

**H**ave a problem with Canada geese on your grounds and want to do something about it?

Copy this address: *Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.*

Then write a letter describing what you think about Canada geese—not the migratory geese, but the freeloaders. The ones that seem to think there is such a thing as a free lunch and it's served on your grounds each and every day. Describe some of the problems that these geese cause. Don't put this off.

Write this letter now. You only have until June 1 to let the Chief know.

Here's why it's important that you write.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering giving state wildlife agencies more authority to control "resident" (free-loading) Canada geese populations. They could control problem geese each year from March 11 to August 31 (May 1 to August 31 in Calif. Ore. and Wash.), and wouldn't have to get individual permits

from the Service each time as is currently required.

This is good news for grounds and turf managers in spite of certain conditions these state agencies would have to meet in reducing the number of these giant pest birds. For example, they could kill the freeloaders only after alternative non lethal means have proven ineffective or unfeasible. But the proposal certainly gives the state agencies more authority which is good.

The problem, of course, is the large, and growing, population of "resident" Canada geese. They don't migrate. Although they look like the geese that nest in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of Canada and Alaska, they are, in fact, a distinct subspecies, says the U.S. Wildlife Agency.

Remember, get your letter into the Chief before June 1. **LM**

## Give U.S. Wildlife Agency a 'goose'



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#### Keller Outdoor Services on a roll

Orlando-based developer CNL, Inc. awarded Keller Outdoor Services, Sanford, FL, a contract worth more than \$300,000 for landscaping and irrigation services at Gran Park in South Park, located on John Young Parkway in south Orlando. In another project, CED of Maitland, Inc., gave Keller a \$200,000 contract to landscape and irrigate Waterview Club apartments in Orlando. Keller has added 30 new fulltime workers since the beginning of the year.

#### California pioneers join forces

Robert E. Sapien & Associates, Inc., Culver City, CA, joined forces with California Landscape Maintenance, Inc., Canoga Park, on March 28. The Sapien company will retain its identity, but will operate as a division of CLM with Robert E. Sapien holding the title of corporate vp. Chuck Johnson is CEO of CLM. He and Sapien have a combined total of 84 years in the business.