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**Summer 2007 Newsletter**



### **Hi, Wandawega Country Club Member!**

By owning property in this neighborhood you are automatically a member of this association. Listed are the current board of directors and their phone numbers:

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Feel free to call, write, or email us with your association concerns. Our email address is:

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### **Lake Wandawega – Update 2007**

Have you taken a good look at the lake this year? It's probably up about 6 inches in depth from last year, which makes the shoreline higher as well. And every time the depth has dropped a little, we have a significant rainfall and the water level rises.

Wandawega Country Club and Interlaken Property Owners Association have worked together to manage issues related to the lake. Again, this year, an egg oiling was done to minimize the number of geese on the lake. Though a number of eggs were eliminated, we still have a significant group of geese that have remained at the lake and are visiting the beaches. We shudder at the numbers we might have had without an oiling. You might consider bringing a grass rake with when you visit the beaches.

In order to control the aquatic plants, a first plant harvest was done at the beginning of June. Neighborhood volunteers pulled in cuttings off the beaches. That was followed up with a chemical treatment at the beaches on June 13. A second cutting is scheduled for August 1. The combination of treatments along with greater depth this year seems to be producing a more pleasant lake experience.

Some of you may see the "weeds" on the lake and wonder why they weren't cut away with the first harvest. Please remember that the Department of Natural Resources oversees permits for plant harvesting. They not only consider the human needs for lake usage, but the needs of wildlife. Some aquatic

plants are beneficial to the well-being of the lake and hold back more sinister invasive species. The DNR will only allow a certain percentage of plant harvesting and they monitor the actual cutting. This year, the harvester cut boating lanes, some lakefront owner shorelines to allow access to the lake and around the bog at the east end of the lake. Some of the large collection of plants near the bog and other locations around the lake may be either a cluster of beneficial plants the DNR did not allow us to cut or may be in areas too shallow to cut.

Lake Wandawega Improvement Association, Inc. (LWIA) was able to secure a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to work with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to study the lake. The study will cost \$4,000, with the WDNR funding \$3,000 of the cost and the LWIA the remaining \$1,000.

The study is scheduled to begin on Aug. 6. You may notice individuals on the lake taking samples. When completed, the study will produce an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Lake Wandawega to further our understanding of the plant life and provide us with best practices and alternative methods for plant control. It lays the groundwork for a total lake management plan with a focus on finding lasting solutions.

LWIA is the only grant eligible organization representing the Lake Wandawega Community. It is not directly affiliated with any of the property owner associations on Lake Wandawega, nor does it receive funding from them. The work of the LWIA is supported through grants, LWIA membership dues and contributions. If you are interested in further information about membership or the work of the organization, please contact Bill Bastian, President at (847)692-1982 or [LWIA@lakewandawega.org](mailto:LWIA@lakewandawega.org).

We are interested in your feedback on the success of lake management. Please let us know what you think!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

W.C.C. General membership meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the months May through September at 11a.m. in our clubhouse. Mark your calendars and plan on attending: **August 11 and September 8**

## Clubhouse Repairs

In an effort to continue to make the WCC Clubhouse usable for members and outside renters, we have continued to do repairs and replacement. This year the kitchen was targeted for upgrade. Improvements to the kitchen included some replacement cabinets, replacement countertops, a sink, a new floor and a new refrigerator. In addition, the screen door to the entrance was replaced and some minor plumbing repairs were done. We still have some window panes to replace and flashing to repair this year.

Last year, the Board made a decision to set aside \$5,000 per year toward current and future repairs and replacements at the clubhouse. If we do not spend the entire \$5,000 on the clubhouse in the course of the year, we put it in savings earmarked for future major repairs. As with any older home, the potential for repairs increases with the age of the building.

Remember that the clubhouse can be rented by property owners whose maintenance assessments are current for only \$50. To do so, call Judy Paul at (262) 742-2731.

## Beach Safety

As we move into the last half of the summer, the WCC Board would like to remind you about three issues relating to beach safety that are posted on signs at the beaches.

1. The **beaches are for swimming**, only. They are **not for fishing**. That includes the piers. Even if there are no swimmers in the water at the time, fishing in the swim area could leave behind hooks that will harm swimmers. Please fish away from the swimming area.

2. The **beaches are for swimming**, only. They are **not for boating**. That includes the piers. Any kind of boat in the swim area has the potential to harm a swimmer. Boats also have the potential to damage the piers. If you wish to add beach users to a boat, pick them up at the boat launch area on the east beach and far over to the side on the west beach.

3. The **beaches are for human swimming**, only. They are **not for dogs**. It is clearly posted at the beaches that dogs are not allowed on the beach. Even if you are willing to clean up after your dog, there may still be swimmers who are frightened by a strange dog or dogs frightened by strange swimmers. You may have the friendliest, best behaved dog at home, but no one can predict the potential when small children or another dog may invade your dog's space. Please leave your dog at home.

## Wandawega Memories

*By: **Pete Pappa***

Enjoying a pineapple-marshmallow ice-cream cone in summer, gathering with friends in fall for Sunday picnics in the park, and ice-skating on the lagoon near our East Beach...this was all part of life in Wandawega during the 1920's and 1930's.

Recently, a former Wandawega resident came up for a visit to her old "stomping" grounds. I had the pleasure to meet Irene Damm that day, and she shared with me many stories of her childhood at Lake Wandawega.

Irene's family owned cottages near our East Beach, one of which was located on the lagoon. Now, our lagoon is surrounded with thick vegetation and cattails, but at one time, it was a perfect place to launch boats and enjoy ice-skating in the winter. Unger's Store, which later became Hann's Store, was located just west of our boat launch. They sold groceries and bait, ice-cream treats and soda, and had slot machines on the porch! Wouldn't it be great to have a snack shop like that nowadays? Irene also told about Sunday picnics in the park. This was located on the property that extends from the East Beach around to the bog. This was the perfect opportunity to meet up with old friends and neighbors to share the latest neighborhood gossip.

While we might not have those Sunday picnics anymore, we do have an upcoming **Bash on the Beach** at our West Beach on **Aug. 11, 2007**. I hope you can all join us there.

If you have some Wandawega memories to share, please contact one of the board members. We'd love to publish your memories and share them with a new generation of Wandawega residents.

## Weed Rake – Rental

The association has purchased several lake-weed rakes that can be loaned out to use for weed cutting by individual shoreline property owners. If you are interested in borrowing one, please contact a board member. We will require holding a valid drivers license as the deposit for that day.

## Many Thanks!!!

Thanks to the following for their time back in spring cleaning up the clubhouse for the summer season: *Don & Judy Paul, Bill Bastian, Michael Simms, Jim Parchem, Howard & Joyce Hayward, John Crist, Dennis Williams, Pete Pappa, Gordon & Nancy Haak.* Also thanks to these members who helped get the piers in the water in May: *Howard & Joyce Hayward, Pete Pappa, Bill Bastian, Michael Simms, Don Paul, Gordon & Nancy Haak, Dan White.*