



Pinebrook NEWS: Board Requests Feedback on Fish Planting

It's a Cold Winter Day Folks, but we need your feedback now for planning our summer activity of potentially planting fish in our lake.

HISTORY

- . Up until two years ago Pinebrook had stocked it's lake at least once a year for decades. Annual cost around \$1,500
- . Two years ago due to drought conditions there were no fish available so no planting was possible. Four observations that year:
 - The water stayed very clear all summer even with the low flow
 - There was a very low level of weed growth in the lake
 - The lake became entirely useable by swimmers
 - The Beach Attendants did not have to net out dead fish everyday
- . A survey to members (76 responded) resulted in the following:
 - Q1: Do NOT plant fish anymore (49 YES, 20 NO)
 - Q2: Plant a reduced number of fish (12 YES, 59 NO)
 - Q3: Restrict the hours of fishing (68 YES, 8 NO)
- . The Board made the following decisions for this past summer:
 - Only allow fishing before 9:00am and after 7:00pm: Signage added
 - Make the Fishing Dock also a Swimming Dock: Ladder added
 - Delay a reduced number of planted fish to later in the summer to evaluate the lake clarity and weed situation. Decent size fish were not available until later in July anyway.
- . Results from this past summer:
 - Lake again was clear with low level of weeds through the middle of July. Swimmers/boaters enjoyed entire lake usage.
 - Reduced number of fish (200) planted around July 22: cost around \$1,000.
 - Fisherpersons followed the early and late times for fishing and also kept their catches as requested so the beach attendants did not have to net out dead fish each day.
 - Lake lost clarity and weeds were again at a high level late in the summer
 - Normal years when the lake is drained there are about 10 fish left. This year it was more like 60 fish remained even though only half as many were planted.

REQUESTED FEEDBACK for Board Consideration (Only answer YES to one Question)

- Q1: Plant the historical number of fish for Memorial Day Weekend – YES or NO
 - Q2: Plant a reduced number of fish later in the summer (mid July?) – YES or NO
 - Q3: Do NOT Plant Any Fish – YES or NO
- Add Comments to help the Board with making their decision

- Note: 1. The hours of fishing will remain at early in the morning and in the evening in the specified areas (not from the beach or any exclusive swimming docks)
2. Fishing Derby for kids of all ages will be held if volunteers are available to host one. There was no Derby held last year.

Respond directly by replying to this NEWS email or send a separate email to Pinebrook (pinebrook@pinebrookhoa.org) with the appropriate Subject title

Thanks for your participation and feedback:

The Pinebrook Board