

HARBOR DRIVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Nuisance Weed and Low Water Conditions

Since Lake St. Clair is a shallow lake, the combination of sun and runoff pollutants causes the weeds to grow more than other lakes. To that end, the Harbor Drive Home Owners Association had been harvesting blown-in lake weeds with a collection harvester during periods of low water. This was done along the entire lakefront shoreline of Harbor Drive properties.

Weeds were collected by HOA three to five times a summer. Harvesting has not been done for approximately the last four years since the water has been high and the weeds that did blow in, would stay a few days and then move on to open water as a result of wind or wave action.

Once at the shoreline, the low water causes the weeds to hold to the bottom of the lake and not move. Now debris collects!!

This condition of low water and heavy weed accumulation typically occurs in late summer and early fall. In its extreme case, the weeds can hold over through the winter ice and be present in the spring.

New Weed Harvesting Policy

Since the lake is now in a high-water cycle, we are changing our weed collection policy as follows:

- . Weeds will no longer be harvested by HOA. If weeds do accumulate at individual properties, lakefront maintenance will be the responsibility of the individual homeowner.
- . In the event that weeds do accumulate beyond what is considered a normal and expected level, the HOA may contribute up to \$500.00 annually to homeowners in good standing to assist in remediation performed by a marine company. This payment will be made only after careful inspection and approval on a case-by-case basis.
- . Approval of this payment must be obtained in advance by contacting a HOA board member.
- . Properties with lake piers or other water movement obstructions will not be eligible for this payment as these impediments restrict the natural movement of the water.
- . At such time when the water levels drop again, we will consider returning to a community collection policy.

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