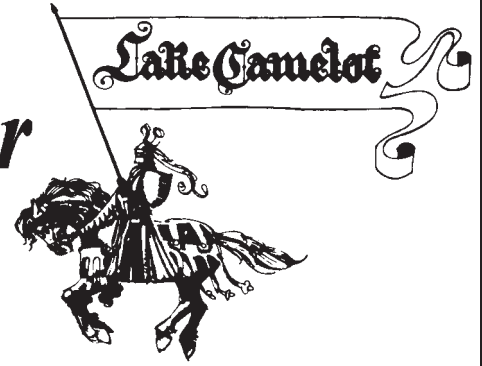


# Lake Camelot Newsletter

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Winter 2012



To all of our Members, Friends and Families:

Let me start off by saying Thank You to each and every one of you that supports the Lake Camelot Property Owners Association. We as a group strive very hard to make the proper decisions when it comes to our lake and common areas. With that being said I want to share with all of you a letter that we wrote to the Town of Rome officials. (For those of you who are on our E-News distribution list, you have already seen this)

*November 5, 2012*

*Rome Town Board*

*This letter is coming to you as concerned citizens and as the Lake Camelot Property Owners Association Board of Directors. The Lake Camelot population consists of 2260 properties. Of these 2260 properties, 750 are lake front properties and 1510 are off-shore properties. With 7046 properties in the Town of Rome, and a current assessed value of \$698,344.500.00, Lake Camelot represents a substantial amount of the Towns value.*

*As a tax base, The Town of Rome represents 26% of Adams County revenue, and 65% of Nekoosa School revenue. The Town of Rome is an important contributor to both Adams and Wood Counties.*

*Lake Camelot is the point of entry from the watershed for the three primary lakes contained in the Town of Rome. We have to the East of our community, water being diverted and overly tapped. We have a huge threat to us from North of our community, with the possibility of High Capacity wells being installed. Our community needs to stay focused and engaged to protect our lakes from overuse of the precious water needed to keep them full and functional. Our lakes represent the cornerstone to the development of our area; our lakes are what make our area so attractive to residents and visitors. Without these lakes, and the values they offer to this community, we are all destined to a devastating downward spiral. We all have too much invested in our Town to let that happen. The Town of Rome had expanded quickly when these lakes were first developed and could decline just as quickly if these lakes are allowed to diminish.*

*We feel that there are many concerned Rome citizens, but they lack the direction to do anything about this problem.*

*All the statistical data in the world, spanning many years can be collected, but if nothing is done with it, it is not worth the paper it is printed on. What we are requesting of you, as our elected Town officials, is to bring together all of the Towns' concerned groups; Tri-Lakes Management, Lake Camelot, Lake Sherwood and Lake Arrowhead Property Owners Associations, Pacrs (Petenwell), and all the associated business's that would be impacted. The groups that are listed rely on our Town Board for direction and action. So, we are requesting that you as our Town Board Officials be the central focus and our guide in coordinating efforts to protect our Lakes' resources.*

*A suggestion would be to coordinate a committee of concerned citizens that could work under the direction of the Town. This committee would be the fact finders and communicators to the Board and the Towns property owners.*

*How to do this is up to the Board's discretion, but we feel strongly that the Town needs to show leadership on this issue.*

*Respectfully submitted, Lake Camelot Property Owners Association, Board of Directors*

*Dawn Kalata*

*Tom Cotter*

*Bob Budjac*

*Dwight Gilbert*

*Laura Treul*

*Paul Weber*

*Doug Wickersham*

*Cc: DNR Dan Baumann*

Since the letter went out we have received several calls and emails, asking “what can I do”. Listed below are some informational websites and contact information. Your letter of concern would speak volumes, to our elected officials. Also on the front page of our website, we try to keep up to date information on this topic.

- Area resident Don Ystad e-mail alerts ([dystad@gmail.com](mailto:dystad@gmail.com)) Don sends out information as he receives it, please contact him directly to receive his email alerts.
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|                     | Dave Repinski    | 715-325-3392        | <a href="mailto:DRepinski@mwwb.net">DRepinski@mwwb.net</a>           |

### ***Onto other news:***

Our 2012 Frolic was once again a huge success!! Thanks to all of the frolickers!!! This event keeps getting bigger and bigger. My thought is because we have the best lake of the three and we know how to throw a party. A huge thanks go out to all the volunteers, without them, this event would not be as successful as it is. If you are interested in volunteering for 2013 frolic, please email the business office at [lcpoa@scacable.com](mailto:lcpoa@scacable.com).

We are always trying to come up with ideas to keep our membership informed. The different ways we currently have to communicate with all of you are; published newsletter-3x a year, website – [www.lakecamelot.org](http://www.lakecamelot.org), the monthly E-News, E-Alerts for the urgent information, and “like” us on Facebook. To sign up for the website, you have to register on the website. To receive E-News/E-Alerts send the Business office ([lcpoa@scacable.com](mailto:lcpoa@scacable.com)) your email address.

