Staats Lake Goose Health Update

Residents may have noticed an increase in sick and dead geese around the lake and on some streets. Similar events that have occurred during past fall migrations throughout the valley, have involved illnesses such as aspergillosis (a naturally occurring fungal disease), the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI - 'bird flu'), and rodencide. We have confirmed that most of the bird deaths this fall are the result of the bird flu.

The Oregon Health Authority considers the risk of the bird flu to the general public to be very low. As a precaution, residents should avoid touching or handling sick or dead birds and keep children and pets away from them. Sick or dead geese can be reported to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Health Lab at 866-968-2600 — although they know this is happening all over the valley and they are not in a position of retrieving them. Dead birds around the lake are being regularly picked up by a Staats Lake Association contractor. The HOA can be contacted regarding dead birds on its Common Area.
The Inland Shores HOA will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as reliable information becomes available.