

# WAUPACA CHAIN O'LAKES ASSOCIATION

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*Dedicated to preserving these unique spring-fed lakes  
and their surrounding environment for present and  
for future generations of residents and visitors.*



## Spring 2012

### NEBRASKA SENATOR TAKES UP SUMMER RESIDENCE ON CHAIN O'LAKES

George William Norris represented Nebraska in the House of Representatives for five terms and in the U. S. Senate for five terms, from the Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt through Franklin D. Roosevelt. During those forty years in office Norris spent his summers on the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes.

Norris was born in Ohio in 1861, the eleventh child of Chauncey and Mary Magdalene Mook Norris, poor and uneducated farmers. When George was a young boy, both his brother and father died, leaving Mary to raise and support George and his sisters. While living on the farm George and his siblings developed an appreciation for hard work, and Mary instilled in them the importance of education. George was a graduate of Baldwin University in Ohio, now Baldwin-Wallace College, earned his law degree in 1883 at Northern Indiana Normal School, now Valparaiso University, and moved from Indiana to Nebraska to practice law.

While in law school, Norris and eight fellow law students formed a secret society called L.U.N. The exact meaning of the initials is unknown. This group met for 59 consecutive summers. When the group first met at the Grand View Hotel on Rainbow Lake, they were so inspired by the Chain O'Lakes that in 1902 they authorized one member to locate a permanent meeting site there. Each member contributed funds and by the summer of 1903 the group met at their cottage on Lot 3, Point Comfort. L.U.N. had formal banquets, printed programs, speeches by

each member, and nine chairs, even though some became unoccupied through deaths. By 1941 the membership had dwindled to two, Norris and one of his Chain O'Lakes neighbors, and their last meeting was that summer at Norris' home. In his autobiography Norris wrote, "These reunions of L.U.N. added greatly to our lives, made us all better men, better citizens, and better fathers. The friendships formed extended to our families. And beneath the solemnity and the fellowship, there was always close to the surface a bubbling spirit of fun."



*Haleiwa on Point Comfort, Courtesy of Don Hinze*

Although Norris had homes in Nebraska and in Washington, D. C., he spent his summers at his beloved home on the Chain O'Lakes. Norris and his first wife Pluma Lashley, whom he married in 1890 in Beaver City, Nebraska, had three daughters, Hazel, Marian, and Gertrude Dewitt. After Pluma died, George married Nebraska school principal Ellie Leonard in 1903, who was a wonderful mother

to the three girls according to George. He and Ellie honeymooned on the Chain, and in 1905 bought Lot 1, Point Comfort, for \$725. This property was the site of their summer home. In 1909 Norris wrote to his oldest daughter that when he looked out his window in D. C. and saw the lights across the Potomac River, they reminded him of the twinkling lights at the Grand View Hotel across Rainbow Lake from Point Comfort. Norris' white frame home, which he helped build in 1920, is located on Norris Lane where Rainbow and Nessling Lakes join. During

the summer of 1925 George installed electric lighting and a water system. He named his cherished retreat “Haleiwa,” which is Hawaiian for “House of the Frigate Bird.” George came to Point Comfort for rest and relaxation in the woods by the crystal clear lakes. Here he formulated upcoming legislation and political strategies.

The Norris family employed local girls Mary Erickson (Parry) and Lois Rusch (Naylor) as housekeepers, and the girls lived at Haleiwa. The teenage housekeepers were paid \$7.50 per week in addition to room and board. Mary and Lois remember Ellie as regal, strong in virtue, strict in temperance, yet gentle and caring. They said George did not drink, but was often puffing on a cigar. George read voraciously, and loved to tell stories, to recite poetry, and to sing to anyone in the house who would listen. George tramped through the forest, chopped wood, canoed and swam in the lake with Ellie. Every morning before breakfast George and Ellie donned their full-body black swimsuits for a swim in Rainbow Lake. Even in September they would be in the water. Mary and Lois thought they looked like two floating black barrels. In the fall of 1936 Lois went to Washington to be the nanny for the children of George’s youngest daughter. Lois said being in D.C. was the experience of a lifetime for a 16-year old.



