



EAGLE LAKE TEXAS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - May 2009

Annual Meeting Notice: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 7:00 p.m.
at the Texas Township Hall

Eagle Lake Water Level & Pump Operation Policy

On June 2, 2008, The "Eagle Lake Texas Association Board" approved a lake water level and pump operation policy which has been used to govern the operation times of the lake pump to maintain an appropriate and healthy lake level. This policy was based on a survey conducted by Prein & Newhof, Engineers and Surveyors who established an "Ordinary High Water Mark" for the lake. This elevation mark was set at 899.84.

A summary of the pump operation policy is as follows: From April 15 to September 15 of each year, the pump shall be on and operational providing the lake level is 3 inches or more below the high water mark of 899.84. When the lake level reaches 3 inches below the high water mark or higher, the lake pump shall be turned off until the water level drops to 5 inches below the high water mark when the pump shall be turned back on.

(*Note: As of May 15, 2009 the lake level is 7.5" above the high water mark due to higher than normal snow and rainfall. The pump has been turned off since September 9, 2008.)

From September 16 to April 14 of the following year, the pump shall be turned off and shall remain off until the lake level drops to 7" or more below the high water mark.

The pump will remain off when the lake is frozen.

2009 Weed Treatment Update

Chemical treatment for milfoil began May 14, 2009. Weed Patrol has been authorized to treat 44 acres per a map provided by Progressive AE after their lake survey in early May. A yellow sign on your shoreline was placed instructing each of us on all restrictions. This treatment requires a follow-up lake water sampling, so **READ THE SIGN CAREFULLY** to avoid problems with irrigation. Professional Lake Management will provide mechanical harvesting in mid- to late June once Progressive AE (our lake management consultant) performs an additional lake survey and map and weeds to be harvested.

The Pump - 2009

The E.L.T.A. Board voted to chemically clean the 40-foot screen on our deep-well pump in addition to performing all preventative maintenance items needed for our 60 H.P. motor. Our pump was shut off on September 11, 2008 and will remain off until the water level reaches 5 inches below the ordinary high water mark per lake policy. Because of this unusual high water table and available budget, we believe this is an opportune time to do the needed work. The last cleaning was done in 2004, and our pump has decreased from 1500 GPM to 1000 GPM and is working twice as hard due to debris on the screen. This work will begin A.S.A.P. so we will be ready to pump 1500 GPM with reduced energy charges once our target lake level is reached.

New Eagle Lake Directory

We've had many people move on and off the lake since our last directory. Your board feels it would be a good time to author a new Eagle Lake Directory (the little blue book with names, addresses and phone numbers of our lake residents). The advertisers in the directory paid for the printing of the last directory and generated a moderate profit. The new directory will be paid for by the advertisers and we have several new businesses that are ready to support our new directory. Any volunteers who wish to assist, please email Mark Johns at jahnnybravo@comcast.net or call 353-0164 and leave your name, address and phone number. We will begin this June and hope to have it completed by the end of summer. If you are new to Eagle Lake, WELCOME! Please fill in the form below and return it to us to ensure the correct information is included in the new directory. Any one wanting to advertise in the directory should have their print-ready copy available and pick the size ad you would like (1/4, 1/2, or full page ad). Prices are as follows: Full page 4-3/4" x 7-3/4" is \$160.00. 1/2 page 3-7/8" x 4-3/4" \$95.00. 1/4 page 2-9/16" x 2-1/4" \$35.00. Inside front cover full page \$170.00. Inside rear cover \$170.00. Back cover \$190.00. I would like to thank Patti Wright who has contacted many lake residents this winter to start this process. We need more help to expedite this process so please volunteer some time! Thanks and have a safe and fun summer.

Aerial Photos ~ T Shirts ~ Sweatshirts For Sale

Please contact Tracy Hageman 323-7783 for pictures or Doug Heystek 372-1099 for shirts or sweatshirts. A new aerial photo was photographed last spring.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Eagle Lake Texas Association

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the ELTA on June 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Township Hall.

Items to be discussed include:

 DNR Boating Access Study	 Treasurer's Report	 Lake Level	 Weed Control
 ELTA Logo Items for Sale	 New Lake Directory	 Our Website: (www.EagleLakeTexas.org)	 Nomination and Election for the E.L.T.A. Board

E.L.T.A. 2009 DUES and/or DONATIONS

Please help support E.L.T.A. as your \$35.00 dues will be crucial for the upcoming year. Your E.L.T.A. dues are used to fund the quarterly newsletters, water quality testing, special events and various other projects that are needed to make our lake environment safe and enjoyable. If you are new to Eagle Lake, WELCOME! Should you have any questions, please contact Doug Heystek, President, at 372-1099, or any other board member. Our phone numbers are published in the lake directory.

Please check one or both: E.L.T.A. DUES: \$35.00 for June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010
 General Fund Donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please bring this with you to the Annual Meeting or detach and mail this with your check to:
Eagle Lake Texas Association - E.L.T.A.
P.O. Box 283
Oshtemo, MI 49077