



Locustville Pond Improvement Association

An Association to Restore and Protect the Pond

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Greetings from your Locustville Pond Improvement Association Board!

I hope that this letter/email finds you and your families in good health.

You may recall that last year we used a recently tested and certified new herbicide, Procellacor, to diminish the invasive milfoil weed from our pond. I am happy to say that the treatment was a tremendous success. While more expensive than previous treatments, Procellacor has set the new standard for milfoil weed management, with selective and systemic herbicide action, rapid uptake & impact, less risk to human health & the environment, no drinking water, swimming, or fishing restrictions, and much lower treatment rates (200-400 X lower than older herbicides).

Because the milfoil abundance appears to be significantly reduced, we only need to spot-treat the pond this year for milfoil. The total cost will be determined by an assessment of the acres of spot-treatment that SOLitude Lake Management Inc treats.

Jim will continue to monitor the pond on a weekly basis as a personal contribution to the association but we must, once again, pay \$650 for laboratory analysis by URI Watershed Watch.

Last year only 25% of our neighbors paid their fair share to protect the health of the pond so **PLEASE pay your annual fee (\$250 per family/property) as soon as possible** (make checks out to LPIA, the address is in the side panel of this letter), and please pass on this information and encourage your pond-friends to help out.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Once again, we will have our **ANNUAL MEETING** on Sunday April 25, 1 – 3 PM. Because we are still in the shadow of the corona virus, this year will be via zoom:

Here is the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8454235736>

NEW TO THE BOARD

We would like to introduce Chris Finch to the LPIA board. He and his parents are long-time residents of the pond. Chris has added new energy to the board as he is very knowledgeable about freshwater ecology.

Thanks to all of you who, year after year, support the LPIA. Your regular contributions help keep the pond healthy and beautiful.

With Sincere Regards, Jim, Cindy, Dawn, Betsy, Tyler, Cynthia, and Chris – your LPIA Board members

PS IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT IT IS! We send out regular news about lost and found items, pond events, wildlife, health warnings, and other news about the pond via email.