

Lake Latonka POA Board Update May 2020

This is a monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. It is great to see so many people enjoying the lake. The office is now open. We hope to open the beach now that we are in the green phase. The fireworks and sky divers will continue on the 4th of July weekend. Other activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. The Board has decided to **cancel** the LLPOA sponsored garage sale in August this year. The Barnhouse has been removed. About 40 Members joined our May 28th meeting via video conference and a link to the recording was sent.

Healthy Lake: Keeping the lake healthy is critical to our community and an ongoing challenge. It is a complex issue that requires a multi-prong approach. After hundreds of hours of volunteer work talking to vendors, soliciting proposals, and doing numerous reference checks, the Lake Water Quality Committee recommended and the Board approved Princeton Hydro as an advisor to the lake at a cost of up to \$85,000 over the next year. Princeton will direct our new lake applicator Solitude this year. The Board also approved spending up to \$45,000 with Solitude on lake treatments. Our updated DEP permit has been approved and treatments will start in June. Included in the Princeton work is the development of a long term plan that will be ready to share with Members in the fall. While we do not know how much it will cost we are committed to take the steps needed to provide a safe recreational lake. We have significant financial reserves, including some for the Community Building, but will hold off on those types of decisions or discussions until we know what the cost of implementing a long term solution to a healthy lake is. Special thanks to all of the Members who volunteered their time on the committee. They are Jim Daley, Ted Dunham, Alan Hannas, Bill Hazlett, Brian Heery, Ken Komoroski, Tony Lemoncelli, Paul McCloskey, Gary Novak, Paul Rassel, and Tom Rizzo.

Safety: Please be careful on the roads as there are a lot more people on them. We will also be adding stop signs on side roads as they enter Latonka Drive. Boat traffic has picked up significantly. Please be sure to travel counter clockwise and obey the 100 foot (200 feet when wake surfing) from shoreline no wake zone under state law and our rules as well as the no wake zone on the northern end of the lake. Wake boats in general cause bigger wakes (of course) so please keep them near the middle of the lake to avoid damage to shorelines.

Financial: Jim Hart reviewed financial summaries at the May meeting and we are on track year to date.

Roads, Culverts and Bridges: We continue to clean out sediment traps (and we added two new traps) and improve culverts on a regular basis to reduce erosion and the sediment that gets washed into the lake. The surface of the walking bridge below the dam has been replaced. Lake Latonka Drive has been sealed to extend its life and the road contractor currently expects the following roads to be completed in June: Comanche Trail, Itawambi Trail, Kutenai Trail, Modoc Trail, Mohican Trail, Shawnee Trail, and Tass Trail.

Rules: Some progress has been made by the Rules Committee to update the proposed rules. Their work will be followed by a review by an LLPOA attorney, and then presented to Members for their feedback at a Town Hall before changes are made.

Thanks for the role so many of you play in helping to making Lake Latonka special. There are so many examples of this often enumerated in the Latonka News including in reports by the Social Club, Fish Club, Women's Club, Latonka Players, Garden Club, etc.

Please provide suggestions or feedback to us at meetings or when you see us at the Lake or email the office: office@lakelatonka.org to get us a message.

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