Muskrat Trapper, Bob White (608) 339-6686 trapped over 100 Muskrats from our Lake, so far this fall. He will be back in the spring. If you are interested in having him visit your property, please contact him directly.

With winter fast approaching, please remember that the beach clubs, green areas and the Cemetery are not to be used as thoroughways for any type of motorized vehicles.

The first Board of Directors meeting for 2013 is January 19th at 9:00 a.m. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

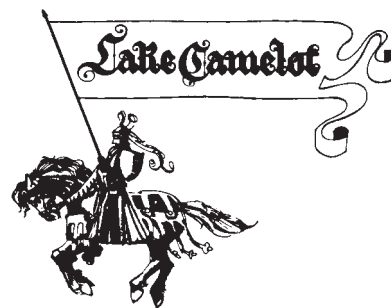
A special Thank You goes out to Tom Deckow. Tom has been the LCPOA's Maintenance Crew Manager for 3 years. Tom has given his resignation. Tom has done an excellent job in organizing our Maintenance Department. Good Luck on any future endeavors you encounter.

Wishing each of you and your families a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!!

Sincerely,

**Dawn Kalata**  
President, LCPOA

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## FROM THE MEMBER'S SERVICES CENTER

It was a very hot, dry summer that caused many some trying moments when attempting to enjoy the out of doors. However, the spirits of our Camelot families remained high as they visited the Center to entertain themselves with games, inside and out, picnic a little, cool off with a swim and top it all off with an ice cream treat. Just another lazy day at the lake!

Thanks to all who donated many great books and magazines to our little exchange library. We were again very fortunate in receiving many books for children of all ages. It is amazing how many families come in to take advantage of this wonderful asset! Please keep us in mind when discarding used books-we can give them a good home.

Member's Services will be closed from November 26th to April 12th. We will open Saturday April 13th and post the hours in the Spring.

We will be looking for a person to fill the part-time position in the Center next season. The applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be willing to work weekends and holidays plus some weekdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The position will begin at the end of March and continue through November. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with a great group of people while meeting and helping our fantastic Camelot families! If you are interested, please contact the Association Office by phone or e-mail.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Lake Camelot Fishing Contest. Each year the contest begins Memorial Day weekend and closes on Labor Day weekend.

|   |                  |                 |                                  |
|---|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Congratulations to this year's winners: | Large Mouth Bass | Lynn Workman    | 19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " |
|   | Small Mouth Bass | Andrew Gatt     | 17 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " |
|   | Bluegill         | Mason Monreal   | 8"                               |
|   | Bullhead         | Nick Salzwedel  | 13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " |
|   | Sunfish          | Kim Monreal     | 8"                               |
|   | Perch            | Mason Monreal   | 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "  |
|   | Crappie          | Ernesto Monreal | 6"                               |

From our hearts to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the Spring.



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## 2012 LAKE CAMELOT FROLIC

We were again blessed with a perfect day for the Frolic! The crowd was bigger and better than ever and the craft show, food, games, music and ski shows were superb. The fireworks finale lit up the evening sky in a spectacular display! Thanks to each and every one who helped keep the Lake Camelot fireworks show the very best in our town! We hope all enjoyed themselves and invite you to circle Saturday, August 17, 2013 on your calendar for another fun-filled Frolic day.

The Frolic Committee wants to thank all of our faithful and valuable volunteers who helped with the kids games, refereed the sports tournaments, handled the bass tournament, sold raffle tickets, gathered raffle prizes and helped with many other jobs that made ours so much easier. We couldn't do it without you!

The raffle, whose profits are used to keep the Frolic a totally self-supporting event, was a great success. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and our congratulations to the winners:

**1st Prize – Gas Grill – Donna Raitano**

**2nd Prize – \$200.00 – Betty Fredericks**

**3rd Prize – \$100.00 – Cole Zickert**

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A special thank you goes out to the volunteers who spent most of their day refereeing the tournaments that so many of us participate in or enjoy watching. Brad Andrews did a great job with the volleyball teams, Ron Jacobson handled the horseshoe teams with skill and Brian Dzierzewski organized and ran the Bass Tournament with ease. We are grateful for their help and dedication.

