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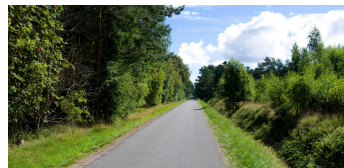
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Upcoming Events

	May 12th Board Meeting	
May 30th Golf Tournament		June 13th Boater Safety Training



Rec Trail Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Recreation Trail Committee will be held at 6 p.m. on April 27th at Gaylen's Popcorn, on the second floor. All are welcome to attend!



Our Mission:

Our mission is to to promote water safety and to protect the water quality, natural resources, and ecosystems of Lake Madison and the surrounding watershed by promoting conservation, research, and education so the natural beauty and environment of the lake and surrounding area may be preserved for the enjoyment of people today and for generations to come.



Game, Fish & Parks Update

Protecting the Lake During Spring Runoff

As runoff comes into a lake from the surrounding landscape, it can carry undesirable things such as bacteria and sediment. With the sediment comes nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen. These excess nutrients often fuel algal blooms, which reduce water clarity and can reduce water quality. When algae die, the decomposition process uses dissolved oxygen in the water, which can increase the frequency and intensity of fish kills and can negatively impact other aquatic species.

Slowing or stopping erosion near lakes can be done. Stabilizing the shoreline with riprap and native vegetation is beneficial. Native vegetation is deeper rooted than common turf grasses and can help filter runoff before it enters a lake. Deep-rooted, native vegetation can also help stabilize shorelines. A diverse native vegetation planting that incorporates different species of grasses, sedges, and forbs also adds a visually appealing component to any shoreline project.

In addition to adding native vegetation, lakeshore residents should consider limiting the amount of fertilizer they use on their lawns. Excess fertilizer that is not taken in by plants could end up in the lake.

SDGFP offers a "Shoreline Restoration Program" to lakeshore residents interested in converting their lakeshore property from turf grass to native plants. SDGFP provides all the seeds, plants, and mulch material to the cooperating lakeshore residents at no cost. Cooperators are expected to help with planting, watering, and weeding. Plant species are selected based on the amount of sunlight and soil type the site offers while also considering the desired plant height and bloom periods the cooperator would like to see. For more information, please work with the [Aquatic Habitat and Access Biologist](#) in your area.

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The Power of Knowing Your Neighbor

In a world that feels increasingly fast-paced and disconnected, one of the most meaningful things you can do might be right outside your front door: getting to know a new neighbor. Taking a small step to introduce yourself can have a surprisingly big impact, not just on them, but on you and your entire community.

Strong neighborhoods don't happen by accident. They're built through small, consistent acts of connection. When neighbors know each other, there's a greater sense of trust and safety. People are more likely to look out for one another, lend a hand, and create a welcoming environment for everyone.

Getting to know a neighbor doesn't require a grand gesture. Start small. A friendly wave, a quick hello, or a brief introduction when you see them outside can open the door. If you're feeling a bit more intentional, consider bringing over a small treat, offering help with something simple, or just asking how they're settling in.

You may even discover unexpected friendships or shared interests with someone you might never have otherwise met.

It's natural to hesitate. However, most people appreciate kindness and openness, especially when they're new. Chances are, your neighbor may be hoping someone reaches out first.

So the next time you notice someone new moving in or walking by, take a moment. Smile. Say hello. Introduce yourself.

Lake Madison Rec Trail



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Dock & Lift Prep Checklist

Now that the ice is gone and lake season is quickly approaching, it's time to start thinking about getting your dock and lift back in the water. A little preparation now can save time, prevent damage, and ensure a safe and smooth start to the season.

🔧 Inspect Your Equipment

Give your dock and lift a thorough once-over before installing:

- Look for rust, cracks, or loose bolts
- Check cables, pulleys, and winches for wear
- Replace any damaged or worn parts

Catching issues early can prevent bigger problems once everything is in the water.

🔩 Tighten & Test

Make sure all hardware is secure and functioning properly. Test moving parts on lifts to ensure smooth operation before use.

