

## Lake Latonka Property Owner's Association Board Update May 2019

This is a brief monthly summary of Board activities for our 650 Members. Thank you to the many Members who joined us for the Annual Membership Meeting on April 28! A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for June 23 at 1 pm and one of the subjects will be water quality. We are considering other topics so if you have suggestions please let the office know. Thank you to the Lake staff for preparing the community for the upcoming summer and we wish all of you a safe and fun summer.

**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 direct control. As stated previously AquaDoc, a water quality company, will continue to monitor and provide weed and algal control applications to our lake. They have already done a preliminary assessment for weed control and we approved additional algal treatment. Also, EnviroScience will do 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.

There seemed to be more dead Crappies this year along the shorelines. Some Crappies die due to stress during spawning each year. To check to see if this was a bigger problem the Lake Manager reported this to AquaDoc and the Fish Commission. We would like to thank the volunteers from the Fish Club and Coolspring Watershed Committee who planted 25 trees and 100 live stakes of willow along the Coolspring Creek to control and stabilize the stream banks and reduce erosion into the Lake. Tom Tyma and Tony Giovanelli led that effort at no cost to the LLPOA. A Riparian buffer was also planted near the beach to reduce nutrients coming into the Lake and to help reduce geese and their droppings on land.

**Financial:** The outside auditors have completed their audit of the 2018 financial statements. A summary of their report along with a five-year financial summary was reviewed at the Annual Meeting. Copies of both documents are available in the office for Members. The staff and Board review our finances on a regular basis and year to date we continue to be in good shape.

**Systems:** The staff has evaluated and selected the TOPS ([www.topsoft.com](http://www.topsoft.com)) Community Association software system to more effectively and efficiently maintain our infrastructure and to better serve Members. This is a significant implementation that the staff will be focusing on the second half of this year and we will start to see the impact of their efforts in 2020. We ask for your patience and cooperation during this process. **Starting June 5 the office will be closed on Wednesdays** so that they may have some uninterrupted time to focus on these efforts and loading years of data into the system. If you have an urgent matter, please call in advance for a Wednesday appointment.

**Roads, Culverts and Bridges:** The staff and Committee worked diligently to be sure that the contractor fixed problems on Manito, Oneida, and Pontiac from the fall paving. The Committee has been active in inspecting the bridge (it needs paint to prevent rusting), analyzing culverts, and considering a longer-term approach to roads.

**Rules:** We have had a number of discussions and received feedback from some Members about our rules. The Board and our attorney are reviewing the rules. We expect this process to take several months of iterations between the staff, our attorneys, and the Board until we are ready to share our work with Members at a meeting. We may make some tweaks to address some immediate concerns but will wait for Member feedback before implementing more significant changes.

**Other:** Kayak launches have been installed for your use at Dock 14 and at the dock close to the Pavilion near the Community Center. A small repair was completed on the spillway.

**Open Meeting Format:** To provide more opportunities for input, we have modified our open meeting agenda to include two opportunities for member input. Members will have an opportunity to comment on resolutions scheduled for a vote prior to the Board vote. In addition, and as always, members will continue to have the opportunity to comment at the end of open meetings on any issues.

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 Fish Club, Garden Club, Latonka Players, Social Club, Women's Club, etc.

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

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