# Lakes Partnership

Lake Onalaska District

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| **http://www.lakeonalaska.org** | **6/23/2015** | Edition 3 |

*We welcome materials such as maps,*

*local projects, and*

*historical contributions.*

*http://www.lakeonalaska.org*

*Educational links are prominent on the site.*

*Volunteer or send messages to the Commissioners at lakedistrictona@yahoo.com*

*http://www.lakeonalaska.org/*

Over 500 lake lovers came together in Stevens Point from April 23-25 to celebrate and protect Wisconsin’s legacy of lakes. The convention theme, Healthy Watersheds, Healthy Lakes, Healthy People, brought forward the many ways that human well-being is connected to our precious water resources. The meeting offered interactive workshops, opening and closing plenary sessions, a poster session, nearly 50 concurrent sessions, and several opportunities to create new partnerships and bolster seasoned ones.

The local Lake Onalaska Commissioners are also committed to strengthening our outreach to develop lake friendly practices. Call for a peer educators to come to your home to discuss your land management practices and a starting place to learn about options. Call Town of Onalaska (608-783-4958) or Campbell (608-783-0050) for appointment or contact us via email.

# Events for Lake Onalaska• • •

**Lake Onalaska District annual meeting**

**Sept 1, 2015 Tuesday** at

US Geological Survey Bld 2630 Fanta Reed Rd LaCrosse across from airport on French Island.

**E**ducational time 5-6:45

Business time 6:45-7

Annual meeting 7-8:30

**Lake Front Yard Tours**

four Tuesdays of August 2015 5-8pm

**Aug 4** Over-Look on ZB Brice Prairie; across from *Fish and Wildlife Visitor Center*

**Aug 11** Kathryn Lammers & Steve Miller

2727 Bayshore

French Island

**Aug 18** Fred Funk Landing ZB Brice Prairie across from *Swarthout Park, W8020 County Road ZB, Onalaska*

**Aug 25** Fritz Funk

W7811 Cty d ZB, Onalaska, WI 54650

**We speak for Lakes!**

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership convention, April 2016 in Stevens Pt; open to public. Lake Tides is their publication. <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/>

Marc Schultz President

Barb Friell

Kathryn Lammers

Ben Lachecki

Hubert Hoffman

Another project would include creation of lake friendly designation opportunities for local homes. We can learn from other districts such as Vilas County…see the latest Lake Tide publication.

Free subscription through Wisconsinlakes.org

***Learn more about lake friendly practices***

# Lake Onalaska Commissioners recommend these resources:

***Lake Tides***

*Subscription is free through**Wisconsinlakes.org.*

*WI lake districts describehow to restore or improve lakes with more attention to citizen involvement. Reports on valuable resources and conferences are abundant.*

***Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine***

*Subscription is about $9 per year; Inquiries at 1-800-6767-9472*

***Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine (continued)***

*Issues have stories, reports and 150 field trips for 2015.*

*The photography shows the beauty and wonder of the state resources.*

*You can also follow DNR on twitter, YouTube, Facebook, Pinterest and mobile apps.*

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|  | *At our annual meeting on Sept 1, 2015 you can learn more about water pollutants and what you can do to lower lake pollution.* |  | |
| **Healthy Watersheds Make Healthy Lakes and Higher Property Values…10 simple stewardship practices** | | | |
| The quality of our lakes and streams is ultimately a reflection of how we care for our land.  A recent study of over 1000 waterfront properties in Minnesota found that when all other factors were equal, properties on lakes with cleaner water commanded significant higher property prices. You can improve water quality if you…..  ***Curb pollutants-*** use less fertilizers, select less household toxins, prevent eroding soils, correct malfunctioning septic system  ***Cut runoff -****cut the amount of run off that picks up pollutants and carries them to the waterway by minimizing hard surfaces that create runoff.*  ***Capture & Cleanse-*** capture and cleanse run off by using shoreline buffers, rain barrels or rain gardens.  **Protecting your Waterfront Investments** – free 12 page document with more information [Source: http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/waterfront.pdf](Source:%20%20%20http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/) | | | |

**Big River Magazine** Subscription is about $32 for one year; Inquiries at 1-507-454-5949 or online.

Issues have many interesting tourist places for food and lodging, some controversial concerns, and descriptions of local people enjoying the river.

***Consumers Reports***

*Subscription is about $20 per year; Inquires a 1-800-666-5261 or online.*

*Issues have many recommendations to reduce energy, which reduces pollution. The magazine also provides methods to reduce chemical use for cleaning and such.*