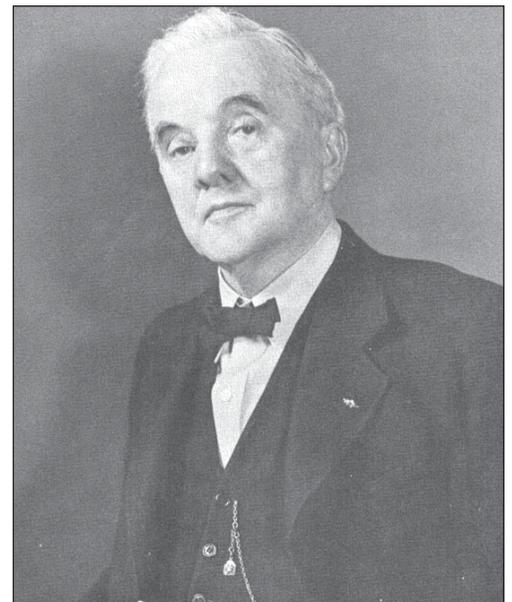
*George and Ellie Norris on the porch of Haleiwa, 1937  
Taken by Mary Erickson with her new Brownie camera*

George and Ellie kept a low social profile in Washington and in Waupaca. For years their Waupaca house had no telephone and there still is no doorbell. Since Norris had no constituents in Waupaca, he was just another summer local. However, in August of 1939 when a new Waupaca post office was dedicated, complete with parade and notable speakers from around the state, Norris was the unscheduled, surprise guest. His presence was headlined and pictured in the Waupaca County Post.

Norris served in the House of Representatives from 1903 to 1913 and in the Senate from 1913-1943. The body of his legislative achievements is large. He was considered by many to be a master of congressional procedure and non-partisan participation. Norris’ resolution to reduce the

power of the Speaker of the House by allowing all House members to vote on rules and committee members was passed in 1910. In 1917 Norris and five other insurgent senators voted against President Woodrow Wilson and the U.S. entry into WWI. Norris, the liberal Republican, and Fiorello LaGuardia, the urban progressive Democrat, joined forces in 1932, and the Norris-LaGuardia Federal Anti-Injunction Act was passed. It allowed workers to join unions and to bargain collectively. The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was proposed by Norris, and passed by Congress in 1932. Known as the “Lame Duck” Amendment, it narrowed the time between election and end of terms for the President, Vice President and Congress.

In the early 20th century, less than ten percent of farms and ranches in the U.S. had electricity. Norris helped to bring electricity to small-town America with the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, which gave one Federal agency the authority to construct dams, control flooding and generate electric power. The Norris-Rayburn Rural Electrification Act of 1936 made electricity available to rural areas. Norris supported much of the New Deal economic programs. He often lunched privately with Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House. FDR called Norris the “very perfect, gentle knight of American progressive ideals” and “one of the major prophets of America.”



*Senator George Norris,  
Courtesy of Norman Zucker*

Norris was gentle and soft-spoken, not known as a brilliant orator. But when it was learned that he was to speak in the Senate, listeners came running. By the 1930s Norris was known as the “Grand Old Man” of the Senate. Many young congressmen stood in line for advice and counsel from an accommodating “Uncle George.” Political commentators and early radio talk show hosts praised the Senator’s character, even when they disagreed with him on current issues. John F. Kennedy’s *Profiles in Courage* featured eight American statesmen who helped shape our country’s democracy. In the chapter devoted to Norris, Kennedy wrote, “He was an idealist, an independent, a fighter, a man of deep conviction, fearless courage, sincere honesty . . . no single chapter could recount in full all of the courageous battles led by George Norris.”

Norris ran as an Independent in 1942 and was defeated. He died in 1944 at age 83, and Ellie died in 1972. They are buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, McCook, Nebraska. After Ellie’s death Alan Robertson of Washington D. C., nephew of Norris’ daughter Hazel, inherited the Norris home on Norris Lane. Alan cherished the legacy of Norris and the significance of the home where the Senator spent four decades of summers. Alan passed away in early 2011 and the home was willed to his heirs. In August of 2011 an auction was held during which the home’s contents, furnishings, documents, and political memorabilia were sold. The empty house is all that remains of Norris’ time here. The property is for sale, and the purchaser may or may not have any interest in its historic past. Norris’ home in McCook, Nebraska is a registered national historical site. Perhaps the new property owner will be interested in registering the Waupaca Norris house.

