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#### NCA UPCOMING EVENTS

NCA MEETING April 19 @ 630pm @Bridges NCA MEETING: May 17 @ 630pm @Dockside NCA MEETING: June 21 @ 630pm @Norwood

We are always looking for volunteers or those willing to come to meeting to keep our events alive.

#### **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

#### **WORDS FROM OUR VILLAGE PRESIDENT:**

I was with an individual from another community a couple weeks ago and the subject of July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks came up. We both thought that the fireworks display at each of our communities was the best

ever and he inquired about how our Village funded our fireworks. The answer is, our fireworks are fully funded by our Community Association. Funds are raised through donations and fund-raising events. Please consider donating or attending community fundraisers.

The Village Board is in the process of applying for funds through the newly enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. We plan to submit a request to place asphalt on the sections of roads that were pulverized and graveled last fall. If successful, we could receive up to 80% of the project cost.

If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved in our community, I encourage you to contact any member of our community association. They are always looking for volunteers to help with their many events.

Jim Jonasen, Village President





SPLISH! SPLASH!--For as long as there has been a village of Lake Nebagamon there has been fun on the beach. These 1950s bathers frolic while the grown-ups watch and chat.

## Shimmering Summer Images Lake Nebagamon is a Place to Build Memories

**By Sandy Cota** of the Milwaukee Journal Staff July 19, 1981

Lake Nebagamon, Wis. — If it wasn't a real place. Lake Nebagamon would exist in my mind.

It fits my blueprint for a nice little town on a nice big lake, seeming so perfect for Wisconsin.

It brings to life images of Wisconsin's lake country that have been collecting in my head since childhool—shimmering memories of sunny days, sandy beaches, sparkling water and the delicious coolness of the green woods.

It's a reminder of the lemonade, lollipop, ice cream cone world that exists before you're old enough for work and worries and weariness.

It touches the remotest sections of the spirit where the best North Woods memories are tucked away — the call of loons carrying across a lake glittering with the silvery light of sunrise, whippoorwills telling the world that they're awake in the darkness, the flicker of a wood fire while rain beats a tattoo on the roof.

Best of all, because it is real, Lake Nebagamon

seems sure to create a new store of memories to be savored when you're long gone or far away.

The village of Lake Nebagamon nestles near the eastern edge of Douglas County, fitting into the curve on the north side of the lake whose name it shares.

It's been there since long ago logging days. And in some ways it must appear the same. It still has big old houses with inviting porches, shady streets and a timeless, unhurried look.

But Lake Nebagamon hasn't been passed by. There are new homes, playgrounds, picnic sites, municipal parking. And the usual sprinkling of signs: Old Style, Coke, Evinrude, Standard, Pabst Blue Ribbon. All signs of life in the north.

And, right in the middle of town, there's a beach that's a magnet for little kids, big kids, teen-agers

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plotting new conquests, old timers letting the water wash away some years.

It's a spot where you can corner your own piece of sunshine and sand, sit back an watch the world go by.

It's a barefoot world filled with sunburned shoulders, blisters, beach balls, sand castles, canoes, freckles. Frisbees, fishing poles, rafts, diving boards, speedboats, willow trees. And the shivers that are the price a little swimmer pays for being in the water too long.

Those are some of the things that never change.

Years ago, when Lake Nebagamon was a logging town, it had a population of about 1,000 and 16 saloons, says William Arnold, who has been postmaster for 28 years. That was back in about 1900 or 1905.

The population was down to about 340 in 1940. Arnold says, but was back up to 780 in the last census, including the retirees who go away in winter. Today's residents aren't as thirsty as the old lumberjacks were. There are now two bars, Arnold says, and if their patrons are too noisy at closing time it sets dogs to barking. The bars are outnumbered by churches.

The post office's business picks up in summer when the cottages ringing the lake are reopened, and when 350 boys check in at Camp Nebagamon for Boys.

There's another flurry when the Tamburitzans of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh return. The song and dance troupe has made Lake Nebagamon its summer home for more than 40 years.



HEY, YOU OUT ON THE RAFT--Lifeguard Tony Coletta admonishes a rambunctious swimmer playing on the raft at the village's public beach during the summer of 1983. The beach has been a popular recreation spot for residents throughout the area for scores of years. Tony and his younger brother, Jim, spent five summers watching over Nebagamon swimmers.



BEACH BOY-Before there were dressing rooms in the Lake Nebagamon Auditorium, bathers dressed in a little bathhouse down near the public beach. Helmer Wicken enjoys the sun here as he awaits customers at the bathhouse. Mr. Wicken kept order in the house and on the beach for many years.

Like a lot of worthwhile places. Lake Nebagamon isn't a spot where you're likely to land unless you're looking for it. Or unless the Coolidge Memorial Highway is one of your regular routes.

In the summer of 1928. President Calvin Coolidge chose a private lodge on the Brule River as his summer White House. And he set up an office in Superior's Central High School.

