

Lake Latonka Property Owner's Association Board Update August 2019

This is a monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. We appreciate that 9 Members have completed their applications to become nominees for the Board for the fall election. Please mark your calendars for Meet the Candidates Night on Sunday, October 6th at 7:00 PM.

Before and at the August 22nd LLPOA meeting a Member accused a Board Member of interfering with an enforcement matter related to LLPOA lot #33, possibly because of a friendship. The Board Member reacted hastily, and said that he resigned as a Board Member and an officer at the August 22nd meeting. The Board and the Manager met on August 29th to try to better understand the situation. The Board Member rescinded his resignation as a Board member, which according to our attorney he had a right to do because the Board had not accepted his resignation. The Board did accept his resignation as an officer. LLPOA will continue with this enforcement matter. This situation has a long history and the Board will explain this in more detail at the September 26th Meeting. The Board also elected new officers: President: Denis Meinert and Vice President: John Chamberlain.

Lake Draw Down: The Board approved a Lake drawdown from November 4th to December 13th. Please see the email sent July 26th for details and for further reading see the document titled LLPOA Lake Drawdown Considerations and Recommendations under the Lake Preservation Committee Section of our website. If you intend to complete work you should start your planning soon.

Healthy Lake: Keeping the lake healthy is critical to our community, and it is an ongoing challenge because so many factors are involved, and many of these factors change and are beyond our control. As stated previously AquaDoc, a water quality company, continues to monitor and provide weed and algal control applications to our lake. Also, EnviroScience is doing a scientific analysis of the lake during the most biologically active months of June, July, and August. The analysis will include recommendations for future work such as removal of silt and sediment along with treatment of algae and weeds to support the long-term health of the lake.

Financial: We are tracking well compared to the budget on overall revenue and expenses.

Systems: The staff is implementing the TOPS (www.topsoft.com) Community Association software system to more effectively and efficiently maintain our infrastructure and to better serve Members.

Roads, Culverts and Bridges: The Committee has been active weekly with a focus on culverts and storm water management. Clearing debris and widening and lining the ditches with rip rap will help allow the water to flow and control erosion. Improperly functioning culverts impact the run-off into the Lake and ultimately the health of Lake Latonka. Good storm water management is important to appropriate road maintenance. We have ranked the culverts in most need of repair and are fixing, or planning to fix, many areas.

LLPOA crews added riprap to 5,500 feet of culverts primarily on the west side of the Lake. The Skunk Run Creek culvert project on the East side of the Lake is well on its way and should be completed by the end of September.

Rules: The review of LLPOA rules continues with four Board Members and the Lake Manager, who will provide recommendations to the entire Board. This will be followed by a review by an LLPOA attorney, and then presented to Members for their feedback. We plan to complete this by the end of 2019.

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. We encourage you to volunteer for the Fall Festival.

Please provide suggestions or feedback to us at meetings or when you see us at the Lake.

LLPOA Board of Directors: Chuck Becker, John Chamberlain, Graig Filer, Dick Harper, Jim Hart, Denis Meinert, Tom Rizzo, Justin Safran and Michael Turton