

Hello LSLPC Members,

As we all know, the weed harvesting has been completed for now, but there is a chance that we may do some more later. We have requested some follow up weed removal and that should happen sooner rather than later.

Once again Mother Nature has thrown us a curve ball. We and all the other inland bodies of water are facing major algae blooms. I have talked with Dr. Pullman many times and we have confirmed by ours and his own eyes that what we have is very common algae that is almost always not harmful.

The two most noticeable algae types that we have in the lake are - the flat, greenish squares that are on the top of the water in most areas of the lake. This is dying algae that originated on the bottom of the lake and floats to the surface as it is dying. The other algae is what I describe as a "balloon:look a like" that is generally below the surface and near the bottom. This second type is usually a pale green/yellow in color. **Please note that when I said not harmful, that does not take away the YUCK affect.**

We will be treating MOST, if not all, of the shoreline areas of the lake for the algae as it is pretty much all over. NORMALLY, we would have a Michigan thunderstorm and this problem would go away on its own. There is not much of a chance of a thunderstorm in the next two weeks. Therefore, we will treat it on Tuesday next week. In addition, Dr. Pullman will treat the very west end of the North Shores Canal with a new treatment that has shown significant benefits in lowering the algae situation in closed in areas like the canal. If this proves successful, then we will expand the use of this new product to other areas of the lake.

During the treatment on Tuesday, we will be hitting weeds - milfoil and curly leaf pondweed with our normal process. The final determination of the areas to receive treatment will be "game time" decisions as Dr. Pullman will again be on the lake on Monday to give the final map to the applicator. In general, the milfoil and curly leaf are in their normal spaces.

Where there is hard sand, we will only be treating algae and not weeds. On the applicator boats, the operator has the ability to turn on and off the the batch that is not needed in any specific area.

We expect the treatment to start fairly early in the morning Tuesday - meaning 9am. This means that you can water your property early - say until 8am and you will not have any issues. This is the typical treatments that we have done for years so the basic restrictions are as follows:

NO SWIMMING, FISHING OR BOATING ON TUESDAY JUNE 6 - THIS INCLUDES ALL BOAT TYPES (kayaks and paddle boards are boats for this purpose) AND OUR PETS.

NO IRRIGATION USING LAKE WATER UNTIL FRIDAY JUNE 9 - PREFERABLY IN THE AFTERNOON.

We apologize for the short notice, but the process with the algae has actually moved up the original weed treatment target for the week of June 12. Despite the mild winter with little ice and snow coverage, the weeds are actually behind their normal growth pattern, but the water temperature is adequate and the algae is bad.

We do NOT have an alternate treatment date due to the excellent forecast for Tuesday and the fact that the applicator is over booked due to the algae problem all over southeast Michigan.

We will continue our pre-posting process on Monday, but not likely until late in the afternoon or even the evening. We have found great success with the visual posting with pink or red signs indicating that a treatment is coming. You will know that the treatment has been done or is being done when you see the YELLOW signs that also have the basic restrictions on them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

As a final note, I continue to hound the WRC about the lake pump on the Huron River. The repair contractor is still pleading that they are missing a part that they need to complete the repair. They have promised that it would be installed for over two months now. Once we get past this treatment, I will try another tactic on this on going disaster.

Thanks for your assistance in notifying all of your residents.

John