

Lake Latonka Property Owner's Association Board Update July 2019

This is a monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. We are looking for nominees for the Board for next year. Please get an application from the website if you are interested – the deadline is August 30. We would like to thank the staff for their quick responses and hard work related to another crazy weather month with more flooding and tree damage. On another note, there have been increased acts of vandalism, and boats traveling too fast and the wrong way, and ignoring no wake zones. Please follow the rules, explain the rules to your guests, and report violations to LLPOA security for the safety of all of us.

Lake Draw Down: The Board approved a Lake drawdown for November 4 to December 13 – see the email sent July 26 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 plan to do something 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, will continue 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 and treatment of algae and weeds to support the long-term health of the lake. An email was sent out asking for your help to combat the invasive water chestnut plant.

Financial: We are tracking well compared to the budget on overall revenue. We also have awarded a \$90,000 unbudgeted culvert repair in the Skunk Run area. We will be considering moving some money from the road budget or from reserves to pay for these critical repairs.

Systems: The staff is implementing the TOPS (www.topssoft.com) Community Association software system to more effectively and efficiently maintain our infrastructure and to better serve Members. We remind you that the office will be closed on Wednesdays so that the staff may focus on this significant implementation. We will start to see an impact in 2020. If you have an urgent matter, please call in advance for a Wednesday appointment.

Roads, Culverts and Bridges: The Committee has been active weekly with a focus on culverts and storm water management. Improperly functioning culverts impact the run-off into and ultimately the health of the Lake, and 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.

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 may make some tweaks to address some immediate concerns but will wait for Member feedback before implementing more significant changes. We plan to complete this by the end of 2019.

Other: Garage sales are August 17. The Board approved the Social Club Phase two plans for the Nature Trail that includes more wood chipped trails, benches, plants, gravel around the fire pit, and clean up of fallen tress

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 – details in an email on July 29.

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