

Okauchee Lake Management District

Spring 2016

Okauchee Lake News

Greetings from Carol Wilson, OLMD Chairperson



There is nothing like a beautiful sunrise or sunset over Okauchee Lake. We are all fortunate to live in an area as beautiful as this one. Each year the OLMD works hard to preserve the beautiful character of the lake so it can be enjoyed by everyone.

In 2015 several projects important to maintaining the character and enhancing water quality took place. The OLMD partnered with the Town of Oconomowoc to acquire land for the purpose of conducting a stormwater retention basin to enhance the drainage along West Lake Drive as part of a project to improve the overall water quality in Okauchee Lake.

Commissioners learned about Starry Stonewort, a new aquatic invasive species, not yet in Okauchee Lake. Education is considered the key to prevention and the OLMD encourages you to visit our website at www.olmd.org to learn more about Starry Stonewort and to continue good boating practices by cleaning your boat

and trailer before entering Okauchee Lake waterways. If you believe you have seen Starry Stonewort, please contact Brad Steckart, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Washington and Waukesha Counties at (262) 335-4806.

This year the commitment, dedication and enthusiasm of Commissioners Tom Godar, Dennis Johnson, Dee Shriver, and Town Representative Bruce Mueller will continue as the OLMD continues working hard to support positive changes to maintain or improve water quality of Okauchee Lake through responsible oversight and sound fiscal management. It is my pleasure to serve as Chairperson of this organization!

Wishing you a safe & happy summer,

Carol Wilson



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Spraying Permit Information

The OLMD is in the process of obtaining a permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to apply herbicides for the control of the aquatic plants in Okauchee Lake for the 2016 season. A copy of this application is available for your review at www.olmd.org. Any questions that you may have can be directed to: Dennis Johnson at 414-828-5461 or info@olmd.org. This Notice is required under Chapter NR 107 of the WI Administrative Code.

OLMD Protects Water Quality

If you have recently driven down West Lake Drive toward the bridge between the Channel and Lower Okauchee, you have enjoyed a bump-free ride and seen a new detention pond facility across the street from Foolery's. OLMD is proud of its participation with the Town of Oconomowoc to advocate for and help fund that part of the project which includes this detention pond. As a result of several engineering improvements to this project, approximately 77% of the suspended solids from storm water runoff are removed from West Lake Drive and Lake Drive before they reach Okauchee Lake. This also helps maintain an adequate flow into the lake, while reducing the velocity of that flow. After careful review, we believed this was the best solution for maintaining and improving the quality of Okauchee Lake. As this substantially increased the cost of the project, OLMD



agreed at a Special Meeting held November 9, 2015 to provide \$100,000 towards the purchase of the property that now includes the retention pond. These funds had been set aside over several years, against the

possibility that a purchase of land or other activity might be used to further enhance and protect Okauchee Lake. We have also become a partner with the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program ("OWPP") which is led by the City of Oconomowoc Wastewater Facility. The Oconomowoc River watershed runs from north of Friess Lake in Washington County to its confluence with the Rock River in Jefferson County. The OWPP is already engaged in several projects to reduce phosphate and solid runoffs into the watershed, protecting Okauchee Lake as well as benefiting our neighbors on North Lake, Oconomowoc Lake, Fowler Lake and Lac La Belle. Learn more about OWPP by visiting the OLMD website and following the OWPP link.

We all look forward to improved water quality as a result of this work!

HELP WANTED: Spend Summer On The Lake!

OLMD is taking applications for the summer weed harvesting crews. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, hardworking, and able to handle all types of weather. Positions are full time from June through August.

Call 262-966-0286 for an interview and leave a message including your contact information.



OLMD Weed Cutting Operations Soon Underway!

Please help keep our employees, equipment & you safe!

