

The News from Lake Ellwood

FALL 2025

Hello to all Lake Ellwood residents and friends! Provided by Kurt Person - President

SUMMER was Spectacular at Lake Ellwood! We all witnessed a new level of participation and engagement by our Lake Community at our events. Weekends were busy with lake use and traffic. It is great to see so many kids learning to ski! Most weeks returned to the calm and quiet we (and our Loon family) also all love. We have some new Board members who were nominated and elected back in our Annual Meeting in May. See some reflections below.

Despite our best efforts, our EWM is back and growing fast. The good news is the resurgence of EWM is mostly localised to the northern shoreline and also in deeper 10-12' of depth. By late August when Onterra returned for our survey, many EWM colonies could be seen just below the surface. See attached map. Working with Onterra we applied for a Lake Management grant in November as it is obvious we will soon face another treatment to fight back the EWM. Thanks to Mike for updating our mailing list. Please help us keep this up to date if any changes let us know.

You may have heard rumblings about a proposed Town of Spread Eagle? For the record, Lake Ellwood Association officially does not support or oppose this activity. For information contact spreadeagletown@gmail.com

I want to personally thank all families and individuals who participated in and supported our events this year.

LEA Fall Financial Update: Prepared and provided by Jon Harry, LEA Treasurer

Hello neighbors! Just sharing a fall financial update with everyone as we had a great summer of donations and fundraising. I'm happy to report that our donations and fundraising from May 23 until October 27 amounted to \$13,091! This was our highest level yet for this time period and we still have 7 months left in our "fiscal" year. There were 3 large successful fundraisers this year:

- Isenberg family Booze Cruise - \$3,285
- McCash Family 4th of July Pancake Breakfast - \$1,679
- Lake Ellwood Clothing Sale round 2 - Don Kuhl - \$583

A huge thanks to the Isenberg's, McCash's and Kuhls for these fundraisers as these take a lot of hard work. Property owner donations came in at \$7,544 which is also fantastic.

We had low expenditures this summer and we were able to take out another CD at Great North Bank in September for \$8,000. As we sit today, we have \$9,724 in checking, along with over \$85,000 in CD's. One of the discussions at the Spring Meeting was to create a financial goal of saving enough money for two "whole lake treatments" in our reserves. With our current savings and a whole lake treatment cost of \$60,000 for example, this looks very achievable in the next few years. I believe many Lake Associations across the state would be very envious of the LEA with the generous donations, active fundraising and sense of community we enjoy! I will have a complete financial update in our spring newsletter along with a thorough review at the annual meeting in May of 2026. Thank you for your support! Please send your financial contribution to:

Jon Harry, 3785 Lake Ellwood Rd., Florence, WI 54121.



Hello to all our Lake Ellwood Family, Friends, and Neighbors, Provided by Mike Goodreau - VP

I was just thinking about how fast the summer passed and here we are already through fall and heading fast into winter. It was another amazing summer on Lake Ellwood, generating many new images and memories that I will carry with me the rest of my life. However, the one that stood out was my time with "Larry" and "Luna" this summer. The names our family has affectionately given the Lake Ellwood Loons. It gave us all much joy to watch their twin babies grow up and provide even more beautiful music for all of us to enjoy. They provided much viewing pleasure, from sitting on the nest in early spring to teaching their young to fly later in the late summer. I was struck on how special it is to have them on Lake Ellwood. You see, my Grandfather had a place on Lake Ellwood in the early 60's & 70's, later in the 80's and 90's it was my father's place we enjoyed. During all those early years we never had loons nesting on the lake. The loons are new for me on Lake Ellwood and what a great add they have been to our lives.

So, thank you to all of you who have worked so hard to protect and preserve the lake. You made/make a difference and have helped to provided "Larry" and "Luna" a great place to raise their young. For the rest of us lets keep it going. Please do what you can in the future to help protect and care for the lake, so that in generation to come someone else will be writing about WHAT AN AMAZING PLACE LAKE ELLWOOD truly is.

Enjoy your winter and see you in the spring. Until then I plan to ski my ass off.



Big thank you to the Baumlers for resurrecting our FB site: Provided by Casey Baumler – Board Member

The summer of 2025 was filled with great moments. The absolute highlight is the Fourth of July and all its activities! Pancakes, boat parades, Elite Fireworks, and our very own Lake Ellwood Cup competition that our extended family comes every year with anticipation and high expectations! (See winning team below - Olivia and Casey Baumler) Morning coffee tastes the best on the dock while watching our local loons. Chuckwagon burgers, late night campfires, walks around the lake, winning the jackpot on pull tabs, can it get better? Friends look forward their annual trip to the lake, and we cram all the things in a short week. Heavy doses of tubing, wake boarding and expert level slalom skiing keep smiles on our kids' faces all summer! Old fashioned and friends are the keys to celebrating birthdays in the month of July for us.

No doubt, it was another amazing year but it's not quite over. The plan is for good ice on the lake and snow to fill her back up! Looking forward to hitting the slopes at Pine and Norway Mt. Cheers!



LEA Board of Directors (BoD) would also like to thank all those that have contributed their time and treasure throughout the course of the past year. If you are new to Lake Ellwood please don't hesitate to contact one of us:

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Also, a big thank you to Ann Schirk for maintaining the Lake Ellwood Association website, www.leassoc.org.

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