

Inland Shores Community

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Greetings neighbors! We do not usually have a July Newsletter, but the Board wanted to update you on a couple of decisions that we have made recently.

Horsetail Eradication

As we have shared in earlier newsletters, the invasive weed commonly called “horsetail” is spreading rapidly around the lake beds. In some cases it is moving into our homeowners’ yards. This weed grows in a similar fashion as bamboo with rhizomes which can grow down three feet and spread to ten feet in diameter. When the tops are snipped off, as we have done for years, the plant is stimulated and adds to the spread.

The Board has decided it is time to take some steps to try to control this spread. We felt the health of the lake and the wildlife is paramount and we pursued options with that as a priority. A number of agencies were contacted and the responses were consistent – this is difficult if not impossible to eradicate. In addition to state and county agencies, we met with commercial companies that have licensed sprayers and found no easy solutions.

It has been determined that the best approach is a three-to-four year spray regime as a part of normal grounds maintenance. The recommended spray is called “Rodeo”. The spray has a sticky residue that attaches to a plant and does not spread from that surface. It is approved for use in aquatic settings and around wildlife. Its only drawback is that if the spray comes in contact with desirable plantings, they could be impacted. When the spray is applied to the weed, the plant material “freezes” and will turn to a brownish/grayish color and appears dead. However, it does not kill off the underground runners of the horsetail. The idea is that with several spray efforts a year, the weed will not be able to get the energy it needs to survive and will slowly die out. Over the long term we will need to consider plant materials on the lake bank that are drought tolerant and have some height to them.

Board Member Change

A few months ago, Ryan Sarina had to withdraw from his Board position and we are pleased that Lisa Vasquez has agreed to fill his position. Lisa is a longtime resident and has actually served on the Board before. If you know Lisa, please join the Board in thanking her for stepping up in our time of need.

(Email reminder: We had a pretty good start at gathering email addresses. If you forgot, please notify the Board at <http://www.inlandshoreshomes.org/>)