

Echo Lake Newsletter

Lake Update

Summer is here! A quick reminder: anything that helps your lawn grow can also encourage the growth of weeds and algae in the lake. Please keep this in mind when caring for your lawn—especially if you live on the lakefront.

Even "lake-safe" fertilizers are not truly safe for our lake. Our water already contains high levels of phosphorus and these fertilizers work by eliminating phosphorus. Because our lake already has high phosphorus levels, these products are ineffective and can actually encourage increased weed and algae growth. Remember, all water runoff from your lawn eventually flows into the lake.

Additionally, please stay on top of septic system maintenance. Poorly maintained systems can contribute to nutrient runoff, further fueling algae and weed growth.

This summer, we plan to focus on balancing the lake by allowing some weed growth. Water tests confirm that phosphorus levels are high, which encourages algae and weeds. By maintaining a healthy level of aquatic plants, we aim to prevent the harmful algae blooms we've seen in past years.

Achieving a balanced lake with clear water will take time and effort. For more information or to get involved in lake management planning, please email me at lakecommissioner@echo-lake.org.

Summer Party June 14

On Saturday, June 14 from 1 PM - 4 PM: Join us for the Echo Lake Summer Party!

Stop by Echo Lake Park where we will be serving up summer favorites like hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, chips, desserts, pop, and water. Bring a favorite beverage, if you like.

My Flavor It! Place's food truck will be serving up refreshing shaved ice treats from 2 PM - 3 PM.

We hope to see you there!

Questions or comments? eventscoordinator@echo -lake.org

Lake Committee

We are looking to start a Lake Committee, and everyone is welcome to join! The committee will assist the lake commissioner in reviewing our current lake management plan, identifying areas for improvement, and helping the lake thrive for all recreational activities.

If you're interested, please contact: Anne McMorris, at lakecommissioner@echo-lake.org.

Park and Lake Renovations

ECHO LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

Several updates have been made to the park over the past year. We installed drainage in one area to eliminate standing water. New ropes have been added along the walkway into the park, and we have installed a new Echo Lake sign. Additionally, we introduced hawk kites to help deter geese from staying in the park. To maintain the health of the aquatic life, we also added several new aerators to the lake.

Get our email newsletter.

Our goal is to keep you informed about everything happening at Echo Lake. Since mailing newsletters can be costly, we encourage you to sign up for our website newsletter at: https://echo-lake.org/email-newsletter-signup/

This way, we can provide you with updates more frequently and conveniently.



NEW PARK SIGN

Halloween Party Oct 25th 2-5pm

Join us on **Sat, Oct 25 from 2-5pm** for our big annual Halloween event with **Trunk or Treat and Haunted House**. This is a family friendly event. The Trunk or Treat will take place in the designated parking spots outside our park. Decorate your car, put on your favorite costume, and bring some treats to share! We will have a **costume contest** with prizes. The haunted house will be in the community building.

We will also have candy and treats. Food options are still being finalized, so check our signs at the entrances or community building and follow our Facebook page and website for more info as the even nears! echo-lake.org or facebook.com/echolakelakezurich/

Also if you aren't able to make the event, **the** haunted house will be open to all trick or treaters on Halloween. Be sure to stop by! It should be lots of fun!