

# Happenings at the Hollow

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*Photo courtesy of Belinda Bowers*



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## Playing it Safe

Hello all you wonderful Dutch Hollow members. This article will be about securing your home for the season. There are a number of snow birds residing with us who choose to leave the rest of us behind and seek warmer climates for the upcoming months. Good for you. Most of you have been here for quite a while and have your set routines on how you secure your homes. We are not trying to change the way you are used to doing this, only to provide to you gentle reminders and possibly a few new things to take into consideration.

Some of the most obvious things are to make sure all your windows and doors are locked. Have a close friend, relative or neighbor a key to the home in case of emergency. This is especially important if police are responding to your home and need access. Make sure your pressure tank is off. You do not need a flood if the water pipes break and the pressure tank continues to run. A couple of lights on timers, having the driveway plowed after significant snow falls and installing an outside motion light are all good ideas as potential burglars tend to think twice about entering places that look occupied. Valuables and firearms should be hidden (or removed). If you keep them in the home it is important to have those serial numbers, model numbers and a good description written down somewhere.

Go through the house before you leave to make sure everything is secure. To keep from worrying, make a checklist to go over so no important item is overlooked!

Have a safe journey to the land of sun and fun, wherever it may be; or for those just closing up for the season have a safe time away. See you next spring!

Your Safety and Security Committee

## Home Check Service

*Town of LaValle residents:* The police department provides courtesy home checks. These are home checks at random times and limited to accessibility and availability of part-time officers.

If you are interested please visit the Town's website to access and fill out the form.

<http://townoflavalle.us/lavallepolicedep.html>



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# Lake Management

## Terry McGhee, Water Quality Specialist

Terry has been conducting water quality monitoring at DHL for years. Here is a summary of results regarding water clarity/quality.

Overall the lake is still considered to be of very good quality, the heavy rains and the amount of runoff this year have contributed to higher than normal phosphorus and chlorophyll levels.

Year	Avg. Phosphorus	Avg. Chlorophyll
2015	14.6	2.1
2016	18.6	3.3
2017	24.3	16.3

Phosphorus is a nutrient that supports aquatic plant growth and if left unchecked can lead to excessive plant growth and algal blooms. The higher phosphorus levels correspond to the higher chlorophyll levels. Chlorophyll is what plants and algae use during the photosynthesis process that allows plants to absorb energy from sunlight.

The water clarity has suffered a little due to the amount of chlorophyll (indicator of aquatic plant life) and runoff which picks up sediment from soil erosion and deposits it in the lake. The water clarity is measured with the secchi disk which measured a gradual decrease over the summer months, but it has shown an increase in September. The-no wake policy this summer was beneficial in helping to minimize the amount water clarity degradation, by allowing the lake to remain in a calm state which promotes sediment settling. The levels will drop over the winter due to cooler temperatures and ice cover.

## Shoreline Restoration

*From the DNR:* Please take a look at these links for shoreline restoration. In a lot of cases, we would like to try and use biostabilization seen here. <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/shoreline/erosioncontrol-biological.html> But if you have a lot of boat action or ice action on the shoreline we can permit riprap, seen here. [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/sample\\_drawings/Riprap\\_Sample\\_Drawing.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/sample_drawings/Riprap_Sample_Drawing.pdf)

The link to our online permitting is located here. [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/shoreline/lake\\_erosion.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/shoreline/lake_erosion.html) You will need to go through the question and answer section to determine what type of permit is required.

## DHL Shoreline Meeting Video

Also see the DHL website for a video of our recent **“Shoreline Restoration”** meeting with Sauk County Planning and Zoning: [www.dutchhollowlake.org](http://www.dutchhollowlake.org) under Lake Management.

## Herbicide Monitoring Results

Go to the website to read the report detailing the 2017 Lake weed treatment results. [www.dutchhollowlake.org](http://www.dutchhollowlake.org) under Lake Management.

