

Hopefully when you receive this we can say Spring is in the air...maybe?...finally?

**WEBSITE UPDATE** - With the Spring of the new year comes our new Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District website. Check out more detailed information about our wonderful lake and the sewer system installed to protect the lake and environment. There are plenty of photos, write ups and even video's that really show some of the Districts programs and some of the work the District deals with on a day to day basis.

The website is temporarily under – [www.lakepewaukee.org](http://www.lakepewaukee.org) (it will eventually be back to the lakepewaukeesd.org).

**Click your way through some of our website tabs and information and please provide us with feedback on any of the materials presented as well as any suggestions you may have.**

**LAKE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** – The District still has a few openings in our lake operations for temporary summer employment. These jobs are typically from mid-May to the end of August. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

We also have a need for some permanent part-time seasonal employees for the lake operations. These jobs would typically run from early May until the end of October.

This is hard work and since the work is part time there are no benefits or vacation time. We need crews to run all summer full time.

### **Lake Equipment reminder –**

The Harvesters (weed cutters) are Yellow. (Yes I know the pictures below are black and white but use it for reference in size and shape as well as notice there is only one person on the harvester).

They are cutting on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Typically “as a rule of thumb” the harvesters do not cut on Fridays so we can focus on cleaning up the cut weeds (the floaters) to prep the lake for the recreational users over the weekend whether you are sailing, fishing, skiing or just on a scenic cruise. Once and a while if it's too windy for shore clean-up or we are caught up on cleaning up floaters, we will run the harvesters in a calm bay to work on removing as many invasive aquatic plants as possible.



The Shore barges are Orange. They are out every day and there are typically 2 or 3 staff working with them (see photo below). They pick up floating aquatic plants in and around the shores that have floated in. These machines are not used for pile pick up.



The Transporters are Blue. The Transporters are heavily utilized in pile pickups on Mondays and Fridays.



They are also out every day for unloading Harvesters and Shore barges to transport the weeds across the lake. They hook up to the conveyor which loads the weeds into Big Red (the big red dump truck).

All equipment and staff are scheduled daily based on aquatic plant status and wind directions. The schedules are always subject to weather conditions. Old Mother Nature can shut us down at any time. While we will work in rain and fairly windy conditions, we pull the crews off the lake when the winds get too strong and/or lightning is observed in the area.

Remember if you want your shoreline looking mint for the Holiday weekend (or any weekend), help us, help you, by stacking the weeds in piles for Fridays pile pick up. Remember to stack the weeds where they are accessible for pick up with our transporters.

**SEWER OPERATION NEWS** - District has once again solved some infiltration and problems that lead to extra clear water flows that were coming from a private development on the west end of the lake. This will help reduce flows and costs. HOWEVER, now is the time the illegal sump pumps show their flow and we see our flows jump up. **We can tell which homes are doing this and we are going to be implementing heavy fines to the residents that have their sump pumps hooked up to the sanitary sewer. I strongly recommend having a plumber change your connection, or fix it yourself. Sump pumps are to drain this clear water to the outside of your property to the lawn area or storm sewer NOT the sanitary sewer.**

You can follow a link on our website for plumbers near you (yellow pages). The cost to repair it will be less than the fines. Go to <http://www.yellowpages.com/pewaukee-wi/sewer-cleaners-repairers#e:/k:/l:/f:/o:distance>

**NATIVE PLANT SALE** - For all gardeners that are interested in shoreline buffers or native plant gardens, the District is once again sponsoring the Pewaukee River Partnership to hold a Native Perennial Plant Sale, May 10th, from 9AM to 1PM. The location will be at the New Village of Pewaukee parking lot (old Sentry parking lot on Oakton Avenue). Plant list can and a flyer can be found on our website. You can also contact Charlie Shong directly by phone at 414-443-6737 to get some detailed information on plant list and types specifically for your rain garden, butterfly garden or lake buffer.

Over twenty varieties of plants will be offered with prices ranging from \$2 to \$2.75. The plants are in two inch pots. We have used these same types of plants from the same supplier for several years in our restoration projects and the library rain garden. We have always had excellent results. These plants make outstanding Mother's Day gifts (May 11th).

For additional general information please call the District office, (262) 691-4485

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Water Resource Educational fund at the District and the Pewaukee River Partnership.

**WE DON'T DO GARBAGE** – With spring cleaning coming up the phone begins to ring at our office for information on garbage pickup. As reported in the past, we don't do garbage, but we know who does. The contractor for all three of our lake communities is Advance disposal. Their local phone is 262-367-6040.

**For more information on the District's operations, please visit our website at [www.lakepewaukee.org](http://www.lakepewaukee.org)**