

**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, Inc.
2015 SPRING MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER**

Events and Activities for 2015

- July 4th** **Annual Membership Meeting**
8:30 A.M. Crandon School Auditorium
Sportsman Raffle & Banquet Kick-Off, with Apparel Sales
Boat Parade, Summer Cook-out & Raffles
1:00 P.M. Boat Parade & Raffles with the Food Tent at 2:00 P.M.
- July 25th** **Kentuck Days: Mini-Raffle Booth, Sportsman's Raffle &**
Walleye Banquet Ticket Sales
- Sept. 19th** **Art in the Square: Mini-Raffle, Sportsman's Raffle, Walleye Banquet Ticket**
Sales, Drawing for Sportsman's Raffle
- Oct. 10th** **Walleye Fundraising Banquet at Mole Lake Casino**
Banquet Hall 5 P.M.
- Nov. 7th** **Board of Director's meeting – 9:30 A.M. at the Library**

Help Support the Lake Metonga Association!

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting!! Volunteer to Help!!

To Help With: Kentuck Days, Art in the Square or the Sportsman's Raffle call Deb Gaurke at (715) 574-9100

To Help With: The Boat Parade, Association Cook-out or the Walleye Banquet, call Tim Leonardelli at (262) 389-0707 or Gary Mueller at (715) 478-2049. Please call Dave Patzlaff to preregister your boat for the boat parade at (956) 566-9892.

ICE OUT 4/17/15

With the extremely cold winter and 30 inches of ice on the lake, it was surprising that the Ice Out occurred this early. However, it didn't top 2010's ice out date of April 5th. On April 16th it appeared it was gone, but a call to Candy Dailey on the North End proved wrong. The wind had pushed ice slush to the North End, but by the next day it was gone. Therefore with Candy's input, the 17th was the official date for Ice Out.

Election of Officers at the 2015 Annual Meeting

President: 2-year term

Treasurer: 2-year term

Secretary: 1 year to complete 2 year term

Board Member: 2-year term

For more information, check our website: www.lakemetongawi.org

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM) STATUS & GRANT APPLICATION

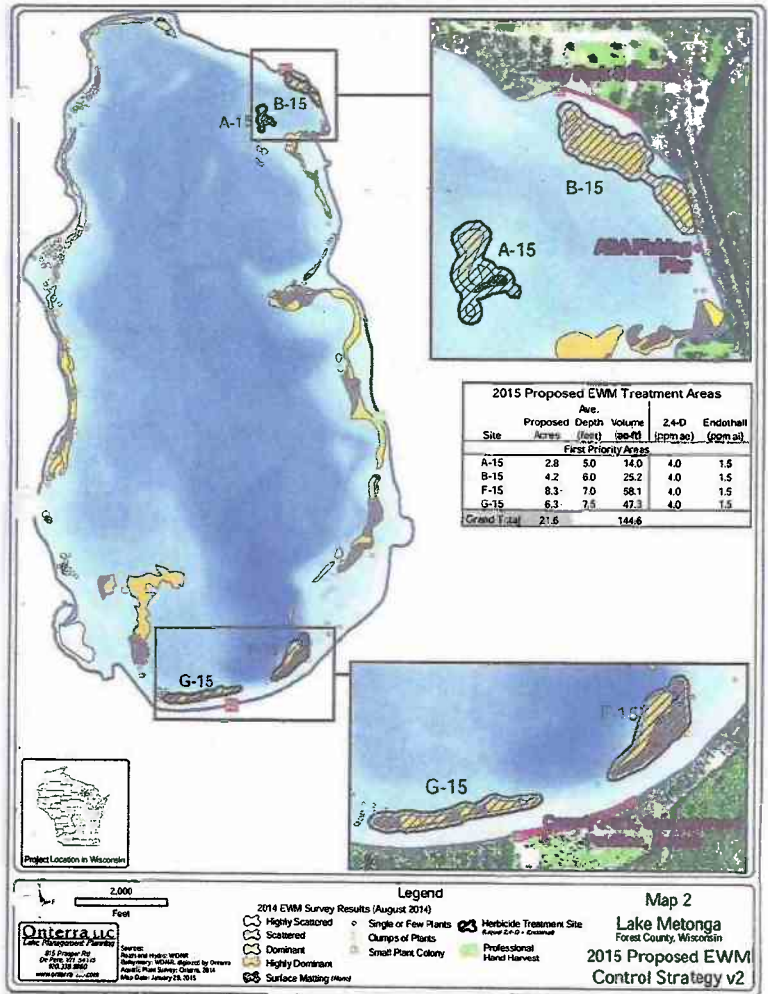
The 2014 Fall Survey identified EWM growth and a proposed control strategy was to perform Herbicide treatment of 77.6 acres of EWM. With the assistance of the association consultant, Onterra LLC., a grant application was filed with the DNR on Feb. 1st, 2015.