*A special thank you goes to Mary Erickson Parry of Larsen, WI and to Lois Rusch Naylor of Waupaca, WI for their contributions to this article and to Association member and Dake Lake resident Rev. Dr. Donald Hinze for his countless hours of research on Senator Norris for this article. Rev. Hinze is an author, local historian and retired minister.*

*A Trilogy of Three Volumes by Richard Lowitt: George W. Norris - The Making of a Progressive, 1861-1912; The Persistence of a Progressive, 1913-1933; The Triumph of a Progressive, 1933-1944; Integrity, The Life of George W. Norris by Richard L. Neuberger and Stephen B. Kahn, 1937; Fighting Liberal: The Autobiography of George W. Norris, 1945; Profiles of Courage by John F. Kennedy, 1956; Time Magazine, January 11, 1937*

## GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT UNDERBERG



Our Association currently has 635 members and is in a solid financial position for 2012. There are several reasons to be an Association member. In this newsletter you will find information on Association activities, committees, events and projects. Also check the website for updated information about the Association, upcoming events, boating

regulations, aquatic invasive species, and more. As lake property owners, it is our responsibility to protect Chain waters. The condition of the water has a

major impact on our property values. Invasive species will continue to be an issue for inland waters. Our continued vigilance can go a long way to assure that the pristine waters stay that way. Volunteers are needed to staff the Taylor Lake boat landing as part of the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program. To volunteer, see information in the Lake District article.

On behalf of the Board, I thank both Steve Huhta and Carl Webber for their many years of excellent service to the Association. Steve was both Vice President and President, and Carl was Secretary prior to currently serving as Vice President. Steve resigned from the Board last fall, and Carl is retiring when his term expires in June. Carl is very dedicated to our Association, and was responsible for establishing the Chain O’Lakes Foundation. Contributions to this Foundation are tax deductible and will help to protect and to improve the Chain. Please look for the Foundation’s link on the Association’s website. I look forward to seeing you at the **Annual Meeting on June 23, 9:00 am, Marden Center, Wisconsin Veterans Home, King.**

This is a formal notice to all members that at the Annual Meeting members will be asked to vote on proposed changes to the Association By-Laws. These proposed changes will be posted on the Association's website, [waupacachainolakes.org](http://waupacachainolakes.org), no later than June 1, 2012. To request a hard copy, please contact Executive Secretary Kay Ellis or President Bob Underberg, whose contact information is in *WHO'S HOO*, or email [info@waupacachainolakes.org](mailto:info@waupacachainolakes.org).

## YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual membership dues are \$25 per year for a family or co-owner. A property owner may choose a five-year membership at a cost of \$100, a savings of \$25 over the five-year period. For those who own more than one lake property and want an additional membership and *WHO'S HOO* directory listing, dues are \$25 or \$100 per additional property. Please indicate your choice on the membership form. Checks should be made payable to **Waupaca Chain O' Lakes Association**. If you have a five-year membership, do not return your membership form unless there is a change in your information. **The list of five-years members is printed on the back of the membership form for your reference.** Those who have already paid for 2012 memberships are also listed. Membership dues are used for publishing the newsletter and membership directory, updating and replacing the name/address arrow signs and the lake signs, auxiliary water patrol and lake projects.

Before completing the enclosed membership form, please review your current *WHO'S HOO* listing and email address, if applicable. If any of your information is new or changed since last year, please highlight, underline or otherwise indicate it on your membership form. Please do not cut the form. Directory information includes lake address, two phone numbers, your lake and an email address, or you may choose a portion of that information by circling any information you do not want listed in the Directory. The Sign Request section is for new members who do not have signs and for current members who have changes in ownership names. If you have a correct sign, do NOT fill out this section. **New membership information and new sign information must be received by April 10 for *WHO'S HOO* inclusion and for spring sign installation.** Members have the option of receiving future newsletters via email. If you prefer this option, check the line on the membership form and include your email address. Please note

that your email address will not be shared with any other organization or business.