- Do not swim near or around equipment. If you swim between piers, we cannot cut in your area until you exit the water.
- Keep boat/wave runners at least 150 ft. from equipment at all times! We cannot change direction easily to avoid you.
- If passing equipment, please do so with no wake. A wake can cause operators to lose control of equipment.
- Please mark any underwater obstacles, such as boat tracks, ramps, raft chains, etc. with a clearly visible buoy. These are unsafe for employees and equipment. If unmarked, these obstacles would prevent us from cutting in your area.

Goose Round-Up

In 2016 the District will once again cooperate with the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service to round up non-migratory Canadian Geese on Okauchee Lake. There have been years when a Round-Up was minimal; however, this year the Goose Round-Up will again 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 IN THE PAST, PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED GOOSE ROUND-UP CONSENT FORM BELOW BY JUNE 15, 2016. We are required to have your consent to access your property before the Round-Up. Once you do so, you are no longer required to provide consent on an annual basis.** 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 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.

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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 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.

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CPR & AED Training Class Offered May 22 from 10 a.m. to Noon At Okauchee Lake Yacht Club



Did you know that the first five minutes following an injury, and the immediate response from those on the scene, can mean the difference between life and death? Learn to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac heart rhythms and is used to treat them through defibrillation—the application of an electrical shock which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. Every minute that defibrillation with an AED is delayed decreases the victim's chance of survival by 7-10 minutes.

Okauchee Lake Sailing School & Club is hosting a CPR & AED Training for OLMD residents on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Okauchee Lake Yacht Club. Adults and youth are welcome! Training is being provided by Tammy Derynda, R.N./B.S.N. This class is taught by a certified CPR Instructor and will provide two-year certification. The cost is \$25 per person for OLMD residents and \$50 for non-residents.

To Register Contact Tim Kay (OLYC) – 262-784-7110

Okauchee Lake Yacht Club Celebrating 80 Years Of Sailing!

In 2016, Okauchee Lake Yacht Club (OLYC) is celebrating 80 years of promoting the sport of sailing and providing a social setting for those with a common interest of Okauchee Lake. OLYC is proud of its long history of developing quality racing fleets and sailors recognized as among the best nationally.

Every year Okauchee Lake is host to multiple regattas and strong inland seasonal sailing, for the young and old, from C boats, MC, Optis, to our newest fleet, 420s. This year OLYC/OLSS will host the 420 ILYA Youth Championship Regatta on June 23rd & 24th and the C Blue Chip on September 17th & 18th.

OLYC works closely with the Okauchee Lake Sailing School (OLSS) to provide fully-staffed sailing classes to youth sailors that run throughout the summer. OLSS now offers adult sailing lessons! If you have never sailed and want to learn, a great program is being offered for a couple of weeks during the summer. Contact Sailing Director Mark Prange @ 262-443-8587 to learn more about youth or adult sailing classes.

OLYC's social calendar this season is magnificent, from yoga classes, kayaking, club lunches/dinners and "Welcome to the

Weekends," where the bar is always open for members!

When hosting regattas, fleets from surrounding inland lakes bring revenue to local restaurants and hotels. Competitors love coming to Okauchee Lake! When the schedule is set for seasonal competition, the club is mindful of all boaters enjoying Okauchee Lake, especially during the weekends, when it tends to be crazy busy. OLYC tries to be as unobtrusive as possible when scheduling competitions.

For more information, go to the OLYC website at www.olyc.org or call Susan Kay at 414-704-5993 to learn more about the OLYC. OLYC is a volunteer-based organization guided by the Board of Directors who oversee club operations.

Carpe Diem!

Susan Kay
OLYC Commodore



CLUB BRP Evinrude Event

For your information....BRP's Evinrude brand is hosting a dealer meeting (called "Club Evinrude") in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from Sunday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 29, 2016! Over 1,000 dealers, distributors and OEMs from around the world will attend. On June 26-28, the Golden Mast will host lunch and demonstration rides for dealers only on 32 boats with Evinrude Outboard engines on Okauchee Lake. Media will be in attendance on Sunday, June 26th.

OLMD Website Information

The OLMD website has great information for you. Please visit us at www.olmd.org soon!

