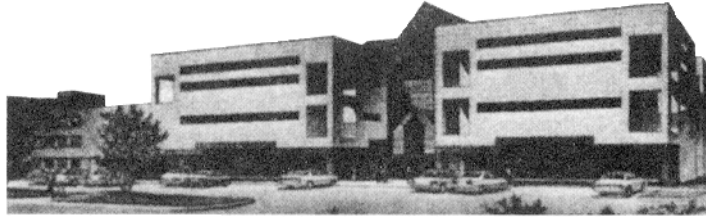




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### ***Safety Reminder***

***February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

### **Attention, community members – Special Attention Pewaukee Lake:**

Aeration systems are being installed in our local lakes to prevent ice buildup and protect waterway structures. These systems help prolong the life of structures like piers by keeping areas of the lake ice-free through circulation.

Key Points to Remember:

**Safety First:** Aeration systems can create thin ice or open water spots. Always be cautious and look for warning signs before stepping onto the ice.

**Marking Ice Holes:** To ensure public safety, ice holes created by aerators should be properly marked with barriers and visible warnings, such as reflectorized or fluorescent materials.

**Proper Installation:** Aerators are often attached to existing structures. No additional DNR permitting is required if the installation meets specific criteria. However, it's important that these systems do not disturb the lake bed.

**Regulations & Permits:** If you are planning to install an aerator and are unsure about the regulations, visit the below links:

**[Avoid ice damage on permanent structures | Waterway protection | Wisconsin DNR aeratorfactsheet.pdf](#)**

For everyone's safety, please stay informed and share this information with fellow lake users. Let's enjoy our beautiful winter scenery while being mindful of others.

Thank you, and stay safe!

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