

Loch Lomond Laker

Spring Reminders

from the Lake Management Committee

The Lake Management Committee continues to research and use different methods to improve our lake water quality. There are two very simple things that we can do as residents to make an impact on the health of our lake:

1) **reduce fertilizer usage** and 2) **deter geese**.

One of the issues with our lake water quality is an excess amount of phosphorous which promotes the overgrowth of algae. A major reason for this excess phosphorous is fertilizer usage within our community. Leaves and grass clippings are two additional sources of phosphorus. You can help decrease the amount of phosphorous that washes into our lake by significantly reducing or completely eliminating the use of fertilizer on your lawn. A well established lawn needs little to no fertilizer to remain healthy. Keep in mind that 60% of the rainwater runoff entering our lake is from our neighborhood. Rain carries leaves, debris and other runoff from the streets into the lake. As this organic matter decays, it acts like food for algae in the water. So, whether you live on or off the lake, chemicals you put on your lawn will most likely end up in our lake. We can all help limit the growth of algae in the lake by raking and sweeping leaves and grass clippings out of the curbsides, gutters, and storm drains as you clean up your yard this season. You may have heard the terms "rain garden" or "buffer strip". Both of these are types of gardens you can plant in your yard to naturally filter rainwater runoff.

Another issue with our lake is the presence of e.coli. Geese feces is the biggest contributor. You can help reduce the amount of geese feces in our lake by keeping geese fencing intact at both beaches. If you are a lakefront homeowner we need you to keep the geese off your lawn. This can be done by putting up easy to install garden fencing on your shoreline especially if you have cut down your native buffer strip. Once the geese build a nest on your lawn they will remain on our lake for a few months until the goslings are old enough to fly. We want to discourage this at all costs.

Get Involved

ADOPT-A-BEACH-Volunteers needed for the Adopt-a-Beach program. This program was formed in 2023 and was a huge success. We are once again seeking families and individuals to adopt South Beach for a one week timeframe starting in Spring through the Fall. The time commitment is minimal. Responsibilities include checking the area for damage, ensuring goose fencing is up, moving the recycle bins to the curb and emptying the garbage cans to the dumpster. To volunteer please use this link:

<https://lochlomondlake.com/our-lake/adopt-a-beach/>

ADOPT-A-GARDEN-Loch Lomond has many beautiful native gardens in our common areas. This initiative began almost twenty years ago with many volunteers and grants from Stormwater Management of Lake County. We need help to keep these areas looking their best. We are looking for gardeners to be comfortable helping out by adopting one of our gardens at North or South Beach. We have buffer strips at both beaches that would require a team of two or three to monitor throughout the season. Spring cleanup, weeding, and thinning might be required. Mentoring will be provided if needed. We have two buffer strips at South Beach and two at North Beach. North Beach also has a water-wise garden, a monarch waystation and a pollinator pocket that last year had annuals and natives. South Beach has a flagpole garden as well as the buffer strips. Please email Mickey Emde if you are interested in this stewardship opportunity. Mickeyemde@lochlomondlake.com

Save the Date

South Beach Clean Up

May 18th, 9:00 AM - Noon

Summer Kick Off

May 18th, Noon - 3:00 PM

at South Beach

Tony Baade Father's Day Fishing Derby -

June 15, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

at South Beach



March 18, 2024

Re: Loch Lomond Property Owners Association – Mundelein, IL 60060

2024 Annual Assessment Notice

Dear Loch Lomond Homeowners,

The Association is now accepting payment of assessments from residents for the 2024 year. Residents who wish to contribute towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Lake and Beaches may submit payment either electronically, or via check. Please note that, at this time, payment of assessments is not required.

The Association will use funds collected toward the upkeep and maintenance of the Lake and Beaches, as well as other expenditures similar to the years past. Simply put, assessments are necessary and critical to both maintaining the Lake and Beaches, as well as to provide the amenities you and your fellow residents have come to expect and enjoy.

The Association asks for \$350.00 in Assessments per household, but households are free to contribute more than that. Payments prior to March 31, 2024 will be used to fund our spring lake management contracts for weed management and aquatic plant harvesting. The Resident Portal can be accessed via LochLomondLake.com.

To pay by mail, please make checks out to Loch Lomond Property Owners Association. Checks can be mailed to our management company, Pineapple Brand Company, 914 N. Lake St. #5, Mundelein, IL.

To pay electronically, you may pay through the resident portal (fees may apply for credit cards). To access the resident portal or create an account, click on the “Resident Portal” option under the “Portal and Forms” tab at the top of our website, <http://lochlomondlake.com/>

Please stay alert for an upcoming Board meeting – we will be holding one just as soon as we are able. We understand your interest in attending the meeting, and we are working to make that happen quickly.

Should you have any questions, please contact The Pineapple Brand Company at llpoa@pineapplebrand.com.

Sincerely,

LLPOA Board

P.S. We are also working to provide a “Gifts in Kind” option for those interested in volunteering offering other needed materials.

