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Hello fellow Friends of Lake Mohawksin and Others.

This is our first annual newsletter delivered by email in order to reduce expenditures and volunteer labor to produce. You may reproduce any portion or all of it. You are encouraged to forward it to your friends who should have an interest in our waters.

It has been another good year and there are many things to discuss at the annual meeting.

The FOLM Annual meeting will be held at SARA Park on August 18th, 2018 starting at 8:00AM for gathering and program at 9:00AM. Lite continental breakfast and coffee will be available. Our speaker, **Emily Krule**, Shore Land Protection Specialist for Lincoln and Oneida Counties, will open the meeting and educate us on shore line protection including the availability of funds to assist you in your shoreline efforts.

We will have our business meeting where we discuss the fiscal portion of our association and elect officers and board members. As can be predicted, every current member of the board is another year older, again. Most of us have been on the board since inception back in 2006. Some have asked to step down. Our bylaws are quite clear that if a director or officer wishes to not run for the next two year term and nobody steps forward to replace, then that person is still an officer or director. Being a director has been easy. Meetings are held during the summer. Almost all of us are snowbirds. Please consider filling one of the positions yourself.

We welcome **Charlie Jarvis** as the most recent member of the board. Charlie is a lifetime resident of Tomahawk and former owner of the Northbay Pharmacy. We also welcome **Adam Faufau** who will be nominated to the board this year. Adam Faufau is a Tomahawk resident. Adam graduated from University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor's degree in Limnology (study of the lake). Adam is an avid fisherman, works at PCA and has taken over the our partition in the Citizens Lake Monitoring Network which requires gathering and analyzing water samples each month during the summer.

After the business meeting Emily Krule will offer a guided tour of the shoreline garden established behind the ice hockey rink arena.

District Establishment

The ad hoc committee continues to solicit signatures of property owners around the lake who benefit most by a healthy, well managed lake. The ad hoc committee reports that getting signatures is becoming more difficult. Over half of the property owners are non-residents as determined by the fact that their tax bill is sent to somewhere other than the lake address. Many non-residents are here for some portion of the summer months, but meeting face to face with them has proven to be time consuming. The committee will continue to use the US Postal Service.

If you have signed the petition, they thank you and request you talk with your neighbors and encourage them to sign. It is the right thing to do for the future generations to benefit from our beautiful Mohawksin Waters. Attached is a blank petition and additional information. Please sign if you have not already and get your neighbors to sign. If you have any questions either reply to mohawksinwaters@gmail.com or contact Charlie Jarvis (c.jarvis4@frontier.com) in the eastern area or Roger Glocke (rglockexx@gmail.com) in the western area.

There are over 200 lake districts in Wisconsin. Forming a lake district can be scary. In our area the following lakes have formed lake districts: Lake Nokomis, Deer Lake, Muskellunge Lake, Half, Pickerel Lake, and Silver Lake. If you know anyone owning property on those lakes ask them their thoughts about their district. Ask them if their current angst is as great as they expected prior to establishment. Doing lake management as an association as it is currently is difficult since it is volunteer based. Forming a district reduces the demand for volunteer hours. A lake district is the ultimate form of democracy. **Nothing happens** unless you specifically vote for each project and budget at the annual meeting. There are no **elected** officials setting priorities and budgets. These things are **set by us and our peers**, not by an elected board member, elected committee member, or elected council member.

What has happened this year?

Spring surveys by our lake consultant, Onterra LLC of De Pere, WI verified there are no areas where the **Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)** warranted management action.

The surveys did identify six (6) areas where **Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)** should be hand pulled. All of these areas were visited by Aquatic Plant Management (APM) of Minocqua to hand pull the turions before they could migrate and grow. Attached is a map showing the sites we pulled this year

The **Purple Loosestrife (PL)** committee found a few areas that were treated by putting the live beetles which consume the plants in the area. The beetles die out when the plants are totally gone in that area.

Grants Status and Plans

We have two active grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR).

We have an **Early Response grant** for addressing the inception of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). This grant was to be for two years. Through efficient implementation we were able to survey, hand pull, and summarize with reports for three years.

The other grant is the **EWM grant** started August 1, 2010. Because of effective supplier management we have money left over. We have proposed to the WDNR to extend the grant date to allow us to continue spring surveys and revisit and refine our lake management plan to document our activities and to recognize the presence of CLP which was not recorded in earlier planning. This extension would be at no additional cost to the WDNR. Additionally, we will address some shoreline status thrusts which the WDNR has considered important in recent years. The WDNR has already extended the grant date to December 31, 2020. Both of these grants are paid for by WDNR(75%) and FOLM (25%).

Potpourri

Jean Shannon created a beautiful flyer to raise awareness of our existence and promote membership. The tri-fold brochure is attached and is also available in many offices in and around Tomahawk. The back side has the form to remind you to renew your membership. Feel free to make copies for your friends to join.

We need someone to take and type up the annual meeting minutes on August 18th. This is would not be a permanent appointment to Secretary or to the board, although you are welcome to run. Also, **we need someone to gather light refreshments and make coffee.**

A **map** is attached that shows the size of the proposed Mohawksin Waters and the Federal Energy Regulation Committee (FERC) Project Definition.

See you on the lake, and at **SARA Park on Saturday, August 18th.**

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Friends of Lake Mohawksin, Inc. founded 2006

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-  **Goals and FAQ's.pdf**
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-  **Petition Backside.pdf**
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-  **MW Lake Mohawksin Rack Card_6page trifold.pdf**
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-  **MW Map - Size and Scope.pdf**
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