

Lakeside News

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Dear Lake neighbor,

Now, over three decades of supporting the Lake maintenance program, I wish to thank all the contributors, and to those who do not contribute, to ask that you consider sharing some of the financial burden this year.

As you likely witnessed, 2022 was the first time in years that we did not experience a major algae issue, much in part due to increased customer-contractor communications, and possibly due to an accidental chemical spill. Earlier in the year, a Lawn spraying truck experienced equipment failure which caused it to empty the chemical tank onto the street, which then then flowed directly into the lake. The company was alerted to the spill, as was the Largo Fire department in case of future environmental/legal actions. There was no noticeable effect to the Lake, however it has been considered as a possible reason why we did not experience any algae bloom issues this year?

Price increase— Just after letters were sent requesting contributions last year, Solitude Aquatic Systems increased our monthly cost by 7% , meaning an immediate deficit of yearly collections. Thankfully , with one neighbor's extra contribution , and a generous contribution by another, collections came close to covering the basic contract. Thrice this year, there were issues with the aeration system, first being broken air diffuser (\$25) , next the electrical lines were severed due to a landscaping project, third when the pump motor failed. I made all repairs myself, including rebuilding the pump motor (~\$200). At the time of the motor overhaul, I was able to accurately measure the AC power consumption, and realized the allowance I considered for the neighbor, who's electric is being used, was under estimated, and I sent a reimbursement (out of pocket).

For 2023, PLEASE consider a \$342 annual contribution to be used for maintaining these efforts.. PayPal/CC payments are accepted on the website, as are monthly payment options. ***If you cannot afford the full amount, consider offering what ever you can.***

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:

Return this portion to: Kurt M. Klotz kklotz@yahoo.com
by Jan 31, 2023 12926 137th Lane North
or call 595-0345 Largo, Florida 33774-2413

☐ 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 \$342.00.

☐ 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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