

WILDWOOD LAKES BREEZE

2020 Quarter 2 Issue



2020 CALENDAR

2020 Board Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month with the exception of October and December.

Spring CLEANUP:

Apr 25th (**CANCELLED!!!**)

Please see list of how you can help on Page 2.

Annual PICNIC: Sept 12th
(event will also serve as a Business Mtg).

Fall CLEANUP: Oct 10th
(9-11am)

HOLIDAY Party: Dec 4th
(event will also serve as a Business Mtg).



The content of this newsletter has been approved by the WWLHOA Board.

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HAPPY SPRING – FINALLY!

We hope everyone is doing well during these interesting times! If anyone could use help with grocery shopping or anything else, please don't hesitate to email us. Also, please note that next weekend's spring cleanup is cancelled, page 2 has some ways folks can pitch in on their own.

Current Priority – Dam Face - UPDATE:

Here's the status: Rob has worked with 9 companies to seek solutions/bids for the repair of the dam face. The Board has a recommendation to put to the vote of the members at the next all-member meeting. The bid is for \$50K which we will not have the funds for until next summer. Rob will ask the company to come to the next meeting to explain the science and take questions.

STATUS ON BOARD TO-DO LIST ITEMS:

- 2019 taxes have been completed and filed! Thanks Chris!
- Mowing Common Areas: Several Board members have volunteered to mow all sections on the west side of the lake. We will continue with the same service for the east side of the lake – 2x/month. This will save money towards the dam face.
- New “no trespassing” signs made with HOA contact info. DONE! (see picture on left)
- We now have a Member Directory on our “Google Drive” – for those who were ok with sharing their contact info within the HOA we'll figure out how best to do that.
- New Member Welcome Packet – new members to Wildwood Lakes will now receive a welcome letter with pertinent information, the bylaws and a fruit basket or potted flower.
- Website upgrade - make it more interactive and find a cheaper web-hosting solution – still in the works. This will hopefully include an on-line payment option for annual dues.
- An “upcoming events” sign will be installed at the entrance soon.
- The latest copy of the HOA bylaws will be emailed with this newsletter.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE BREEZE?

- Please email us with ideas for content or helpful information.



IMPROVING THE LAKE'S FISH POPULATION:

What in the world are these pictures on the left? HOA Member Pete Corpeny is currently working to restore the health of the upper lake. We do have fish, but we currently have a below average (for a lake this size) largemouth bass population. The lake has good inflow and outflow, but one of the main problems as far as fish are concerned is the lack of habitat – things like plants or structures in the lake. These are necessary for protection of bait fish and for reproduction. We don't necessarily want to add plant life as that can quickly get out of control. Previous members have done research and obtained information from the conservation department on how to create suitable man made structures for the fish – Pete has taken that information and with his own research and knowledge of fish ecosystems has begun making various structures that you see on the left. They are durable and safe for the environment. The next most important thing is to introduce bait fish such as bluegill and minnows in order to sustain the existing bass. We can eventually introduce crappie but that is at least 1-2 years away as we need to get the bass population healthy and (re)productive before we introduce an additional predator species. Please note that in a lake this size, crappie will reproduce (given the right habitats) but catfish will not. So, if we ever decide to stock catfish "what we stock is what we get". So here's the steps to revitalizing the lake, and how you can get involved if you're interested!

- STEP 1: Build about 20 structures and strategically place in lake (4 structures have already been placed)
- STEP 2: An initial stocking of minnows and bluegill has been done to get the food chain going. (Pete has financed this – if we use conservation grants then we have to make the lake public.) Restock as needed.
- STEP 3: Encourage anyone you see fishing to do catch and release only for the next 2-3 years until we get a healthy fish population.
- STEP 4: Pete will be keeping data on the fish he catches to track the progress of revitalizing the lake.

Want Shelters off your Dock?

Fish find these things immediately and hang out near them. For the cost of materials Pete would be happy to build you some and place them. *Just email the HOA.*

What's the goal?

- 1) That eventually families can fish with their kids or grandkids right off a dock and know that they can catch something.
- 2) Increase the number of dues-paying assoc. members who enjoy using the lake.

SEEING NON-MEMBERS USING THE LAKE?

Let's encourage them to join and help steward this amazing resource we have right here in Raytown.

- 1) First ask if they have a membership card.
- 2) If not, let them know it is private property, but tell them how they can become a member and how dues serve to preserve the lake. Point them to the nearest sign with HOA info.
- 3) If you continue to see them use the lake without pursuing membership – use the "annoyance method" – repeat steps 1 and 2.
- 4) Call police only if a disturbance is caused.
- 5) Rob is planning a membership drive this summer for our friends across the lake!

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH SPRING CLEANUP?

- Pick up any trash you see around the lake – by the dam, the gate area, "trash cove", etc.
- Cut back any "junk" saplings along lakefront.
- Help pull weeds in area at front entrance.
- Tree trimming along Lakeshore.
- Email a picture to Rob for the next newsletter!

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

Let us know if you'd like to help out with such things as:

- Planning HOA gatherings
- We need 1 more HOA Director
- Website maintenance
- Historical document preservation
- OTHER IDEAS??? Email us!