

Summer 2022

Hello Rutland!

It's definitely summertime in the Town of Rutland, a beautiful time of year when we all enjoy the many sights and sounds of rural life within our 36 square miles of land. I am always impressed with the increasing number of people and vehicles in the parking lot off of Old Stage Road who are participating in the many recreational opportunities that the expansive Badfish Creek offers. Many outdoor enthusiasts report that our 'creek' is one of the best kayaking prospects in southern Wisconsin. I have paddled from Old Stage to nearby Casey Road and would have to agree with this assessment. Following is a descriptive excerpt from [www.wisconsinrivertrips.com](http://www.wisconsinrivertrips.com). Check this website out; they have beautiful scenic pictures that will motivate you to visit this beautiful nature area.

"Another option would be to put in at Old Stage Road and take out at North Casey Road (which is a favorite), making it roughly 6.75 miles long. On this stretch, your boat control will be tested. There are many twists and turns as well as sets of riffles to navigate. There's also plenty of wildlife to view in this area. On every segment I usually came across a blue heron that I'd follow downstream. Carp and minnows could be seen in the deeper sections as well. There were also some deer between Cooksville and North Casey Road where the banks of the creek were lower. This is our absolute favorite paddling stretch near Madison – we've directed paddlers to Old Stage Road numerous times over the last decade. With almost always reliable water levels, riffles, sand/gravel bars, and maintained access points, it's as delightful of a paddle experience one could ask for."

The Friends of Badfish Creek work hard to keep this area pristine. I hope you will explore and enjoy the possibilities offered within our DNR land.

The MadCity Velo Bike Club has also recognized this scenic Rutland area as conducive for their annual bike event. This year, the bike event will be held on Saturday morning, July 30, 2022 primarily on Old Stage, Old Stone and Center Roads. Mr. Steve Wehrley is the event coordinator and designed their club's logo that represents Bad Fish Creek. Thank you to the Rutland residents who take part by "cheering on" the bicyclers. If you have any questions or concerns about this event, please feel free to contact me.

If you are wanting to continue to celebrate Independence Day, Dan Dean, a Rutland resident and longtime professional member of the Brooklyn Fire/EMS District, is again hosting a fireworks event on his private property on Hwy 138 this Saturday evening, July 9, 2022. With the help of family, friends and members of the fire department, Dan has been organizing this free, permitted event for 20 years. I attended last year's event and was incredibly impressed with the professional organization, great food and beverages, live music and fireworks. If you attend, please don't park along Hwy 138 for obvious safety reasons. Dan has parking assistance on his property located near the intersection of Hwy 138 and Sunrise Road. Thank you, Dan, for hosting a great, organized event in our town!

Speaking of events in our town, we are pleased to have the Madison International Speedway, a NASCAR sanctioned ½ & ¼ mile racing facility in Rutland. Boasting many famous racers, MIS offers exciting events for the whole family all summer long. With 18-degree banked turns, the track is billed as "The Track of Champions" and "Wisconsin's Fastest Half Mile." Check their website for dates and schedules:

<https://mistracing.com>

I hope you all enjoy the many interesting summertime sights and events in Rutland. As always, I encourage you to attend our town board meetings - typically held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Sincerely,

Deana M. Zentner, Chairperson

