

Silver Lake Management District Spring Newsletter

Well, we are now close to welcoming summer again at Silver Lake with the usual activities. It certainly was an unusual winter with the lack of snow and the higher temperatures.

With the dedicated help of Director Todd Chesbro and his computer skills, we now have a Website www.wautomasilverlake.com. It has a ton of information so take some time to look around on it. It is a work in progress so any suggestions will be appreciated.

One big thing on everyone's mind is surely the Aquatic Invasive Species issue (aka Milfoil). Included with this letter for your review is the executive summary of the extensive report from Onterra (our lake management biologists). More details can be found on our website www.wautomasilverlake.com as well. After the 2016 full lake treatment, we have got to the point of not being able to manage the AIS with DASH and the 2023 cutting was more of a stopgap measure to enable navigation around certain shores. We are planning on doing a whole lake chemical treatment to knock down the AIS growth. This will be done with a different chemical than in 2016 that has a shorter life in the lake and limited side effects. There are very few precautions surrounding the treatment other than not using lake water for a short time for ornamental and vegetable garden watering. We have received the necessary DNR permit and have selected an experienced applicator. This will most likely take place in June sometime.

This type of treatment requires collecting water samples at five sites on the lake seven times in the two weeks following herbicide application. There will be training on how to collect these samples done by Onterra (our lake management firm) likely the week of May 20th. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with this, contact Mark Magnusson 847-828-0272 mmagnusson@sbcglobal.net.

There has been a change in Section 33 of the WI rules that now allows for Annual Meeting notices to be sent out by email to save costs. Those of you with emails on file with SLMD have received the notice that would eliminate you from receiving snail mail notices unless you opted out of that.

We will continue to do the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program this season with 200 hours of inspector time at our 21/73 Landing. We did not get a partial DNR grant this year so will continue this program with our funds. This is a worthy educational program to advise people who bring their boats to Silver Lake on how to avoid spreading AIS.

The town of Marion has provided us some dollars for stocking of fish in the lake. Your Board has decided to add funds to that to increase the number of fish we can purchase. After consulting with the DNR, they will only allow us to stock perch.

There has been some concern with the potential for navigational mishaps at night off Chicago Point with the low water. The town agreed to purchase a lighted buoy to be placed there.

The annual 7th grade AIS tour will take place again this fall on 9-11 (rain date 9-13). This is where the entire 7th grade class from Parkside school is taken in groups for an approximate hour tour on volunteer pontoon boats each with a biologist to gain education on best lake practices and AIS issues. Because of the increased class size, we will need four volunteer boats with a couple of backup boats. The day starts around 8:00AM and ends around 2:30. If you have a good sized pontoon boat that will still be in the

water then, consider volunteering as I can guarantee it will be an enjoyable day and you will be educated as well. Contact me if you can help.

The Waushara County Land Conservation Field Days will be held again at Camp Lucerne on September 26th & 27th. This is a two day ecological educational event for 5th graders from various schools and is in need of volunteers as well. Contact Laura Johnson at the Waushara County Zoning Office laura.johnson@wausharacountywi.gov for further information.

The spring Board Meeting will be May 25th and the Annual Meeting August 24th. Both will be held at the Marion Town Hall at 9:00AM. The Silver Lake Garage/Rummage Sale will be on June 7th and 8th this year. All these dates are on the website calendar www.wautomasilverlake.com.

I was asked by our president, Ed Kissinger, to write the newsletter this year. Ed does so much for our Lake Management District and has for so many years, he needs a little break. Hopefully you find it informative.

Looking forward to another GREAT SUMMER on Silver Lake and hope to see you out doing so as well.

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