

WESTLAKE LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JULY 2023

Dear Members of the Westlake Lake Community,

Summer has arrived in full force, bringing with it an array of exciting lake recreation opportunities with the warm embrace of the sun. It's a great time of year for our community to cherish the beauty of our lake and all the fun activities it offers.

I am pleased to report that the 4th of July celebrations on and around the lake were a resounding success, filled with fun events for family and friends. Our community gathered at the lake to enjoy a magnificent annual display of fireworks from the Westlake Golf Course that illuminated the night sky.

I am particularly happy to note that the 4th of July passed without any significant issues on the lake (Lake Patrol activities included: towing stranded boats with dead batteries; and issuing of safety reminders for kids under 13 without life jackets and for boats with lights not working at night). So, aside from a few friendly water exchanges between boats, which left some individuals delightfully soaked, the day proceeded smoothly. This exemplifies the strong sense of community we have cultivated, where residents and visitors alike can enjoy the lake's offerings responsibly and harmoniously.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share an important development that will enhance the safety, security, and well-being of the lake for all of us. In the coming weeks, you will notice the installation of a boat inspection booth at the marina boat ramp. This booth will serve two crucial purposes. Firstly, it will allow us to control and monitor boat traffic entering and exiting the lake, ensuring adherence to our established regulations. Secondly, it will provide a designated space for necessary quagga mussel inspections, further safeguarding the lake's well-being and health.

Did you Know? Quagga mussels is an invasive species and threat to lakes worldwide. Once a lake is infected, this invasive species has a rapid reproductive rate leading to explosive population growth and have proven to be highly detrimental to the delicate lake ecosystems. Moreover, their proliferation can lead to the formation of thick layers of shells and organic matter, damaging boat hulls, docks, and water infrastructure. Monitoring and promoting a healthy ecosystem of our Westlake Lake remains a top priority, and our inspections of boats entering the lake play a crucial role in preventing the spread of this invasive species.

As we embark on the adventures that summer offers, let us continue to relish the opportunities for recreation and connection with family and friends that our lake provides. Whether it's boating, fishing, or simply relaxing at home or at The Landing area shops and restaurants, let us continue to do so with a deep sense of appreciation, and being neighborly to all. Together, we can ensure the longevity and prosperity of Westlake Lake and community, a treasure we are privileged to call home.

Warmest regards,

Chip Lightfoot, President, Westlake Lake Management Association