

Trade River Lakes News

The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association

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Round Trade Lake Improvement Association awarded four new WDNR Grants -

The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association, (RTLIA) which includes Round Lake, Little Trade and Big Trade Lakes in the Town of Trade Lake and Long Trade Lake in Polk County, announces that it has received four surface water protection grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. These grants, which require a match from the RTLIA, will bring in more than \$44,000.00 toward planning and improving the four lakes over the next several years.

The largest grant the RTLIA received was for the first stages of a Comprehensive Lakes Management Planning Project. For this first stage, the grant from the WDNR was matched, in part, by a well water testing program offered by the Town of Trade Lake to establish a baseline measure of groundwater contaminants, if any, in our well water. The grant helps subsidize the cost of well water testing for all Town of Trade Lake residents including lakeshore residents. Residents on or adjacent to Long Trade Lake may also participate in this program. In this first stage, shore-land habitat and land use around both Big and Little Trade lakes will be evaluated to determine additional projects that property owners could implement to help improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. The grant includes education and training workshops to teach residents how to identify and remove undesirable AIS from their lakes. Burnett County staff will assist in these endeavors.

The RTLIA will not be chemically treating the aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Big or Little Trade lakes this year. The new Aquatic Plant Management Plan will be completed for these two lakes leading to improved management of AIS in the future. The grant also will cover the cost of an extensive survey of lakeshore owners in an effort to determine the level of interest and commitment property owners have toward making improvements in all four lakes. How important are Wisconsin lakes to our community? What is the level of commitment to the quality and clarity of the water in our lakes and rivers? Are existing AIS and the threat of new AIS an issue? How should the RTLIA manage these issues now and in the future? Look for the survey and do your part to contribute!

Two separate DNR grants were also received this year to support owners installing rain gardens and Fish Sticks. Rain Gardens on Long Trade Lake will help reduce run-off from Lakeshore property. Fish Sticks are simply large trees bundled and dropping on the ice in winter that fall into the lake in spring to create fish habitat. Action on this grant will not take place until fall 2021. In the past, our lakes in a natural state often had as much as 80% of the shoreline littered with fallen trees that provided a healthy habitat for a diverse fish population.

This year, the RTLIA is also treating Long Trade Lake, in Polk County, for aquatic invasive species (AIS) at its own expense of \$5,000. For the next lake on the Trade River, Round Lake, the RTLIA also got an extension to a 2019-2020 grant to allow treatment of AIS in Round Lake. The Round Lake treatment will experiment with barriers to slow the dispersal of the herbicide near the Trade River exit from the lake. In both cases, Lakeshore owners are warned of treatments by mail before the treatments are applied.

CAFO Update – The CAFO has updated its DNR permits and appears to be actively working on the site. Keep up at KnowCAFOs.org.

Yoga for the Lakes – Saturdays at 10 am in June - \$40 for June session (4 classes), or \$12 individual class fee, Atlas Park on Long Trade Lake. Join this all-level yoga practice at Atlas Park on Long Trade Lake led by certified instructor, Amy Klous. Amy specializes in a therapeutic form of yoga called Soma Yoga and believes yoga is not about perfect postures, it is about discovering what's already inside you. Yoga is great for calming the mind, better balance, and even improving your golf swing. Please come prepared with your own mat, a towel or blanket, and weather-appropriate clothing as these classes will take place outdoors with lots of room to spread out. Classes are weather permitting. Payments made to Amy Klous who will donate all proceeds to RTLIA Round Trade Lakes Improvement Association. Cash, check or Venmo Amy-Klous



Membership Meeting – The first RTLIA meeting for this year is planned for May 15th @ 9 AM at the Atlas park Pavilion.

Mark your Calendars for 2021 Events

RTLIA Future Meeting dates: May 15th, June 26th, August 21st, and September 18th (Annual Meeting)

Boat Parade and Annual Picnic dates TBD

Clean Boats, Clean Water – The Lake Association is looking for individuals in serving as boat inspectors at certain public landings this summer as part of a WI DNR grant it received. The RTLIA received a Clean Boats, Clean Water grant and needs folks to monitor watercraft coming and going from the public landings on Long Trade, Round Lake and Big Trade Lake. The purpose of each is to make sure boats are clean and clear of aquatic invasive species such as Eurasian water milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed and zebra mussels, so as not to spread them from lake to lake. The grant provides funding for paid boat inspectors, but the association is also seeking volunteers. The values of the volunteer labor counts in matching the grant; some volunteers can be paid. The RTLIA will provide training, hat and a t-shirt as a uniform for inspectors. Inspectors must be at least 15 years old and work on weekends. Those interested in serving as a boat landing inspector should contact Scott Hansen at rs.treasurer.tradelakeassoc@gmail.com.

Lake News - Wisconsin DNR just completed one of two surveys for Trade Lake in 2021. The first survey was a netting survey looking mostly for muskellunge. Preliminary survey results found 12 muskies in 7 days of netting. These fish ranged from 30.5 inches to 45.3 inches. The second survey will be night electrofishing looking at other gamefish (mainly bass) and panfish. This survey will occur in late May or early June.


Introducing Our Web-site Manager - Mary Jo Gentry joins us as our new web and social media editor. She has several years' experience in marketing communications and currently works as the Director of Sales and Marketing for Williams Furnace in the Los Angeles area. Her permanent home is in Robbinsdale, MN but she spends her summer weekends at the cabin she shares with her sister at 12140 Pickerel Point on Big Trade Lake. Mary Jo's parents purchased the cabin 30 years ago so she has been enjoying the lake for quite some time and has fond memories of bean feeds past. She and her husband Brian have two children - Ellie who is a senior at University of Wisconsin River Falls and Seth who just entered St. Cloud State University as a freshman. Mary Jo will be editing the website, keeping our social media feeds current, and helping with general marketing and outreach tasks as required. She can be reached via email at the4gentrys@msn.com.

RTLIA is Selling T-Shirts – We are taking orders for t-shirts in advance with a portion of the cost being given directly back to the lake association. Our very own Little Trade Lake Rep, Denise Schrefel's daughter, Jill designed each lake logo! We are using a local business for the printing, Frederic Design. Please see the enclosed order form for details and help support RTLIA by purchasing apparel. They make wonderful gifts or a fun idea for a family reunion! Send your orders in by May 27, 2021.

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