



**Beaver Dam Lake
Improvement
Association, Inc.**

PO Box 33
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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to improve and protect Beaver Dam Lake for the benefit of current and future generations.

Reminder:

**Annual Banquet
March 19th
Bayside Supper Club**

Save Our Dodge County Lakes and Rivers

GREEN FIELDS

QUALITY WATER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 · 6-8 pm

Bayside Supper Club, W9231 Cty Rd G, Beaver Dam

FREE
Appetizers



You are invited to attend an informative presentation by nationally known speaker Steve Groff and local farmers about how we can reduce runoff of sediment and nutrients into our lakes and rivers.

Steve Groff is the founder of *Cover Crop Coaching* and is renowned worldwide for his work on cover crops over the past 22 years.

Lake erosion specialist Lisa Reas will also discuss what property owners can do to protect against runoff from their lake properties.

Save Our Lakes Speaker
Wed., Feb 6, 6-8 PM
Bayside Supper Club

**Call today to RSVP!
Call 920-356-1200
Or Email info@bdlia.org**





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save Our Lakes
Speaker

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Club

Fish & Fun
June 1st, 9am
Edgewater Park

Beaver Dam
Paddle Fest
June 8th, 9am—3pm
Waterworks Park

Beaver Dam Lake Days
July 13th and 14th
Tahoe Park



23rd Annual Fundraising Banquet March 19th, 2019

Woot Woot! It is that time of the year again—the major fundraiser of the year for the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association. This is our opportunity to generate funds for fish stocking; studies to understand algae and aquatic plants; Healthy Lake activities; and activities on the lake such as Fish ‘n Fun, Cardboard Boat Regatta, and The Great Beaver Paddle Festival. Funds raised go specifically to Beaver Dam Lake and not to a national organization or chapter.

Once again the Banquet Committee has worked hard to create an experience that appeals to everyone. As always, the meal will be unmatched for banquet fare. While many of the familiar activities such as the live auction, silent auction, bucket raffles and door prizes will be occurring, there will also be some new opportunities to win great prizes.

Some of the great prizes offered will be a gun safe, bicycle, paddle board, meat packages, hotel/resort getaways, sporting tickets, of electronics, and CASH!

The banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Bayside Supper Club with doors opening at 5:15 pm and dinner served at 6:45. Tickets are \$48 for the meal.

We will be offering a packet of raffle tickets valued at \$200 for only \$100. Included in the packet are 36 tickets good for any of the six merchandise raffle boards and other raffle tickets. Increase your chances of winning at half the normal cost.

Reservation forms have/will be mailed directly to all BDLIA members and recent banquet attendees. The reservation form can also be found on www.bdlia.org, or call the office at 920-356-1200, or stop at Total Business Products, 205 DeClark Street in Beaver Dam. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 5th, and tickets will be mailed to you the week before the banquet. We hope to see you at the banquet to help support the lake association.



Solicitation Ideas Welcome!

The major share of funding for BDLIA activities comes from contributions by members and area businesses. Over one-third of our members make donations to the association in addition to their membership dues and over 250 businesses donate cash, merchandise and certificates. Fifteen dedicated members of the Solicitation Committee call on over 300 businesses. As a member you can help by sending in a donation with your banquet reservation form or by calling us at 920-356-1200 with the name of a business that we should be soliciting.

Thank you!

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Lake District Petition Drive Nears Finish Line

The Lake District Committee estimates that the required number of petitions will have been collected by the end of March.

The BDLIA Board of Directors and the Lake District Committee want to thank the more than 700 lake property owners that took the time to learn about the value of a Lake District, attend one or more the six meetings held during the 2018 and signed the petition.

At the time of writing this article (mid-January) we are estimating that based on the rate of collecting signatures we will have the minimum required (51%) by sometime in March. However, our goal is to collect closer to 55%. The support is positive, but the Lake District Committee has had limited time because of medical challenges and business pressures facing some of the

committee members to follow up with all the remaining unsigned property owners. Many of the remaining unsigned property owners are out of town owners and the letter campaign to them is very tedious.