## SIGN REPLACEMENT

As old signboards deteriorate, the Sign Committee will replace them with more durable boards purchased by the Association. The first to be replaced will be Pine Ridge Lane and the newly named streets of Avery Lane and Orlando Lane. **Each property will have only one address arrow sign, and ONLY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS' NAMES WILL BE REPLACED.** If you live on one of the above-mentioned streets, be sure to send in your membership dues before the deadline. Co-owners may choose to have one, two, or possibly three last names, depending on name length. If two or three last names are requested, each party must be a current Association member. First initials will not be included, and letters may be smaller than one-name signs.

## BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2012-2015

Association By-Laws state that the election of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting and that the Board shall nominate candidates to fill Board vacancies. Nominees for the 2012-2015 term are: Jack Fulcher, Maryann Jenner, Scott Panzenhagen and Bob Underberg. Any five Association members may nominate an additional candidate by submitting a written nomination to the Executive Secretary by May 23. If additional names are submitted, candidate names will appear on ballots provided at the Meeting.

## ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

**If you are interested in volunteering for an Association committee described below, please contact any board member.**

History Committee works to preserve the legacy of the Chain O'Lakes. This Committee has created DVDs and a book on Chain O'Lakes cottage histories and memories. Please see the following History Committee article *Cottage Memories Requested* for more information on this Committee.

Neighborhood Chairpersons' Committee is an important link between members and the Board of Directors. Chairpersons represent 30 neighborhoods and deliver *WHO'S HOO* Membership Directories to current members. **A chairperson is needed for Otter Drive.** The time commitment for delivering directories in this neighborhood is one to two hours per year plus the thank-you breakfast.

Newsletter Committee writes and edits the annual newsletter that provides information regarding Chain history, Association projects, lake events, lake monitoring, and waterfront regulations. It is published each spring and mailed to all Chain property owners.

Sign Committees: The Name/Address Arrow Signs Committee installs and maintains the green arrow signs. This Committee keeps the signs updated with current information and repairs damage that may occur throughout the year. The Lake Signs Committee installs and maintains the white lake signs.

Shoreland Zoning Committee attends County Board of Adjustment (BOA) public hearings related to Chain properties and reports the BOA decisions to the Association Board. It keeps up to date with changes to County and State regulations regarding lakes and waterfront properties.

Water Patrol/Safety Committee works with the Water Patrol to insure safe boating, and contracts with officers for extra hours on weekends.

Water Quality Committee monitors the lakes' water quality and reports findings to the Association Board, the Lake District Board and the Wisconsin DNR.

## ASSOCIATION EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Clean Boats/Clean Waters summer program involves volunteer efforts in conjunction with an outside firm to control aquatic invasive species and to educate boaters entering Chain waters. Your help as a volunteer is needed to provide boat inspections at the Taylor Lake boat landing on weekends and holidays.

Chairpersons/Board Breakfast each May is the Board's way of thanking Chairpersons for volunteering to deliver *WHO'S HOO* directories to neighbors. It is also an opportunity for Chairpersons to discuss lake issues.

Association's Annual Membership Meeting each June provides an opportunity for the Association board members to explain their duties and activities during the past year and for members to discuss lake issues.

Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show is the annual summer show and parade on the lakes.

WCOLA Website, [waupacachainolakes.org](http://waupacachainolakes.org), was created by Board member Rick Hammen who volunteers to maintain and update it. The website's goal is to be your "one stop" site for Association and lake information.

WHO'S HOO Membership Directory lists current members, local Township and County contacts, boating and shoreland zoning regulations. It is prepared

annually by the Executive Secretary and published each spring.

## ASSOCIATION FUNDING

Aquatic Invasive Species/Boating Regulations Brochure, sponsored by the Association and the Lake District, is reprinted using Association funds as needed.

Chain O' Lakes Foundation's initial funding was provided by the Association.