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| Saturday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Meat Raffle @ 2:00 p.m.   |
| Saturday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> | Stagehogs Duo Live for Mike's Birthday! – 8:00 p.m.                         |
| Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup> | Camelot's New Years Eve Bash!<br>9:00 p.m. – whenever we decide to go home! |
| Friday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>     | Lighthouse Duo Live – 8:00 p.m.   |
| Saturday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Camelot Chili Contest – 2:00 p.m.   |
| Saturday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Rome Karaoke Idol – 8:00 p.m.   |
| Saturday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Stagehogs Duo Live – 8:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>  | A Smile from Lacey Fundraiser – 11:00 a.m.                                  |
| Saturday, February 16 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Camelot Fishery – 7:00 a.m.                                 |

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| Quantity | Species       | Approximate Size | Price per each | Total Due |
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|          | Red Pine      | 7" – 15"         | \$1.50         |           |
|          | White Pine    | 7" – 15"         | \$1.50         |           |
|          | White Spruce  | 7" – 15"         | \$1.50         |           |
|          | Sugar Maple   | 12" – 18"        | \$2.00         |           |

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|  |                             |           |        |  |
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|  | American Highbush Cranberry | 12" – 18" | \$2.00 |  |
|  | Red Osier Dogwood           | 12" – 18" | \$2.00 |  |
|  | Butterfly Bush              | 12" – 16" | \$1.50 |  |
|  | Elderberry                  | 12" – 16" | \$1.50 |  |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Each tree/shrub order will come with root gel and marking flags. There is no guarantee/warranty on any tree or shrub.

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**Spruce – White:** Moderate growing tree with bluish-green needles and short, dense branches. A popular Christmas tree as well as an ornamental and windbreak tree. Endures drought conditions well.

**Maple – Sugar:** Slow to medium growth. Height 100 ft. Outstanding native shade tree. Dark green leaves turn yellow to orange to fiery red in fall. Grows in most soil types. Sap used for maple syrup. Used for ornamental, lumber, & Wildlife habitat.

**Cranberry – American Highbush:** Attractive foliage turns red and orange in the fall. Flat clusters of white flowers are followed by red berries. Grows to 8 feet.

**Dogwood – Red Osier:** Grows 7 to 9 feet and spreads 8 to 12 ft. A broad and erect grower with dark blood-red branches. White flowers are followed by white berries. Good for soil erosion and food and cover for wildlife.

**Elderberry:** Grows 9 ft. or taller and spreads 5 to 12 ft. This is a fast growing small tree/shrub that tolerates a wide range of growing conditions. Small white flowers grow in large clusters in early summer, followed by edible purplish black fruit. Attractive to birds.

**Butterfly Bush:** Grows 6 ft tall. Fast growing shrub with long spikes of blue/purple flowers in July/August. Does best in full sun and moist well-drained soil. Cut back in late fall. Attracts butterflies.

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Planning has begun for the 2013 season. Opening day will be Friday, June 7. We look forward to bringing the freshest possible local produce each week, along with presentations of interest; from healthy living to sneak peeks at local businesses and restaurants. If you have any suggestions for a presentation in the gazebo please contact us.

A weekly newsletter is sent during the market season by email. If you wish to receive the e-newsletter send a note to [romefarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:romefarmersmarket@gmail.com).

*Ruthann Spiegelhoff and Judy McCormick*





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# DO I NEED A BURNING PERMIT THIS WINTER?!?

By: Brian Luebke, Forest Ranger, WI DNR

As of October 31st, 265 forest fires have burned over 395 acres in the DNR Wisconsin Rapids Area. Without periodic rainfalls since early June, the drought conditions resulted in a large number of forest fires throughout summer and early fall. During June, July, and August 116 forest fires occurred, compared to a historic average 49 fires for the same time period. This time period accounts for over 40 percent of all fires to date. Many of the fires during the summer drought conditions took several days to be completely extinguished. Another 20 forest fires occurred in September and October with one taking nearly ten days to completely extinguish. Less than 20 percent of all forest fires to date are the result of people burning brush piles and/or failing to completely extinguish when they were done. The statewide average is approximately 35 percent. To learn more about the DNR Fire Management program including current fire statistics, fire danger, burning restrictions, and more, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov>, keyword "fire."

One Annual Burning Permit needs to be obtained for the *calendar year* and covers burning of brush, leaves, and needles on the ground or burning in a barrel. Once you obtain a written annual permit, it's your responsibility to check the burning permit restrictions after 11:00 AM on *each and every day* you wish to burn. People can check the daily burning permit restrictions over the internet at <http://dnr.wi.gov>, keyword "fire," or by phone at 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876). DNR burning permits are required in all unincorporated areas of southern Wood County, all of Adams County and the majority of Juneau County. **This includes the entire Town of Rome.** Burning permits are free of charge and can be obtained from your local DNR office, ranger station, or Emergency Fire Warden. **In the Town of Rome, burning permits are available at Pritzl's, Lake Arrowhead Lodge and Lake Camelot Lodge.** To obtain a burning permit by either U.S. mail or instantly by email, simply dial 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) and press the "#" key to transfer over to a customer service representative between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM daily. People with internet access can now obtain a burning permit that they print and sign at <http://dnr.wi.gov>, keyword "fire." The consequence of burning without a permit is a fine of at least \$175. In addition to receiving a citation, individuals that cause a forest fire are responsible for all suppression costs and are liable for all damage the fire causes.

