

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the annual shareholder meeting. Every time we get together as a group, I am reminded that there is no substitute for direct input from shareholders. I would encourage you to share your views via email throughout the year. You can direct your messages to our lake manager, Jeff Ward.

For a number of years now, the LOC has been promoting awareness about the nature of our watershed. You will be pleased to learn that the Lake Oswego School District and the City of Lake Oswego have joined in the effort in a unique and creative way.

With the help of LOC's Mark Rosenkranz, the school district took it upon itself to develop a watershed curriculum for its elementary schools. The program involves both time in a lab and time in the field. Last year, approximately 20 to 30 groups of students toured Spring Brook Creek and Oswego Creek to gain a better understanding of the watershed. Their studies also include invasive species.

The proximity of the lake makes this a perfect fit. However, the program requires

funding to facilitate the visits. That is where the city stepped in. The city contributed a significant sum of money for transportation costs and other expenses so Lake Oswego students would have the opportunity to develop an understanding of the watershed that will help them become environmentally conscious citizens. The investment will have long-term benefits.

Oregon has a proud tradition for being sensitive to environmental issues. We are learning that urban life presents its own set of environmental challenges. The school district's watershed curriculum will continue the state's tradition with a focus that hits close to home. It wouldn't have happened without the joint efforts of the school district, the city and the LOC. Hopefully, this partnership will lead to more achievements in the years ahead.



Todd Van Rysselberghe

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DEBRIS PICKUP

Main Lake
Tuesday

East Arm, Blue Heron, Kelok
Wednesday

NE Arm, Lakewood Bay &
Half Moon Bay
Thursday

Oswego Canal, West Bay
Friday

BOAT RAMP APPOINTMENTS FOR END OF SEASON

Over the past few months we have been alerting boaters of the September 5th deadline to remove boats that do not have a boatlift for storage on the lake during the drawdown. We continue to urge you to make your ramp appointment now.

Our current plans are to have the boat ramp open from 6:30 am to 8:00 pm beginning August 16th (the day after the Hot August Nights concert on the lake). We will have dedicated staff to facilitate getting trailers in the ramp, getting boats on trailers and keeping the parking lot open.

We will double the ramp time from every half hour to every fifteen minutes. Even at this rate, it will take nearly ten days to remove the same number of boats that were removed during the last drawdown in 2006.

Please make your plans today.

MANAGER'S CORNER

Each year at this time we begin to receive reports from both Lake Patrol and Shareholders concerning boats violating safety rules. These violations are typically worse at the beginning of the year when boaters are just getting their sea legs and don't seem to be thinking about safety. In the spirit of our new safety campaign "Boat Smart from the Start" I would like to ask for your cooperation in making this the best year we've had as far as boater safety. What follows is a reminder about safety rules that are most commonly violated. Please refresh your memory in order to provide the best experience for all concerned. Remember that the rules are not random. They are in place to protect the lake community to which you belong.

NO WAKE ZONES

Inside the orange buoy line as well as canals and most bays are no-wake zones which are all clearly marked. Please slow to no wake speed in these areas. It's easy to get in a hurry if you live far up one of the canals or are trying to make a reservation at the Lakehouse. Remember that there are swimmers and non-powered boats in these areas. Please resist the temptation to push the limits. Slow down and enjoy the drive.

The towing of inflatables with or without riders is not allowed in no-wake zones. Passengers should remain in the boat until you reach the end of the no-wake zone.

100 FOOT BUOYS

Power boat traffic inside the orange perimeter buoys is for

shoreline access and egress only. Slow moving traffic including touring and sightseeing should remain outside the buoy line. Except for powerboat access to the shoreline the perimeter is reserved for swimmers and non-motorized boats only.

SPEEDING AFTER SUNSET

The speed limit on Oswego Lake is 8 mph beginning ½ hour after sunset. Speeding after dark is not only dangerous for the speeding boat, it also needlessly endangers other boaters.

