

## Okauchee Lake News

### Get to Know OLMD's Chairperson

We recently sat down with Carol Wilson, Chairperson of the Okauchee Management District (OLMD). To give you an opportunity to know her better, we asked a few questions:

**How long have you lived on Okauchee Lake?** My entire life... over 70 years!

**Tell us about yourself and OLMD.** I grew up on the Lake and raised my family here. Most of my career took place in printing as a press operator. The Okauchee Lake Civic Association was formed around 1966 and helped coordinate the weed harvesting operations owned by the Town of Oconomowoc. OLMD was formed in 1975 and I became a member of the Board in 1978. This piqued my interest and I then entered public service in 1983 as a Town of Oconomowoc Board Supervisor. In 1984, I was elected to the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors and held both jobs for almost 20 years. Except for a short two year time period, Carol has been an active member of OLMD.



**What do you like best about living on the lake?** The peace & tranquility of living on the lake and the good fortunate of being able to live here.

**How long have you been Chair of the OLMD and what do you like best about being part of the OLMD Commission?** I've been the Chairperson since 1999. The best part of being on the Board is being able to work with other board members to protect and preserve the lake for future generations so they can enjoy the lake as much as I have.

**If you could do spend only one afternoon on the lake, where would you go? Why?** I love sitting on the end of my pier watching people. It's very peaceful and I like to see everyone enjoying themselves on the lake.

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## Spraying Permit Information

The permit for weed spraying has been issued and is available for viewing at [www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org) along with maps of the permitted spraying areas. We hope to do an initial spray mid-June, dependent on weather conditions.

It is anticipated that approximately 125-140 acres will be treated during the season. The harvesting season will begin June 1st unless conditions warrant an earlier start. We're looking forward to a great season on the lake!

## Fun Facts about Okauchee Lake

- Okauchee Lake is comprised of 1,210 acres with a maximum depth of 115 feet.
- Okauchee Lake has approximately 18 miles of shoreline.
- The Okauchee Lake Improvement Association incorporated in 1909 and later became the Oconomowoc Civic Association in the 1950's. The Association collected \$100 and spent it to remove stumps from the channels to protect motors.
- The Okauchee Lake Management District was formed in 1975.
- Okauchee Lake is fed by and drains to the Oconomowoc River. It is the third in a chain of lakes on the river with Freiss Lake and North Lake upstream and

Oconomowoc Lake, Fowler Lake and Lac La Belle located downstream.

- In 1924 there were only two speed boats on the lake.
- A mail boat was put into operation on the lake in 1910 and ran until the 1950's.

## Okauchee Lake Trivia

How much do you know?!!



1. How many types of sport fish are found in Okauchee Lake? Can you name them?
2. What is the name of the organization that manages Okauchee Lake?
3. Who is the current Chairperson of the Okauchee Lake Management District?
4. Lower Okauchee Lake is also referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ Lake by some residents?

Answers can be found on Page 4

## Maintenance Mechanic Needed!

The ideal candidate must have a mechanical background on diesel engines, hydraulics, and electrical troubleshooting, as well as welding experience. Some knowledge of outboard motors and CDL is considered a plus. Please call 262-966-0286 and leave a message with your contact information.



## Weed Cutting & Safety

*Help keep our employees and equipment safe!*

Please keep your boat/wave runners at least 100-150 feet away from the equipment at all times. Our equipment is much harder to steer and change direction than a boat. If passing by our equipment, please do so with no wake. Waves can cause our equipment operators to lose control of the equipment.

Please do not swim near or around our equipment. If you are swimming in between piers or docks, we cannot cut weeds in your area until swimmers are out of the water.

Please mark any underwater obstacles such as boat tracks, ramps, raft chains, etc. These obstacles are unsafe for our employees and equipment. Markings should be made with a clearly visible buoy. Unmarked obstacles will prevent us from cutting in or around your area.

Following these simple rules will ensure safety of you, your property, our employees, and our equipment.

