

SPRING 2024

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER

SPRAYING PERMIT INFORMATION

The OLMD is in the process of obtaining a permit for the 2024 season from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to apply herbicides for the control of aquatic plants in Okauchee Lake. A copy of this application is available for your review at www.olmd.org. Any questions you may have can be directed in an email to info@olmd.org. This notice is required under Chapter NR 107 of the WI Administrative Code.



Welcome to the Summer!

The Okauchee Lake Management District was created in 1975 to improve and protect the quality of our lake. While our fantastic green machines, operated by a team of dedicated staff and supervised by Brady Mullikin, may be our most visible work, the mission of the OLMD goes deeper. We review and assess the water quality and attempt to stem the progress of invasive plant species, seeking a holistic approach to enhance the lake quality and ensure great recreational opportunities for riparian owners, boaters, and anglers. We are not only proud of our crew that man the barges and cutters, but applaud the wonderful work done by our trapper, Arnold Groehler, to minimize the impact upon shoreline erosion created by muskrats & beavers.

Okauchee Lake is part of a river system and chain of lakes running from the Northern Kettle Moraine all the way through North Lake, Okauchee Lake, Oconomowoc Lake, Fowler Lake and Lac La Belle, down the Rock River, and eventually to the Mighty Mississippi. One thing that has become clear is that we need to see this whole system to best understand and manage this incredible resource.

Keep your eye on our website (www.olmd.org) for updates and ways in which you can continue to preserve Okauchee Lake as a wonderful gem in this unique glacial lake region.

Your Okauchee Lake Management District Commissioners

MUSKRAT CONTROL PROGRAM

To avoid shoreline damage from muskrats or beavers, contact Arnold Groehler 262-490-9363 or jmgroehler@aql.com as soon as you see them!



GOOSE ROUND-UP

This year the OLMD will again cooperate with the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service to round up non-migratory Canadian Geese on Okauchee Lake. The 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.

We are required to have your consent to access your property before the Round-Up. Once you provide consent, you are no longer required to complete it annually.

IF YOU SUBMITTED THE CONSENT FORM TO THE OLMD PREVIOUSLY, YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT THE FORM EACH YEAR. IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE CONSENT FORM, PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED GOOSE ROUND-UP CONSENT FORM BELOW BY JUNE 14TH , 2024



www.olmd.org

**PLEASE RETURN THE CONSENT FORM TO:
OLMD
P.O. BOX 526
OKAUCHEE, WI 53069**

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 THE GOOSE ROUND-UP. DECISIONS ON GOOSE MANAGEMENT WILL BE MADE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. Please contact the OLMD by calling its office at 262-966-0286 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:
 FULL ADDRESS:

PHONE:
 SIGNATURE:
 (MANDATORY)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, NO LATER THAN JUNE 14TH 2024



Okauchee Fireworks
 Okauchee Lake Independence
 Day Celebration Fireworks
 Date: July 4th, 2024
 Time: 9:30 pm approx
 Location: Inland Park
 In front of The Golden Mast
 Restaurant On Okauchee Lake



Okauchee Fireworks...
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OUR AMAZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS FUNDED BY DONATIONS FROM RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES. THERE ARE SOME VERY GENEROUS INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES THAT GIVE, BUT IT IS ALL OF US TOGETHER THAT MAKE THIS A GREAT SHOW! 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO THE FIREWORKS.



THE GOLDEN MAST WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THEIR ANNUAL LIVING ON THE LAKE PARTY ON MAY 15TH.



Why Not?

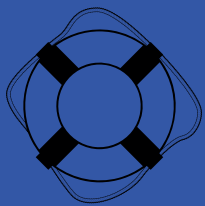
Bread makes our tummies hurt and makes us ill. Bread does not contain the right nutrition or calories that we need to survive. It makes us think we are full and then we don't eat the food we need. It also pollutes our water and causes nasty surface algae, which kills our fish friends and gives us diseases.

What Should We Eat?

Half cut seedless grapes, chopped lettuce, birdseed, peas, corn, and oats.



