



the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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SOCIAL ... The fun starts at 3:00 ... rootbeer for the kids ... beer for the adults ... and appetizers for ALL! **NO CHARGE** for Lake Association members! Hope to see you there!

SANITARY DISTRICT ANNOUNCES ...

LAKE WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP CONSERVANCY

The WBT Sanitary District is pleased to announce the formation of The Lake Wapogasset Bear Trap Conservancy. A CONSERVANCY was created to fund this project - members include Mike Masterson and Jane Johnson, both Wapogasset residents. The Conservancy has been successful in securing partial funding for the project through the Balsam Branch Partnership, an environmentally-based organization concerned with water quality improvements within the Balsam Branch watershed.

Further news will be announced when the project is finalized. This project should have a noticeable effect on water quality on our lakes.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

June 13	Trustee Meeting 8a YMCA Camp	July 3	Light Up & Fireworks - raindate 5th
June 13	Spring Social at Waterside	July 4	Turtle Races - Kids Dash - Cake Walk
June 14	Worship at the Bible Camp 9:20a	July 4	Boat Parade - 3p
June 16	Pontoon FLOTILLA ... Garfield Park - 5p (details on Pg. 4)	July 11	Trustee Meeting 8a. YMCA Camp
June 20	Amery Art Fair at North Park	Aug 8	Annual Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
June 21	Worship at the Bible Camp 9:20a	TBD	Kids Day at Mort's Marina
		Sept. 13	Trustee Meeting, 8a. YMCA Camp

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NOTICES:

- LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES
 Membership notices were included with the Spring Assn Letter. Show your support by sending \$20 dues to: Wapogasset Bear Trap Association, Box 345, Amery, WI. 54001.
- THE LAKE SCENE SUMMER SCHEDULE:
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CLEAN BOATS
 CLEAN WATERS

... by Rick Bazille



The Lake Association, together with the Sanitary District, will again run a Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program on our lakes. This is the 8th year that we will educate boaters about the spread of aquatic invasive species. The Sanitary District has obtained a DNR grant which has allowed us to hire and pay for inspectors to be at our busiest boat landing (Garfield Park) for 200 hours this summer.

We will participate in three DNR sponsored events this summer. The weekend of June 13-14 is the "Drain Campaign".

**DRAIN
 CAMPAIGN
 JUNE 13TH - 14TH
 GARFIELD PARK
 LANDING**

This event stresses the importance of draining all water from live wells, bilges and motors before leaving a landing. Also, fish should be placed on ice. Ice packs with the message will be handed out to fishermen.

The weekend of July 4th is the DNR "Boat Landing Blitz". Towels with the Clean Boats/Clean Waters logo will be handed out to boaters to emphasize the need to clean boats and equipment. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help staff this event as we will try to have a presence at all four boat landings.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can give a couple hours of your time to the lakes you love, call Rick Bazille 715/268-2916.

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PHANTOMS SPLASH TWO

CRAPPIES, CRAPPIES EVERYWHERE ...

They're still going! The Crappies continue to jump in boats on our lakes faster than Southern Flying Carp. In fact, former Eagle Crest Cover, John Gooch, pulled in a bunch of them last week while fishing our lakes with his brother Steve. According to John, "I've never seen them like this ... so many, so BIG. I got more fish than there are Republican Presidential candidates!" John went bait shop shopping for minnows, but couldn't find any, so he had to improvise. John sez, "try one of those little pink jigs with the white feather tails, you can find 'em on the Marina wall. Tip 'em with a waxie and you'll be just fine." He also said that a Black Fly under a bobber worked well. We thought Black Fly was some sort of infestation, so we're not sure what that means.

MUSKIE SEASON NOW OPEN ...

We can hardly wait to see what that means to you.

BASS BACK FROM POST-SPAWN VACATION ...

... only to find the affordable care act has doubled their insurance rates. But that hasn't stopped them from hatching babies. Now is the time to get up early and throw white or chartreuse spinner baits under docks and low hanging trees. Later in the day, try plastic worms off

the weed lines, and bounce them along in 8 feet of water.

PHANTOM WORD PHIND ...

Be the first at the Marina with the solution and you'll win a one item shopping spree at the candy counter.

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JULY 4th 2015

It's going to be another memorable holiday on Wapogasset and Bear Trap this 4th of July. To help you plan your holiday, Karen Ohm announced that the Lake Association is sponsoring KIDS' EVENTS at Garfield Park starting at 11:00 a.m. on the morning of the 4th of July ...

- Turtle Races ... A fun event for ALL!
- Kids Dashes ... all ages up to TEN!
- Cake Walk ... FUN for everyone!

