

CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Candlewick Lake Property Owners,

Please be advised that Clarke Aquatic Services had postponed their treatment and are now scheduled to be here on Friday, May 4, 2018 to begin the whole lake treatment for the hybrid milfoil. The first treatment will take place on the 4th they will be back out here on Monday to do water testing to make sure the chemical level is maintained at the required level to be effective. They will continue to monitor the chemical level in the lake and do additional treatments as needed. Clarke had to wait until the plants were actively growing before they could schedule the treatment.

The following restrictions will be enforced until further notice. These restrictions are in place to get the best results for our money while trying to get rid of the milfoil.

- **Water must not be used for irrigation until released from Clarke Aquatics to do so. Do not use the treated lake water to irrigate your lawn, flowers, or gardens.**
- **Residents/Owners are not to remove the weeds by raking, skimming, cutting or pulling plants from their shoreline until Clarke gives us the ok to do so. There will be fines assessed if someone is found raking, skimming, or cutting the shoreline weeds. We have been advised by Clarke to not allow this until they tell us it is ok. We do not want to compromise the treatment. We will advise all residents when they have the ok to proceed with any sort of weed removal at their property.**

There is no restriction on swimming. According to Clarke, the chemical being used is not harmful to people, pets, or fish, just to the plants. The product used works on the photosynthesis of the milfoil by blocking chlorophyll production.

Expectations:

This is a slow-acting process to ensure removal of the weeds does not drop the oxygen levels so low that a fish kill occurs. The plants will start to die in 2 – 3 weeks after the first treatment. At 60 days, most of the watermilfoil should appear stressed out. By 90 days, the milfoil should have fallen to the lake bed. We can expect an algae bloom to

follow. As the milfoil dies, nutrients will be freed up creating more favorable conditions for algae.

We will have a plan in place to address the algae as it becomes a problem. We will be working closely with Clarke Aquatics to address this problem as it occurs.

Let's try to avoid this problem in the future. Please make sure to wash your boat, trailer and all equipment before and after entering any new body of water to avoid spreading invasives.

We are also requesting that all lake front owners put their Candlewick Address on their dock/pier/deck. For safety reasons, it is important that property location be identified in case of an emergency.

If you have any questions regarding the lake treatment, please give me a call. We appreciate your patience while we treat the invasive hybrid milfoil. Please do not do anything that will compromise the treatment.

Sincerely,

Theresa Balk, CMCA
General Manager