

# Lake George Flooding Summary

## What to do list

### Emergency Call 911

Red Cross 800-236-8680 option 9. Backup number 414-659-0373.

Flood information packets available at Village hall. 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Pump Station released (Discharge Sewage Service Overflow) call list will be executed by the Village.

County has sand bags on Hwy C at sand pit outside door.  
32303 116<sup>th</sup> St. Pit is not staffed, County office 262-857-1870.

Downed trees, washed out roads, call Village 262-857-2368.

Health Concerns and water test kits. Kenosha County Division of Health 262-605-6700. \*

Mass garbage pickup. Call Village hall for pickup info. 262-857-2368.

Kenosha County Emergency Management 262-605-7900. \*

Red Cross Emergency Housing 800-236-8680.

St. Vincent De Paul. Clothing, household goods. 262-877-2557 \*

The Sharing Center. Food, clothing supplies. 25700 Wilmot Rd, Trevor. 262-298-5535 \*

\* Info from County of Kenosha, Office of the Sheriff.

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The Fire Department and the Village are currently reviewing and updating the Village Emergency Management Plan. This includes working on improving communications with Kenosha County Emergency Management and exploring options for delivering important information to the public in a timely manner.

County has sand bags on Hwy C at sand pit outside door.  
32303 116<sup>th</sup> St. Pit is not staffed, County office nbr 262-857-1870.  
Bristol has limited amount of sand bags at Public Works. 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.  
8101 195th Ave 262-857-9554. Emergency 262-620-1295.

Q = Question. A = Answer.

## Notifications.

Q. Pump Station being released.

A. Needed to be done so water does not backup up into houses.

Village notified landowner first.

The Village will follow a call list being developed by Lake George residents. This list will be kept in the Village hall and maintained by Lake George residents.

The list will work by having the Village call 2 to 3 person, they in turn will call 2 or 3 and so on till all our notified.

Other Answers:

Post Signs. Not visible to all. Not an option.

Email, not all have email.

Robodialer like school does. \$50 a month.

Have the Village call all people in Lake George. The Village does not have the resources to call every home.

Q. Why were signs not posted about closed roads.

A. All Village brigades were posted on 10 roads. The road that was not posted has only 1 house on it.

Q. Water not receding.

A driveway across DNR land is preventing water flow. Village has been working with DNR for years, but no progress. Public Works dug a ditch to help, but under 3 feet of water. Can Village just dig it out ? No it is on DNR land. Village talked to DNR again week of 8/1/17. When current planted beans are harvested, DNR will fix road so it drains better.

Beaver Dams need to be removed.

John McCabe has a trapper they will remove beavers at a reduced cost. The dams must be located and then the trapper can start.

The Village contracted a engineering firm to review the Lake George area and will give recommendations on what could be done.

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Q Trees and other stuff in waterways slowing drainage.

A. County and DNR says residents are responsible. If Village has access and landowner permission, the Village might be able to help.

Q. Standing water in yards.

A. The Village does not drain private property. There was no where to drain the water. The Village did trench a dugout NE by Roger Lemay 4837 190<sup>th</sup> Ave and draining cesspool across road. The Village has replacing the culvert under 190<sup>th</sup> on 7/28/17.

Q. What to do about trees falling from growing in peat moss ?

A. If trees on right of way, Village will handle once the Village is notified of them.

## Fire Department

Q. Have someone posted on road during flooding.

A. Fire Dept. did drive around and monitor for access. No 911 calls were made.

If roads become flooded, road washed out, or trees fall down, truck and people are stuck there.

Cost is \$150 per hour for truck plus 2 resources and their cost.

Not an option.

## Public Works.

Q. Have someone posted on road during flooding.

A. Public works has 6 employees. If 2 are parked, that leaves 4 for the remaining Village projects and the fire department will also be short 2 people because they work both jobs.

Not an option.

Q. Can the village drop gravel for temporary sidewalks and driveway.

A. How will the village get there if flooded?

Gravel will wash out if there is current in the water and may cause flooding elsewhere.

If gravel is needed for sidewalk, resident can pay for gravel and resources to clean up if not needed anymore.

If the truck gets stuck and sinks in when loaded with gravel, the problem becomes worse.

Not an option.

Q. Driveway wiped out of unusable.

A. Village will replace by road in right of way when water recedes.

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Q Sewage

A. Pats took 162,000 gallons in 3 trucks first.

Overflow ditch cleaned and being maintained. 7/28/17.

Lift station by Lake George Lodge was pumped to Pats and did not need to drain.

Are resident's sump pumps hooked to sewer lines? The Village needs help to prevent this. Can the residents help and redirect their pumps?

Q. Can there be a retention pond past the lift station to hold water ?

A. Not needed. The ditch was cleaned out so sewage flows into the Dutch Gap.

Q. Can village pump water further out?

Not needed. The ditch was cleaned out so sewage flows into the Dutch Gap.

**Q. Contaminated water.**

A. County is giving out free drinking water.

Testing kits are available from the Village and the County. Packages are marked 'Flooding', which makes the test free.

Kenosha County will test 2 beaches every week starting 7/28/17.

Sewage also came from farm where sludge was dumped by farmer and flowed into the lake and yards. The farm has a DNR permit to put sludge there. It rained before the farmer could till the sludge into the ground.

Some sewage came from animal waste from dogs, cats, etc that was washed into the area.

The overflow ditch was put in by the pump station but has been filled in. The Village redug the ditch and cleared trees week of 7/28/17. The Village does not know who filled it in or why.

Q. What do people do about flooding financial help?

A. Packets are available from the Village and County. The Sharing Center is taking appointments by phone to assist. 262-298-5535.

Q. 101<sup>st</sup> sinking about 50 yards from the hill to the beach. It was underwater.

A. Not sinking. Appeared to be because it was underwater.

Q. Can road on DNR land be fixed and used as an alternate route?

A. No, it is on floodplain and is in worst condition then roads.

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## **Walter Fisher list.**

### **See attachment from Walter Fisher.**

1. The Fire Dept and Village did drive around and check for road access and problems like down trees. No 911 calls were made.
2. DNR issued permit to Village. The Village determines when to use the 'Discharge Sewage Service Overflow' permit using DNR regulations.
3. The Village.
4. Village called the landowner where sewage was dumped. A call list is being built to notify the residents.
5. Private property and flowed to the Dutch Gap..
6. The Village hall and the County have detailed maps and online access at county site - <http://co.kenosha.wi.us/673/Interactive-Mapping> or Zillow - <https://www.zillow.com/>
7. The sewage was pumped to the Dutch Gap canal. Sewage came to lake residents from the farm field sludge, also pumped from overflowed houses, yards and animals like cats and dogs.
8. Residents need to test their own water. Kits are available from the Village and County.
9. 1 person lives on that part of the street. All the Villages brigades were used on 10 other populated roads.
10. Multiple agencies, not the village. Testing needs to be requested. County will test 2 beaches every week.
11. Testing is free if done now.
12. Same as 11.
13. The Dutch Gap is mostly on DBR land and some private land. The DNR, State, and County says it is the residents responsibility to maintain it. The Village might be able to go and help depending on access and the landowner's permission. In the past some residents did monitor it.

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14. There were no 911 calls and both the Fire Department and Public works were monitoring the area. A call list will be put in place so next time the pump station is drained, the residents will know.

### Resources:

Village Trustee John McCabe 262-857-9115

Village Administrator Randy Kerkman 262-857-2368

Fire and Rescue Chief Niederer 262-857-2711

Roger Lemay 4837 190<sup>th</sup> Ave 262-515-2345

Walter Fisher 708-927-0638