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Dear Lake neighbor,

It is time again to renew your support of the ongoing Lake maintenance contract. I am happy to announce that, Solitude Aquatic Maintenance, is not raising the rate for this year.

As you likely witnessed, 2020 was troublesome with algae covering the better part of the lake for multiple months. Many factors contributed to this situation including: warmer than usual temperatures, less rain and continuation of excessive amounts of nutrient enriched runoff.

I had multiple communications with City and County officials, requesting their assistance in addressing the issues. I also reached out to other maintenance companies for their quotes. The result was disappointing to say the least.

- Competing lake maintenance providers either would not offer their service, or the rate was significantly higher.
- Both City and County indicated that they have only limited responsibility, primarily maintaining the (city) street drains and the (county) outlet drain.

I did obtain copies, from City of Largo, all the documentation related to the recent road work and street drain updates, which verified that they legally followed all requirements for State/County permits and that they followed all rules regarding watershed property. Most all of these documents are on my website listed below.

Again, last year, multiple properties did not participate and collections did not cover total expenses. I wish to request your continued \$319 annual contribution to be used for maintaining these efforts. Any over collection will be refunded appropriately. I know that some property owners are thinking of selling, and I encourage you to help out this year. If I do not collect enough funding to offset this out-of-pocket expense, I will have no choice but to cancel the contract. Having no maintenance, and an algae covered lake, will not be good for home resale!

<https://kurtklotz.com/wp/grove-lake/>

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YES, I want to continue / begin my assistance with the yearly "Lake Maintenance Contract" in order to improve the beauty of our surrounding property. I am enclosing my contribution of \$319.00.

NO, I do not care to join the others in keeping our lake clean and beautiful.

Signed _____ Date _____

Email _____

On behalf of all those who have been so proactive on keeping our lake clean, I wish to thank you all for your support and contributions. . Kurt M. Klotz

“What can I do to Help?”

- First, and most important, is to limit nutrients from entering into the water. This includes limiting the use of phosphorus fertilizer near the lake, and insure none goes into the street drains.
- No fertilizer shall be applied in or within 25 feet from the edge of any water body or sea wall or in any designated wetland or within 25 feet of any wetland as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Chapter 62-340 F.A.C.) If necessary, remind your lawn service regarding this law.
- If you irrigate your yard with reclaimed water, it is crucial that there is no runoff into the lake, or your street gutter (since likely the gutter eventually finds it way into the lake).
- If you notice a neighbors irrigation system watering the street, or a broken head causing water to flow into the gutter, let me know and I will attempt to resolve (City code inspectors will also assist)
- Do not dispose of yard trash/clippings into the lake, as when these decompose, they “feed” the algae
- Limit weed growth into the lake, unless growth is known to be non-aggressive, and planted for the purpose of nutrient absorption.
- Partial payments welcomed..



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