The total Grant Award Project cost was \$121,381.95 with the state contributing 65% (\$78,898.27) of the total cost and Lake Metonga's share of the cost is \$42,483.68.

The DNR would not provide any herbicide treatment funds in 2015, but would apply the funding for 2016.

Considering critical EWM growth areas, the Association Board decided 21.6 acres should be treated and would be at the Association's expense. The map points out the critical EWM beds selected. This was proposed to the DNR and it was accepted.

- 1) Bed B-15: This bed fronts the city swimming beach frontage and could become a hazard to swimmers.
- 2) Bed A-15: Directly out in front of the North Boat Launch area. Boats running through would cause fragmentation & spreading.
- 3) Bed F-15: This bed is encroaching toward the South County Park swimming beach area and could be a hazard to swimmers.
- 4) Bed G-15: Directly fronts the South Boat Launch area. Boats running through would cause fragmentation & spreading.



The Herbicide Application Cost to treat 21.6 acres is \$21,860.08 and would be performed by Clean Lakes and Onterra must perform pre & post treatment surveys plus submit the results including the effectiveness of the treatment to the DNR. This adds an additional cost of \$7,746.50 to the 2015 treatment costs. Total = \$21,860.08 + \$7,340.00 = \$29,200.08.

All Riparian owners who front the treatment areas were sent packets, in accordance with WI. DNR State Statute NR 107.04(4), that included: Permit Application, Treatment Map, Article published in the local Newspaper and Fact Sheets of the 2, 4-D and Endothal Herbicide used in the treatment.

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STEP UP TO THE PLATE!

It's Baseball Season and this is a statement that tells a player to perform for his team. As you now are aware of the cost to the Association to invest to keep Lake Metonga a pristine body of water, it is time that all riparian and back lot owner's "STEP UP TO THE PLATE" and join the Lake Association to financially support the proposed treatment (\$29,200.08). If we all respond and share in the cost, it is achievable. A membership form is included in this newsletter. Let's achieve 100/Participation. **Step Up To The Plate!**

BULLHEAD HARVEST

An aggressive harvest in previous years has significantly reduced an abundant bullhead population. As a result, the Perch population has increased considerably. The Walleye 18" size limit, natural reproduction and the bullhead harvest have increased the lakes walleye population. Mike Preul, Fishery Biologist at Mole Lake proposed to harvest again in 2015. About 900 were harvested out of Peterson's Bay on 5/7/15. They were stored in holding pens and are given away free to the public on 5/15/15. Further electro-shocking harvest will be preformed by Mike and his staff.

Mike's Request to all boaters and people on shore: Take a small mesh net with you and if you see schools of baby bullheads, net them, take them to the shore and dispose of them in the trash.

TRIBAL HARVEST

As soon as Ice Out occurred, the Mole Lake Tribe speared. A total of 681 was speared; nearly 400 less than what was speared in 2014.

CLEAN BOATS-CLEAN WATERS BOAT INSPECTORS

Lake Metonga Association is planning to monitor and inspect boats, trailers and other recreational equipment that enter and leave the boat launches at the North and South end of the Lake.

If Lake Users fail to clean their boats and equipment, invasive species can easily enter Metonga. Since Lake Metonga has Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels, it is equally important to inspect and clean boats and equipment leaving the Lake to prevent their spread to other water bodies.

A \$7,971.00 Grant was received from the WDNR to financially support hiring three inspectors to cover the boat launches at the North and South end of the lake. The State will fund 75% (\$5,978.25) of the total budgeted cost. Two inspectors are high school Senior's, Jason Smith, Deven Groff will fill the programmed schedule which begins on May 23rd and continues through September 8th. An inspector training session was conducted by WDNR staff at the Crandon Public Library.

We desperately need someone to step forward to manage this valuable program. Les is unable to continue managing this effect.

