing a warning sound or a call that is not regional? If you don't know, I would suggest you don't do that. It may make the bird find a new habitat and it may not be in your yard!

The Nuthatches along with the Chickadees are a lot of entertainment in the wintertime. They fly in quickly, grab a seed and leave to eat it elsewhere. They will also do this at the suet feeder. When I go out to feed, I usually get scolded, talked at, or sat on until I finally get them their food! ■



White-breasted nuthatch range



Red-breasted nuthatch range

Identify the birds you see or hear with the Merlin app, a free global bird guide with photos, sounds, maps, and more. Go to: [merlin.allaboutbirds.org](https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org)

## Town of Bone Lake

by Andy Brown, Town Board Chair

**The North Landing parking area** project has been completed. We are working to help BLMD with its harvester purchase. 250th Avenue was resurfaced with new pavement. 255th Avenue was crack and chip sealed. Large overhanging tree branches on 250th Ave. will be cut and removed.

## Polk County

by Doug Route, District Supervisor

**Tourist Rooming Houses.** Polk County was being sued by the Wisc. Realtors Association for restricting lakeshore property rental days. Court case was held in early October. At a recent Public Hearing, the number of rental days was re-instated to 180 days per year. With a Conditional Use Permit, more days can be added.

**Personnel changes:** Jason Kjeseth has left and is now at St Croix County Zoning. Bob Kazmierski has resigned and will move to Barron County. Polk County Administrator will be retiring. Interviews are underway. Visit the Polk County website for staffing updates.

**KnowCAFOs.org** is a corporation dedicated to keeping citizens informed about the advance of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) into our communities. Several Polk County towns and Wisconsin counties have adopted a CAFO Operations Ordinance. Stay informed and/or take action at [knowcafos.org](http://knowcafos.org) website.

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**Bone Lakers Facebook group page.** More than 3,000 members are sharing photos, events, recommendations, and news about life around the lake. To join, go to [facebook.com/groups/BoneLakers](https://facebook.com/groups/BoneLakers).

## Recycling around Bone Lake

**Georgetown Town Hall** Second and fourth Fridays and Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Questions? Call 715-483-1088.

**Luck** Next to the public ice rink, west of the Luck Library on 3rd Ave. 24/7.

**St. Croix Falls** Hwy. 8 across from Menards. Mon.-Thurs. 6:45-4:30 p.m.; Fridays: Memorial to Labor Day

**Balsam Lake** Hwy. 46 by the Government Center, 24/7.

[www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling](http://www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling)

## Renting your lake home

**Lake home rentals** in Polk County are permitted, managed and regulated by the Polk County Health Department, establishing fees, issuing permits, making inspections and enforcing regulations.

Pre-inspections and fees are required to obtain a permit. For copies of codes, applications or other materials, contact the Polk County Health Department at 715-485-8500.

**Allowed and permitted uses** are governed by the Polk County Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

A **tourist rooming house** means a single-family dwelling in which sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to a maximum of two tourists or transients per bedroom, based on the sanitary system serving the dwelling, up to a total of eight from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A maximum of 12 occupants are allowed from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. regardless of the number of bedrooms.

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Access these allowed and permitted uses at the Polk County website [www.polkcountywi.gov](http://www.polkcountywi.gov), or contact the Polk County Zoning Department at 715-485-9279 for the most recent version.

### Change of address?

**If you need to update your address for the Bone Lake Newsletter or for property tax mailings, contact the Polk County's Treasurer's office at 715-485-9255.**

**The District does not maintain its own mailing list, rather we rely on Polk County property records for our mailings.**

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### Volunteer needs

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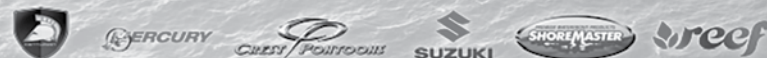
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