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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LAKE RESIDENTS TO READ!!!!

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Dear Lionshead Lake Residents,

Welcome to the 2015 Lionshead Lake summer season. We are anxious to finally deliver some information to all of the approximate 650 families living in our community. At this present time, our goal is to open the lake this season for swimming on a limited basis. Lionshead Lake is supplied by the Point View Reservoir and our water is some of the cleanest water in Wayne Township. It is important to understand that the only reason we are closed at this time is lack of financing and misinformation. Thank you to all the faithful residents who have supported us and given financially to our cause and now after five long years of fundraising, budgeting and organizing we are close to jumping in again. Our board, however, has been discussing/exploring other options for our future since our lake defines our community and a takeover by Wayne Township would be a sad potential reality. We need the support from everyone to maintain a vibrant lake community.

Maintenance fee

Lionshead Lake has traditionally had an "optional" maintenance fee. Our maintenance fee is \$75. Mandatory fees of other lakes in the surrounding area are \$500 and above per year and we feel the yearly amount of \$75.00 (\$6.25/month) is quite modest. Each year we struggle to collect and do not know how long we can keep up with the bare minimum to keep the lake looking semi-satisfactory unless we have more support. To be clear, this fee does not go to swimming activities, it goes to general operational cost which are listed below.

We are asking that you please mail your checks to LLPOA, PO Box 2401 Wayne NJ 07470 by May 1, 2015, in the memo section specify your email address for better communication. You can also pay via PayPal on our website at www.lionsheadlake.com.

Lake operating budget (see below)

Swimming this year may be offered on a limited basis since it is a building year for us. This would mean specified limited hours predominately on weekends. We would need a commitment of at least 50 families at \$250 by May 1, 2015. Please understand that this \$250.00 fee consists of the \$75.00 maintenance fee plus a \$175.00 swimming fee. Our operating budget will ultimately be determined by

how many families participate. If less than 50 families wish to participate in a swimming lake, we will then have to keep the lake as it is, relying on the few households who pay their maintenance fee alone.

As you can see from our expenses below, the cost to just MAINTAIN the lake is approximately \$7490.00. This does NOT include swimming. To add swimming we would need an additional \$1200.00 (low estimate) for water treatment (in the swimming area only, to treat the entire lake would be \$3000.00) and an additional \$480.00 for weekly water testing. Plus the additional costs for life guard payroll, payroll taxes, payroll processing and the items needed get the lake in compliance with swimming regulations. Since we have not had swimming in a while, these costs will be a bit higher.

It is also important to note that we have 3 outstanding bills from the previous administration which we are negotiating on currently.

General Lake Expenses WITHOUT Swimming per year	
Property Tax	\$900.00
Water/Sewer	\$500.00
PSEG (ELECTRICITY)	\$600.00
General Postage	\$49.00
Insurance - Gen Liability and Clubhouse	\$2,230.00
Insurance - for Officers	\$881.00
PO BOX	\$80.00
Food License	\$50.00
Annual 5013© (nonprofit) filing	\$150.00
Township Wayne Beach Lic Fee/ Inspection	\$200.00
Annual Newsletter printing mailing	\$550.00
Accountant year end	\$300.00
General Mait repairs/ emergency	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	\$7,490.00

Meet and Greet

There will be an orderly informational meeting to be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 11-1:30 pm at Our Lady of Consolation Church**. This meeting is to answer any questions regarding the lake and to hear about other options available to us. Both Mayor Vergano and Nadine Bello plan on being there so we hope you can attend also. Mayor Vergano has been very supportive of us in the last few years. We are in the process of working with the township to get the parking lot repaired as well as the fence fixed. The township has been giving us sand for the last few years as well. You can also meet our current officers and we can inform you about what we have been doing to keep the lake alive. Please keep in mind this will be an orderly meeting. We will be going into further detail about what our options are at this meeting. Some of the options we are reviewing are:

Options:

1. A. Keeping the lake in our communities control and use as a swimming lake, even if on a limited basis. This would require more than 50 households paying the \$250.00 swimming fee. (\$175.00 swimming fee + \$75.00 maintenance = \$250.00)

B. If we do not meet the 50 families to open the lake we may open lake swimming enrollment to other Wayne residents not in the lake.
2. Keeping the lake in our control and not use as a swimming lake with no access unless we have events only to raise money for minimal operating cost. We have been running the lake this way for the last several years and have been struggling to do so. There is no guarantee that we can keep going on this way. **We need our lake members to pay their \$75.00 maintenance fee.**
3. Wayne Township takes over the property if we cannot meet our minimum obligations. The property will not be used as a lake, at all, but can be used for multi purposes, as the town sees fit. Complete access will be denied to the parking lot, beach, and lake. It will become an eyesore and the lake may go to seed. This happened to North Cove and you can see the results of this action. **THIS WILL GREATLY AFFECT ALL OUR PROPERTY VALUES. WE DO NOT WISH THIS TO HAPPEN.**

Volunteers needed

As always we need volunteers to run fundraisers, work on the clubhouse, help with beach cleaning. We are in desperate need of a plumber to volunteer in our clubhouse as well. We are asking for donations of sheet rock for the club house which is needed in order to pass inspection for 2015 season. Our clubhouse does need immediate attention at this time.

We have set tentative lake clean up dates for Saturday 05.02.15 and Sunday 05.03.2015 with rain dates of Saturday 05.09.2015 and 05.10.2015 (Mother's Day, we know). Please email us if you want to help or just show up. We need more hands!!!!

Email Addresses Needed!!

We have a new email address for general inquires: LLPOACOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM

As we are in the electronic age, we are looking to get a COMPLETE list of everyone's email addresses so communications could be more cost effective. Again we are asking that on your checks sent to the lake, please put your email in the memo so we can make a master list. . When emailing, please put your name, address and email address in the body of the email. Thank you!

More information

Please follow us on Facebook (The Lions Head Lake Community) or our website (www.LionsheadLake.com)

PS – The majority of this news letter was paid for by one of our residents and we thank her very much!!!