Chain Skiers Team receives support for its summer program and ski shows on Rainbow Lake.

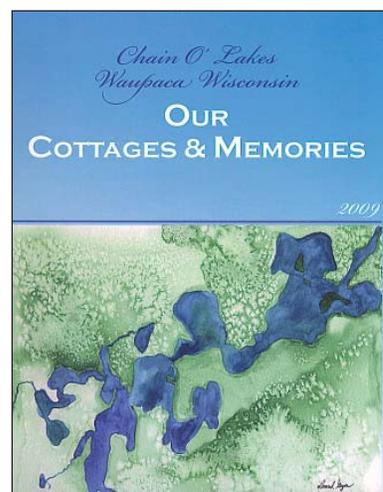
Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce receives annual membership support for local education and events.

Waupaca High School is given funds for an annual college scholarship for a student interested in Environmental Studies. WHS chooses the student recipient. The first two recipients were Samantha Bailey and John Wilson.

Waupaca Sheriff's Water Patrol receives funding for auxiliary patrol hours during busy weekends.

Wisconsin Lakes, formerly Wisconsin Association of Lakes, receives annual membership support for its ongoing mission to protect and enhance the quality of Wisconsin's lakes. It is the citizen-based section of the Lakes partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin Extension.

## COTTAGE MEMORIES REQUESTED



*Courtesy of Laurel Geyer*

History Committee co-chairpersons Mary Ann Wells and Sarah Krueger request stories, pictures and memories about your cottage and/or the beautiful Chain O'Lakes. *Our Cottages & Memories*, published in 2009, was a huge success. It sold out in less than a year, and there are people who would love to get a copy

if reprinted. The book's success is shared by owners who took the time to write their stories and those on the History Committee who worked so diligently

to get the book published. A few additional cottage histories have been received, and a second book or supplement may be published. However, more cottage histories, photos and memories are needed. Please email or mail your information to Mary Ann or to Sarah, whose contact information is in *WHO'S HOO*. Pictures will be returned upon request. **Please indicate on the line provided in the middle of the membership form if you are interested in either the original book and/or the possible second book.** This will give the Committee an idea of numbers, but does not obligate you to purchase. Currently Mary Ann and Sarah are working on a DVD that will picture the cottages in *Our Cottages & Memories*. There will also be a voiceover with a brief history of each featured cottage. Mary Ann and Sarah will be out with their cameras either on foot or in kayaks taking cottage pictures for this DVD.

## ANNOUNCING THE 2012 BOAT SHOW

Mark your calendars for the Sixth Annual Chain O'Lakes Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show and Parade on **Saturday, July 14th!** Come and see the boats that cruised the Chain in earlier years. The boats will be on display at Clearwater Harbor beginning in the morning, and a parade through the Chain will follow in the afternoon. Antique fiberglass, aluminum and classic wooden boats are welcome. All makes and models 40 years or older in original or restored condition are eligible. To participate, please contact Barry Tomaras at [btomaras@charter.net](mailto:btomaras@charter.net) or 715-258-3414. More information will be available in the County Post and Picture Post closer to the event date.



2011 Boat Show, Courtesy of Barry Tomaras

## LATEST DNR INFORMATION

Aeration Systems are regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The operation of

an aeration system cannot adversely impact the public and/or neighbors who may access the lake near one's waterfront. Aeration also cannot impact the ice on a neighbor's property or create unsafe ice conditions for ice skaters, fishermen, snowmobilers, etc. Prior to creating an ice hole, the potential area must be marked with one of two methods per Wis. Stats. S.167.26. One can create a barricade consisting of uprights spaced at adequate intervals and connected by a continuous reflective rope. The alternative is to erect and maintain a highly visible warning mechanism. One may be held liable for accidents that occur due to an improperly marked ice hole. Any warning material must be retrieved from the water immediately before or after ice melting. Aeration systems must be attached to a legal structure such as a pier. If the system is on the lakebed, a miscellaneous structure permit is required. Go to [dnr.wi.gov/waterways](http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways) for more information and a permit application. If you have questions, please contact Scott Koehnke, WDNR Water Management Specialist, [scott.koehnke@wisconsin.gov](mailto:scott.koehnke@wisconsin.gov) or 715-526-4232, or Ted Dremel, WDNR Conservation Warden, [theodore.dremel@wisconsin.gov](mailto:theodore.dremel@wisconsin.gov) or 715-258-4951.