So, do you need a burning permit this winter? When in doubt, check the internet at <http://dnr.wi.gov>, keyword "fire" or by phone at 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) after 11:00 AM. Generally, if the ground is completely snow covered (meaning 1 inch of snow or more) and the snow cover will remain during the time you will be burning, a burning permit is NOT required. If, on the other hand, the ground is not completely snow covered or it is snowing in the morning, but it is not accumulating, a burning permit IS required. Good judgment needs to be used; if a light snow fell overnight and the predicted high for the following day is 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the snow would likely melt during the day and a burning permit WOULD BE required.

Although burning when the ground is completely snow covered is the safest, burning should be your very last alternative. Consider alternative methods of disposal. Composting, recycling, and chipping are all alternatives to burning that are much safer, reduce air pollution, and are typically time savers in the end. The Town of Rome Transfer Site at 1371 Apache Avenue accepts leaves, needles, and brush on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays (except Holidays), year-round from 0900 - 1700 hours **at no cost.**

In addition to obtaining the proper permit and checking the daily burning permit restrictions, it's your responsibility to make sure you never leave the fire unattended. Numerous forest fires result every year from unattended burning operations or from burn piles and campfires that were not completely extinguished. It's your responsibility. A shovel and water go a long way toward preventing forest fires every year. **A campfire or burn pile that is still "smoking a little" or just "smoldering" is NOT completely extinguished.** The consequence of starting a fire, even a campfire, and not *completely extinguishing* it is a fine of at least \$175. The saying, "where there's smoke, there's fire" holds a lot of truth.

# ANNUAL FIREWISE RECOGNITION FOR LAKE CAMELOT

*Submitted by: Amy Luebke, WDNR*



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## LAKE CAMELOT FIREWISE TEAM

As of this writing, the firewise volunteers have been very active in the Camelot area and have chipped down and dead trees and brush on 10 out of our 24 DNR granted chipping days. They plan to continue until the weather shuts them down. The remaining days will be consumed in the spring, when weather permits them to start. Along with the chipping, volunteers have been busy chain sawing for future chipping projects. We thank those volunteers and would encourage anyone that can help on these projects to contact the lodge and they will be notified of times and places projects are going on.

*The Firewise Team*

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## LAKE SHERWOOD NEWS

Here's what's happening at Lake Sherwood Lodge this winter!

Bingo! Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Game day! Every Friday – Lunch at 12:30 and then games at 1:30 pm. Bring your friends to play a game of your choice or we will help you get started with a game!

December 24th – Customer Appreciation: All Food is 1/2 off!

January 19th – Lake Sherwood Ice Fisherie

7:00 am – Registration - \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 12 and under

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Fishing

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January 26th – Rome Karaoke Idol – Time to be announced – Come show us what you've got!

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## ROME SNO-BANDITS

Fall is the busiest time of the year for the Sno-Bandits. We are out many days each week preparing the trails for the upcoming snowmobiling season. Our trails seem to be the best place to dump your unwanted tires, furniture, carpeting and just junk. We have to collect this and take it to our Town of Rome transfer site. Once this is done, we go out with our brush hog and trim all of the undergrowth alongside of the trail. We have a club trail brushing day, this year it was on Nov 10th, where members and friends go out in groups to trim all of the low hanging branches. Following this brushing, we have our now famous Chili Dump at the town hall. After this is done, we can start to put up all of the trail signs. Then we do maintenance on our tractor and drags. After that we pray for LOTS of snow!! This year our club is running Christmas in Rome on Dec 1st. We will provide wagon rides, the tree decorating contest, the chili cook off and will bring Santa to the Town Hall to visit with the kids.

Our club stays active all year long. We have a Poker Run that starts January 1st and continues until February 2nd. Anyone is invited to participate in this event. You can do all of the stops by car or snowmobile. On February 16th at the Fishery at Camelot on the Lake we will host the food tent. We have weekly club rides on Wednesdays and Saturdays that leave from Trails End at 10am each week, weather permitting. In June we have our classic car, bike and snowmobile show on the Saturday of Father's Day. This is one of our biggest fund raisers. In July at the Taste of Rome, we host the beer and wine tent and participate in the parade. We also have a club picnic in July or August. We take time out to enjoy the summer and then start up again in September. We host the DNR snowmobile safety class in October. This class is mandatory for anyone born after 1985. The first Saturday of December we host the Tree Lighting at the town hall and bring Santa and his Elf for kids to visit with. We also do the Chili Cookoff and the hay ride that day. So, as you can see, we are a very active club! We are in the top 4.9% of clubs in Wisconsin, with 175 family memberships. If you are interested in seeing what we do, join us at a meeting. If you snowmobile, you should become a club member. Bring a friend along!!

For membership or club info, please call Kathy Halverson at 715-325-6833 or email at [k4thy@wctc.net](mailto:k4thy@wctc.net).

