



# GOOSE LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

EST. 2011 – ADAMS COUNTY WISCONSIN

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## **Please Attend our Annual Meeting!**

We hope you can join us for our Annual Meeting on August 31st, at 10:00AM, during which we will share a lot of important information about the health of our lake. We will meet at the **Town of Jackson Hall, 3278 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Court, Oxford**. For the first time, we will have our Annual Meeting available via Zoom (see attached agenda for the link). However, per state law **you cannot vote via Zoom**. As always, we will vote on the proposed budget (attached), and for one of our commissioner seats (Secretary). **Our current Secretary, Kim Timpel, is running for re-election**. We will also have a presentation from **Jennifer Bergman** from the **DNR** to discuss the recent **Goose Lake fish survey** and recommendations for **fish stocking**. The complete agenda with location information is also attached. If you cannot attend the meeting, although you will not be able to vote, you can certainly contact one of our commissioners or committee chairs, whose contact information can be found on our website at: <https://www.gooselakewi.org/contact/>

## **Water Ski/Tubing safety & Boating Rights of Way**

**Wake Hours are: 11:00am – 5:30pm**

**\*No more than 2 boats pulling skiers/tubers should be in motion at one time.** Take turns if it is crowded.

**\*All boats pulling skiers/tubers should take counterclockwise loops** around the oval around the main portion of the lake. Stay well away from the swimming area. Keep at least 50 feet from any other boaters.

**\*State law requires a spotter** in the boat in addition to the boat driver, unless the boat has a wide-angle rear-view mirror which allows the driver to always have a clear view of the skier. **(The rear-view mirror exception was added to the**

**statute in 2022)**. The spotter should always be watching the skier or tuber.

**\*All skiers/tubers should wear approved water ski vests.**

**\*When skier/tuber falls, return immediately to that skier/tuber.** Floating skiers /tubers are difficult to see by other boaters. When returning to skier, it is wise to keep the floating skier on the driver's side of the boat, so the driver's vision of the floating person is never obscured. When retrieving a skier/tuber from the water, **always turn off the engine.**

**\*A fallen skier/tuber should always signal with a wave that he/she is OK.** If no signal is given, the driver should assume that he/she may be injured or in need of immediate assistance.

**\*Sailboats have right of way over all other boats on the lake.** Motorboats must give way to any non-motorized boat.

**\*Stay safe, use common sense, be courteous to other boaters, and have a great time!**

## **Invasive Species**

Purple Loosestrife has been spotted.



If you notice this plant on your property or around Goose Lake please notify a GLWD board member. If possible, remove it, it is important to try and dig up all root fragments, or else the plant will continue to grow. Any plants should be burned or sent to the landfill.

As you may have noticed, we did contract for application of herbicide to treat the Eurasian Water Milfoil with a newer chemical, Procella-Cor,



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which is guaranteed for 3 years. The spring application has been successful.

## **Hosting Short-term Rentals**

Embracing the role of an Airbnb or VRBO host can be an exciting journey and a reasonable way to make some money. Here's a quick guide on being a friendly and considerate neighbor while Airbnb-ing.

First and foremost, share your plans with your neighbors. Let them know you'll be hosting guests and give them your contact info in case any concerns arise. It's all about maintaining a good neighborly relationship through open and honest communication.

Settle the sound scores by establishing 'quiet hours' for your guests. It's an easy way to respect the peace and quiet of your neighborhood. Steer clear of hosting events that could cause a ruckus.

Properly vetting your guests is non-negotiable. Airbnb's guest requirements and review system are great tools to ensure your guests will respect your home and the neighborhood.

A house manual highlighting local norms, including the no-wake rules in this newsletter can be a huge help to guests unfamiliar with how things usually run around here. This not only helps guests but shows your neighbors you're mindful of them.

Lastly, always handle any issues or complaints from your neighbors promptly and with understanding. Show that you value their comfort as much as your guests.

Being a considerate Airbnb host to your neighbors is all about striking the right balance. It takes a little effort, but it's a sure way to create a win-win

situation for you, your guests, and our neighborhood.

## **Being Good Neighbors**

While our authority is limited to the health of our lake, from time to time, residents approach us about problems such as theft, messes left in yards, barking dogs, late night fireworks, and other unwelcome behavior. Please remember that sound travels far in our neighborhood, and we all want to enjoy the peace and quiet of the beautiful nature that surrounds us. If someone is not being a good neighbor and will not respond to neighborly requests, you may call the Adams County Sheriff's Department for assistance at **911 for emergencies**. *Non-Emergencies should be reported by calling (608)339-3304 or 1-877-885-9977.*

## **Weed Harvester Update**

As you probably noticed, we purchased a new weed harvester which arrived in time for the harvesting season. We received a \$57,000 grant which brought the cost down below \$100,000. We also sold the old harvester for \$25,000, so our net cost was under \$75,000. A special thanks to Fred Mess, who has been indispensable with maintenance and repair of both the old and new harvesters, as well as for leading our volunteer weed harvesting program. More details about the purchase and sale will be shared at the Annual Meeting.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

We always need volunteers to help with keeping our lake clean and healthy. You can sign up on our website at:

<https://www.gooselakewi.org/getinvolved/>