

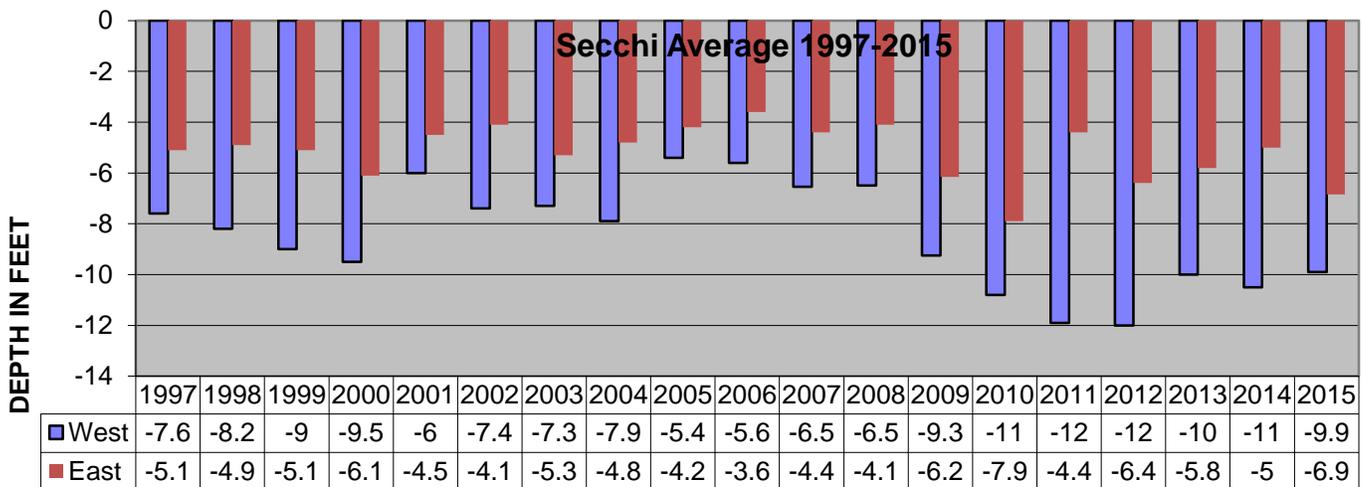
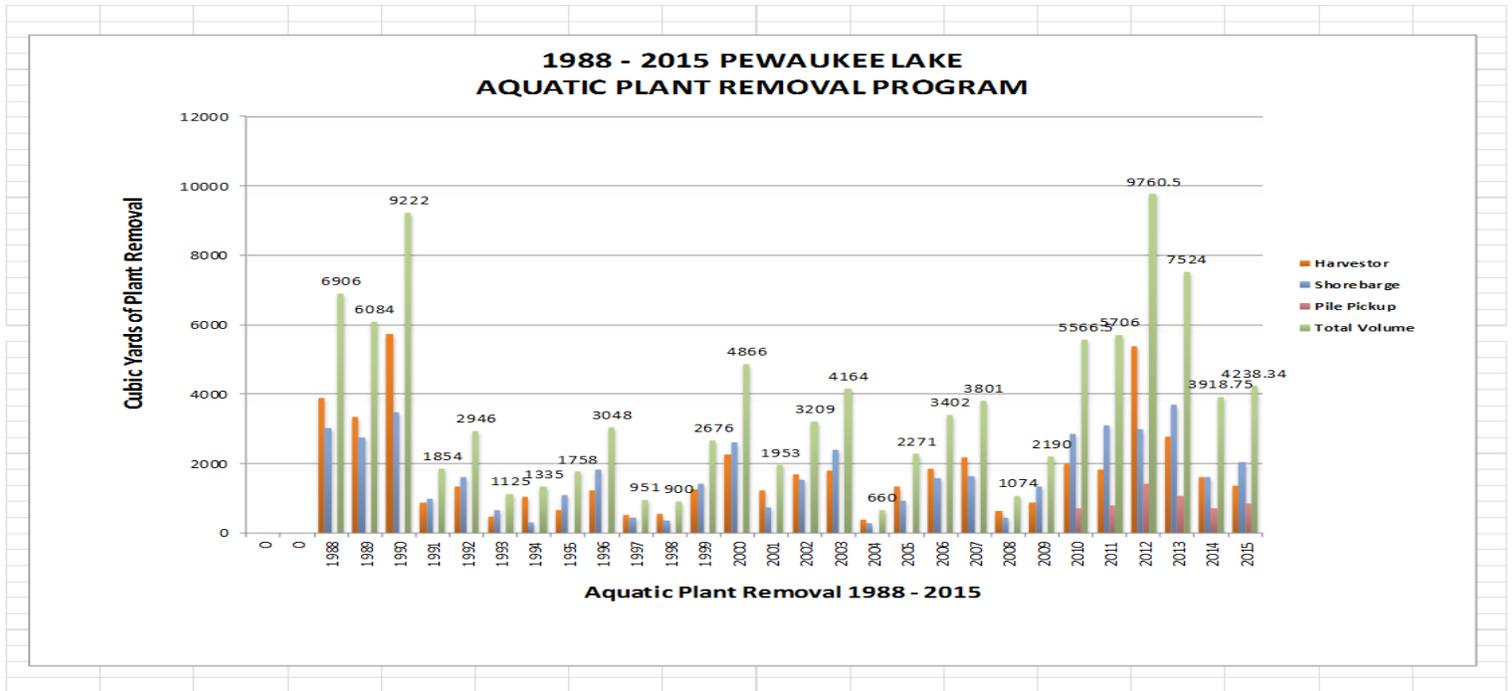


HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

LAKE CLEAN UP SUMMARY

It was another great year on the Lake! The native aquatic plants were prospering while the invasive aquatic plants were held at bay and appear to be on the bottom of a growth cycle. Clean-up crews worked through October cutting, picking up shorelines and doing pile pick up. We have included a chart that shows the volume of aquatic plants taken out of the lake over the years and how these last year's compare to the previous cycles.

Below is a graph of the volumes (in cubic yards) of aquatic plant removal over the past 28 years. The tallest spikes are the combined volumes of the districts removal operations (the harvesters, shore barges and pile pick up).



The above Secchi disc graph shows the water clarity cycles from 1997 to 2015

SEWER VENTS AND BAD SMELLS

This time of year we normally receive several calls about sewer smells inside houses. Homes are protected from this odor by the P or U shaped traps that are present on all the drains and toilets in the house. These traps must be full of water to provide this protection. With the heat on in the winter, an unused drain such as a basement floor drain or utility tub may simply dry out. The solution to this problem is to pour some water in these drains periodically to keep the trap full. If the drain dries out again from lack of water use, try this simple recipe:

Add cooking oil

Fill the trap with water. Then pour a thin layer of cooking oil onto the water to keep the water from evaporating.

Under every drain in your house, there's a trap that holds water and prevents sewer gas from flowing up into the air you breathe. But if you have a shower that's been abandoned since the kids moved out or a floor drain that never gets used, the water in the trap can eventually evaporate. That lets in stinky—or even dangerous—sewer gases. The solution is a few ounces of cooking oil. Dump a bucket of water down the drain to refill the trap. Then add the oil. The floating oil forms a seal over the water and prevents evaporation.



The term “sewer gas” is generally used in describing the odor people smell if a trap dries out. The actual gas may be made up of a number of different components, some of which may be hazardous.

Visit the website Plumbingtraps.com and learn more.

Please remember, if you suspect a problem in your home, do not hesitate to call a plumber to correct the situation. **Also remember DO NOT FLUSH RAGS down the toilet. Even if they are labeled “flushable” they are problematic with our pumps.**

USER FEE

The new rate for our quarterly sewer user fee will be \$106 starting with the April 1st billing. The user fee covers the operations and maintenance of the sewer. Even with the rate increase the District will still have one of the lowest rates in the area. We at the District are proud of the fact that we have been able to hold costs down and still maintain the system and provide the service our customers deserve.

Employment – Summer Lake Crews

Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District will be looking to hire enthusiastic people to help with the lake operations this next year. The temporary summer employees work from early May until the end of August. The shift starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. with opportunities for overtime depending on lake conditions. Applications for the seasonal help will be accepted for review starting any time after January 1st, 2016. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

We also have a need for some temporary help that could start earlier and work through October. Call Rita at (262) 691-4485 for more information or visit the website at www.lakepewaukee.org