## Barging Policy

The OLMD policy regarding collection of aquatic plants from landowners specifies that all plants for pick up MUST be placed on the end of the pier. This placement facilitates pick up, avoids damage to the hull of the barge on shoreline obstructions (i.e., rocks) and allows the employee to safely transfer the plant material to the barge.

Plants will be picked up during the week from piers in the sections we are cutting on a particular day and every Monday and Friday, weather permitting.

Plants must be free of any trash, such as cans, tree limbs, leaves, etc. as the farmers who receive our material will not accept anything but plants.

In the rare event plants must be on the shoreline, they must be in one pile in a location that allows the employee to easily transfer the plants directly to the barge. Please note that adequate space is required between piers, boat-lifts, etc. to safely maneuver the barge to the pick up point (20 foot minimum). If in the opinion of the foreman (and after discussion with the riparian owner) these conditions are not met, the Commission's policy is to refuse pick up of plant material until the above conditions have been met.

If you have any questions, please call 262-966-0286.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting date has been set for Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. Mark your calendars to attend this important meeting!



# Goose Round-Up

This will be the eighth year the District will cooperate with the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service to round up the non-migratory Canadian Geese on Okauchee Lake. Because the goose round-up has proved to be successful, a round-up was not necessary in 2013. This year's Goose Round-Up will take place in mid-June when the birds are flightless.

In order for this project to move forward we need your consent. **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED THE CONSENT FORM TO US, PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED GOOSE ROUND-UP CONSENT FORM BELOW BY JUNE 15, 2014.** **We are required to have your consent to access your property before the Round-Up.** Return the consent form to:

OLMD  
P.O. BOX 526  
Okauchee, WI 53069

You can now fill the form out online. To do so, please go to our website, [www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org) and click on "Forms".

We need to know where the geese hang out! Please let us know where you have seen geese by calling the OLMD office at 262-966-0286 or emailing us at [info@olmd.org](mailto:info@olmd.org).

## Permission for Entry to Property for Goose Round-Up

I authorize representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture—Wildlife Services and the Okauchee Lake Management District (OLMD) to access the property/properties listed below for the purposes of goose round-up. This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. Decisions on goose management will be made on an annual basis. Please contact the OLMD by calling its office at 262-966-0286, Carol Wilson at 262-367-7363, or by emailing [info@olmd.org](mailto:info@olmd.org) if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, know of a nest, or have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form as soon as possible, no later than June 15.**

Send to: OLMD  
PO Box 526  
Okauchee, WI 53069  
Email: [info@olmd.org](mailto:info@olmd.org)  
Fax: 262-569-0971

## Okauchee Lake Rules & Reminders

Each year, as the boating season brings us opportunities for fun, sporting challenges, and relaxation, it is helpful to remember a few of the rules and regulations of Okauchee Lake.

- Okauchee Lake has a maximum speed of 40 mph from 8 a.m. until sunset.
- From sunset until 8 a.m., the maximum speed on the lake is 10 mph.
- The speed of motorboats within 100 feet of a pier, raft, dock, or buoyed restricted area is "Slow-No-Wake". Jet skis, and other personal watercrafts (PWC), are restricted to "Slow-No-Wake" within 200 feet distance from the shoreline and 100 feet from other boats and PWC.
- The channel between the Lake Drive bridge and the main body of Okauchee Lake is always "Slow-No-Wake".

## Answers to Page 2 Trivia Questions

1. Six. Musky, Panfish, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike and Walleye.
2. Okauchee Lake Management District!
3. Carol Wilson
4. Little Okauchee Lake



## Safe Boating Reminders

As the summer boating season nears, it is a good time for some safe boating reminders and law updates!

To review the most recent regulations, please refer to "The Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities" published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. A copy of the handbook can be viewed online at [dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/). This section of the DNR website includes information on boater safety courses, boating regulations, registration and related lake links.

While enjoying the summer on the lake, it's a good idea to keep in mind some basic safety reminders.

