

# Stockbridge Bowl Association



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Dear Neighbor,

For over six decades the Stockbridge Bowl Association has been a steward of Lake Mahkeenac, otherwise known as Stockbridge Bowl. The SBA is asking you to renew your membership or consider becoming a new member.

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### *Are you aware that ...*

- The Town of Stockbridge Lake Management Program, initiated by the SBA, was adopted by the Town to manage the Eurasian Milfoil weed and build-up of silt. •The SBA has assisted the Town to obtain approval for an enhanced winter drawdown to freeze the weed bed. •A diversion pipe will be installed to again **allow the free flow of lake water** under a set of gas and sewer pipes that now partially block the outlet. • In stages, thousands of cubic feet of silt will be removed from the lake. •Full implementation of this program will require major financial support.
- At the initiative of the SBA, sensible lake rules were created. *Jet skis prohibited \* motorized craft to circulate counter clockwise \* 40 mph maximum speed 10 a.m. to sunset\* safety zone of 300 feet from the shoreline \* swimmers outside the safety zone must be accompanied by a boat \* moorings and floats prohibited more than 300 feet from shore.*
- Buoys were designed, funded and set out by the SBA delineating the safety zone.
- Properties owned and managed by the SBA are the Island and Bullard Woods where the SBA
  - installed landing ramps at the Island and Bullard Woods
  - purchased and placed picnic tables at the shore of Bullard Woods
  - built a bridge to ford the stream in Bullard Woods
  - designed and purchased new signage for the Woods. Work teams from the SBA Board annually clear the trails on these properties.
- The SBA helped fund the purchase of one of the Town's weed harvesters.
- The SBA Strategic Planning Committee created a DVD about the Lake, frequently shown on Public Access TV, and prepared and distributed brochures to highlight the condition of the Lake.
- With equipment it purchased, the SBA measures and tracks the water quality of the lake. These measurements are recorded and the information is shared with the Town's Conservation Commission.
- This year the SBA is hosting its **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stockbridge Bowl Day at the Town Beach on July 26**. Last year 500 adults and children enjoyed this event.
- Sixty-two year's worth of SBA materials were donated to the Stockbridge Library to establish an historic record of the SBA and to aid other lakes in sound lake management.

**Please join or re-join this valuable conservation-oriented organization.** The only criteria for becoming a member of the SBA are to love Stockbridge Bowl and to want to preserve and protect it for future generations.

Shirley Blanchard, SBA Membership Chair

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