

# Lakeside News

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## Help Keep our lake clean

It's time again to renew the contract with Aquatic Systems in order to keep our beautiful lake weed free.

For those who are new to the neighborhood, it was not long ago when the lake was overtaken by a weed called "Southern Niad". This weed caused the lake to stagnate, leading to algae blooms, fish kills, and a terribly foul odor.

In order to prevent this from happening again, the residents surrounding the lake agreed to hire a company to maintain it year round. Since that time, the lake has been weed free although not completely without problems.

As this will be the sixth year for this contract with Aquatic Systems, Inc., it is hoped that everybody will again pitch in a portion on the cost for next years maintenance. Last year, all but four lakeside residents participated..less than the previous year. Hopefully this year, we can raise that number.

The cost to renew the contract has stayed the same - \$1488 per year, or \$124/month. Last year, I requested \$124 from each resident and receipts led to a shortage of \$124 which I paid for out of my own pocket. Anticipating that only eleven residents contribute, as last year, I am requesting \$135.00 to cover the cost of the yearly contract.

As before, if there is an excess, I will refund individual shares of the overage to each contributing party. Similarly, if we have a shortage, additional funds will be requested. I certainly hope that the latter does not occur. If only 10 families agree to participate, we may have to cancel the agreement.

The anniversary date of the contract is November 1st, 1998. I would appreciate your response and/or payment on prior to October 15th. If you wish to make payments over time, please contact me.

## Non-Participating Neighbors

To those who have elected not to participate in "*Keeping our Lake Clean*", I simply ask you to reconsider.

Our property value is greatly effected by the condition of the Lake. Even our health is effected. Should the lake become overwhelmed again by weeds, and should we have another major fish kill, not only will we have to contend with dead fish in our yards, increased wildlife activity (IE. Raccoons, Possums), it will become impossible to enjoy our back yards due to the rotting fish smell, and stagnant "red-tide like" water.

We are all very fortunate to have the number of neighbors who are willing to help with the cost of the maintenance though I don't think it is fair for them to them to pickup the total tab. If we all join in, the cost would drop to nearly a quarter a day per home...just over \$8.00/month. Thank you! Kurt

Return this portion to:  
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YES, I want to continue / begin my assistance with the yearly "Lake Maintenance Contract" in order to continue the beauty of my surrounding property. I am enclosing my share, as a lake side property owner, of \$135.00. I understand that if all collected money is over the amount needed to cover the yearly contract price, the excess will be divided and returned to all those who have contributed.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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's happening `round the lake?**

Keeping my own affairs in check, it's difficult to keep up with what's happening around the lake but here goes anyway.

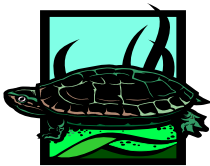
One thing noticeable is the number of new rooftops dotting the lakeside. By the looks of things, the next time this newsletter is published, all the roofs likely will have been replaced.

We have a new neighbor, Mike, who purchase the vacant house on the north end. I hear that he is considering adding an addition to the back. His children are fun to watch as they fish and try and catch the waterlife.

The street drain along the west bank was recently replaced. The city of Largo seemed to do a nice job replacing pipes as well as repairing the yards effected.

### **Personal Commercial - Do you enjoy Live Music?**

I'm a member of the Tampa Bay Symphony and would like to offer, to my neighbors, the opportunity to enjoy fine classical/pops music with us. If you are interested in 1/2 price tickets (i.e. \$5.00), please give me call. It's a great bargain and you'll be a sponsor of the "Arts".



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## **Remember this?**

Prior to the agreement to have a lake maintenance contract, the lake had become 100% “choked” with a dense weed call “Southern Niad”. The stagnant water promoted algae growth which later bloomed and killed the majority of all fish (including the 12”, and larger” Bass)...and this weed took over in only a matter of months.

Let’s hope this never happens again, and it won’t with your help!