📍 Know Your Placement

Be mindful of your dock's placement each year. Proper positioning helps protect shorelines, prevents interference with neighbors, and ensures safe navigation on the water.

📖 Review Local Guidelines

Take a moment to review any local rules or guidelines related to docks and lifts. Staying informed keeps our lake safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.

🛡️ Safety First

Spring water is cold and conditions can change quickly. Wear a life jacket when working near or in the water, and never install docks alone if possible.

Getting your dock and lift ready is one of the first signs that lake season is near - and it's worth doing right. A little prep now means more time enjoying the water later!

Here's to a safe, smooth start to the season at Lake Madison!

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Severe Weather Awareness

Lake life is all about enjoying the outdoors, but spring and summer also bring the potential for sudden storms, high winds, and rapidly changing conditions. Before heading out, it's important to check the forecast and stay alert, as storms can develop quickly—especially in the afternoon and evening. Watching cloud movement, temperature drops, and shifting winds can also help you spot trouble early. If skies begin to darken or winds pick up, it's best to head in early. Make sure emergency alerts are enabled on your phone so you can receive real-time warnings and have time to act. Strong winds can create dangerous waves and cause damage, so take time to secure loose items, check boat tie-downs, and ensure docks and lifts are stable. If you're on the water, always have a plan to reach shore quickly and know the nearest safe access point. Around your cabin or lake home, close windows, secure doors, and clear drainage areas to help minimize potential damage. It's also helpful to keep a small emergency kit on hand with essentials like a flashlight, batteries, and a first aid kit. Most importantly, never underestimate the power of severe weather—lightning, wind, and rough water can become dangerous in a matter of minutes. A little preparation and awareness go a long way in keeping you, your family, and your property safe, so you can continue to enjoy everything Lake Madison has to offer.

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Let's Keep It Clean

A quick reminder to all dog owners: please pick up after your pets. Leaving waste behind isn't just unpleasant — it can spread bacteria, harm local waterways, and make shared spaces less

enjoyable for everyone. Carrying a bag and taking a few extra seconds to clean up is a simple way to show respect for your neighbors and your community.

Keeping our neighborhood clean starts with small, everyday actions. Whether it's picking up after your pet or grabbing a piece of litter when you see it, each effort makes a difference. When everyone does their part, our parks, sidewalks, recreation trails, and yards become more welcoming for all.

It's about more than just appearances — reducing waste helps protect local wildlife, keeps our environment healthy, and preserves the spaces we all enjoy. Even the smallest actions can inspire others, creating a ripple effect of care and responsibility throughout the community.

Together, those small choices add up to something big: a cleaner, healthier place we're all proud to call home.

The LMDA Recreation Trail Committee Submits Grant Application for First Project!

The map below is a depiction of Phase 1 of the proposed first project to extend the recreation trail around Lake Madison. Phase 1 would connect the Woodland Marina / Best Point area with the Walker's Point area. Upon completion, this trail will give bikers and walkers access from the City of Madison to Walker's Point State Park.

This trail would have to cross what is currently private property, but, conversation and coordination has been made to get an easement on the portion that does not currently have one. Some of the proposed routing already does have an easement. The current plan is to prepare a gravel trail with intent of someday placing asphalt over the gravel base. A portion of the trail will be temporary in nature, subject to future development, but for the portion that is permanent, the design will be such that minimal amount of "rework" will be required when additional funding could be acquired to pave it.

The total cost for this phase of the project is approximately \$400,000, but the grant would provide 80% of the funding. The other \$80,000 is required to be a local match, either in donations or in-kind work. The committee has begun the fundraising part of the project and is well on its way, thanks to some commitments from some generous donors who want to see this project come to life! Obviously, a lot more effort will be required going forward, but this phase will be a critical component to connecting two key areas of the Lake Madison Community.

To join the committee, please contact Elaine Garry at egarry64@gmail.com.

