



Moon Lake Riparian Association Newsletter

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From the President

Steve Sunderland

We're definitely experiencing unusual spring weather in the Northwoods.

The month of May began with a storm producing over 12 inches of snow, proceeded with cool temps delaying ice out on Moon Lake, then ended with a long and extremely hot and dry spell. With all of that, it will be interesting to see what the rest of spring and summer will bring us.

This newsletter will highlight news from around town, upcoming events, another interesting article on loons (will we get babies this year or not?) and more.

It's time to enjoy summer in our wonderful outdoors on Moon Lake (if the explosion of mosquitoes subsides soon). The MLRA board will be working to keep the quality of life on our lake good for all our members. We'll keep you all posted on our activities in future Loon Criers.

I wish for you all a fun, healthy and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you around the lake.

Steve

-Mark Your Calendars-

The MLRA Annual Meeting and Social

Saturday, August 5, 2023

At the Land O' Lakes VFW

4pm Meeting

5pm Social

Bring a dish to pass. Cash Bar.

We hope to see you all there.

We Remember our friend and
Moon Lake Resident

Charles (Charlie) H.
McConaghy

Who passed January 29,
2023

It's Time to Pay 2023

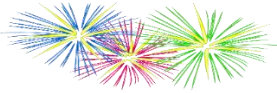
Moon Lake Riparian Association Dues \$25

By check made out to MLRA, or cash to
Treasurer Eric Zorr or
in-person at the Annual Meeting

Eric Zorr
PO Box 664
Land O' Lakes, WI 54540

Additional donations go directly into
our Moon Lake Invasive Species
Mitigation fund. Thank you!

AROUND TOWN...



4th of July Events:

✓ **Annual Moon Lake Boat Parade!**

Tuesday July 4th at 7:00pm

Everyone is welcome to join in the Moon Lake Independence Day celebration by decorating your boat and/or dock/pier, or just join in as you are!

✓ **In Land O' Lakes:**

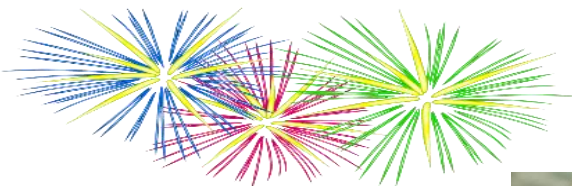
July 3rd: Fireworks at Dusk

July 4th: Parade at Noon

✓ **In Watersmeet:**

July 2nd: Fireworks at Dusk

July 3rd: Parade and Picnic 12:30-6pm



LOCAL DINING:

1. **Asian Cuisine Restaurant and Bar** (at the former Dawson's Pier next to the BP) Menu includes authentic Nepalese culinary dishes and serves lunch specials, appetizers, dinners, sides, and deserts.

2. **VFW Post 8400** is open to the public! Guests are asked to sign into the guest book upon arrival. Wednesdays are Burger Nights from 4-7:15 PM, half pound hamburgers and fresh cut french fries cost \$7.00. Two more Walleye Fish Fries will be held on July 14th and August 11th.

The VFW bar is usually open Wednesday - Saturday starting at 4. Feel free to stop in!

3. **Dari Maid** is open with new owners. Business was so good over Memorial Day weekend that they ran out of ice-cream on Sunday! The people have spoken and we scream ICE CREAM!! 😊

4. Grizzles has a new name! **Melanie Mae's Stage Stop** offers the same great pizza plus an expanded menu.

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A LOLA Community Arts Event • Free and open to the public

CAR PARK MUSIC SERIES

FREE

All concerts are at The Snowflake from 5-6:30pm

<p>Thurs June 29 THE MAKE BELIEVE SPURS Alternative Folk</p>	<p>Thurs August 3 MARK CROFT TRIO Roots/Americana</p>
<p>SATURDAY July 8 BIG BROTHERS VINYL Classic Rock</p>	<p>Thurs August 10 THE NICOLET DROPOUTS Pop/Classics</p>
<p>Thurs July 13 OPEN TAB Rock/Funk/Pop</p>	<p>Thurs August 17 TRILLIUM Pop/Classics</p>
<p>Thurs July 20 SOUTH FOR WINTER Folk</p>	<p>Thurs August 24 THE BROTHERS BURN MOUNTAIN Rock/Blues</p>
<p>Thurs July 27 IAN GOULD Celtic</p>	<p>Thurs August 31 BRET AND FRISK Rock/Folk</p>

Bring your own chair!
The RBA and Sawbuck will sell food and bakery

Watersmeet Transfer Station (dump) is again open on Sundays from 8am-noon

Local Farmer's Markets are Back in Town!

Thursdays in Land O' Lakes:

- Now in parking lot behind the BP (by Gateway Golf course)

Sundays in Watersmeet:

- Corner of Hwy 2 and 45

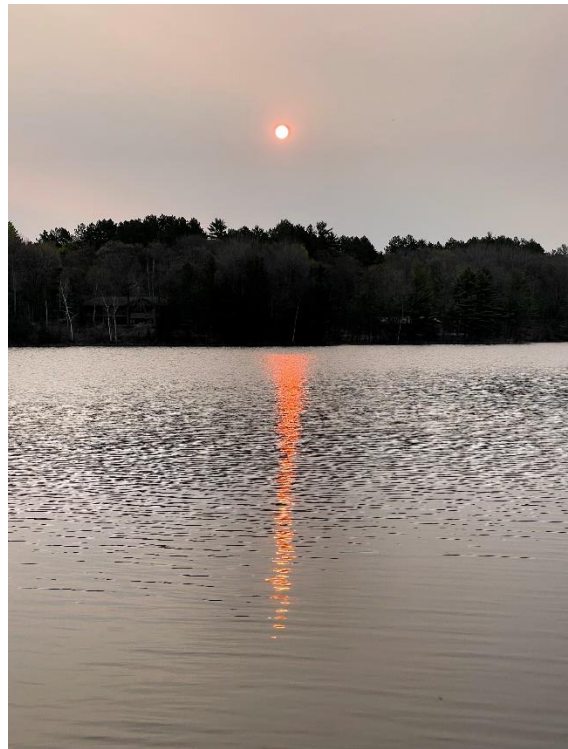
Check out the wonderful crafts, art, and produce!