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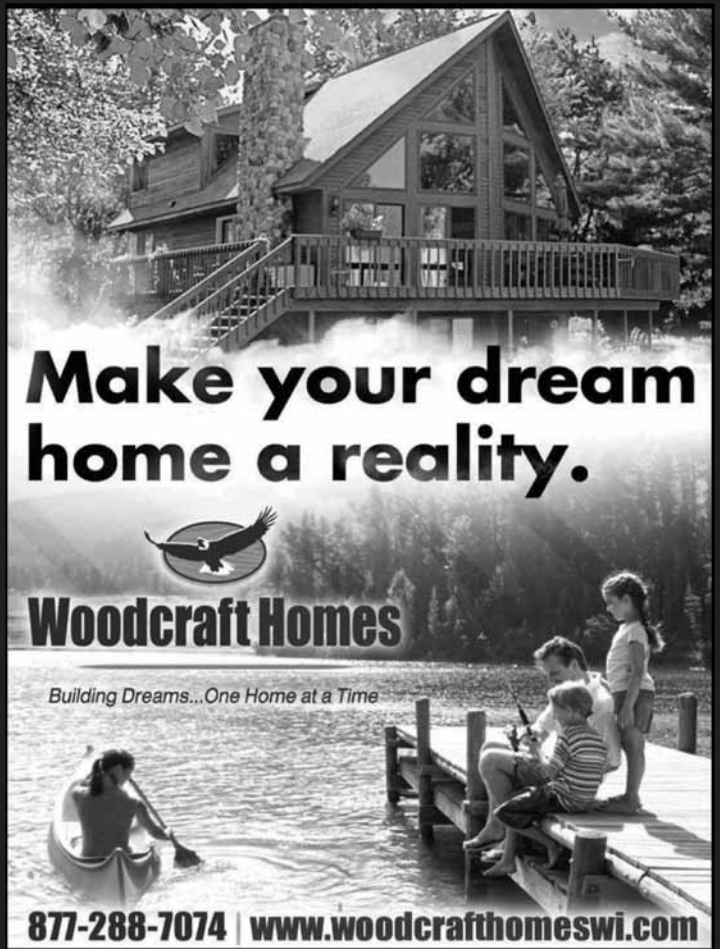
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## TRI-LAKES REPORT

**Employment Opportunity:** Tri-Lakes will be looking for additional part-time employees to operate the harvesters next season (late May through September). Our crew works an 8-hour shift starting at 7 am. Sign up to work 1, 2, 3 or 4 days per week. If you are interested, please call the Tri-Lakes office at 325-3250 for additional information or to obtain an application.

**Saratoga Dairy Farm Proposal:** Over the years, we've tried to educate lake district property owners on ways to improve water quality. There are many things that each of us can do to optimize conditions including using non-phosphorus fertilizers, providing a buffer zone along the shoreline and regular maintenance of septic systems. Recently, we've been presented with a much greater threat to the overall future health of our lakes and recreation – the proposed dairy farm in the Town of Saratoga.

Early on in July, Tri-Lakes sent a letter to the Saratoga Town Board expressing our concerns over this proposal. I'd like to share that letter with you and encourage each of you to learn as much as you can about this issue and become active and vocal in your opposition:

### **Members of the Saratoga Town Board:**

The Tri-Lakes Management District in Rome would like to share with you our concerns over the proposed dairy farm operation in your community. While we realize that this is your decision to make, we feel that due to our proximity, we will be directly impacted by the results and can therefore voice an opinion. Our concerns include the following:

- ***Affect on the water table:*** With 46 or more proposed high-capacity wells in operation much of the summer, it is inevitable that there will be an adverse affect on our groundwater which eventually could result in lower lake levels. This could also affect Rome Water Utility as well as individual wells in the area. It's been shown that much of the water dispersed by an agricultural pivot system is lost through evaporation and does not replenish the groundwater. Our groundwater levels are already low as a result of several years of drought – additional stress is clearly not advantageous to future needs of this community. There have been several examples right here in the Central Sands area of waters that were severely impacted by high-capacity wells including the Little Plover River, Long Lake near Plainfield and the twin lakes by Almond.
- ***Environmental issues:*** The use of pesticides on this large of a scale will definitely affect our environment. This is supported by a 2010 UW-Extension publication which states: "Once a pesticide is applied, it will ideally only harm the target pest and then break down through natural processes into harmless substances. However, pesticides may also come into direct contact with humans during application, evaporate and drift for miles depending on particle size and wind conditions, attach to soil particles and get tracked into homes, be absorbed by the plant or remain on the plant surface until harvest, *leach into groundwater, or enter surface water through runoff*."
- ***Higher nitrate levels:*** Rome's water supply already has been affected by higher nitrate levels including two community wells that can no longer be used. Additional nitrate inputs from a large agricultural operation could result in additional problems for both private and public wells in our community.
- ***Water quality and algae on our lakes:*** Due to the Tri-Lakes comprehensive water testing program, we've been able to establish that the highest levels of phosphorus in our lakes are at the entry point from the upper watershed. Much of this land is agricultural and is already impacting our water quality. Algae growth on the lakes is a result of the levels of phosphorus. The test levels by the 8th Avenue bridge are many times higher than at any other location tested on the Tri-Lakes. Both the 14 Mile Creek and the Spring Branch Creek flow into our lakes. We fear this proposed operation as well as any future expansion would have even more of a negative impact on our water quality.