MEMORIAL

Les Schramm's wife Donna passed away on April 10th, 2015, after a year long struggle with back surgery. Les and his family decided to designate memorial donations to the Lake Metonga Association as Donna loved the lake and assisted Les in all the Lake Association activities, newsletters, grants, DNR reports, etc. Les and his family would like to Thank Everyone for their cards and generous donations to Donna's memorial.

For more information, check our website:
www.lakemetongawi.org

IT'S THE 4TH OF JULY PICNIC TIME!

Let's Rock the Boat!

It's time to "Rock the Boat", so who wants to join in?

The LMA has been around for a long time. It started as an organization that brought the fishing businesses together. Since then as time has changed so has the Association. Donna and Les along with many others have taken the association from a gathering to a nonprofit organization. Now it's time to move forward. There are lake issues that need to be addressed, from the Rusty Crayfish to the Eurasian Milfoil, to the Zebra Mussels and beyond. If we truly want this lake to be around for our children and grandchildren to enjoy, as we have, now is the time to get involved!

The events have been established to make some money, but when you are dealing with treating the lake, the cost is unbelievable. Grants were received, but not enough to cover the costs. So, whether you can take an hour of your time or have some great ideas that you would like to share, come to the annual meeting on July 4th. Just a few hours of your time and donations is a priceless gift to the lake that we all enjoy.

So "Lets Rock the Boat" Lake Metonga and enjoy the summer! Checkout the website for events, come to the annual meeting on July 4th, participate in the boat parade, and meet your neighbors at the Lake Metonga picnic.

What a great way to celebrate our independence!

Show that you care and get involved. See what a difference you can make.

HELLO EVERYONE!
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Back "UP NORTH" for fun in the sun! So here's some info on the upcoming events.

On the 4th of July we will be at Beachside Bar & Grill for our annual picnic fun and games. Lots of food starting with the boat parade at 1:00 p.m. Please pre-register your boat with our Boat Marshall, Dave Patzlaff before this time if possible. The Boat Parade will kick off promptly at 1:00 p.m.

We will start at 1:00 p.m. for the Raffles, too. Our new spinning wheel will be running all day with hams, pork loins (big ones) and other great prizes. We will be selling tickets for our Meat and Freezer Raffle, 50/50 Bingo and our "Just for Fun" eating contest with a \$50 First Place Prize!

Dewey Karcz, " King of Krakow" will be cooking the Lake Metonga Crab & Corn Boil....So Good...So Good... Judi and her gang will be "BBQ-ing" Italians, with peppers and onions, along with Brats, Hotdogs, sauerkraut and baked beans! There will be plenty of beer, soda and cold water to quench your thirst.

Oh Yes, Don't forget the kids raffles! Bring your lawn chairs & join in on the fun!

COOK OUT STARTS AT 2 P.M.,
SO DON'T BE LATE.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

But the funs not over yet! Beachside has scheduled a band to start at 6:00 p.m.!

For more information, as details unfold, check our website: www.lakemetongawi.org

Lake Metonga Sportsman's Raffle

The Lake Metonga Association Sportsman's Raffle, with limited tickets, will kickoff at the Annual Meeting on July 4th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. This year there are new and exciting things happening. At this kickoff event any Sportsman's \$20 raffle tickets purchased at the Lake Metonga Association Annual Meeting will be eligible for a single drawing of a \$20 rebate that will be held at the end of the meeting (Approximately 10:30 a.m.). Tickets will be available from 8:30 a.m. to the time of the drawing.

Kentuck Days Festival Mini Raffle

The Kentuck Day Festival will be an event that you won't want to miss! On Saturday July 25th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Lake Metonga Association will be holding a raffle with lots of prizes. This drawing will be at 3:00 p.m. that day. Your help is needed to collect donated prizes, (you can donate prizes too), sell tickets and just have fun! Please contact Deb Gauerke, Fundraising Committee Chairperson, (715) 574-9100. An hour of your time is worth more than words can say! All funds help to keep the lake a great place to enjoy for generations to come. Please volunteer to help!

Art in the Square Mini Raffle

Art in the Square will be on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the Lake Metonga Association Mini Raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Sportsman Raffle drawing! What an exciting day! Once you get involved you won't want to miss being a part of this great organization! So come join the fun and help make your Lake Association the best around! Just give Deb a call at (715) 574-9100.