Coolidge's trips to Superior from the Cedar Island Lodge on the Brule, near the settlement of Winneboujou, took him through Lake Nebagamon. The president spent three months at the 4,000 acre estate, which had been offered for his use by the heirs of financier Henry Clay Pierce, a pioneer in oil financing who in the early days had been considered John D. Rockefeller's only formidable rival.

Five years later, the route he had traveled was designated as the Coolidge Memorial Highway. It covers County Highway B between the Brule and Lake Nebagamon, and County P from Lake Nebagamon to Poplar.

That route probably doesn't look a lot different now than when Calvin Coolidge climbed back on the train in September of 1928. There are tall tamaracks, white pines, berry bushes, wild roses and oodles of ferns. There's still some logging going on. And fishermen are still trying their luck on the Brule. It's a route worthy of a president. And a treat for all the rest of us, too.

History Information from History of Nebagamon book written by Catherine Coletta, copies available by calling JoAnne @ (218) 390-1832

#### **NEBAGAMON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATES:**

NCA MEETINGS~ We are keeping our meetings at local businesses, to support them and to welcome anyone to come join in to help set up the upcoming events. If you have any interest, care to volunteer, just want to give some feedback on what you would like to see then please join us (President David Dinda~ Vice President Mike Ross ~ Secretary Lindsey Wilson~ Treasurer Patti Coughlin): Third Tuesday each Month

### **Apr 19** May 17 June 21

#### **COMMUNITY VISITOR BOOKLETS:**

The community association is gathering information from local businesses to produce a booklet for those visiting our community, weather visiting for the day or staying at a vacation rental in our area. These would be a great way for others to know exactly what our area has to offer. If your business wants to have a flyer, brochure, menu, hours of activity available, entertainment etc. Let us know by sending an email: <a href="mailto:nebagamoncommuityassociation@gmail.com">nebagamoncommuityassociation@gmail.com</a>

#### **NEBAGAMON 4th FEST IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER:**

We are still deep in the planning stages for the activities for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The fireworks will be on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. The parade, boat parade, entertainment and kids games will all be coming soon with updates on times and activities will be published.

#### **LOOKING FOR VENDORS:**

From Spring to Fall we are looking for active vendors to join in the Saturday Morning Farmers Market. Those that participated last year did well, we had great turn outs of customers to shop, now we need to focus on having vendors to sell, everyone is welcome. Do you have a special talent to share?? We would love to have you! If you are interested for a specific time frame or each Saturday contact Terry @ <a href="mailto:Gravestg1@outlook.com">Gravestg1@outlook.com</a> e also plan to have street vendors for the weekend of the 4th of July... If you are interested in this also contact Terry @ <a href="mailto:Gravestg1@outlook.com">Gravestg1@outlook.com</a> e outlook.com

#### ANNUAL 4TH FEST FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT:

We are starting the planning also for our 2023 Fireworks Fundraising and the Golf Tournament is a huge part of the funds collected for our yearly display and entertainment.

# April 2022

Sunday Monday	NCA Free State Trivia w/Debbie  Auditorium @Bridges 7pm DJ Trivia @Dockside 7pm 7pm	10 Trivia w/Debbie @ <b>Bridges</b> 7pm DJ Trivia @ <b>Dockside</b> 7pm	NCA Free State Trivia w/Debbie  Auditorium @Bridges 7pm DJ Trivia @Dockside 7pm	NCA Free State  Auditorium  1-4pm  Auditorium  DJ Trivia @Dockside  Residuates 7pm Critical @Dockside  Promise Dockside  Residuates 7pm Critical Promise Residuate  Residuates 7pm Auditorium Auditori
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Wednesday	6 Smear League @ <b>Dockside</b> 6pm	13 Smear League @ <b>Dockside</b> 6pm	20 Smear League @ <b>Dockside</b> 6pm	Smear League @Dockside 6pm End of Season party
Thursday	7 Exercise for Everyone @ Auditorium 9am	14 Exercise for Everyone @ Auditorium 9am	21 Exercise for Everyone @ Audiforium 9am	Exercise for Everyone @ Auditorium 9am
Fiday  1 Russ Darwin 7pm  @Bridges	8 Russ Darwin 7pm @ <b>Bridges</b>	15 John and Andy 7pm @ <b>Bridges</b>	22 Russ Darwin 7pm @ <b>Bridges</b>	Russ Darwin 7pm @Bridges
Saturday 2 Ricky Biggs 4pm @Dockside	6	16 Len and Lois 2pm @ <b>Dockside</b>	23	30

Have anything you want listed on the calendar ?? send email to nebagamoncommunityassociation@gmail.com

#### 2022

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#### **VILLAGE OF LAKE NEBAGAMON:**

https://villagelakenebagamon.com/
The Village Board meets the SECOND Tuesday of each month. As always, it takes a Village.



#### ANNUAL Dragin' Tail 5 Mile Run/Walk:

Mark your calendars and watch for Future posts for the annual Dragin' Tail Run/Walk always a great day in Nebagamon to support our Fire Department...



SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022 AT 8 AM

LNVFD Annual Dragin' Tail 5 Mile Run/Walk