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Fall 2023 Newsletter

We wanted to bring you up to date on what we are doing and our future plans.

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REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 26th at 9 am
Bradley Town Hall

We had over 30 folks in attendance at our Annual Meeting in Bradley Town Hall on August 26th. Full details of the meeting may be found on our [website](#).

Highlights from the Meeting

- Election of our new [Board of Directors and Officers](#) for 2023/2024
- A review of our Education and Outreach activities for 2023 and looking forward to 2024
- The Treasurer reported on our sound financial position
- An overview of our Clean Boats Clean Waters participation on Mohawksin presented by Tom Boisvert and Sam Coates of DNR
- Folks also got a chance to enjoy refreshments and to meet Friends of Lake Mohawksin Officers and other neighbors and members.

Our NEW Action Committees are Getting to Work

GROW THE MEMBERSHIP!

We've already increased our membership by 10% since our August annual meeting but our goal is to get north of 200 members again. So WE NEED YOUR HELP! Between now and December 31, 2023, [sign up](#) for an annual membership and get the remainder of 2023 for free PLUS all of 2024. All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Our Membership Drive is coming in December 2023. Stay Tuned for a special update!

Our SOCIAL COMMITTEE is organizing events for 2024

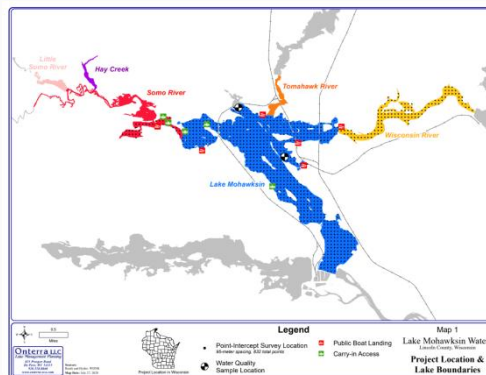
Hot off the presses from the Fall Board of Directors meeting, planning for these *tentative* events is underway.

- **Fire on Ice** - January bonfire on the lake! Details coming soon.
- **Bait Buddies** - Kids fishing event - experienced anglers share their favorite sport. Half-day event with more details to follow. (May 2024)
- **Family Movie under the stars** (Summer 2024)
- **Deck the Bows Pontoon Palooza** (Summer 2024)

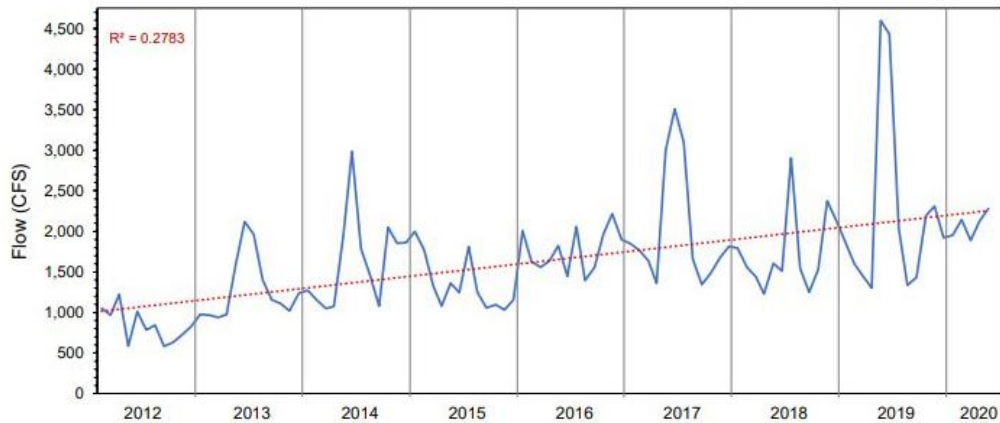
Contact Director [Kathy Drenkler](#) to volunteer to help out.

Lake Mohawksin 2024 Aquatic Plant Studies Project Grant Application SUBMITTED

After months of hard work, the grant application was submitted by President David Soderberg. Letters of support from our local institutions and members are in the works and we hope to hear this winter whether our grant application was successful. Since grant funding is the primary source of our association finances, this work is crucial to our operations.



Facebook UPDATES Since Last Newsletter

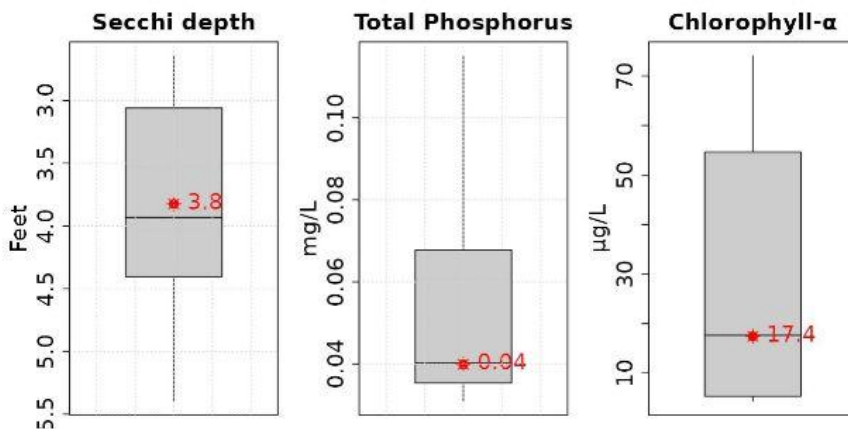


**Increased flow since 2012,
with higher spring spikes**

[Did You Know . . . The water flowing through Lake Mohawksin has been increasing since 2012.](#)

