

SPRING 2025

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



NEWSLETTER



SPRAYING PERMIT INFORMATION

The OLMD is in the process of obtaining a permit for the 2025 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.

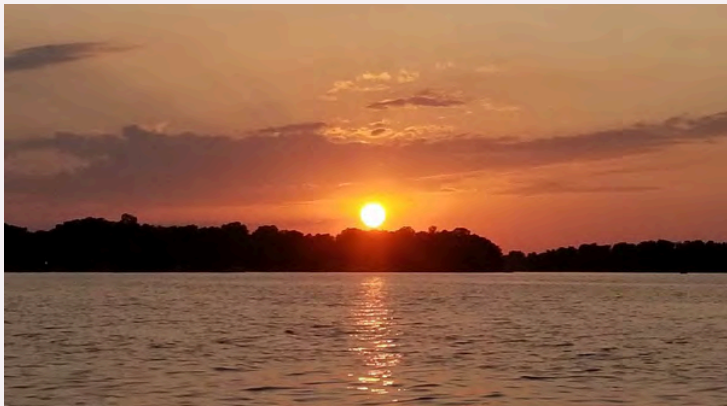
MUSKRAT CONTROL PROGRAM

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



GOOSE ROUND-UP

This year the OLMD may use USDA Fish and Wildlife Service to round up non-migratory Canadian Geese on Okauchee Lake. The Goose Round-Up would take place in mid-June when the birds are flightless. In order for this project to move forward, we need your consent. The decision will be based off of numbers of geese and if conducting the round up would be justifiable.



Welcome to the Summer. The OLMD is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary This Year!

On December 16, 1975, Waukesha County Resolution No. 154 was officially adopted creating the Okauchee Lake Management District in order that, "the public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare." Still going strong after 50 years, OLMD continues to serve as stewards of the lake for the public and our riparian owners.

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.

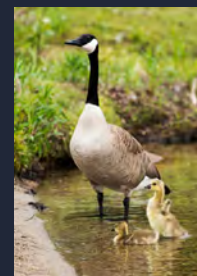
Okauchee Lake is part of a river system and chain of lakes running from the Northern Kettle Moraine all the way through North Lake, Okauchee Lake, Oconomowoc Lake, Fowler Lake and Lac La Belle, down the Rock River, and eventually to the Mighty Mississippi. One thing that has become clear is that we need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

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 1st.



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 1ST 2025



Okauchee Fireworks
Okauchee Lake Independence
Day Celebration Fireworks
Date: July 3rd, 2025
Time: 9:30 pm approx
Location: Inland Park
In front of The Golden Mast
Restaurant On Okauchee Lake

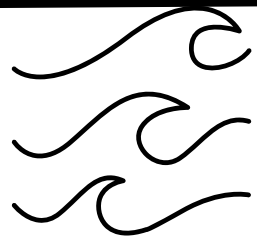


Okauchee Fireworks...
@OkaucheeFireworksFund



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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.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Be A Good Steward.
Clean. Drain. Dry.
StopAquaticHitchhikers.org



THE GOLDEN MAST WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THEIR ANNUAL LIVING ON THE LAKE PARTY ON MAY 21ST.

GOOD NEIGHBOR WAKE BOAT SUGGESTIONS:

JUST LIKE ANY SPORT, WAKESURFING HAS AN INHERENT SET OF RULES THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO ALL GET ALONG AND HAVE THE MOST FUN TOGETHER.

1. MIDDLE RUNS ALL DAY

IF YOU CAN, SURF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE IN ORDER TO GIVE YOUR WAKES TIME TO DISSIPATE BEFORE LANDING ON SHORE OR SMASHING SOMEONE'S BOAT AGAINST THEIR DOCK.

2. SHORELINE COURTESY

IF THE CONDITIONS ARE NO GOOD OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE AND YOU NEED TO RUN A SHORELINE, MAKE SURE YOU RUN DOWN AS FAR AS YOU CAN AND DON'T KEEP RIDING THE SAME SHORT RUN OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

3. KEEP THE TUNES DOWN

WE ALL LIKE TO ENJOY SOME MUSIC WHILE OUT ON THE WATER BUT UNLESS THERE ARE NO OTHER SOULS AROUND, TRY TO KEEP THE VOLUME DOWN A BIT. MAYBE NOT EVERYONE AROUND LIKES METALLICA AS MUCH AS YOU DO...

4. BACK OFF

THIS IS A NO-BRAINER BUT DON'T FOLLOW ANOTHER WAKESURF BOAT (OR ANY BOAT FOR THAT MATTER) TOO CLOSELY. WHETHER IT'S BEHIND OR ON THE SIDE, JUST KEEP YOUR DISTANCE PLEASE!

5. EYES FORWARD

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE CAPTAIN, KEEP YOUR EYES FORWARD AND THE CREW WILL THANK YOU FOR IT.

6. TRIM IT LOW

DEPENDING ON THE BOAT YOU HAVE, IF YOUR VESSEL HAS TRIM TABS, MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THEM WHERE YOU CAN STILL GET A CLEAR VIEW OF WHAT LIES AHEAD.

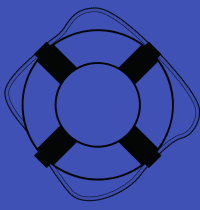
7. NO WAKE

EVERY BOATER KNOWS THE BUOYS THAT MARK OFF SPACES WHERE WAKES ARE NOT WELCOME. BE AWARE OF THEM.

8. BE RESPECTFUL

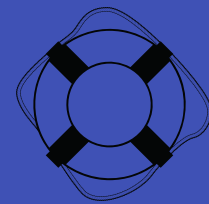
GIVING RESPECT GETS YOU RESPECT. USE YOUR BRAIN WHILE ON THE WATER AND DON'T BE THE ONE THAT MAKES SOMEONE DISLIKE ALL WAKESURFERS!

IF YOU FOLLOW THIS LIST AND USE SOME COMMON SENSE, YOU'LL NOT ONLY HAVE A SOLID DAY ON THE WATER, BUT THE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE LAKE WILL TOO. BE COOL AND SHARE THE LAKE.



COMMISSIONERS

2025



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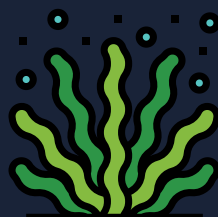
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Please visit our website for more information about our lake and further details about the information listed in this newsletter
www.olmd.org



DISTRICT MEETINGS

Okauchee Lake Management District Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month from April through October at 7pm @ the Village of Lac Labelle 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 25th 2025 on your calendar for the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you soon!



WEED MANAGEMENT 2025

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.



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.

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!

GET INVOLVED WITH OLMD

AT LEAST ONCE PER QUARTER, & EVERY MONTH FROM APRIL - OCTOBER, OLMD HAS A BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & ALL RIPARIAN OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE & TO HEAR FROM YOU.

EVERY YEAR WE IDENTIFY MORE THINGS TO WORK ON THAN OUR 5 VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONERS ARE ABLE TO TAKE ON. WE INVITE ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE WORK OF THE OLMD TO REACH OUT AND LET US KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING. THIS CAN BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR LAKE RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES TO GET INVOLVED IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LAKE.

IF INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH OLMD, PLEASE SEND A MESSAGE TO BRIAN SICHI, OLMD SECRETARY AT

OLMDVOLUNTEER@SICHI.COM.