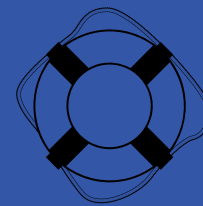
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2024



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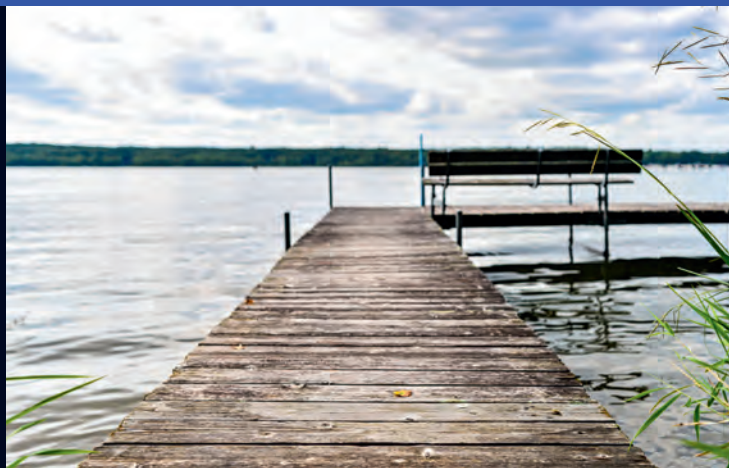
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Please visit our website for more information about our lake and further details about the information listed in this newsletter
www.olmd.org



DISTRICT MEETINGS

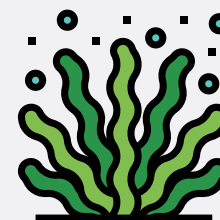
Okauchee Lake Management District Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month from April through October at 7pm @ the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, located at the junction of Brown Street and CTH K. Check the website at www.olmd.org for agendas, minutes and updates. Please reserve the date of August 26th 2024 on your calendar for the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you soon!

WEED MANAGEMENT 2024

A friendly reminder to make sure weed piles are both visible and accessible for the barges to collect. Placement at the end of the pier/dock is typically preferable, shoreline pile is acceptable if pier collection is not feasible and if barge accessible. If a container is used to hold weeds for pick up, please use one with holes to drain water from weeds.

Barging operations (weed pick up from pier) are due to begin just before Memorial Day weekend and will run Monday-Friday (with exception of holidays) until Mid September.

If you hire outside companies/individuals to collect your weeds, please remind these groups that our barge and crews will not pick up trash, rocks, large mud clots, tree limbs and fallen leaves.





A little courtesy goes a long way to creating a safe environment for the myriad of activities on the lake and a pleasant environment for all our neighbors on the water. We thank you all for your cooperation!

Getting Back Out on the Water as a Good Neighbor

It is that time of the year when we deploy our things into the water to get ready for a wonderful boating season on the lake. As good neighbors it is important to know what the rules and regulations are that govern Okauchee Lake waters and shorelines.

Boating regulations are important for the safety of everyone using the lake and serve as a guide for the safe, courteous, and legal use of your watercraft. Be sure to review the most current regulations that can be found on the DNR website.

<https://widnr.widen.net/s/Ovw8hwrae3>

Piers and Boat Slips are another important part of lake life and are also regulated by the DNR. Wisconsin pier laws do regulate the size of the structure (e.g., width) and how you use the structure (e.g., boat slips/berths). Between placement and size, it can be a bit complex, so a great resource to use is the WI DNR Pier Planner.

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/Waterways/pier_planner_082012.pdf

The number of boat slips, berths, mooring spaces, etc. allowed on your property is determined by the amount of shoreline owned. Wisconsin law states that for non-commercial properties or properties with less than three dwelling units, up to two boat slips are allowed for the first 50 feet of shoreline owned and one for each additional full 50 feet of shoreline owned. For non-commercial properties you can also place two personal watercraft for the first 50 feet of shoreline owned and one personal watercraft for each additional 50 feet of shoreline owned. Great information and more details including examples are available on the DNR website.

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/pier_FAQ/pier_FAQ.html

While not as common as they once were, many properties have mooring buoys. Mooring buoys must be placed within 150 ft of shore and in a way that doesn't affect public or other riparian owners' rights. The lake also has several municipal and OLMD managed regulatory buoys on the lake. All marker and regulatory buoys (i.e. swim areas) must be approved by the local DNR Conservation Warden and by the local unit of government before placement.

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