As soon as we receive the desired amount of signatures, the petitions will be submitted to the Dodge County Clerk. Under the statutes, the county board is required to assign a county committee to hold a hearing within 30 days of the date the petition is filed with the clerk.

Within 3 months after the hearing, the committee must submit a report to the county board. Within six months of the hearing the county board is required to issue an order granting or denying the petition to form a lake district.

The goal is to have this entire process completed by summer so the first meeting of the Beaver Dam Lake District to elect commissioners can be held sometime during the upcoming summer.

The committee members spent hundreds of hours on this project and came away with the following observations:

- The property owners on this lake have many beautiful properties and homes which makes Beaver Dam Lake a wonderful home to thousands.
- Most property owners realize it takes effort and dollars to protect and improve the lake and are willing to pay their share and thus support the formation of a lake district.
- Most property owners were not aware that under state statutes lake property owners are to be organized to finance and manage their lakes. Many property owners assumed the townships, city, county and state funded lake management. (some still would like it that way but that's not the way the state statutes are set)
- Many property owners were not aware that while state grants are available for lake improvement and protection, they must match to some degree these grants and because lake districts have the ability to raise the funds needed to meet matches required, many grants go the districts over lake associations.
- Many property owners did not realize that the budget will be approved by the property owners annually.
- The property owners, including those that were not BDLIA members, appreciated the work that BDLIA has done to date and are pleased to hear that the association plans to continue and work hard in cooperation with the district to protect and improve Beaver Dam Lake.

If you have not signed your petition or you have any questions please call BDLIA at 920-356-1200.

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Upcoming Fun Activities

Visit bdlia.org for more information on the events below and to register



Fish 'n Fun

The 17th annual Fish 'n Fun is Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Edgewater Park, 9am to 1:30pm. This is a FREE event for kids ages 4 to 12. This event introduces kids to the fun of fishing and to be safe on the water. Learning stations include knot tying, using live and artificial baits, how to cast and the basics of boat and water safety. Every child that attends and completes the course receives and new rod n reel all set up for fishing, including worms. Children attending must be accompanied by a parent or relative and everyone receives a free lunch.

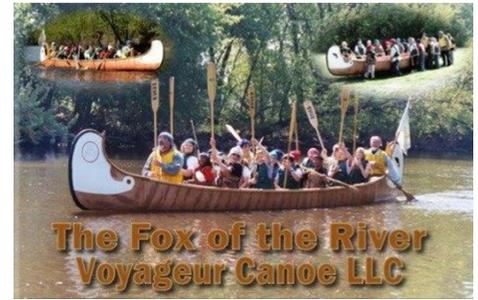
The program is limited to the first 200 children registered. Over 170 children participated last year. Registration opens on May 1, call 920-356-1200 or email info@bdlia.org. The program is made possible by donations to BDLIA, including Cabela's donations of rods n reels.



Beaver Dam Paddle Festival

The fastest growing fun event on Beaver Dam Lake, The Great Beaver Paddle Festival, is Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Waterworks Park from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be FREE clinics for kayakers, canoeists and stand up paddle boarders. If you haven't gotten into one of these sports or need some additional tips, these clinics are made for you. Not only are the clinics free, but you get to take a "test run" out on the lake. The kayaks, canoes and SUPs are all furnished for this event by the City of Beaver Dam Community Activities and Services.

Paddlers can sign up for the three-mile paddle and get a t-shirt and pin in recognition of their accomplishment. Or take a trail map that will help in explore the 42 miles of shoreline, including natural undeveloped shoreline with 21 islands,



and beautiful lake homes. Wherever you paddle you will see many species of birds that make Beaver Dam Lake their home. Sign up for one of the fun races planned for the day at bdlia.org and click on events.

This year the Fox of the Rivers Voyagers will be visiting with their canoe to discuss the history of the Fox River and its importance in trading and establishing communities along the Fox River.



Lake Days

BDLIA is planning participating in the Lake Days events on July 13 and 14. We will have the Cardboard Boat Regatta and offer pontoon rides on the lake. For many of the people that participated in the pontoon rides last year, it was their first ride/tour on Beaver Dam Lake. Watch Facebook and visit bdlia.org under events.