The algae issue for our lakes is a tipping point issue. The lakes can tolerate only so much phosphorus before they turn to pea soup. We have been working for the last several years to reduce the amount of phosphorus coming into the lakes and thus reduce the likelihood of algae blooms. All of this effort would be for naught if farming on this scale would be allowed.

The Town of Rome as we know it today was developed as a recreational area. Our population has grown because of what it offers – lakes, woods, wildlife and a quality of life that attracts visitors who decide to stay in the area. The creation of the lakes and the Lake District was the beginning of increased property values in this part of Adams County. We hope that you will consider our concerns as you deliberate this issue.

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## **LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF ROME**

If you haven't been to any of the many fun and varied events the Library Friends and Foundation and Rome Town Rome Players have put on this past summer, you missed out! You are in luck. The Friends are in the process of making plans for the 2013 calendar. NYAT (Not Your Average Triathlon) will be held again on Memorial Day weekend; Fun Bingo in June; and you will find our booth at every event in Rome all summer long.

All these events will raise funds to continue to build the Library Expansion Fund. Everyone should receive a letter asking for support, so if you don't hear from us please give us a call or stop in the library for more information. The library counts on your support for this project. So far 2012 was a great start. We appreciate everyone's contribution of time, talent and financial support and we are pleased to announce, together we raised \$12,828!

Also, remember anyone can donate to the Incourage Community Foundation – Rome Library Fund online at [www.cfswc.org](http://www.cfswc.org) with a credit card and receive a tax deduction. ICF is our fiscal sponsor and proudly supports the Lester Library through the 3 year commitment raising money for the expansion of the current building.

### **Preschool Story Time**

Children up to age 5 are welcome to enjoy stories, crafts, and social time. Preschool story time will be held at the library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. If you need accommodations please contact the library two weeks in advance by calling 715-325-8990 or 711.

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## LAKE ARROWHEAD NEWS

Recently we had our first snowfall of the year and the presidential and various state elections were held. These are just a few examples of how things change. Lake Arrowhead is no different! I am very excited to experience these changing times at Lake Arrowhead! My name is Jennifer Wolfe and I worked here from 2004-2011 as a bartender, Pines Lounge manager, Lakes and Snack Shack staff supervisor and Events Coordinator. You may have even seen me driving a beverage cart on occasion. I have always loved my job at LAA, every part of it! When I learned this summer that a job may be available, I couldn't stop thinking about working here again!

So I am happy to be back as the Activities Coordinator at Lake Arrowhead. Banquets, weddings, leagues, birthday or pool parties, amenity rentals, lounge parties, golf outings and everything in between...I am your gal. Please call or visit me with any needs or suggestions you may have regarding events at Lake Arrowhead. My office space is right near the main entrance of the clubhouse and anyone may contact me at (715) 325-3480 or at lakearrowhead.events@gmail.com.

The first soiree at LAA was the annual Halloween party and costume contest and I want to say congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who came and participated. As the holiday season fast approaches, Christmas in Rome will start it off right with a weekend full of events to enjoy in the Town of Rome. See the flyer for all event listings. Please join us for Breakfast with Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 1st. A breakfast buffet is served starting at 9:30am (reservations appreciated – call 715/325-3480) followed by picture taking time, stories and kid's crafts. Call soon and reserve a spot for you and your family! The Annual Member Social is an event that everyone at Lake Arrowhead should come to! An evening of great company, good drinks and delicious food is what you have to look forward to. Be sure to pop up at the Clubhouse on New Year's Eve and Rock in the New Year with Rumours Band and an all-you-can eat dinner buffet! See the flyer for more information.

Next up is the Rome Karaoke Idol qualifying night on Friday, February 8th, 2013 to kickoff our annual SnoBlast festival!!! Check out a Winter In Rome brochure (get yours at the bar & lounge) for all qualifying dates and locations then be sure to plan your night out for Saturday, March 2nd to be at the 3rd Annual Rome Karaoke Idol Finals here. It is a HUGE party and a night full of great entertainers!

