





**2007 Goose Control!** In 2005, Lake Wandawega had a resident Canada goose population of about 85+ geese. Their presence left the beach and piers littered with their droppings, discouraged members from using the beaches, and caused a health concern.

In 2006, WCC contracted with the USDA to come out and oil the goose eggs in an effort to reduce the population of the Canada geese on the lake to a reasonable number. *The Wisconsin Humane Society recognizes egg oiling as a humane technique to limit the reproduction of Canada geese.* USDA personnel located 19 nests and oiled 87 eggs with EPA approved 100% food-grade corn oil. Oiling of the egg disrupts the growth pattern and prevents the egg from hatching. After oiling, the eggs are returned to the nest, which tricks the goose into continuing to incubate nonviable eggs instead of laying additional eggs or re-nesting. This egg-oiling project reduced the population of Canada geese on Lake Wandawega down to a manageable 21 geese in 2006.

Given the success of the project, Wandawega Country Club will have the service performed again during the 2007 season. By keeping the Canada goose population down to reasonable numbers, the beaches and piers stay cleaner and any potential health risk from the goose droppings is reduced. Interlaken Property Owners Association will be contributing to the project.

## Don't Feed the Geese!

Feeding of geese and other waterfowl can be dangerous to the well being of the animal. Foods commonly used, such as bread, crackers and french fries, are nutritionally inadequate and can cause serious, potentially deadly impactions of the crop. Geese don't know when to stop eating, and the large quantity and the low quality of food combines to create disastrous results. Young birds often develop nutrition deficiencies resulting in crippling deformities.

In addition:

- Feeding attracts more geese than the area can naturally support.
- Geese eat plants needed for ground cover and erosion control
- Geese in high concentrations are more likely to get diseases and parasites.
- Goose droppings increase algae growth that, in turn, results in fish kills.
- Goose droppings are unsanitary, unsightly, and can contain parasites irritating to humans.

**LWIA Obtains \$3,000 DNR Grant!** Lake Wandawega Improvement Association's first grant application under the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Small-Scale Planning Grant Program was approved. This is a **matching grant** for the completion of an Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan for Lake Wandawega. LWIA has contracted with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to perform the necessary study to complete the APM at a cost of \$4,000. The WDNR grant will provide \$3,000 and LWIA will be funding the remaining \$1,000.

The SEWRPC study will look at the watershed, water quality, aquatic plants, recreational uses and current management measures. When completed, the APM plan will provide guidelines with which we can responsibly manage and control the aquatic plant life in the lake. Open meetings will be held with SEWRPC representatives through the course of the study. Meeting dates and times will be announced.

LWIA's only source of funding for these grants, studies, and future projects benefiting the lake, comes from its membership. If not for the dues and contributions of LWIA members, the matching portion of this grant would not have been possible. If you are a current member of LWIA, a **BIG THANKS** goes out to you. If you are not yet a member, please consider becoming one. Membership dues are only \$20.00 a year and can represent as much as \$80.00 for grant eligible projects to benefit Lake Wandawega for the entire community. So won't you please do your part and consider joining Lake Wandawega Improvement Association now?

**Have some questions or want to join LWIA?** Please contact us at LWIA@lakewandawega.com, US Postal Mail at LWIA, P.O. Box 902, Elkhorn, WI 53121, or call Bill Bastian at (847) 692-1982. Membership applications are also available on our website at www.lakewandawega.com.



## WCC Board Positions Expiring

Nominations are now being accepted for Vice President, Secretary and a Director position. Nominations and elections will take place at the May 12, 2007 meeting. Board positions are for three years with 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the board being elected each year.

The requirements ... You must be a property owner in the subdivision, able to attend the monthly board and general membership meetings, and actively participate in discussions and planning for the organization and the lake.

If you are interested in one of the positions or would like additional information, please contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter.

## WCC Officers & Directors

Bill Bastian, President (847) 692-1982  
 John Szady, Vice-President (262)742-3145  
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Feel free to call, write us at WCC, PO Box 624, Elkhorn, WI 53121 or send us an email at [WCC@lakewandawega.com](mailto:WCC@lakewandawega.com) with your association questions or concerns.

## Activities Committee Wants You!

Do you enjoy planning events and activities? If you answered yes, we have just the spot for you on the WCC Activities Committee!

The committee is signing up members who would like to help with ideas, planning and coordinating neighborhood events for the WCC community. The position won't take up a lot of your time and you get a chance to play an active role in the community.

If you are interested please contact Joyce Hayward at (262) 742-5249.



## Vandalism, trash and bad behavior

at the beach areas affect all of us. It can lead to additional costs for the membership in the way of repairs or replacement of property, unsightly messes, and uncomfortable feelings while using the beach. Please try to practice a few common sense reminders:

- \* Watch your language.
- \* Be courteous and don't blast your radio.
- \* Pick up after yourself and use the trashcans provided for your garbage.
- \* Smokers, pick up your butts.
- \* If you accidentally damage something, own up to it and offer to repair it.
- \* The property along Wandawega Drive between the two beach areas belongs to the association. This area is not a dumping ground. Cutting or trimming trees and brush on this property is regulated by Walworth County Shoreland Zoning ordinance and not permitted.

**Check our website frequently** and attend monthly meetings for updates and other happenings between newsletters.  
[www.wcc.lakewandawega.com](http://www.wcc.lakewandawega.com)