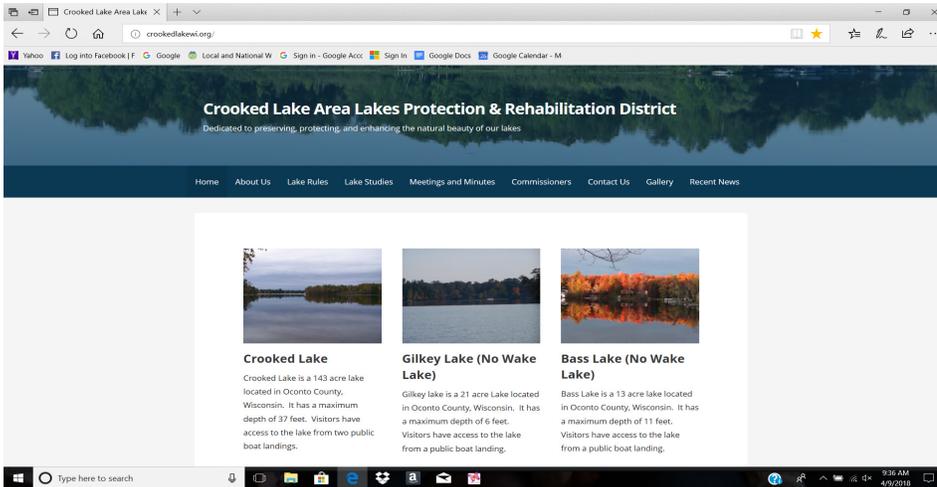




# Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter



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## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE and WEBSITE FOR THE LAKES DISTRICT

The lakes district is now on Facebook. Like their page. The URL: <https://www.facebook.com/CrookedLakeRiverview/>.

Also the website has been updated thanks to Commissioner Dave Van Zeeland. You may now access the site at <http://www.crookedlakewi.org>. If you continue to use the old site, you will be automatically redirected to the new website. Please check it out.

## OPENINGS ON THE 2018 BOARD

During the annual meeting, we will be electing two board members. This is a three year term. If you are interested in running, please contact the board president at [jbird2159@aol.com](mailto:jbird2159@aol.com).

The board is always looking for new people to bring in their ideas. Please consider running for a position.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2018

All meetings are held at the Wally Remic, Jr. Community Center at the Crooked Lake Fire House. The public is always welcomed to come to all meetings. The agenda for all meetings are posted on the district website, the fire house, and at the Crooked Lake Convenience Store.

- February 24, 2018, 9 a.m.
- May 5, 2018, 9 a.m.
- May 26, 2018, 9 a.m. (annual)
- July 21, 2018, 9 a.m.
- October 20, 2018, 9 a.m.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

With the rising costs of paper, printing, and postage, the Lakes District would like to get as many members e-mail addresses whenever they have to get in contact with the members.

If you have not already sent your e-mail address, please e-mail the district at [crooklake@gmail.com](mailto:crooklake@gmail.com). Please include your name, home, and cottage address. Thank you.



## AGENDA for MAY 26, 2018, ANNUAL MEETING 9 a.m. at the Wally Remic, Jr. Community Center

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report

### Committee Reports

- Aquatic Plant Control
- Weed Cutter/Cutting
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters

### Other Business

- Election of Board Members
- Lake Assessment
- Feasibility Study for Mechanical Harvester
- Other Business
- Adjournment

## MEET NEW RECREATIONAL OFFICER FOR TOWN OF RIVERVIEW

At the March 24 board meeting, Ann Hogan reported that the second recreational officer will start on April 1. His name is Ben Schindel. This will be for safety and education at first. If there are any problems, people should contact Ann Hogan. There will be a municipal court for any violations. Ben will work 40 hours a week but his days and hours will be varied, depending upon community activities and hot spots in any of the seven towns. Troy Sherman is our other recreational officer.

Ben's contact information is: 920-834-6900. This is the non-emergency county number. Leave a message and Ben will return your call. His email address is: [ben.schindel@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:ben.schindel@co.oconto.wi.us).

**CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS (CBCW) PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST AND AGREEMENT**

This past year, the Board obtained a grant to help with the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Below is a summary of the grant.

**Project Scope**

The watercraft inspection program will include the following:

- Inspectors attend CBCW training workshop and use CBCW program materials;
- Inspectors will deploy at the given boat landing(s) to conduct inspections, provide AIS information, collect and report data, and report suspect specimens;
- The project will include a minimum of 200 inspection hours at a single landing or pair landings as described in the application;
- Watercraft inspection data must be entered into the SWIMS (Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System) database. This data entry will serve as the grant final report/deliverable. Data entry into SWIMS must be completed by December 31 of the grant agreement year.

**Cost of the Program**

Project Cost . . . . .	\$5,000
Grant Amount . . . . .	<u>3,750</u>
Local Share . . . . .	\$1,250

**CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED (POTAMOGETON CRISPUS)**

A perennial, submerged aquatic herb that is native to Eurasia. Tolerates fresh or slightly brackish water and can grow in shallow, deep, still, or flowing water.

- Common names: curled pondweed, crisped pondweed



**Ecological threat:**

- Invades freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and in slightly brackish waters. Can become dominant and invasive due to its tolerance for low light and low water temperatures.
- May outcompete other underwater plants and become dominant, which causes problems due to the formation of dense mats that interfere with recreational activities.
- Also causes an increase in phosphorus concentrations, causing an increase in algae blooms and a pile up of dying P. crispus along the shore.

**SPORTSMAN’S CLUB PROJECT WITH THE DNR**

February 24, the Sportman’s Club was busy putting together the two cribs that will be dropped later. Many people came out to help put the cribs together. Twelve cribs were made and will be placed by the DNR.



**350 ft² NATIVE PLANTINGS (Healthy Lakes Implementation Plans from the DNR)**

**How to Build a 350 ft² Native Planting:** It may be necessary to work with your local land and water conservation department or a landscaper to design and/or install these plantings. Check with your local zoning department to determine if any permits are necessary.

1. **Find a location.** A 350 ft² native plantings should begin, if possible, at the typical lakeshore edge be at least 10 feet wide, and contiguous rather than planted in patches. The final shape and orientation to the lakeshore are up to you. Choose an area of turf grass you wish to revert back to a more natural state or an already vegetated area you would like to augment. Try to choose a location in full or partial sun.
2. **Determine soil type.** It’s important to understand what type of soil is in the planting location.
3. **Create a design.** By planning your 350 ft² native planting on paper first, you will be able to create the best appearance possible.
4. **Choose your plants.** Native plants should be used because they are best adapted for our climate and provide ideal habitat for our wildlife.
5. **Lay out the planting.** Lay out the shape and boundary of the 350 ft² native plantings based on your design. Before you start digging, contact <http://www.diggershotline.com/>.
6. **Prepare the site.** Removing lawn grass is critical to native planting success. Lay mulch down prior to planting. Wood chips (2 inches deep), straw, or fallen leaves (each 3-4 inches deep) may be used as mulch.
7. **Plant.** Follow the design specifications by placing your plants in the approximate positions described in the template plan. If grant funded, the 350 ft² native planting must be in a contiguous area. In other words, the plants cannot be put into the ground in patches.
8. **Water and critter-proof the plants.** Be ready to water them as soon as they are in the ground and to continue to water them daily for the first few weeks or until the plants are well established. If grant funded, watering is required.