## Riddle Fun!

What does man love more than life  
Fear more than death or mortal strife  
What the poor have, the rich require  
And what contented men desire  
What the miser spends and the spendthrift saves  
And all men carry to their graves?

## Candidates Needed

The Dutch Hollow Board of Directors is seeking nominations for three open positions in 2018. The Board works to insure that Dutch Hollow continues to be a beautiful, healthy, thriving community. We need you to help make vital decisions about the care and maintenance of your Association. The Board meets 10 Saturday mornings per year plus the annual meeting in April. Each Board member serves as chair of a committee; scheduling committee meetings as needed. If you would like more information, please contact Joan Irwin, Nominations Committee Chair, 608-239-6429 or email: [jeirwin@wisc.edu](mailto:jeirwin@wisc.edu).

## CAL Center Event

Friday, October 27, 2017—7 p.m.

### The Accidental Hero

Tickets: Adults & Seniors (60+) \$10  
Veterans & Students (18 & Under) \$5  
[www.accidentalhero.net](http://www.accidentalhero.net)

*A miraculous true story about freedom, WWII, and the inescapable question, "who am I?"*

Reedsburg Area High School, CAL Center  
1100 S. Albert Ave, Reedsburg, WI 53959  
[info@calcenterpresents.org](mailto:info@calcenterpresents.org)

## Did you get it right?

Riddle Fun Answer: Nothing.

## Area Fence work

You may have seen our Maintenance crew out and about working on neighboring farmland fencing.

Please know that we have an agreement with neighboring farmers to keep up the fence lines where the DHL property meets theirs.

## 2018 Seasonal Camping

There are still seasonal campsites available for 2018. The camping season runs from mid-April through mid-October. These sites are offered to property owners only. The cost is \$900 for the season. Call now to secure a site for next year!

## DHL Fall Schedule

### Clubhouse

Monday — Friday:  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Campground

Closes for the season on October 16th. (All campers must be removed or stored by this date.)

### Marina

Marina hours through October 16th  
Daily: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
(Items to be stored must be ready by 10/16/17.)

### Docks

Boats must be removed by October 16th. Docks will be removed before that date if empty.

## Town of LaValle Revaluation

*Information courtesy of the Township of LaValle.*

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Town of LaValle to complete a revaluation of all taxable property for the 2018 assessment year. The revaluation will establish new assessed values in an equitable fashion for all properties in the municipality as of January 1, 2018.

In order to make accurate assessments, it is necessary for Associated Appraisal to conduct an interior and exterior review of all homes, apartments and businesses in the Town. A brief interior walk-through is necessary for consideration of the features, quality, and condition of each residence or structure. These factors significantly impact market value. In addition, the assessor will be taking exterior photos of your property. Please note Associated Appraisals has no interest in your housekeeping or your personal belongings.

The assessors will begin working in neighborhoods in the next several weeks. All staff members will carry a letter of introduction from the municipality, a photo ID, and drive a red vehicle displaying the Associated Appraisal company name. If no one is home when visiting a property, a door hanger will be placed on the main entrance with instructions on how to schedule an interior review. Please wait for door hanger to schedule your appointment.

Associated Appraisal and the Town of LaValle appreciate your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please call 800-721-4157 to speak with one of our knowledgeable assessors.

Thank you for your help in creating a successful 2018 Revaluation program.

## Gear Up!

If you wish to order Dutch Hollow wear for gift giving or for yourself this winter—please do so by October 15th! We must have a minimum order for screen printing orders. Items that are embroidered can be piece by piece. (There are still a few items available without special order, stop by the office.)

## DHL Calendars

The photo contest has wrapped up for this season. These beautiful pictures will now be printed in a 2018 photo calendar. Calendar will be available for purchase early in November. (We will let you know a date when we get the details.)

## Let's Jam!

Tuesdays, 6:30—8:30 p.m.  
Jam Session at the clubhouse! All are welcome—sing, play instrument, and enjoy the music.

Third Thursdays of the month—Karaoke at the clubhouse!