

Dear Friends of Clear Lake,

Question. What if your Clear Lake home/cottage were on a weed choked lake vs. one totally free of EWM? Conservatively speaking, let's say it improves your property value by 5%. On a \$100,000 home that's \$5,000! But let's say it is only 1% or \$1000 per \$100,000 of value. This makes our contributions for chemical treating EWM last spring and funding an Aquatic Plant Management Plan a pretty good return on investment!

While our current finances appear to be adequate, we bring this up because Clear Lake may have future unforeseen issues that would require additional funding, and we all need to take a deep breathe and truly understand what the intrinsic value of living on UWM-free Clear Lake means to all of us.

To the vast majority of you who have contributed to our EWM cause financially, in sweat or both, THANK YOU! To the very few who have not yet contributed, please consider giving your fair share. To borrow a quote by **Cathy Meyer (#5)** at our annual ESSEX meeting this summer:

"We truly have something special here."

We watched **Bill Sparr (#61)** single handedly catch, retrieve and return **Mary Kay Hensel's (#51-52)** drifting raft Sunday 10-1-06 on our evening cruise. Good to know we have neighbors like Bill & Carol on the south end!

Other Clear Lake News:

Financial Summaries

Attached are the financial summary of both the FOCL General Fund and the EWM Fund. If someone has trouble opening this file and wants a printed hard copy mailed or faxed contact us. In summary we have left:

\$649.43 in the general membership fund

\$20,820 in the EWM fund

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Update

We are still waiting for the Aquatic plant management plan, which is due later this fall. EWM sightings have been minimal with (2) small colonies unconfirmed on the East shore. Please let us know of any other sightings.

Fowl

In the summer newsletter, the **Spencer's (#46)** reported that they have only seen one single loon on Clear Lake this year. The 3 pair we wrote about in the last newsletter seems to have moved on but we did find this tame single bachelor (below left) in the middle of the lake in late august.

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The Big Burn

On 9/10/06, **Bill & Lynn Mark's (#42)** house and guest cottage(s) were set ablaze by the area fire school in making room for a new home. We took the picture above with the doe on the Mark's bank several weeks *before the burn*.

Fishing

Phil Hoffman, (#90), reportedly boated a 41" 15Lb +/- Northern Pike on August 29 on a Mepps spinner. A frantic call to **Fred Koth (#2)** & to help with this monster paid off as Phil's net broke while attempting to land this fish. Nice job, Phil, & we can't wait to see it on your wall! Good late summer bass & crappie fishing has been reported by lake residents.

Weather:

Date	Air Temp	Water Temp
10/1/06	70	58-60 Sunny wind from south. 36 docks still in.
10/7/06	cool	58 Sunny, 25 docks still in.
10/8/06	?	ESSEX dock pulled, off to Besse's!

FOCL statistics:

Total paid number of members of Friends of Clear Lake (\$10 family-one time):	110
Acres/Depth Clear Lake	272 acres/51.4'
Acres chemically treated spring 2006	30.5 acre

Obituaries:

Lynda Goranson former owner of Mrs. G's passed away on 7/21/06 in Arizona. An informal memorial was held in her memory on Sunday morning 10/8/06 at Besse's on Clear Lake, where her ashes were spread over the lake at her request. Many friends from throughout the country were in attendance as we all shared memories of her, and her late husband and son Clyde & Corey.

Changing Faces:

Please welcome new FOCL Members **Scott & Ann Zimmerman, #43a** and children **Danny & Jessica** from Middleton, WI. Scott owns Terra Engineering & Construction and Ann is an attorney.

Also, welcome to **Brenda Besse & Robin Besse Myre, #1A**, and owners of Besse's on Clear Lake!

Upcoming area events:

November 17, 11:00 AM	Annual Venison Feed, downtown
November 25, Evening	Northern Lights Parade-Tomahawk

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February 3, 2007	Alice in Winterland fishing tourney, Lake Alice
March 24, 2007 1-5:00PM	Taste of Tomahawk, Inshalla
TBA	Clear Lake Cup

Lake Links:

<http://wisconsinlakes.org/Publications/06e-lake/May06.htm>

<http://www.lakenokomiscc.org/> Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens

<http://www.wvic.com/default.htm> WI Valley Improvement

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/> WI DNR

<http://basineducation.uwex.edu/headwaters/index.htm>

[http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/WI Lakes Partnership UW St. Point](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/WI_Lakes_Partnership_UW_St._Point)

Any other news worthy info on Clear Lake? Not yet a member of FOCL? Please join today by sending \$10.00 check payable to:
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Happy Trails!

Dave & Sue Hawkinson #12 ESSEX

(#'s start with Clearwater resort & continue counter clockwise)

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