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CHEMICAL TREATMENT PLANS - 2016

WLMD receives a permit from DNR to chemically treat weeds in Wind Lake. Most of the areas treated are shallow, weed-choked and restrict lake access for property owners. Studies show that early treatments are more effective at minimizing nuisance conditions using less chemicals, so we will be treating in early May, and early June, weather permitting.

The DNR permit for the chemical treatment is available on the WLMD website. Go to wlmd.org and click on the permit link.

If you DO NOT want your shoreline to be treated, please complete the form provided in this newsletter. Please return the form immediately.

When the treatment takes place, areas which are treated will be posted with bright yellow signs, indicating what has herbicide has been used. The notice will also indicate if there are any recreational use restrictions following the treatment. The boat launch will also be posted with a treatment map. We will keep the wlmd.org website up to date as much as possible on when and where treatments are taking place.

The plants that are targeted for treatment include milfoil, curly-leaf and filamentous algae. Occasionally, native plants are treated, but only if they are blocking navigation. DNR has the final say in all the treatment areas for chemical control and may deny the treatment of specific areas.

Let us know if you have had unusual weed problems. We will check it out. Please call or email with questions or concerns.

ROADSIDE WEED PICKUP

At last fall's Annual Meeting, there was discussion about ending the roadside weed pickup program. Shortly after that meeting, Wind Lake had tons of floating wild celery clogging the shorelines. Property owners requested that the board reconsider the program. This program continues to be a work in progress. One of the limitations of the roadside pickup is our ability to dispose of the material. Our current disposal site is limited, so we are trying to balance those limitations with helping property owners get rid of weed fragments.

We will not be picking up "ice-off" debris. This often consists of cattails and branches which takes too long to break down at our disposal site. Property owners are free to take ice-off debris to the dump which is open 6 days a week.

Do not put lake sediment, dirt, rocks, branches, garbage or other debris in the piles.

Piles must be out by noon on Mondays and will be picked up between Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Pickups are scheduled for the weeks prior to a holiday as well as a week in July and September.

The deadline for putting LAKE WEEDS ONLY out for pick up are:

Monday May 23

Monday June 27

Monday July 25

Monday August 29

Monday September 26

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the website, wlmd.org.

FREE VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTION

WLMD is again partnering with The United States Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to conduct boat inspections. Advanced registration is suggested.

June 4 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free 15 point inspection.

Inspections will be conducted at Sportsmans and, new this year, at the DNR Public Boat Launch.

The first 20 registrants will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate for Sportsman's Landing.

Pre-register by calling 262-895-7991. Make sure your summer boating is a safe one!

HARVESTING

The District plans to conduct harvesting on the lake again in 2016 if needed. Harvesting is primarily used to open up navigational channels on the lake. It will also be used to collect large mats of floating plants on the open water. The Town has worked with us by allowing the cut weeds to be dumped at the old Transfer site. We are working under the 4rd year of a 5-year DNR permit.

STARRY STONEWORT INVASIVE UPDATE

Last summer, a new invasive algae was found in Wisconsin: Starry Stonewort (SSW). First found in Little Muskego Lake, it has now been found in Big Muskego, Long Lake, Silver Lake (Washington Cty) and Pike Lake. It was also found in a 3,000 acre lake in Southcentral Minnesota. SSW is in over 200 lakes in Michigan and is now in 10 lakes in Indiana.

This is a very aggressive algae that looks very much like chara. However, this algae is far worse than milfoil and chara, and it is much more difficult to control. It will destroy native plants, fish spawning grounds, and will grow in depths far deeper than Chara. It can fill the water column and top out in 8 to 10 feet of water. This would be environmentally and financially destructive to our community. This is not an over-reaction - so please help prevent the spread of SSW. You can see a UW Extension video on how to identify SSW by copying the follow address into google:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te9iF5OTdtg>

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

History has shown us that once invasive species are present in a lake, it is often impossible to completely eradicate it. So prevention is the key:

- Don't move your boat and fishing equipment from lake to lake without thoroughly decontaminating it.
- Remove all plant fragments from your boat, trailer, anchor ropes, live wells, etc.
- Dump all your bilge water when leaving a lake.
- Do not transport fish in water. Dump all water and put your fish on ice.
- Flush your motor cooling system between lakes.
- Keeping your boat and equipment dry docked for a week will help prevent spreading invasives.
- Try to avoid launching into a lake with a "dirty" boat launch, one that has lots of weed fragments floating around.
- Check out the Wisconsin DNR website for more information on Clean Boats.

GEESE

Wind Lake is in the 15th year of a program to reduce the numbers of geese on Wind Lake. This program has been very effective at reducing the numbers of non-migratory geese on the lake. If there are enough birds, we plan to conduct the goose roundup again in mid-June when the birds are without their flight feathers.

The goal of the program is to keep the numbers of geese in line with what the lake can naturally support. Excessive numbers of non-migratory geese contribute to the water quality problems, including E-coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loadings.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN A FORM PREVIOUSLY AND WE CAN GO ONTO YOUR PROPERTY TO REMOVE GEESE, PLEASE SEND IN THE FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Your permission will continue through multiple years unless you rescind it. Please help us continue this very successful program.

ADDRESSES ON PIERS

Please consider putting your house numbers on the end of your pier so they are visible from the lake. This will greatly help with the plant management on the lake, making it easier for the District's contractors to find specific areas.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT REJECTION FORM - 2015

If you **DO NOT** want your shoreline to be treated for aquatic plant nuisances, you must return this form as soon as possible.

I hereby request that my shoreline NOT be chemically treated. I understand that NOT treating my shoreline will NOT reduce my annual tax.

Name (PRINT) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Lake Address (if different) _____

Tax Key Number _____

Signature (Mandatory) _____

This form must be returned ASAP!

Send to: WLMD, 30910 Royal Hill Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

GOOSE ROUNDUP APPROVAL FORM - 2015

YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO ENTER ONTO MY PROPERTY TO CATCH AND REMOVE GEESE.

I authorize representative from US Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services and Wind Lake Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management. This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. Please contact WLMD, 262-514-3238 if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, or have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Name (PRINT) _____

Lake Address _____

Phone _____

Signature (Mandatory) _____

Please return form as soon as possible, no later than May 15, 2015!

Send to: WLMD, 30910 Royal Hill Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

WIND LAKE WEBSITE/EMAIL

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioners meetings are usually held the 4th Thursday of every month, with the November and December meeting combined. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Norway Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you do, check out our website. The site has:

- Meetings, schedules, agendas, and minutes
- Information about who to contact for various activities.
- Links to other lake-related sites
- Information about who to contact for various activities
- The latest lake depth map of Wind Lake
- Other special notices as needed are also posted on the site.

You can also send an email to info@wlmd.org. You will be put on a list to receive meeting notices and updates. If you do provide your email address to us, please be aware that your address then becomes part of our formal records. If requested, we have to provide them to someone making a request under the Open Records laws.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Wind Lake Management District
30910 Royal Hill Rd.
Burlington, WI 53105