

Burden Lake Improvement Association



March 2018

Dear Friends,

It's been a very long winter! Thankfully it's approaching an end, and in less than three short months we will be observing Memorial Day and the start of the 2018 Summer season. With that hopeful thought in mind, it is time to remind you that your support is needed again this year through your Membership in the BLIA and financial support of the Water Quality Fund.

The Board of Directors was very active last year, and somewhat rejuvenated by an influx of some newer members with fresh ideas. This season will unveil some new events and hopefully see a return to usable outdoor space at the Clubhouse. Plans are also underway to schedule more times for informal use of the Clubhouse/grounds aside from official events. Any ideas you may have would be most welcome. We need your support to help us move forward!

While Membership numbers in the BLIA last season were slightly below previous years, contributions to the Water Quality Fund were **dismal!** We budget the Water Quality Fund anticipating donations of at least \$15,000 each year, an amount that would ensure sufficient monies are available to fund whatever measures are required to maintain the water quality of the lake. Records show that over a 4-year period \$60,000-\$70,000 will typically be spent on Water Quality. We are now 3 years into a 4-year cycle and have less than half of the monies anticipated. Please remember that Burden Lake is privately owned, so public funds are not available. We alone are the stewards of this lake we all enjoy so much. Historically we request a donation of \$200 per family/property owner each year towards the Water Quality Fund. This amount has not changed in over 12 years and is still sufficient if we have adequate participation from the members and property owners. If you own multiple structures on your property, please consider increasing your contribution to equalize the fair sharing of our common cause. If the \$200 is unattainable for you this season, please donate whatever amount fits your budget. If you can afford more, it will be appreciated.

Now, a couple of changes for the 2018 Season...

We have received multiple requests, particularly from some younger members, for the ability to pay for events online rather than by check. We did considerable research on this request and decided to give it a try. We have selected PayPal as the online vender for processing payments this season. The BLIA will be offering the option to make payments electronically, not only for Events at the clubhouse, but also for Membership Dues and Water Quality Donations. We modified the Membership Application to include this Option, and direct links to PayPal will be available on the BLIA Website and on Facebook.

There is space on the Membership Application to include name-address-email-phone data. Providing this information enables us to keep you informed throughout the year about Association activities and issues affecting the Third Lake. Thanks for your help on this.

Looking forward to another great year on the Lake with all of you.

Sincerely,

BLIA Board of Directors