Let's talk some more about SnoBlast. Friday night is going to be rocking this coming year of SnoBlast with the karaoke competition, but you can't burn all the midnight oil on Friday because Saturday, February 9th will be new & improved! New events include "Band Blast" and the "Kid's Dance" (check out the full schedule of events in this edition) Of course, the most popular stuff will continue, the 'Spot Game', children's activities, lawnmower races, BINGO and fireworks to name a few! Stay tuned for more information. As always, an event like SnoBlast cannot continue without the help of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are needed in the upcoming months to solicit prizes from area businesses and sell raffle tickets. Volunteer sign-up sheets for the event weekend will be posted after the Holidays. Donations would also be greatly appreciated for the raffle as well as 'big ticket' items for a silent auction. Volunteer signup sheets will be posted at the Clubhouse soon. Contact me if you can help in any way.

LAA Wine Club is more popular than ever! This gathering has had nearly 60 participants during their strongest month. EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~ Come and see what it is all about. Get on the email list to receive monthly emails about upcoming Wine Club events for 2013!

Lastly, Posted in this article is an Activities List of the groups that get together for various things at the LAA clubhouse. If you like to play cards, table games, like to exercise or dance, **these groups are welcoming new participants:**

- Sheepshead: Monday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
- Bridge: Wednesday's 12:30 p.m.
- Mah Jongg: Wednesday's 12:30 p.m. and Friday mornings 10:30 a.m.
- Mexican Train: Wednesday's 12:30 p.m.
- Poker: Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- Dance: Tuesday mornings
- Exercise: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings – 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Find us on FaceBook and check our website often to keep up with the ever-changing and improving Lake Arrowhead! Book your 2013 event now! Dates are filling up fast!

# February 8-10, 2013

Saturday, February 9, 2013



Friday, February 8th, 2013

**NEW** → **ROME KARAOKE QUALIFYING NIGHT at Lake Arrowhead**  
7:00pm—11:00pm  
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- **Breakfast Buffet 8:00am - 11:30am**  
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- **Snow volleyball Registration 9:30am - 10:15am**  
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- **Quick Food Hot Dog Stand 10:00am - 3:00pm**  
Grab a quick bite to eat while enjoying the events
- **NEW** → **BAND BLAST!!!! 11:00am—11:00pm LIVE MUSIC**  
Music all day! The Ravens ~ Rock N' Roll ~ 11am-3pm—In the Lounge
- **Carnival Games 10:00am - Noon (Fees -12 yrs. & Under)**
- **NEW** → **New Children's games, clowns, face painting and more!**
- **The "SPOT" Game 10:00am - ?**  
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- **Horse-Drawn Hayrides 10:00am - 3:00pm**  
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- **Children's Entertainment 12:30pm**  
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- **Noah's Ark Animal Workshop 1:30pm - 3:00pm**  
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Sunday, February 10, 2013

- **Enjoy breakfast 8:00am - Noon**
- **"FUN" Bingo ~ Bring the Family!**  
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- **Sheepshead or Poker Tournament**  
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# **LAKE CAMELOT BULLETIN BOARD**

## **L.C.P.O.A. BOARD**

Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. except December. All association members are welcome.

## **LCPOA MEMBER SERVICES CENTER**

Lodge Manager: (715) 325-5031

Closed December - March

Scheduled reopening weekend – April 14, 2012

## **SANITARY STATIONS**

Weather permitting:

Scheduled opening is April 15th

Scheduled closing is October 15th

## **LCPOA**

Open: Mon., Tues., Wed. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Business Office: (715) 325-5083 Fax: (715) 325-5089

e-mail: [lcpoa@scacable.com](mailto:lcpoa@scacable.com)

WEBSITE – [www.lakecamelot.org](http://www.lakecamelot.org)

## **CAMELOT ON THE LAKE HOURS**

Mon. thru Fri. 1 p.m. to close

Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. to close

*Please remember carry-ins of alcoholic beverages is not allowed on Lake Camelot Property grounds at anytime.*

## **OWNERSHIP/ADDRESS CHANGES**

In trying to have accurate records and mailings to the correct property owner, changes in information are important to the Lake Camelot Property Owners Association (LCPOA). If you sell your property, please be sure YOU, the old property owner and YOU, the new property owner, contact the LCPOA with the information. Town of Rome, Adams County or attorneys do not automatically notify us. If you move, please place the lodge on your list of those to be notified.

## **LCPOA REMINDERS**

Although most of our LCPOA members are aware of this information, we always have a turnover in ownership, and new owners and/or guests may need reminders. These are offered in the interest of fostering sound neighborhood relations and a deeper appreciation of our surroundings.

## **GREEN AREAS**

Outlots/Greenways (forested area between properties and in the Walden Area this includes the area between property lines and the water's edge)

No types of motorized vehicles, including ATVs, and lawn mowers or snowmobiles are permitted in any greenway.

**No cutting of trees or under-brush is permitted in any greenway.** Trees must be left untouched in their natural state except with FIREWISE Program permit. Any disturbance of these areas may result in the guilty party being required to replant and repair damage.

