

Turtle Lake Homeowners Association

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Turtle Lake Homeowners,

Summer is in full swing and it is hard to believe how fast it passes. When I comment on the humidity and hot temps I remind myself what January feels like.

July 4th

The July 4th boat parade was once again a big success! There were 50 or more boats in the parade and many boats were very creatively decorated. There was a real sense of community seeing all the boats going around the lake. See the TLHA web site for photos of the parade <https://turtlelakehomeowners.com> . Congratulations to Peggy Schmidt Provenzano as the top winner for ‘Barn in the USA’.

Our top winner, Barn in the USA will lead our parade next year. A big thank you to the newly formed TLHA social committee for the work they did on the parade. If you are interested in learning more about this committee or joining the committee please let us know.

The holiday also brings fantastic firework displays and this year was no exception. Thank you to the homeowners that hire organizations to do the displays—there is nothing like loading up the boat and watching the night sky light up with fireworks.

Lake news

Invasive Aquatic Plants

The invasive & environmental committee reviewed options for milfoil treatment. Treatment options are evolving and there are some new options that may reduce the growth of milfoil through an active multiyear program. This year we will test two treatment variations and next spring we will compare the results. A few very minor “patches” of non-native phragmites popped up this spring and these areas will be treated. What a success story---just a few years ago there were large areas of non-native phragmites that needed treatment.

Native Aquatic Plant Control:

Please consult the DNR website to determine if you need a permit before treating or cutting aquatic vegetation. Also, the DNR recommends: “ After you have cut or pulled aquatic plants, you must dispose of them on land to prevent them from drifting onto your neighbor’s property or washing back into the lake.” Although it is worth mentioning that not all weeds floating into

shore are due to homeowners. Last year and earlier this year there was vegetation floating down the lake that formed due to high winds breaking them off —Mother Nature at work.

DNR Aquatic plant regulations website with links to permits:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html>

Swimmers' Itch

A number of cases of swimmer's itch have been reported this summer. Swimmer's itch typically develops as the water temperature reach 70+ degrees and is found where waterfowl congregate. Applying sun screen before swimming and rubbing your skin vigorously with a towel to dry off can help. If you end up with swimmer's itch the CDC suggests:

- Use corticosteroid cream
- Bathe in Epsom salts or baking soda
- Soak in colloidal oatmeal baths
- Apply baking soda paste to the rash (made by stirring water into baking soda until it reaches a paste-like consistency)
- Use an anti-itch lotion

Survey Question

As was discussed at the annual meeting, the Shoreview City Council is seeking to determine the Turtle lake homeowners' level of support for the augmentation project proposal by SEH. The TLHA Board continues to work with the City of Shoreview to develop a survey question to measure homeowner interest regarding augmenting the lake. Homeowners should receive the survey from the City in the next few months.

See you Lakeside!

Carl Schroeder

TLHA President