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**Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee Agenda
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers (Main Level)**

Members:

Chairperson - Cindy Yager; Members - Sherri Ames, Linda Frame, Brian Smith and Cathy Stoodley.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from November 11, 2025
5. Harbormaster Report
6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding revisions to the Lakefront Fee Schedule
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Ordinance 90-199 Classifications for Rental of Boat Stalls and Buoys
8. Adjournment

*This is a meeting of the Piers, Harbors & Lakefront Committee.
No official Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members: Chairperson - Cindy Yager; Members - Sherri Ames, Linda Frame, Brian Smith and Cathy Stoodley.

Call to Order

by Chairperson Yager at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Cynthia Yager, Sherri Ames, Linda Frame, Brian Smith and Cathy Stoodley. Absent: None. Others present: Mayor Todd Krause, Alders Hoiland and Fesenmaier, City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, Harbormaster Erick Nicia, Parks Director David Winger and other interested persons.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda

Bernie Fay spoke about item 7.

Approval of the minutes from September 10, 2025

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Nicia reported on updating signage, sign orders and wristband information. Alder Frame asked about boat trailer parking and discussion took place.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding city beach bracelets with QR code

Motion by Ames to suspend the rules so Deanna from Visit LG can speak, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Harbormaster Nicia spoke about the partnership with Visit LG, the QR code and updated beach passes. Discussion took place. Motion by Stoodley to approve, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

Administrator De Angelis and Parks Director Winger gave brief overviews of the proposal. Staff will move forward and set a joint meeting with Piers and Parks.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds
City Clerk

Harbormaster Report
Tuesday December 16th, 2025
Piers, Harbor & Lakefront Committee
Harbormaster Erick Nicia, City of Lake Geneva

Harbormaster Office Hours

Effective January 19, 2026

- **Monday:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Tuesday:** Not in Office
 - **Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - **Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - **Friday:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Beach Operations Updates

Water Safety Patrol Contract

The Water Safety Patrol (WSP) contract is currently being reworked and is anticipated to be ready for review by the Piers, Harbor & Lakefront Committee (PHL) in February. At this time, the Lake Geneva Fire Department and the Water Safety Patrol are collaborating on mutual policies and standard operating procedures.

The intent of this delay is not to alter or weaken the existing partnership with the Water Safety Patrol, but rather to ensure the agreement accurately reflects the City's current operational needs, public safety practices, and evolving beach usage trends.

Beach Rolling Doors

Despite requesting estimates from seven companies for replacement of the beach rolling doors, only one formal estimate was received. Three companies conducted site visits.

The estimate includes replacement of:

- Two restroom rolling doors
- Four countertop rolling doors

It was noted that the countertop rolling doors are the more urgent concern, as they are currently pulling away from the wall and present a potential safety issue.

The total estimate received is **\$35,388.00** for all six doors. I am currently working with the Comptroller to determine the best path forward.

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Resident Wristbands

Resident silicone wristbands for the 2026 season have been ordered and are expected to arrive no later than **January 1**.

The 2026 resident wristbands will be **red** (see design reference).

2026 Leases

Once the updated fee schedule is approved, the 2026 leases will be finalized and mailed.

Riviera Events

The total number of events held at the Riviera for 2025 will be at 65.

MEMORANDUM



To: Piers, Harbor & Lakefront Committee

From: Erick Nicia, Harbormaster

Date: December 5, 2025

Subject: Proposed Adjustment to 2026 Lakefront Fee Schedule (CPI Increase)

Overview

This memo is to recommend a 3% adjustment to the 2026 Lakefront slip, buoy, dinghy, kayak rack leases consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) change for the 12-month period of January–December 2025 as reported by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR); the CPI for this period averaged **3%**. It is best practice for City to adjust user fees to keep pace with inflation and operational cost increases.

Additionally, the fees for the Riviera lower-level concourse and storage/office areas reflect updated rates consistent with Lessee's current lease.

Rationale for Lease Fee Adjustment

Inflationary Cost Alignment: A 3% CPI increase reflects the rising costs of labor, maintenance, materials, and contracted services required to operate the lakefront, beach, and piers.