**No mowing of grass in any green area.**

# **LAKE CAMELOT BULLETIN BOARD** CONTINUED

## **WATERFRONT PROPERTIES**

Waterfront/on-shore property owners own their property down to the water's edge. Using piers and the shoreline for fishing, shortcutting between properties or strolling without the owner's permission is considered trespassing.

## **LODGE AND GROUNDS**

All pets must be leashed.

All swimming activities must remain within the designated swim area for safety reasons. The piers are to be used for loading and unloading of boats and are not part of any swimming area.

Burning permits are available at the lodge during business hours. They are needed for everything except campfires. Burning is allowed from 6 p.m. – Midnight, Monday through Saturday. Burning is not allowed on Sundays. There is no charge for a permit but a hefty fine from the DNR is in place for NOT having one.

**A reminder to all members and their guests:**

**The trash dumpsters placed at the Lodge are NOT for personal member use. Anyone found using these dumpsters will be subject to penalty and appropriate citations.**

***BY ORDER OF THE ROME POLICE DEPARTMENT –  
FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL –  
YOU WILL BE FINED IF YOU ARE CAUGHT USING THEM!***

## **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

***EMERGENCY – 911***

***ROME POLICE - (715) 325-8020***

***FIRE DEPARTMENT – Non-emergency, call (715) 325-8015***

|                              |                                |                 |                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Adams County Sheriff's Dept. | (877) 885-9977                 | Diggers Hotline | (800) 242-8511 |
| Adams Columbia Elec.         | (608) 339-3346                 | Solarus         | (715) 421-8111 |
| WE Energies Gas Leak         | (800) 261-LEAK (non-emergency) |                 | (800) 242-4035 |

## **TOWN OF ROME INFORMATION**

|                                     |              |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Assessor                            | 715-325-8011 |  |
| Building Inspector                  | 715-325-8012 | <a href="mailto:bldg.inspector@romewi.com">bldg.inspector@romewi.com</a> |
| Clerk                               | 715-325-8013 | <a href="mailto:clerk@romewi.com">clerk@romewi.com</a>                   |
| Highway Department                  | 715-325-8017 |  |
| Planning/Zoning                     | 715-325-8019 |  |
| Treasurer                           | 715-325-8022 | <a href="mailto:treasurer@romewi.com">treasurer@romewi.com</a>           |
| Public Works Director               | 715-325-8017 |  |
| Tri-Lakes Management (weed control) | 715-325-3250 |  |

***Lake levels*** are now monitored by Adams County and posted on the County website under Land Conservation Department – <http://www.co.adams.wi.gov>

## **LAKE CAMELOT BULLETIN BOARD** CONTINUED

### **ROME WATER UTILITY**

Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Telephone number: 715-325-2600

Fax number: 715-325-2620

E-mail: [rwoffice@scacable.com](mailto:rwoffice@scacable.com)

### **RECYCLING CENTER – 715-325-8021**

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (5 p.m. during daylight savings time) Wed., Sat., and Sun.

Brush/compost is accepted all year round.

Appliance disposal charge - \$15.00 each. Fluorescent bulbs, \$.50. Tires \$2.00, with rim \$4.00.

Compost materials – no charge. *Recycling is mandatory – use clear or white bags only.*

### **ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

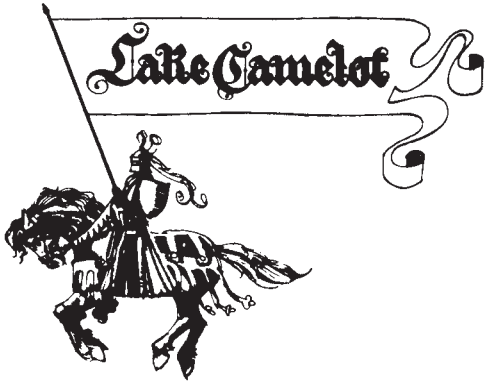
A reminder – the road right-of-way measures thirty-three feet on either side of the centerline of the road. It may include the shoulder and even the ditch in front of your home. The right-of-way must not be used for private purposes i.e. storage of boats or trailers, planting trees or shrubs, burning brush, or putting out holiday decorations.

### **CANOPIES**

Canopies that house boats/motorized vehicles and/or are being used as sheds are not allowed in the Town of Rome. These canopies, with the fabric or aluminum tops, do not have permits issued as garages or sheds and do not meet the building code requirements for these structures. Canopies in use are in violation and not allowed in the Town of Rome.

### **PROPERTY OWNERS INTENDING TO BUILD**

Property Owners and their contractors or enlisted agents: To abide by the Town of Rome's Ordinance, property owners and/or their enlisted contractors and agents are reminded that they are responsible for showing the Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector the lot stakes. If they cannot be found, it is required of the property owner or enlisted contractor/agent to hire a surveyor to establish the corners.



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