

Hello LSLPC Members,

Happy spring, almost summer.

Weed Harvesting begins May 23 and continues through May 25. We have a little over ten acres to cut at this time. This is LESS than last year because, despite our fears with the mild winter, the weeds are not yet in a state to harvest in most parts of the lake. The main target area runs from the Shores of Baypointe swimming beach, east to Union Lake Road and from the island in the east bay to the north shoreline in the east bay.

The other main area targeted will be the deep area out from the Homestead Shores launch area - going east for about 5 houses and then north to where the shore bends back to the west in Homestead Shores.

There is just not sufficient weeds to harvest in any other part of the lake at this time. We will see what the weeds do after Memorial Day and determine if there is appropriate weed growth to do some additional harvesting in June. Oakland Harvesters has indicated he could potentially return during June for some spot treatments if that becomes advisable.

Dr. Pullman will be on the lake either Thursday or Friday this week to observe the results of the harvesting and begin determination on the remaining treatments for the lake this summer. He will be assisted by some Keiser & Associates personnel. He will likely want to access the lake via North Shores boat launch.

Other News Items:

LAKE LEVEL - We continue to see much higher lake levels, but it is without the use of the WRC pump on the Huron River. The pump is still NOT repaired by the Michigan Pump Company, a subcontractor for the WRC. They continue to complain about a part shortage, but this pump was taken out of service late July last year. This whole process has been mismanaged badly by the WRC. I am waiting for feedback on my latest inquiry late last week. When I hear from them, I will send out another email.

Goose Nest egg destruction - it was ANOTHER NEW RECORD (three years in a row) for Bill Stockdale and his band of volunteers. There were 14 nests discovered and 62 eggs destroyed. You may have seen some goose families with small goslings and there were some nests in the swamp area that were not reachable for his group. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AGAIN FOR YOUR SERVICES BILL STOCKDALE AND VOLUNTEERS.** This service has been provided for over 15 years at no charge and think about the population of geese on our lake with hundreds of eggs that never hatched over these many years.

Marine Patrol by Oakland County Sheriff - there will be unannounced patrols on the lake this year. They will not always appear in the afternoons on Holidays and the weekends.

We have committed our remaining funds from previous years collections to this summer's patrols. We will NOT be asking for any additional amounts this year. The Sheriff is taking some different processes this year and we want to see how this year plays out before looking to making any additional contributions to this process.

Special Assessment District Update - everyone was indirectly notified by the Township that they incorrectly assessed the new SAD on the December 2022 tax bill. For example on the large lots the charge was about \$100 below the petitioned amount. This was an internal communication error by the Township and had nothing to do with the petitions. The Township rolled over our remaining balance from the old SAD and we will have the anticipated amount of funds from the new SAD petition, should we need them for this years treatments on the lake. The December 2023 tax bills should contain the amounts anticipated in the petition unless we do not need to assess as much due to successful treatments this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions on any of these subjects. I will put out another email after the Holiday when we get feedback from Dr. Pullman.

Regards,

John