There must be a PFD (life jacket) available for everyone onboard the watercraft. The PFD must be in good condition and the proper size for the occupants onboard. We recommend that children wear their PFD's whenever on a watercraft. Personal Watercrafts (jet skis) (PWC) are a lot of fun if used safely. Remember, you must travel at Slow-No-Wake speeds whenever the PWC is within 100 feet of any other boat or PWC and within 200 feet from shore. Another important reminder... be sure to tell your guests the rules and regulations when they use your watercrafts!

If you have any questions, contact the Wisconsin DNR or the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department.

## OLMD Weed Cutting Operations on PBS!



Our well-run Aquatic Plant Management program has caught the eye of Dan Small's Outdoor Wisconsin! OLMD's Weed Cutting Operation will be highlighted on Dan Small's Outdoor Wisconsin show. The program will broadcast Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 9 p.m. on PBS Channel 10.1. If you miss the first showing, the program will be available for viewing again on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 9 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see "behind the scenes" of your own lake's weed cutting operation.

## Okauchee Lake Independence Day Celebration Fireworks & Venetian Night Lighted Boat Parade

Date: Friday, July 4, 2014

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Island Between  
The Golden Mast & The Hideaway Bar & Grill  
On Okauchee Lake

The Venetian Night Lighted Boat Parade is sponsored by the Okauchee Lake Sailing Club. Entrants should meet at Party Island at 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best lighted boat! The parade leaves Party Island at 8:30 p.m. and will arrive at the mouth of the Channel by 9:00 p.m. A spectacular fireworks display will follow. There is no cost to register your boat and participants will be escorted by local boat patrol for front row viewing! For more information about the boat parade or the Okauchee Lake Yacht Club, please contact: Terry Brandl at 262-617-0215 or see their website at <http://www.olyc.org/>



The fireworks display is funded solely by donations from local residents and businesses. To help continue this yearly tradition please send your donations to:

Okauchee Fireworks Fund  
W34N4975 Road O  
Nashotah, WI 53058  
Or call Carol Euringer at 414-480-2108

### Newsletters

Need an extra copy of this newsletter? A limited supply of newsletters is available at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall located at the junction of Brown Street & CTY K. It is also available on our website

### A New & Improved Website!

Our website received a facelift! We hope you find it more attractive and easy to work with. Please check it out at [www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org) to obtain current information regarding the lake and other activities.

### Police Report

The following information was provided by the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department at the 2013 Annual Meeting. They patrol Okauchee Lake part-time from the first weekend in May through Labor Day and beyond.

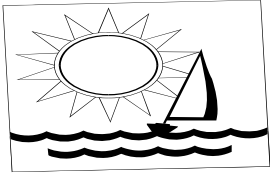
Officer Rob Wiercyski was present at the Annual Meeting and reported the following as of August 25, 2013:

- Total patrol hours: 626
- Citations: 70
- Warnings: 265
- Boater Safety Class : 1

During the 2013 Tie-Up, the DNR provided a mobile command center and boat patrols from the Town of Oconomowoc, the Town of Merton, and the Waukesha County Sheriff were on the Lake during this day. Four OWI's were issued by Town Police. This was a decrease from 19 in 2012. The DNR made two OWI arrests. The Town of Oconomowoc made 12 total OWI arrests (eight from boats and four subjects getting in cars from the tie-up); the Town of Merton and the Sheriff's Department did not make any arrests.



## Okauchee Lake Management District



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INFORMATION  
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### Commissioners

Carol Wilson	Chairperson/County Rep.	262-367-7363
Tom Godar	Secretary	608-577-0235
Dee Schriver	Treasurer	262-560-1487
Dennis Johnson	Lake Operations	414-828-5461
Jan Husak	Town Representative	262-569-2713

### District Meetings

Okauchee Lake Management District meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall located at the junction of Brown Street and CTH K. As always, everyone is welcome! Check our website at [www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org) for updates!