



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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Milfoil Problem

Perhaps you have heard the phrase "clean boats - clean water" regarding Eurasian Water Milfoil being carried into the lakes on boats. The truth is it is here, and we have become our own worst enemy. Our milfoil treatment has gone from 2 or 4 acres to 80 acres. With all our boat traffic around the lake we are chopping up the milfoil and every piece of milfoil cut becomes another plant. It is difficult to take a boat from it's mooring now without cutting milfoil. There is a ring of milfoil completely around the lake. Staying in deeper water to water ski will help and especially with the wave-board boats that dig deep to make that wake and stir up sediment. Raking milfoil that floats into shore will help. Each property owner needs to help by cleaning their own property near shore, so that those plants do not plant themselves and increase our problem. No one else will clean those plants up.

Slow Summer

What do lake people do when it's SLOW NO WAKE? Suddenly the canoes and kayaks and row boats are fun, and lots of pontoon boats out slowly cruising, and sailboats are out without power boats cutting in their way. I have enjoyed seeing the turtles on my pier and shore station sunning where they could never before have reached. It's not unusual to see four or six on each early in the morning. Many lake people have really enjoyed the slow no wake time. It was released Monday, September 10th. We have voted this the buggiest summer ever.



Adopt-A-Lake Program Starts Up

Karen Reddin was invited to speak at the Randall Town Board Meeting, about the Adopt-A-Lake program for the kids at Randall School. They were so impressed that they gave her a very generous donation to spend on the kids. Looks like she might buy fishing gear and equipment that could not have been afforded otherwise.

Successful Summer

Officer George Lawrance, head of the Water Patrol feels that this summer has been a very successful one. Boaters have been outstanding in following the rules of the lake and staying safe. There were 21 kids who took the Boat Safety Classes. Not only do they learn the rules of the lake and how to drive a boat, but now know the officers and the officers know them. This

certainly reduces the temptations of doing what they should not be doing.

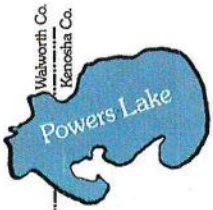
Bus Service Starts

Kenosha County Department of Transportation has initiated public bus service in western Kenosha County towns and villages. Bus stops are located in Twin Lakes, Randall, Silver Lake, Salem, Paddock Lake and Bristol. The buses will go to Kenosha, Antioch, Lake Geneva and Burlington, with specific stops along the way. The hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. There are four separate routes and all buses are wheel chair equipped. Four round trips are made daily on each route. The fare is \$2.00 each way. Door to door service is available with advance notice for \$3.00 each way by calling 888-203-3498. Schedules are available at Randall Town Hall, or call Town of Randall, at 262-877-2165.

DNR Warning

There will be no fish stocking in the state of Wisconsin this year because of a new invasive virus known as VHS or Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia. The DNR has determined that transferring fish from lake to lake is a danger. The virus is now in Lake Winnebago and northern Lake Michigan. There are still a lot of uncontaminated lakes, and there is a potential that this destructive fish disease can be kept out of most of the lakes. The disease does not affect humans, even if diseased fish are eaten. The steps to prevent the spread are drain all water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and fishing equipment including bait buckets, and coolers before leaving the lake. Take no live fish from a lake. Ice your catch and dispose of minnows in covered waste barrels. Remove all aquatic plants, animals and mud from your boat, trailer and equipment before leaving the landing. Report large numbers of dead or dying fish to the DNR.



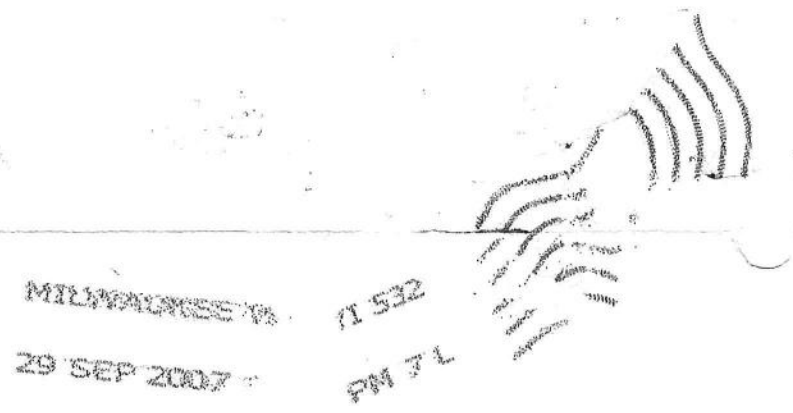


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Early Summer End

Boats have been coming out earlier this year because of the high water I would guess. The snowbirds are already heading south according to the Post Mistress. The next Lake Management meeting will be Friday October 5th at Randall Town Hall at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Next Meeting

The Southeast Workshop will be held in Milwaukee, February 16th "Hydrilla: is Wisconsin ready? is the subject. All are welcome.

See you next year.