Zebra Mussels were first discovered in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan in 1990. They are now in the Chain O'Lakes. Zebra mussels are tiny 1/8-2 inch bottom-dwelling clams with a yellowish or brownish D-shaped shell of alternating dark and light-colored stripes. Zebra mussels generally reach reproductive maturity by the end of their first year. Reproduction occurs through spawning that peaks at water temperatures of about 68 degrees F. Fertilized eggs result in free-swimming larvae that sink and attach to surfaces such as rocks, docks, aquatic weeds, and boat hulls on which they grow and reproduce. They are the only freshwater mollusks that can firmly attach themselves to solid objects. Zebra mussels usually grow in clusters and are generally found in 6-30 feet deep, algae-rich water. They feed by drawing water into their bodies and filtering out most of the suspended microscopic plants, animals and debris for food. This process can lead to increased water clarity and a depleted food supply for other aquatic organisms, including fish. Higher light penetration fosters growth of rooted aquatic plants that, although creating more habitats for small fish, may inhibit larger predatory fish from finding food. Thicker plant growth can also interfere with boaters, anglers and swimmers. Zebra mussel infestations may also promote the growth of blue-green algae since they do not consume this type. Once zebra mussels are established in a water body, very little can be done to control them. Due to the Chain O'Lakes water flowage, the lakes prob-

ably will not qualify as a candidate for evolving zebra mussel studies.



*Zebra Mussel, Courtesy of  
U.S. Geological Survey Archives*

## LAKE DISTRICT NEWS

Over 47 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil were treated in Long, Youngs, Columbia, Miner, Round and Otter Lakes. Four and a half acres of Curly Leaf Pondweed were treated in Pope Lake. Bonestroo of Waupun, WI, recently joined Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. of St. Paul, MN, and it will continue to treat Chain invasive species this summer. In 2009 the DNR awarded the Lake District a \$68,000 aquatic invasive species education and treatment grant, to cover a five-year period. To complete one of the grant requirements, 100 bull rushes were planted in 2010, 50 in Columbia Lake near the channel going into Long Lake and 50 in the shallow northeast section of Long. This year additional bull rush plantings will be done in Long to prevent boats taking short-cuts and stirring up silt in the shallow area.

Over 900 boats were inspected during 85 volunteer hours. Eurasian Water Milfoil was found on nine of the boats. Motor sizes were 13% under 50 hp; 49% between 51-150 hp; and 38% over 151 hp. Please sign up to volunteer for the 2012 season at either the Lake District website-[waupacalakedistrict.com](http://waupacalakedistrict.com), the Lake Association website-[waupacachainolakes.org](http://waupacachainolakes.org), or call Rick Hammen at 262-617-7419. For every volunteer hour, the District receives a \$12.00 credit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which is applied to the treatment of aquatic invasive species in the lakes. Volunteer hours are 9:30-noon or noon-2:30 on weekends and holidays. In addition to inspecting boats entering and exiting the boat landing, volunteers have the opportunity to provide boaters with educational pamphlets created

by the District and the Association. These pamphlets contain invasive species information, a Chain map, boater safety regulations, ski rules and ski hours. The District board thanks everyone who volunteered at the Taylor Lake boat landing this past summer. Special thanks goes to Steve and Jean McClain for their many volunteer hours.