The Annual Boat Parade will be starting in the Bay by the Marina at 3:00 and travelling clockwise toward So. Shore Drive and Cty. Rd. F. 15 prizes will be awarded to the top entries. Start planning NOW to decorate your boat, pontoon, or anything else that floats.

No plans yet for 5K Walk / 10K Run. FULL details on all activities will be in the next Lake Scene.

PONTOON FLOTILLA

JUNE 16th



YOU'RE INVITED! Meet and greet fellow lake residents as you enjoy an evening cruising around our beautiful lakes!

1st FLOTILLA of 2015
 JUNE 16th ... 5:00pm
 meet in front of Garfield Park

If you can't make it on the 16th, additional Flotillas are planned for the third Tuesday of each month. Bring an appetizer to share and drink of your choice. The flotillas have been well-attended in the past and we look forward to having new residents join in on the fun this summer.

Note: If it's raining at 4:30pm, the Flotilla will be rescheduled for Wednesday - rain or shine. If it is raining on Wed. everyone is invited to gather at Waterside Bar & Grill. Future Flotillas will be on July 21, August 18 and Sept. 15th.

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SIGNIFICANT WATER QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY

The Sanitary District, in conjunction with Polk County, is pleased to announce a significant water quality project is now underway on the northeast side of Lake Wapogasset. The District, along with the landowner, (Frietag), have worked with the County to complete a project to greatly reduce runoff from the landowner's property unto Wallace Drive. For the past number of years, water coming off the Freitag farm from spring runoff and other rain events would create a water tributary bringing large quantities of phosphorous into the lake from the Wallace Drive location. Tim Ritten, head of the County's Land and Water Department, is working with the landowner to mitigate the runoff issue. An agreement with the landowner will allow a dam to be placed on the property to significantly slow and purify the water entering the lake. This should result in a considerable amount of phosphorous being permanently eliminated from the lake. In addition, the landowner has given a permanent easement to the Sanitary District to maintain the dam going forward.

CLEAN BOATS
CLEAN WATERS

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Lastly, on July 11, the DNR will bring a boat decontamination unit to Garfield Park for the day to demonstrate the proper hot water cleaning of boats and trailers. It is owned by the Wisconsin DNR and will only be in Polk County for two days this summer. We are excited to have this demonstration on our lakes - hope you'll stop by.

MINUTES: From the May 9, 2015 Trustee Mtg.

- Lake Association Spring Social will be on Saturday, June 13 from 3 - 6pm at Waterside Bar & Grill.
- The new Dissolved Oxygen Meter was purchased and the first lake test will occur the week of May 12.
- The DNR stocked the lake in the Fall of 2014 with various fish. 17,000 in Wapogasset and 4,000 in Bear Trap.
- Clean Boats Clean Water: Rick Bazille reported the net expense of the 2014 program was \$146.93. CBCW anticipates 200 hours will be worked again this summer. (see article on Page 2)
- The Sheriff's boat patrol will cover several area lakes this summer at their expense, however less time will be spent on WBT compared to previous years. Motion approved to sell Lake Assn.'s half of the existing boat patrol watercraft.
- There are still two trustee positions that need to be filled.
- Steve Schieffer updated and completed the Aquatic Plant Study.
- Application for a DNR grant for the weed harvester was delayed due to new DNR requirements. Funding is not expected (if at all) until 2016.
- Discussion regarding continued communication and education to the public regarding lake quality issues, perhaps with regular updates in The Lake Scene.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50a.m.

Next Meeting: June 13 - 8:00a.m. - YMCA Camp

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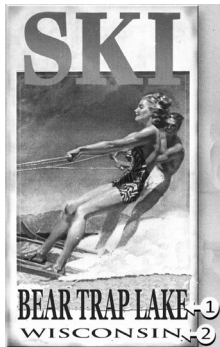
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COMING NEXT ISSUE...

The Phantoms break the back room details of the big merger between You Tube, Twitter and Facebook.

It'll be called ... YOU TWIT FACE

Editor's Note: If you have a lake friend with a good sense of humor that you'd like "spoofer" in the Phantom Phishermen column, please email Kathy at "kathy@lakewapogasset.com"



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RECIPES

CHEX SCOTCHAROOS

- 6 cups Chex cereal (or Crispix)
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 cups peanut butter
- 2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups butterscotch chips
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla



... Butter a large bowl and measure out 6 cups of cereal. In a small saucepan, combine the corn syrup and sugar over medium heat. Once boiling remove from heat and stir in 1-1/2 c. peanut butter. Pour over cereal and fold together. Use a large cookie scoop to drop on wax paper - form cookie with hands. Melt choc/butterscotch chips, 1/2 cup peanut butter and vanilla. Stir till smooth and swirl some on top of each cookie. Cool at room temperature.

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