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President's Message ~ John Bottorff

It seems like this Summer passed very fast!

As we move from Summer to Fall, lake residents are making plans to remove their boats, pontoons, and other watercraft from the lake along with boat lifts and piers. There are still some beautiful Fall days ahead with the leaves reaching peak color. I hope you get out on the water to enjoy those remaining days. As the water temperatures cool, more fishing boats can be seen on the water with anglers hoping to land another "big one" or catch a "mess of panfish". The sailing sessions by members of the Lake Kegonsa Sailors Club are very stately and so much fun to watch.

On behalf of the FOLKS Board of Directors, I want to thank all FOLKS members for your membership, support, and participation in our activities this season. The Board is pleased to represent and serve our members through many FOLKS programs. I want to personally thank all Board members who lead and serve on committees to create and implement our initiatives. The FOLKS Board is definitely a "working Board" who, along with a number of members, volunteer their time and talents to provide valuable services and inform FOLKS members. These people are all volunteers and their work is very much appreciated!

In this edition of the newsletter, you will read about several of our recent and upcoming initiatives.

- The Wildlife and Fisheries Committee and Social/Education Committee recently held a very interesting and informative session with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff fishing experts.
- Volunteer opportunities with our partners at Dane County Parks and Clean Lake Alliance.
- The Leaf Collection Committee announces the upcoming pick-up dates for leaf vacuuming.

Leaf collection is a cooperative effort between the Towns of Dunn and Pleasant Springs, the City of Stoughton, and FOLKS. FOLKS manages and provides funding for this important program. This service makes leaf collection easier for lake residents where they can pile their leaves next to the street to be

vacuumed by staff from Dunn and Pleasant Springs. We rent the leaf collection truck from Stoughton. Collecting leaves prevents a significant amount of phosphorous, created by decaying leaves, from entering Lake Kegonsa. As you know, phosphorous is the major contributing nutrient to the growth of algae. Keeping it out of the lake helps reduce algae. We encourage all lake residents to use the leaf collection service during the scheduled weekends.

On October 15, 2025, FOLKS will host a Fall update meeting at Springers beginning at 5:00 p.m. All members are invited. You will hear about FOLKS programs and have a chance to meet neighbors and make new friends. We encourage you to attend!

Thanks for your support. Please enjoy the beautiful Fall and have a good Winter season.

Fall Leaf Pick Up Dates

Mark your calendars for fall leaf pick up dates! All of us can contribute to the health of Lake Kegonsa by removing leaves from our yards. Tree leaves and grass clippings only - NO GARDEN WASTE, NO HOSTAS, NO TOMATO VINES, NO LONG GRASSES, NO POTTED PLANTS. Anything other than tree leaves and grass clippings can clog the vacuum!

Pleasant Springs: 11/1-2 and 11/15-16

Dunn: 11/8-9 and 11/29-30

FOLKS Membership Events

Join us October 15 at Springers for our fall social and updates! It's a great time to see neighbors, make new friends, and learn about ways to get involved with FOLKS. RSVP:

<https://www.kegonsa.org/event-details/folks-fall-update-and-social>

Save the date for 2026 annual FOLK meeting! June 6 at Stoughton Country Club.

DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management Event





The WI DNR Bureau of Fisheries Management provided FOLKS members with a very informative discussion about the fish in Lake Kegonsa along with an electrofishing demonstration at Fish Camp on August 27th. Mitchell Trow, lead Biologist and Josh Jonet, Advanced Fisheries Technician, are members of a three man department that conduct fish surveys on the streams, rivers, and lakes in Dane, Green, and Rock County. They temporarily capture fish by using Fyke Nets or electrofishing in order to study their species, size, and abundance.

The DNR looks at trends and comparisons using past reports when analyzing the results. This data not only gives them insight into the fish population in the lake, but also the overall health of the lake. The last survey conducted on Lake Kegonsa was in 2023 with the results to be posted this winter. Mitch reports all fish species are healthy and in good abundance in Lake Kegonsa. He also remarked that the Carp are fewer in numbers as also evidenced by the increased aquatic plant population requiring no further need to remove the carp. The department also conducts fish stocking of Walleyes every two years. Studies have shown that stocking pan fish does not lead to overall increased numbers in the lake; instead, improvement of fish habitat such as the fish cribs and fish stick style cribs are the best way to maintain and improve the fish population.

Volunteer Opportunities in October

The Clean Lake Alliance and Dane County Parks have extended volunteer opportunities to our members. We appreciate our partnerships with these organizations to support our natural environments we enjoy throughout Dane County!

Birdability at Fish Camp – October 25

Join Dane County Parks, Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance, Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society, and Birdability for a FREE Birdability Week event at Fish Camp County Park for a variety of birding-related experiences. Volunteers are need to help with set up, parking and clean up. Come volunteer and stay

for the event! Sign up here:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/563584826094/false#/invitation>

[Birdability Week](#) is a time to uplift and amplify the experiences of birders with disabilities and other health concerns, fostering joy, community, and connection with nature. This special event is designed to make birding and the outdoors welcoming, inclusive, safe, and accessible for all.

Seed Collection in McFarland October 30

The Clean Lake Alliance is hosting a seed collection event at [Marsh Woods Park](#), located on Lower Mud Lake. Harvesting seeds enhances native planning along our shores, thereby limiting runoff into our lakes.

Date: Thursday, October 30

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: [Marsh Woods Park](#)

Note: Closed-toed shoes are required, and long sleeve and pants layers are suggested to best protect yourself from scratches, bugs, ticks, etc. No previous experience necessary, all are welcome to join! Seed collections are within the prairie, off trail. Please be aware of non-stable footing and potential tripping hazards throughout the prairie.

Sign up link here: <https://signup.com/go/EFboyWB>

Water Levels

Check out Dane County Land and Water for the most current lake levels and dam status information:

<https://lwr.danecounty.gov/Lake-Levels>

FOLKS Calendar of Events

Date	Activity
October 15	FOLKS Fall Social at Springers
November 1-2	Leaf Pick Up Pleasant Springs
November 8-9	Leaf Pick Up Dunn
November 15-16	Leaf Pick Up Pleasant Springs
November 29-30	Leaf Pick Up Dunn
June 6, 2026	Annual FOLKS Meeting at Stoughton Country Club

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(www.kegonsa.org) or Facebook page

FOLKS board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month except for a
couple of months in the winter. The public are always welcome.
Next Board Meeting is August 12 , 2025, 6:00 PM, Stoughton Country Club