

## Dear Friends of Clear Lake,

As many of you have heard, John Stahmer (#31) is recovering in a Milwaukee area hospital after injuries he received after being hit by a bus in downtown Milwaukee. Additional complications have kept John hospitalized for an extended stay, but he is expected to make a full recovery.

With both the Hovind's (#1) and the Mark's beautiful Clear Lake homes nearing completion, I remembered what an old wise man once told me about how to determine the proper size of a lawn when constructing a new home. His advice was to "Have da Mrs. push da hand mower thru da sand encircling yer new home, being careful not overlap da earlier path. After counting to 15 minutes, the tracks dat (she) has left is da right size area to be seeded, cuz I know da Mrs. real well, she gets bored after 15 minutes."

With 30+ years of marriage in the bank, maybe it's a good thing we've never attempted to build a new home....

## Other Clear Lake News:

### *Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Update*

The modified final plan was submitted to the WDNR for review & comment on 6/8/07. We've noticed several patches of EWM with the warm up the last week. Our intention is to mark these "colonies" with **RED** and/or **BLUE** markers. Please refrain from motoring thru these areas to avoid fragmentation & spreading of the weed until we develop an eradication plan.

### **WHAT CAN EACH OF US DO AS INDIVIDUALS TO PREVENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) ON CLEAR LAKE?**

1. Thorough & regular watercraft inspection of your & your guest's equipment for AIS. Remove all weeds & debris from your equipment B4 off loading into area waters. Empty live wells before pulling your boat out.

2. Refrain from removing native vegetation from your shoreline.
3. Refrain from using phosphorus, nitrogen & potassium nutrients (instead, specifically use phosphorus-free fertilizers).
4. Restoration of natural shorelines. Refrain from mowing to the water's edge. A buffer is the most effective way to prevent excessive nutrients & sediments from reaching the lake.
5. A new fish virus that caused fish kills in several eastern Great Lakes in 2005 and 2006 has been detected in fish in Wisconsin's Lake Winnebago System and Lake Michigan. **Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia, or VHS virus**, is not a threat to people who handle infected fish or want to eat their catch, but it can kill a broad range of native fish.

To prevent VHS from spreading to inland waters, the Natural Resources Board in April and May passed prohibiting movement of live fish and water from lakes and rivers where the virus has been found or is likely present, and started requiring people who harvest and sell bait from the wild to get a [bait dealer's permit](#).

### *Fur*

The inquisitive little muskrat can still be seen playing hide-n-seek with boaters on the NW end.

### *Fowl*

We've noticed a good number of bald eagles frequenting the lake this year. Look for the nest again in the large white pine behind & to the right of John Stahmer's #31. Have seen a single osprey three times in June.

### *Fishing*

Good crappie and pan fish action week of 5/28/07 is reported. Fish the shallows with jigs tipped with crawlers or minnows.

### *Weather & Significant Milestones:*

6/4/07 week water temps dipped to 66F from 70F the week earlier. 68F on 6/9/07

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## **Lost & Found:**

We've found a swim raft & dock section.  
Contact us at 453-0738 to claim.

## **FOCL statistics and History**

- Total paid number of members of Friends of Clear Lake (\$10 family-one time): 115
- Acres/Depth Clear Lake 272 acres/51.4'

## **Changing Faces:**

Please welcome Sidney & Sandra Lokken, #13A and Peter & Julie Hulka, #59 from the Condos as our newest Friends of Clear Lake! Also, welcome Charles Burton from 5676 W Waterview Lane and thank you, Charles, for your generous donation to the EWM fund!

## **Treasury Report:**

General Fund is @ \$580.43  
EWM Fund is @ \$17,105

## **Upcoming area events:**

**6/21-22/07-** WI Association of Lakes conference, Hayward WI  
<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org>  
**7/3/07-** Old Timers ski show, Tomahawk  
**7/4/07-** fun runs, parade & ski show Tomahawk  
**7/14/07 week-** Hodag Country Musicfest  
**7/14/07-** Clear Lake Cup & Social @ Inshalla  
**7/28/07-** Kids fishing contest @ Mem. park.  
**8/1-4/07-** Antique boat motor show @ Sara Park  
**8/2-5/07-** FuddFest Country fest Gleason

**8/19/07-** Annual Fly-In @ Tomahawk airport

**TBA-** Clear Lake Cup

**9/12-16/07-** Tomahawk Fall Ride for MDA

**9/13/07** Inshalla's new Dinner Theatre "Barefoot in the Park."

## **Lake Links:**

- <http://wisconsinlakes.org/Publications/06e-lake/May06.htm>
- Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens  
<http://www.lakenokomiscc.org/>
- WI Valley Improvement  
<http://www.wvic.com/default.htm>
- WI DNR  
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>
- <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/headwaters/index.htm>
- WI Lakes Partnership UW St. Point  
<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/>
- Pier Legislation for 2007-Whats New?  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/piermits/Piers2007.pdf>

## **Past Newsletters:**

Past issues, FOCL roster, and other info are available by email or snail mail. Contact us.

## **Do you have any other news worthy info on Clear Lake or not yet a member of FOCL?**

Please join today by sending a \$10.00 (per family) check payable to:

Friends of Clear Lake

**Dave & Sue Hawkinson #12 ESSEX**

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

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**Boat traffic is on the rise, so please be safe and enjoy the lake!**