

Silver Lake Management District Newsletter

Spring 2020

High Water/No Wake

The lake continues to be high. As I write this the lake level is about where it was at freeze up last fall. The weir has been flowing all winter. We have had discussions with the WDNR and Lake Iroqami to try to determine a way to lower the lake closer to its OHWM. So far no viable solution has been found. The 'no wake' expired at the end of 2019. At this time it is unclear what will happen with the 'no wake' in 2020. This will be on the agenda at our Spring Board Meeting (assuming we have one).

No matter what happens this year, please consider the impact that boating with the high water has on the lake's shoreline. Remember State law requires 'no wake' boating within 100 feet of any shore, dock, pier, raft etc.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil (HEWM)

Milfoil on Silver Lake continues to be a key focus for the Board. Great strides have been made over the last few years. With guidance from our consulting firm, Onterra, the volume of Milfoil in the lake has dropped dramatically. The Onterra report of the work done last year has been posted to our webpage on the Town of Marion website. To see this and other important information, please go to [http:// townshipofmarion.com/lake-districts/silver-lake](http://townshipofmarion.com/lake-districts/silver-lake)

We continue to focus on managing the milfoil in the lake in 2020. We have contracted with the company that provided the DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Hose) service last year. They will be on the lake as soon as it is feasible. DASH has been very helpful in keeping EWM in check. A methodology is used to determine the density of EWM in the lake. A number called PI is used. Please see the website for an explanation of PI. In 2015 before the last whole lake fluridone treatment was done the PI number was 20. The 2017 PI was 0.2, 2018 it was 1.7 and last year it was 2.3. We will use DASH for up to eight weeks again this summer. DASH will concentrate on the main part of the lake.

This summer we are planning to do a targeted chemical treatment in Fox Tail Bay. Working with Onterra and the WDNR, we plan to use ProcellaCOR PE. This is a newer, short time contact chemical that has been approved for certain types of locations where there is a high volume of EWM. It should be perfect for a relatively confined area like Fox Tail Bay where DASH has not been particularly effective. The permit application is being worked on for a planned treatment in May or early June. All owners in the immediate area will be specifically notified.

With the help of Onterra, we will continue to do surveys. The activities continue to show good milfoil control and that native plants are doing quite well.

Remember, if you think you see any EWM or HEWM, please contact a Board member.

General

The Town of Marion along with the DNR will continue to provide the water patrol. Micky Weber will again be the officer in charge.

Remember to periodically check the Town website:

<http://townshipofmarion.com/lake-districts/silver-lake/> for important information updates.

Waushara County is again offering the Clean Sweep Program. For more information go to <http://www.co.waushara.wi.us/docview.aspx?docid=14581>

Clean Boats/ Clean Waters Program

Mark is glad to report Golden Sands Research Council (GSRCD) has hired a local student, Anna Peterson, for the Silver and Pearl lakes CB/CW inspector position. This is assuming the COVID-19 issue doesn't interfere. Amy Thorstenson (GSRCD) has other CB/CW positions available. If you know of any high school or college students interested in summer employment please see the attached on the positions and contact Amy at Golden Sands, phone # 715-346-1264, email, Amy.thorstenson@goldensandsrccd.org

Aquatic Invasive Species Tour for Wautoma Schools

We will again host tours AIS tours of Silver Lake for 7th grade Wautoma students. This event is planned for September 10 with the 11th as a rain date. As always, we will need volunteers with pontoon boats to take the kids and their chaperones around the lake. Call Mark Magnusson at 847-828-0272 if you would like to get involved with this project.

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS! JOIN US AT THESE EVENTS!

Calendar of events for 2020

May 23, 2020 – Spring Board meeting at Reediger's Triangle, NOTE 9:00 AM

June 12 & 13, 2020 – Silver Lake Rummage Sale

August 29, 2020 – Annual meeting at 9:00 AM, Silvercryst Resort

September 10, rain date Sept 11 – Wautoma Schools AIS training

Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Date: August 29, 2020	Coffee and donuts
Time: 9:00 AM Meeting	Cash Bar available
Place: Silvercryst Resort	Cost: Donation

Name _____ # Attending _____

Please return this form by August 26, 2020 or call:

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