

RETENTION POND MAINTENANCE LAKESIDE 1, 2 AND LAKE PARK 4

For information purposes:-

The question of retention pond maintenance has been raised. Some new residents who have property backing onto the pond have received bills from Lake and Pond Maintenance Co. and were questioning whether they should pay it or not?

After some research it has been determined that when property backs onto a retention pond the lot plan includes a portion of the pond, making the home owners responsible for pond maintenance. The charges are divided equally between the number of homeowners on the pond. It is not mandatory, but the neighborly thing is to pay your share, as all benefit.

Lakeside 1 is maintained by "The Lake Doctor" with the 14 homeowners sharing the annual cost. One homeowner collects the money and pays the company quarterly.

Lakeside 2 is maintained by "Lake and Pond Maintenance" 26 homeowners are billed individually on an annual basis.

Lake Park 4 information is unavailable at this time.

Lakeside 3 no houses back onto a retention pond.

Retention ponds do not come under the Deed Restriction umbrella.

Past experience has shown that if the retention ponds are not maintained they very quickly become overgrown, choked with cattails, Lily pads, algae and then mosquitos, as well as becoming very unsightly. If not corrected this could affect property values.

Maintenance is usually carried out on a regular basis, spraying for weeds, algae etc. Algae eating fish were introduced a few years ago. The companies would need to be contacted if more specific information is needed.