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Our Fourth of July celebration was a success, even with changes that were made (some last minute). Our pyrotechnic company does a great job!! You would all be amazed at the amount of planning this event takes, especially this year. I am genuinely thrilled with the way our community has come together during these difficult times.

Al Logan and his staff, with help from the Board of Directors and the finance committee, are working hard on the next budget year 2020-2021. The budget process is very time consuming for all involved. Moving on to projects in the works, our maintenance staff should be taking delivery of materials for the floating islands this week. We had some delays from vendors which means these should be installed towards the end of July. While the filters we have installed and these new floating islands will not clear up the lake by themselves, we are on our way to sustainable clear water. Our lake committee has been hard at work finding solutions that do not require the use of Alum.

It's easy to lose hope with all the challenges that 2020 keeps throwing at us, but we need to keep our collective heads up and always remember to be kind to one another.

~ FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ~
Wednesdays til August 19, 2020
8:30AM @ Palm Room, Community Center

LAKE COMMITTEE - Progress With Our Lake

by Larry Hoover

Over the past 20 years, our lake has had no vegetation, which means aquatic life (like fish) have had to survive with substantially sub-optimal conditions. High levels of nutrients coming into the lake from the fish hatchery, which was consumed by weeds until they were killed in 2000, has required pouring chemicals (like Alum) into the lake to keep the algae growth in check.

For the past couple of years, members of the Lake Committee have worked to come up with a long-term solution that will take some years to take full effect. As of this writing, the solution we are working toward involves three main elements:

1. Introducing floating islands of vegetation to provide fish habitat while consuming nutrients - we are expecting the floating islands to be in place by the end of July / early August,

2. Mechanically filtering out dead algae that clouds the water - we have already placed filtering equipment in four locations: (FA #1, 7, 9, and 14),

and

3. Enhancing our lake water aeration system to bolster the oxygen levels and encourage beneficial bacteria to "clean" the water - we are examining alternative equipment and placements to minimize long term costs and maximizing effectiveness.

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