- Did you know the Road T Boat Launch is open! Launch your boat at your leisure.
- Please see the latest information on Starry Stonewort, a new Aquatic Invasive Species. Help keep it out of Okauchee Lake! Remember to clean your boat and trailer upon entering and exiting area lakes and waterways.
- A Comprehensive Fish Survey Report is available on the OLMD website for your reading pleasure!
- Visit the Okauchee Lake Fireworks website link to donate to the 2016 Independence Day Celebration!

Okauchee Lake Independence Day Fireworks & Venetian Night Lighted Boat Parade



Date: Sunday, July 3, 2016

Time: Dusk

Location: Park Island Between

The Golden Mast & The Hideaway Bar & Grill
On Okauchee Lake

To help continue this yearly tradition, please call Monica Pakalski at 414-801-4888, donate directly to the Okauchee Fireworks Fund at www.okaucheeLakefireworks.com or send your donations to:

Okauchee Fireworks Fund
W353N6220 Marina Drive
Oconomowoc, WI 53066



For more information or to register for the boat parade, please contact: Terry Brandl at 262-617-0215 or visit the OLYC website at: www.olyc.org.

The Lighted Boat Parade is sponsored by the Okauchee Lake Yacht Club (OLYC). Decorated boat entrants should meet at Party Island at 8:00 p.m. The parade leaves Party Island at 8:30 p.m. with fantastic fireworks following at dusk. Prizes will be awarded to the best lighted boat! There is no cost to register your boat and participants will be escorted by local boat patrol for front row viewing! This fireworks display is funded solely by donations from local residents and businesses.

Barging Policy

The OLYC policy regarding collection of aquatic plants from landowners specifies 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 being cut 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 allowing the employee to easily transfer the plants directly to the barge. Please note adequate space is required between piers, boatlifts, 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.

Police Report

The following information was provided by the Town of Oconomowoc Police Department at the 2015 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, 2015:

- Total patrol hours: 350
- Citations: 76
- Warnings: 150
- Boater Safety Class : 1



During the 2015 Tie-Up, the DNR Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, Town of Oconomowoc and the Town of Merton provided boat patrols. Of the nine OWI arrests made, the DNR made three arrests, the Town of Oconomowoc made two arrests and the Town of Merton made one arrest. The Sheriff's Department did not make any arrests. Three of the nine OWI arrests were made on the road and the remainder on the lake.

For additional fireworks fun...On Saturday, July 2, another fireworks display will begin at dusk near Whittaker Bay.



Interested In Becoming A Certified Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft Inspector?

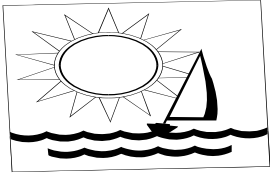
Brad Steckart, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Washington & Waukesha Counties, is conducting Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) watercraft inspector certification workshops in Merton and Muskego in upcoming weeks! If you attend, he will teach you about why the CBCW program is so important. You'll also learn how to approach boaters and anglers at the launch and how to conduct the short CBCW survey. Please contact Brad Steckart at (262) 335-4806 or at Bradley.Steckart@co.washington.wi.us to ensure adequate materials are available. Workshops are available on:

May 4: Merton Community Center—6:30-8:30 PM

May 7 or May 14: Idle Isle Park Boat Launch—10:00 AM –Noon



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District Meetings

Okauchee Lake Management District meetings are held the second Monday of every month from April through October at 7 p.m. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall located at the junction of Brown Street and CTH K. Check the website at www.olmd.org for agendas, minutes and updates. Please reserve the date of August 29, 2016 on your calendar for the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend.

We hope to see you soon!

Commissioners

Carol Wilson	Chairperson/County Rep.	262-367-7363
Tom Godar	Secretary	608-577-9235
Dee Schriver	Treasurer	262-560-1487
Dennis Johnson	Lake Operations	414-828-5461
Bruce Mueller	Town Representative	414-704-5420