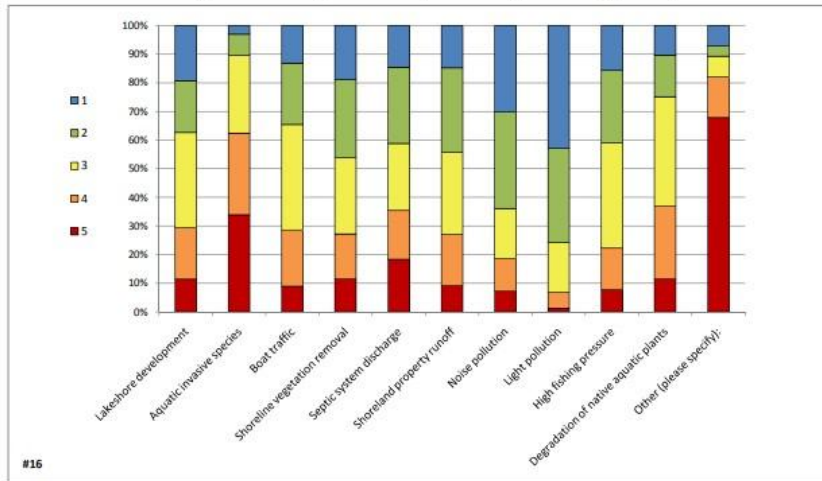
Trophic status compared to similar lakes

Late summer trophic indicator averages (red) from the last 10 years compared to other **IMPOUNDED FLOWING WATER** lakes (gray box and whiskers). If red dots are absent, not enough recent data exists to calculate an average.



DID YOU KNOW - The Friends Of Lake Mohawksin monitors "Waterbody" conditions of Lake Mohawksin via Citizen Lake Monitoring. It is important that we know the status of our lake so that we can maintain the quality of our lake. You can see the data at <https://dnr-wisconsin.shinyapps.io/WaterExplorer/?stationid=353089>

#16	To what level do you believe each the following factors are impacting Lake Mohawksin?	Impact Level				
		1 No Impact	2	3 Moderate Impact	4	5 Great Impact
	Lakeshore development	32	30	55	30	19
	Aquatic invasive species	5	12	45	47	56
	Boat traffic	22	36	62	33	15
	Shoreline vegetation removal	31	45	44	26	19
	Septic system discharge	23	42	37	27	29
	Shoreland property runoff	24	48	47	29	15
	Noise pollution	50	56	29	19	12
	Light pollution	69	53	28	9	2
	High fishing pressure	26	42	61	24	13
	Degradation of native aquatic plants	17	24	63	42	19
	Other (please specify):	2	1	2	4	19



DID YOU KNOW? . . . In 2020 we did a survey asking Lake Mohawksin folks what they believe most impacts Lake Mohawksin.

Lake News on our website has some new content

From the desk of Vice President Darryl Hamer is a monthly series of entertaining and fact-filled articles about our beautiful lake and the community.

Please [reach out and let him know](#) if you have an idea you'd like to see published in "Lake News".

September - The Mohawksin Musky Masters



[October - A Walk in the Woods: Northwoods Monkeys and Breakfast Pastry](#)



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Newsorthy Wisconsin Waters Legislation Updates*

Read the viewpoint of [Wisconsin Rivers Alliance](#) on the recent WI legislature vote to not assist citizens with PFAS-contaminated drinking water.

Wisconsin State Legislature Blocks PFAS Progress and Puts Politics Before the People's Right to Clean Water



[Wisconsin's State Lake Association](#) has an interesting read on the recent efforts to pass legislation on wake sports.

A screenshot of the Wisconsin Lakes website. The header includes the 'WISCONSIN LAKES' logo, a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Membership, The Partnership, Events, Lake News, and Contact Us, and a 'SUPPORT WI LAKES' button. A green banner below the header reads 'ACTION ALERT: PROPOSED WAKESPORTS BILL FALLS SHORT'. A search bar is located at the bottom right of the screenshot.

* Newsworthy articles are reposted as relevant discussion points and do not necessarily represent the positions of FOLM members. Please send us your viewpoint at <mailto:folmtomahawk@gmail.com>



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On Thursday, November 2nd, Nachos Mexican Grill suffered a tragic structure fire. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured and the fire department extinguished the blaze but not before the entire structure and the accompanying building were destroyed. Donations for the families can be given via Venmo at

the bar code above or dropped off at Crossbridge Community Bank.

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