

Dear Lake Blue Heron Lakefront Resident:



By way of introduction, we have begun a neighborhood initiative by forming an informal group called “The Friends of Lake Blue Heron.” We are writing to you as we believe you own property bordering Lake Blue Heron. A copy of this letter can be found on our group’s web site at

<https://www.FriendsOfLakeBlueHeron.org/blog>. If you find the site helpful, you can register to be kept up to date with our efforts at <https://www.FriendsOfLakeBlueHeron.org/register> or you can just visit the site when you are curious. You can also leave feedback and ask questions via the Contact Us form on the site.

Our main purpose in writing to you today is to inform you that we have begun the task of helping to better manage the filamentous algae growth in Lake Blue Heron and to make you aware of our plans for 2019.

In the spring and early summer of 2018 there were no planned lake-wide treatments of the lake. For treatments to be effective, they should have started in March with follow-up treatments in the summer and early fall, depending on the amount of algae that was present. These treatments did not occur due to Killlearn Lakes Plantation Homeowners’ Association (KLPHOA) budget constraints.

As you are aware, this summer the algae coverage of the lake became a significant problem. In the late summer, a group of lake view homeowners on Eagles Ridge Drive entered into an agreement with KLPHOA to prepay their 2019 dues at a then proposed \$200 level to provide the funds needed to treat the lake shore in 2018. One of these treatments was done in early September, and another treatment will be done within the next few days, weather permitting.

In August, three Eagles Ridge residents formed an informal work group (The Friends of Lake Blue Heron) to draft and implement a plan to better manage the algae in the lake and to promote making other improvements to the lake that will enhance its appearance, improve the fishery, and control the lake level during periods of heavy rain and drought. We met several times with the boards of both KLPHOA and Golden Eagle HOA (GEHOA). Both boards have been responsive to our proposals and have pledged their support for an aggressive lake-wide treatment plan in 2019.

At this time the following has been accomplished:

- We have secured commitments from both the GEHOA and KLPHOA boards for the funds necessary for three total lake treatments of the lake for calendar year 2019.
- We are researching alternate strategies to reduce incoming nutrients to the stormwater entering the lake.
- We are researching strategies to control incoming trash and organic debris from entering the lake.
- We are researching the use of shoreline and water plants that can safely reduce the levels of nutrients in the water, enhance the lake's appearance, and that will be acceptable to the property owners.
- We have developed a web site for your use.  
<https://www.FriendsOfLakeBlueHeron.org>
- We are planning an initial FRIENDS OF LAKE BLUE HERON members' meeting for early February 2019.

**It is now time to invite all the thirty-eight lakefront and lake view residents surrounding the lake to join us so that your wants and concerns can be addressed. Please join us by visiting our web site and registering as a member. In doing so, you will insure that your voice will be heard as we plan and support the implementation of the improvements needed to the lake.**

Should you not wish to register on our web site, you may also join us by sending us your contact information via email to Robert Meinhardt at [rmeinhardt1@hotmail.com](mailto:rmeinhardt1@hotmail.com). You may also contact Robert concerning any questions you may have at his email address or at 850-694-8908.

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