WATER SPORTS

A few simple reminders:

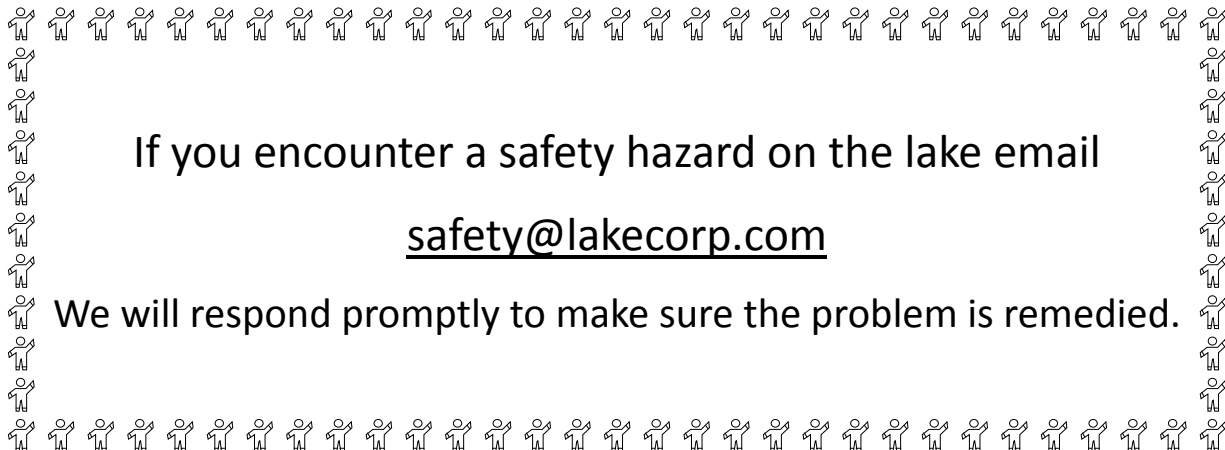
Hold up your orange flag when towed riders are down in the water. This alerts other boaters to their presence.

Remain at least 300 feet behind a towed rider.

Do not tow tubes from towers.

When traffic conditions allow, try to keep wake producing activities as far away from shore as possible.

The safety emphasis this year from both the Patrol and the Safety Committee will be to educate and raise awareness of safety issues. We all share a very rare and beautiful resource. It is up to all of us to make it safe and enjoyable.



If you encounter a safety hazard on the lake email
safety@lakecorp.com
We will respond promptly to make sure the problem is remedied.

WATER QUALITY REPORT, Mark Rosenkranz

This coming fall and winter will be extremely busy on the lake due to LOIS and several projects LOC will be working on while taking advantage of the extended drawdown that takes up to 65% of the water from our lake. This will be an introduction to those projects.

The project with the most long-term significance is our spillway modification. What it will do is prevent another flood of 1996 by allowing us to spill all the water that came over the headgate during that event. The 100 year flood elevation will be lowered about 3.5 feet, meaning water will stay within the boundary of our seawall for most areas of the lake. Since the lake will be drawn down far enough to completely dewater the work area, it makes this project less expensive to complete at this time.

We also are going to take advantage of the September drawdown to dredge areas of the lake. Our normal drawdowns occur in November and December, a time when the lake is little used, but also a time when sediment will be very wet from rainfall. Drawing the lake down in September will allow us to work with soil that is relatively dry, allowing us to remove more material than if it is wet.

In addition we are going to do some vegetation management projects while the lake is down. During the last drawdown we hand pulled invasive Brazilian elodea from the lake bottom in the Lost Dog Creek delta. Brazilian elodea was present in many other locations beyond Lost Dog, but this was a test project. The following summers we monitored the area to see if the plants came back. The Lost Dog delta has been free from Brazilian elodea since that drawdown so we are going to expand the effort to other parts of the lake that are not either being dredged or travelled on by the LOIS crew.

Another weed control option is to install weed barriers on the lake bottom. When properly installed these barriers block sunlight from reaching the sediment, but allow gas to escape from under the barrier. Some barriers were installed during the last drawdown, but either the location or installation method allowed the barrier to float up and get tangled in boat props. Some locations are not appropriate for barriers so future installations will have to be approved by the LOC.

There are other weed control options we are exploring during the drawdown period. Depending on the plant and the location it may be possible to treat the sediment to prevent weed growth. These and other opportunities will be explored this summer as we approach drawdown.

Our alum injection system has been in place for five years now and it has proved very successful. During the drawdown we are going to update the current locations and add some additional injectors in the West End. The goal is to be able to inject enough alum that we do not have to apply from the surface except under unusual circumstances.

Finally, we will be monitoring several storm drains while the lake is drawn down. These particular drains are under water when the lake is full so it is difficult to collect flow and nutrient data. Having them daylighted will allow us to collect flow and nutrient data, to further characterize the watersheds impact on our lake.

In future newsletter articles I will be providing some additional details about our specific projects. It is going to be a busy year, but we hope to accomplish some really great things for the lake.

NOTE:

Due to temperature stratification in the lake and the absence of oxygen in deep water, our main lake aeration system was activated May 17th. You will be seeing the bubble plumes all summer until shortly before drawdown this coming Labor Day.

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