Fall Fund Raising Banquet

Our Fall Fund Raising Banquet will be on Oct. 10th, 2015 at the Mole Lake Casino in the Bingo Hall. The event starts at 5:00 P.M. with a tasty 3 meat buffet (All You Can Eat), Silent Auction, Small Vocal Auction, Spinning Wheel Raffles and prizes all night long.

Limit is 300, so don't wait to buy your tickets! We will sell out very quickly! Tickets will be available at the Annual Meeting and the 4th of July picnic, Kentuck Days & Art in the Square.

For more information check out the web site or call Tim at (262) 389-0707 or Gary Mueller (715) 478-2049.

Walleyes and Evasive Species

New Name, New Format, New Goal. The Lake Metonga Walleye Banquet has generated enough cash to transform our walleye population from .6 mature Walleye per acre to 4.9 mature Walleye per acre. We are now considered a "Premier Walleye Lake".

During this transformation we were able to fund the cost to contain our Eurasian Water Milfoil EWM infestation to about eighty acres. The DNR Eradication Program changed in 2014-2015 and limited treatment to under 30 acres per year. The last Lake Survey measured acreage at over 117 acres. The DNR will join us again in 2016 for a more comprehensive treatment plan, which of course will cost us a bundle.

By mid-July, you will understand why we are starting our Fund Raising early. Thus the new name and format!

We have a great start with over \$10,000 in fabulous prizes. Our Local Lake Friends and Venders are promising another \$10,000 "IN KIND" Services. We have a start on 20 Great Baskets which could use some enhancement to maximize their potential.

Example: Packer Tickets for a Packer Basket, Badger Tickets for a Badger Basket, Drone, Fit-Bit, Go-Pro Camera, Nook, Kindle, Ice Auger, Pheasant Hunt, Kayak, Stand-up Paddle Board, Dells Water Park weekend Packages, I-Pad, Electric Fish Scaler, R/C/Cars, Golf Range Finder and Golfing Packages.

Please Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer!!!

Call Gary Mueller (715) 478-2049 or e-mail: mueller@networth.net.



WHAT IS IT?

No, it's not a Dove, it's a Leucistic Robin. It never ceases to amaze one what Mother Nature has in store for us. Linda Fehrenback, a neighbor, saw this all white bird on April 8th, 2015, but couldn't identify it by it's all white plumage. The internet soon helped her pin point that it was a "Leucistic Robin". The size was right, the beak was identifiable, but it's all white color was a mystery. This Robin lacked the pigments that give it "robin" color. Be alert, you'll never know what you might see when you are in the North woods!



2015 LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership Period January 1st-December 31st)

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

If Seasonal, Lake Address (Fire Number & Street):

Permanent Phone:

Seasonal Phone:

Email Address:

To assist in keeping you updated with information about Lake Metonga and the Association in a timely manner, please subscribe to our email list. To enroll, please do so on our web-page, www.LakeMetongaWI.org.

I am interested in assisting the association with:

I would like more information about:

Please check all that may apply:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days	<input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days
<input type="checkbox"/> Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Commentary	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Quality/ Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

WE NEED HELP DURING THE YEAR TO ASSIST IN OUR EFFORTS IN PROTECTING LAKE METONGA

Business Members- Would you like to advertise your business on the Lake Metonga Association Website? For \$25, we will list your business card or logo on our supporters' page and encourage members to do business with you, as a Lake Metonga Supporter.

Annual Membership Fee for 2015- Business -----\$ 25.00
 Advertising Opportunity for 2015 (optional)- Business -----\$ 25.00
 Donation for protection and preservation of our lake -----\$ _____
 Total Payment Enclosed, checks payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc -----\$ _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL PROMOTION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP WHEN THEY PRESENT THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO YOUR BUSINESS, PLEASE CHECK HERE AND KIM WILL CONTACT YOU. WE WANT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY WHILE ADDING BENEFIT TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORTING LAKE METONGA.

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 Donation for protection and preservation of our lake -----\$ _____
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To Pay with MasterCard or Visa, complete the following (please print clearly):

Name on Card: _____
 Account Number: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code (3 Digit code on back): _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

Donations are tax deductible 501(c)(3)

Mail to: Treasurer, Kim Reed, 6670 Wintergreen Trail, Sobieski, WI 54171

Visit our website at www.LakeMetongaWI.org during the year for updates and announcements