8am-1pm (ish)

FIRE SAFETY REMINDER



With our unusually hot and dry weather the forests around Moon Lake are now brittle and susceptible to quick moving fires. Please take extra care when enjoying campfires this summer.



Beautiful sunset? NO – this is the fire haze sunrise



Pollen swirls on the lake

Moon Lake Air Quality



If you've been on Moon Lake in the last couple weeks you already know what I'm about to say. The air quality has been lousy. It appears there are two forces working together to create such uncomfortable conditions for many of us.

First, it's been an awful year for pollen. On calm days you can see the pollen film swirls on the lake. It's actually fascinating to look at on the water but definitely not fun to breathe in the air.

Second are the numerous prairie and forest fires occurring in Canada. Fires in western Canada started the problem but now strangely it's the fires from Quebec and Nova Scotia (which is over 1,000 miles EAST of us).

We can all only hope the air clears soon.

Loon Report

Carol Youmans

The following article written by Walter Piper gives us insight on the black fly dilemma...two eggs were layed however no nesting yet. We are hopeful for a second laying after the flies are gone. The loon cam was not set up at the nest this year.

The Good Thing about Black Flies May 30, 2023

Loons in the Upper Midwest have just survived a worse-than-average year for black flies. “Worse-than-average” might not be the way to put it. In a reverse Lake Wobegon scenario, worse-than-average black fly years are the new normal in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Nowadays, we know black flies will be awful; we only wonder how awful.

Researchers who venture close to a loon nest abandoned to flies get a small taste of the agony these insects inflict. As if moved by a sweeping dipteran consensus, a cloud of flies buzzing about a nest — drawn by warmth, movement, and carbon dioxide— suddenly shifts its attention to approaching humans. The flies alight on your head and neck, crawl underneath your jacket, and fly errantly into your nose, ears, and mouth. The experience is unpleasant and alarming. It is difficult not to scream.

Yet the tactile and chemical cues humans produce are not satisfying to black flies. They crawl and buzz and annoy. But they do not bite us. So, we cannot say that we truly know how loons feel when they are besieged by black flies — when the mouthparts of hundreds of females are inserted into their head and neck at once and departing flies are quickly replaced by new ones that have been waiting their turn to feed. And when it lasts for hours. That helpless miserable sensation is one that humans can only imagine. Black flies swarm about the nesting platform and Ethan McKone on Blue Lake-West in the Wisconsin Study Area. May 22, 2023.

Despite the misery they cause, black flies have one great virtue. They plague incubating loons for only a few short weeks.

In the past seven to ten days, black fly numbers at loon nests have dropped substantially. You do not need me to tell you this; the loons have weighed in. Two weeks ago, our marked loons in Minnesota and Wisconsin rested and foraged near their nests, gazed longingly at their nests, circled around their nests, and — on a few occasions when we ventured too close — defended their nests from us. This past week has been different; loons are ON their nests. Thus, after a stuttering start, the breeding season has begun.

Moon Lake Water Quality Report Steve Lapalio

Click on the following link to see the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program 2022 report. Moon Lake continues to be oligotrophic:
[CLMP-Moon-Gogebic-270120.pdf \(micorps.net\)](https://www.micorps.net/CLMP-Moon-Gogebic-270120.pdf)

2023 Moon Lake Ice-Out



May 10th, just a few days after last year. Thanks to Frank Kuchevar, Bob Turnquist and Steve Lapalio for monitoring and collecting this data

Year	Water Level*	Ice Out Date	Ice Over Date
2019	7.2/7.7	5/2	11/13
2020	- /9.1	5/1	12/2
2021	9.4/9.8	4/9	11/30
2022	9.5/9.1	5/6	12/7
2023	9.6/	5/10	

*Water level as measured at the gauge set up in the West Bay, taken May/Aug

Friends of Land O' Lakes Library is hosting
their annual fundraiser:

Used Book Sale and Silent Auction

Saturday, July 22nd

9am-2pm

(Auction closes at 1pm - over 100 items!)

Land O'Lakes Library

Tell all your friends and family!



Raffle tickets also available at the library
now thru July 22nd.

3 Great Prizes: inflatable SUP board
w/accessories, Fit Bit, and \$200 Kwik Trip
Gas Cards

Moon Lake Directory!



Yes, we are still
compiling it and need many
households' information! If you did
not have a card filled out at last
year's annual meeting and wish to
be included in the Directory, please
provide your name and additional
contact information as you are
comfortable i.e. Moon Lake
Address, phone, email, winter
address to:

Peggy Zorr at pzorr@me.com

Thank you! We'd like to have the
directory finished and ready for
distribution at this year's annual
meeting.

Have a wonderful summer! See you around Moon Lake

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve and Carleen Sunderland