Operational Sustainability: Applying a 3% increase ensures the Lakefront Fund remains healthy and capable of supporting maintenance needs and service quality expectations.

Fee Consistency: A standardized 3% increase maintains fairness and uniformity across lakefront-related fees.

Proposed Action

Based on January through December 2025 Wisconsin DOR reported CPI, my office requests the Committee to review and recommend approval of a **3% increase** to the 2026 Lakefront fees for slips, buoys, dinghies, and kayak rack leases.

Harbormaster Erick Nicia

LAKEFRONT	
BEACH (Open Memorial Day thru Labor Day)	
Children age 6 and under	Free
Ages 7 and up	\$10.00 per day
Annual Resident Beach Bracelet (Maximum 6 per Household)	\$3.00 per bracelet
Non-Resident Student Annual Bracelet: Students of Lake Geneva Joint #1 Schools, Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union (Badger) High School, St. Francis De Sales School & First Lutheran School (Limit 1 bracelet per student)	\$25.00 per bracelet with valid student ID
Non-Resident Annual Beach Bracelet Ages 7 and up	\$100.00 per bracelet
Beach Bathrooms – Opening/Cleaning	Hourly Rate

BOAT LAUNCH PERMIT (Wrigley Drive)		
One-Time Launch	Resident	Non-Resident
Non-Trailer Non-Motor	\$13.75	\$13.75
Less than 20 feet	\$16.25	\$16.25
20 feet to 25 feet 11 inches	\$20.50	\$30.75
26 feet and over	\$24.75	\$37.25
Season Launch Permit	Resident	Non-Resident
Non-Trailer Non-Motor	\$137.50	\$137.50
Less than 20 feet	\$162.50	\$162.50
20 feet to 25 feet 11 inches	\$205.00	\$307.50
26 feet and over	\$247.50	\$372.50
Replacement Sticker	\$5.00	\$5.00

KAYAK LAUNCH PERMIT (Library Park)		
One -Time Kayak Launch	\$10.00	
Season Launch Pass for Kayaks, Canoes and Paddleboards (non-trailer, non-motor)	Resident \$100.00	Non-Resident \$100.00

ANNUAL WEST-END PIER SLIP, LAGOON SLIP, BUOY, DINGHY, KAYAK AND PADDLEBOARD RACK LEASE PERMITS	Rates below effective January 13, 2025	
WEST-END PIER 24' SLIP		
Resident	\$2,307.00	\$2,240.00
Non- Resident Property Owner- Dwelling	\$3,626.00	\$3,521.00
Non-Resident Property Owner- Lot or Rental	\$4,231.00	\$4,108.00
Non-Resident	\$4,833.00	\$4,693.00
WEST-END PIER 26' SLIP		
Resident	\$2,692.00	\$2,614.00
Non- Resident Property Owner- Dwelling	\$4,100.00	\$3,991.00
Non-Resident Property Owner- Lot or Rental	\$4,674.00	\$4,538.00
Non-Resident	\$5,237.00	\$5,085.00
LIBRARY PARK BUOYS		
RESIDENT	\$994.00	\$966.00
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER-DWELLING	\$1,734.00	\$1,684.00
NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER-LOT OR RENTAL	\$2,076.00	\$2,016.00
NON-RESIDENT	\$2,417.00	\$2,347.00
LAGOON SLIP		

Consumer Price Index Calculation Chart

(updated last on 10-24-2025)

Beginning date of one-year collective bargaining agreement	Applicable CPI-U as determined by WI Department of Revenue
April 1, 2026	2.70%
March 1, 2026	2.65%
February 1, 2026	2.62%
January 1, 2026	2.64%
December 1, 2025	2.66%
November 1, 2025	2.74%
October 1, 2025	2.82%
September 1, 2025	2.91%
August 1, 2025	2.94%
July 1, 2025	2.95%
June 1, 2025	2.99%
May 1, 2025	3.02%
April 1, 2025	3.07%
March 1, 2025	3.18%
February 1, 2025	3.27%
January 1, 2025	3.30%

Chart from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) (taken 05DEC2025)

https://werc.wi.gov/doaroot/cpi-u_chart.htm