

Good Morning Lower Straits Lake Committee Members,

Hope everyone is having a good last weekend of true summer. There are a couple of updates for your information.

Keiser Associates completed the second half of the lake survey in the middle of August. They will work on compiling the LakeScan report sometime later this year. The basic conclusions were the same that we found - no nuisance level of plants except the Lily Pads. They provided us with specific target areas (that meet the State requirements) for those Lily Pad plants for a treatment late in September. I will take the map and confirm the target areas sometime this week. If I find that they have covered everything then I will share the map. I already found one area that was not identified for treatment and should have been. They agreed on my belief but I want to make sure others are not missing so I will do a tour and confirm. We have the budget and have lined up Aquatic Services for later in September for this treatment.

After the Keiser Associates survey, we did have some Starry Stone Wort reach nuisance levels in the North Shore canal and in the north finger of the lake by Commerce Road and Edgewood Park Drive. This is expected as those areas get less boat traffic which does help to keep the Stone Wort lower in the water. Due to the high heat during the end of August, there was no treatment due to the higher risk of a fish kill. As we have now had a break in that heat, we have scheduled a treatment for September 8 (weather permitting). Only the two areas to be treated will be posted for the treatment. There is little boat traffic in those areas except for the people that live there. There will be a one day restriction for swimming, boating, irrigation and fishing but just in those areas. If the weather proves to be a problem, we will review again the status and try to plan a future opportunity. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I will provide more information on the Lily Pad treatment later this month but as a reminder this treatment is HUGELY dependent on the weather, much more so than any other treatment that we do normally.

Regards,

John