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Blast Furnace Slag to Remove Phosphorous



A recent program presented by CBC Engineers highlighted the possibility to utilize blast furnace slag, a waste byproduct of steel making, for phosphorous removal in drainage systems that flow into our lakes and rivers.



Shoreline treatment

Presently slag has been found to be a very porous material that can absorb nutrients and minerals in storm water. The slag, specifically that produced at a mill in Gary, Indiana, has been tested and approved by the WDNR to be used in storm water runoff applications to remove phosphates. Several cities in Wisconsin have pilot programs going on.

CBC Engineers were invited by the Fox Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District, Dodge County Healthy Soils/Healthy Water Alliance and Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association to provide a presentation on the potential use of slag for improving our lakes and rivers. Fox Inland lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is planning a pilot program on their lake

this coming year to see the feasibility of such a system. Shoreline treatment, ponds, and rock sediment dams are all possibilities. There are challenges for this type of application; however, another means to improve the water quality in our lakes and rivers is exciting. Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association are thankful to have a pilot program nearby to monitor for future use with Beaver Dam Lake. Watch for continuing news articles on our web site and newsletters in the future. Help make our lake better by signing your **petition**. **Be part of the solution!**

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Use of Cover Crops Continues to Grow

Dodge County Healthy Soil – Healthy Water Groups educational and informational programs enroll more farmers into conservation programs

The field day in August was attended by over 170 people who heard about problems with runoff and soil erosion caused by increased precipitation and intense storms. The speaker, Jerry Hatfield, director of the National Laboratory for Agriculture. He stressed the importance of no-till and cover crops growing on crop residue. He stated that earthworms, insects and gophers are nature’s plows. Good soil health allows rain to get into the soil. In addition to Hatfield’s presentation the attendees visited corn rows with interseeding and equipment demonstrations.



At the end of August about 50 farmers took advantage of pontoon rides on Lake Sinissippi offered by the Lake Sinissippi District. In addition to the ride and some lunch the farmers got to see and hear the water quality challenges faced by lakes and what property owners are doing to reduce runoff and protect against shoreline erosion.

In early September the lake property owners of Fox Lake invited everyone involved in Dodge County Healthy Soil/Healthy Water to an informal get together to share experiences about our events and get to know one another. Over 50 people

participated including some farmers from the Fox Lake Area who had not previously been involved in the group.

The Cover Crop Showcase event on September 19 had over 65 participants. The event was held during the day for the farmers and in the evening for all other. The groups reviewed the growth of eight different cover crop mixtures as well as getting into a soil pit to see and determine the health of the soil and how the root structure is so very important to soil health.

The incentive program for cover crops continues to grow. In addition to funds from a grant, Fox Lake and Lake Sinissippi has already distributed free cereal rye seed to farmers that will cover more than 1,000 acres of soil. As Charlie Nelson of

Fox Lake Property Owners Association stated, “Great to see ‘green’ in so many fields.”

On February 6 and 7 there will be the third annual farm seminars presented by the Dodge County Farmers’ Group for Healthy Soil – Healthy Water. On the evening of February 6 the Dodge County Alliance will hold its Save our Lakes seminar highlighting for the community and lake property owners the work that is being accomplished by these two Healthy Soil – Healthy Water groups working together.

We salute the farmers that are getting on board the Healthy Soil/Healthy Water programs and reducing the runoff of sediment and nutrients into our rivers and lakes.

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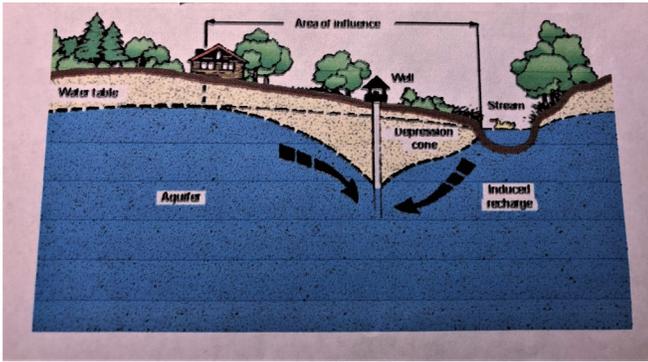
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Solicitation Campaign

During January and February over 25 individual volunteers call on over 300 businesses and individuals asking for their support of Beaver Dam Lake. These businesses recognize the value Beaver Dam Lake brings to the community for its recreational value as well as drawing residents to the area. The merchandise and certificates received will be used as prizes at the fund-raising banquet on March 19th this year. Cash donations help fund the banquet but are primarily used to directly fund the programs and activities of BDLIA.

