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Dear Lake neighbor,

2022 will mark 30-years since the first issue with “Grove Lake”. I was living here then and volunteered along with two other neighbors, to keep it healthy and an asset to our property. As such, it is time again to renew the annual Lake maintenance contract. I am happy to announce that Solitude Aquatic Maintenance has not raised the rate for this year, even though I had multiple demands for stepping up their treatments so to keep the lake looking at its best.

As you likely witnessed, 2021 was not without a couple months of algae covering part of the lake, but it was in improvement over the previous year.. Many factors contributed to this situation including: warmer than usual temperatures, less rain and nutrient enriched runoff. Also, change in service technicians yet again resulted in temporary loss of algae control. There were some issues with the Aeration system that were resolved with only minor costs. There were issues with the drain becoming blocked, and this was resolved after multiple communications to both the city of Largo, and Pinellas County.

This past year, two property owners provided extra funding to assist with the anticipated deficits and was most appreciated, as well as another who was unable to fund the requested amount, but did offer partial funding. With this, and with 4 homes not contributing anything, I shouldered a \$695 deficit.

Please consider a \$319 annual contribution to be used for maintaining these efforts. Any over collection will be refunded appropriately. I certainly understand recent conditions related to the COVID pandemic, however the costs required to provide/maintain our precious lakefront property should not be taken for granted.

As a reminder, the owners of property around the lake are fully responsible for the lake. The City nor County have any legal responsibility. This is not unique and is typical of ALL private neighborhood lakes across the entire country. Without your support, I will have to drop the contract, and the quality of our property will soon fall.

**Visit my lake-related website for lots of information regarding lake issues, maintenance, and much more:
<https://kurtklotz.com/wp/grove-lake/>**

Return this portion to: Kurt M. Klotz klotz@yahoo.com
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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?”

- Contribute to the funding of the maintenance agreement.
- **If you irrigate your yard with reclaimed water, *it is crucial* that there is no runoff into the lake, or your street gutter** (the gutters run into the lake). This is governed by the City and State of Florida, and can lead to significant fines, and disconnection from the reclaimed water system.
- 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 notice a neighbors reclaimed water irrigation system watering the street. ie 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 items decompose, the result “feeds” the algae.
- Limit weed/grass growth into the lake, unless growth is known to be non-aggressive, and/or planted for the purpose of nutrient absorption. Maintaining a high grass/plant layer at the edge of the lake is helpful to absorbing runoff nutrients, however not lake-healthy if such growth aggressively grows into the lake..
- If you cannot financially support the requested funding, please consider offering what amount you can. Every year, I have been shouldering the deficits. I ask for your consideration and assistance.



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