## WATER PATROL 2011 SUMMARY

The Water Patrol spent over 750 hours on the Chain. There were 65 citations issued, and almost half of these were for failure to provide the proper number of personal flotation devices. Eight were for operating while intoxicated. Other citations included failure to possess a boater safety certificate, underage alcohol, possession of drugs and paraphernalia, navigational rules and neglectful operation. The Water Patrol performed four search and rescues, 62 personal or vessel assists, and 319 compliance and safety inspections. There were a few special days when Wardens from five counties joined the Water Patrol specifically focusing on alcohol-related behaviors. The Sheriff's Department canine unit assisted in several arrests for narcotics. Fortunately there were no reportable boating accidents or boating related injuries. **A special thank you goes to the Water Patrol Officers for their continued efforts to keep the Chain O'Lakes safe!**

## RAIN GARDEN GRANT ALERT

Rain gardens funds are almost depleted and may not be offered in 2013. Currently limited grant money is available to pay for 70% of the total cost of preparation and installation, including plants, up to a maximum of \$500 for qualified sites. Rain gardens are small areas designed to capture rainwater and to filter pollutants, such as lawn fertilizer, pesticides, pet waste, gas and oil, before they reach the lakes. Without filtration these pollutants can end up in the Chain. The Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Department will assist shoreland homeowners with proper rain garden location and design, and will suggest plants for specific sites. If interested, contact the Department at 715-258-6245 or download an application at [www.co.waupaca.wi.us](http://www.co.waupaca.wi.us). Under Environment, click on Rain Garden Application.

## WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WAUPACA COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, AND ZONING OFFICE?

The Board of Adjustment is responsible for hearing and deciding administrative appeals and variance requests. An administrative appeal is a request to review a decision by an officer, department, board, or committee of the Waupaca County government. A variance request means that a property owner is asking for deviation from the dimensional standards of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for a new or existing structure, or for an alteration to one's land. **To obtain a variance, State and County criteria must be met.** One must file a variance request application at the Waupaca County Zoning Office, pay a fee, and appear before this Board at a public hearing. Prior to the hearing an on-site inspection of the property will be made by the Board. Board of Adjustment hearing notices are published in the County Post.

The Planning and Zoning Committee serves as the County's planning agency and is responsible for updating zoning ordinances, for hearing zoning change requests, and for approving and reviewing conditional uses. A conditional use is a permitted use with specific conditions that must be met. If a property owner is interested in requesting a conditional use permit or a zoning change, that person must file an application at the Waupaca County Zoning Office, pay a fee, and appear before this Committee at a public hearing. The Committee will make an on-site inspection of each property scheduled for a public hearing. Planning and Zoning Committee hearing notices are published in the County Post.

The Zoning Office is responsible for explaining zoning regulations and fees and for issuing permits based on County and State zoning ordinances. **If a property owner is considering building a new structure, modifying an existing structure, or adding or changing landscaping, he or she must contact the Zoning Office before beginning any construction or landscape project.** Please call this Office at 715-258-6255, or email Jeff Henneman, Zoning Land Use Code Enforcement Specialist, [Jeff.Henneman@co.waupaca.wi.us](mailto:Jeff.Henneman@co.waupaca.wi.us), or Jason Snyder, Deputy Zoning Administrator, [Jason.Snyder@co.waupaca.wi.us](mailto:Jason.Snyder@co.waupaca.wi.us). Jeff or Jason will discuss options, application and fee, and will visit the property, if necessary, to verify conditions. They will inform the property owner if the request meets ordinance requirements, or if the property owner needs to appear before the Planning and Zoning Committee (PZC) or the Board of Adjustment (BOA). The Zoning Office will issue permits based on ordinance criteria and/or BOA and PZC hearing decisions. Neither the BOA nor the PZC has authority to issue permits. Once a land use permit is issued, but **before construction has started**, the property owner **must** contact the Zoning Office for project verification. Jeff or Jason will visit the site to verify setback distances, which will prevent potentially costly errors for the property owner. Please note that the fee for an after-the-fact permit request will be double the initial cost, and the **property owner may be required to remove all or a portion of what has already been completed.** Reminder – A summary of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is in the *WHO's HOO* directory for your reference.

### ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Dayton Township	Tuesday, April 10	7:00 pm	Dayton Town Hall
Farmington Township	Monday, April 16	7:00 pm	Farmington Town Hall
Chairpersons/Board Breakfast	Saturday, May 19	8:30 am	Waupaca Ale House
Lake Association	Saturday, June 23	9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home
Lake District	Saturday, August 11	9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home

### ASSOCIATION BOARD

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