All donations are recognized by BDLIA with thank you letters as well as listing of them in the banquet program book. In addition, each issue of the newsletter lists all the top three level contributors. Please look at this list, and when you patronize one of these sponsors please take a minute and say thank you for their support of BDLIA.

Also, over the years the donations received from members over and above their dues has steadily increased. Today more than 30% of our members make an additional contribution with their annual dues. This greatly helps the Beaver Dam Lake.

While it looks encouraging that we will have adequate number of petitions to request the formation of a Beaver Dam Lake District, it is the intent of the BDLIA to continue to work closely with the Lake District to protect and improve the lake as well as provide activities on the lake for the community. If you haven't made a donation to BDLIA, please consider doing with your ticket order. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Monitor Your Well Water

When we turn on our water at the tap we expect that clean and clear water will flow. Unfortunately, well tests in Dodge County since 1944, have resulted in a 20% failure rate for bacteria and 8% for nitrates. If your family has ever had a time without water, this essential resource took on a very visible importance.

With rain fall and snow melt much of the water soaks through the soil into the ground water along with any bacteria or nitrates present. This water saturates the porous stone layer where the water is captured for our wells to draw from. With spring slowly approaching we have the perfect time to inspect our well and test the water that it provides.

One of the most important steps you can take is to test your well water on a yearly basis. Even if you see clear water from the tap, bacteria and nitrates may be present in harmful concentrations with children and seniors more at risk than any other age group.

Water test kits can be purchased from the Dodge County UW Extension office in Juneau for \$3.00.

Follow the instructions with the kit which is then mailed To UW Stevens Point (UWSP) for analysis. The "Home Owners" test panel provides a good selection of elemental checks with a cost of \$49. UWSP will test your well water and return the analysis to you with any elements of Concern with suggested corrective action. (Note: Public Water Systems, such as Beaver Dam Water Utility, test water supplied to their customers.

Some of the preventive steps that we should take which help insure a good flow of healthy water are:

- Check the well cap to insure it is tight and in place
- Make sure that any surface water runs away from the well pipe
- Check for and never use gasoline, oil or pesticides near the well pipe
- Listen at your well pipe and at the holding tank for unusual noises
- With the water off, through-out the house, check that the pressure gauge for loss, an indication of leaks
- Turn on the water and check for well turn on and shut off

If there are ANY concerns call a qualified well service to answer your questions.



Dangerous Conditions on the Lake

Open Water and Thin Ice

The conditions so far this winter, warmer temperatures, rain instead of snow and water being released over the dam have created a considerable amount of open water and thin ice throughout the lake. These conditions are very dangerous and we urge people to stay off the lake especially in those areas that open water is easily visible. If conditions continue the BDLIA will not be installing aerators' on the lake this season.



Nick and Holly Woods
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New Owners of the Springs

The former Springs Pub & Grill is under new ownership. Nick and Holly Woods purchased it on December 12th with plans to continue to operate as a pub and grill. It will be a family operation.

The hours of operation will initially be:
Thursday & Friday.... 11:00AM till Close
Saturday & Sunday... 10:00 till Close

The traditional Bloody Mary Bar will remain and they plan on serving breakfast @ 8:00 AM on weekends in the near future.

They plan to provide live music on the outside patio from 2PM to 7PM on weekends in the spring and summer.

The property will also include a Bait Shop, proudly named by Holly as "Hollywoods Happy Hooker Bait Shop". Please join us in welcoming them to our Lake!



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Nancy's Notions

