

LOST LAKE RCD - Lake Management



LAKE DREDGING UPDATE

It has been a long frustrating year for our dredging project. On a project of this magnitude, the RCD has had several snags and delays that were not anticipated. Coordinating with contractors, home owners, the Nachusa Grasslands, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has really slowed the project down. The good news is the RCD is still working as diligently as possible on the dredge. The bad news is we are uncertain if the dredging will be started this fall. This is still our goal, but we are not certain if this is possible. As of now, we are still waiting for the final silt test results to come back from the IEPA. We will continue to give updates as soon as we have more information. No one is more frustrated in these delays than the RCD. I want to thank you for your patience.

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

The RCD has a new Office Manager.

Please welcome Beth Caudill to our staff. Since Beth has been working on updating our office management system, she has brought many new ideas on how to better serve our community. We are grateful for the experience she brings to this position.

OTHER NEWS

After the heavy rains we received in August, there was a lot of debris in the lake. Large logs and branches had been washed in the lake. I want to thank Norm Eakley, our new RCD Board member, and Shawn Parish for the work they did in gathering and cleaning our lake. It was an effort we all should appreciate. Thanks Norm and Shawn for going above and beyond to do this.

If you have not been to the Lake Court Center recently, stop by and take a look. The office has been remodeled with a fresh coat of paint. The library has also been moved to a different room in the LCC. We feel this creates a better office work atmosphere. This also allows anyone using the library the opportunity to utilize the library without interruption from our board members or staff.

Board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. Try to attend a meeting. You are

always welcome.

Enjoy our lake, beaches, and the rest of the summer.

-Bill Winebaugh, President

LITTER AFFECTS LAKE

When the pandemic started nearly 2 1/2 years ago and most public places were briefly shut down, I spent a lot of time walking, jogging and driving the golf cart thru the community. At that time, shortly after the snow had melted, numerous cans, bottles and fast food bags appeared along roadsides and in ditches. I'm glad to say that in the time since then, this situation has improved immensely thanks to the efforts of property owners. Our community not only looks better but has made a priority of keeping garbage out of our lake and waterways.

Unfortunately in the past few months I've noticed vaping paraphernalia in the same areas. I'm not sure what chemicals these consist of, but it's still imperative that these be disposed of properly and kept far away from the water, as well as children. Please use the garbage and recycling receptacles available in many public areas and pass the word along to guests. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

-Jeff Van Quathem, Board Member

WELCOME NEW RCD BOARD MEMBER

The RCD is excited to welcome our newest Board Member, Norm Eakley. Norm joined the Board in July and has already proven to be a great asset to our organization. His thoughtful suggestions and input regarding the care of our lake and properties are highly valued. Here are a few words from Norm:

My wife and I moved out to Lost Lake November 2018. We both like being outdoors whether on the lake or riding around the community enjoying the wildlife in the area.

One thing I focused on was to attend most of the RCD meetings to learn about managing the lake. I believe the lake is very important to the community.

After 4 years of attending the meetings and learning about issues and improvements being made to the lake, I decided to be more hands on.

So I became a member of the RCD board. I hope I can add value to maintaining and adding improvements to the lake and the community.

I am open to hearing any suggestions one might have to keep our lake and community beautiful.



Norm taking his oath of office with Becky Miller, Treasurer