

Oakwood Updates: New Boat Ramp code; Beaver Info; Lily Pad Info; Thanks to Adams; Survey results coming soon – via email 7/5/2021

Thanks to Boyd and Melissa Adams for touching up the Oakwood Lakes sign between our lake and Birchwood's. Nice clean entrance again!

A new boat ramp lock has been installed to replace the one that got broken. To keep from broadcasting too widely, please contact one of the trustees to get the new code.

Beaver Info

Although we need to wait until winter to take action, Caron Salkin has gotten some information for us in the meantime. We will look to follow up in the fall. These sites explain the natural history of beavers, their life cycle and caring for kits, how to coexist with beavers, and ways to limit or prevent tree destruction, flooding, and unwanted building of dams.

- Beavers, Wetlands and Wildlife <https://www.beaversww.org/beavers-and-wetlands/>
- The Beaver Institute <https://www.beaverinstitute.org/problems-solutions/overview/>
- Sierra Wildlife Coalition <https://www.sierrawildlife.org/blank-3>
- The Humane Society of the US <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/what-do-about-beavers>

Lily Pads

While pretty and a good habitat for fish, the lily pads can be crowding and annoying as well. For those who haven't ever seen one, (probably most of us!), this pic is a lily pad root. They look like a thin pineapple and can go 14-18 inches deep into the lake bottom. Treatment with pellets is done in late summer / early fall, with the thinning work then occurring over the winter months. When the lake is down and lakefront residents do maintenance on the lakebed adjacent to their homes, these can be thinned along with raking of the fallen leaves. However, it's not a job for the faint of heart, as they break very easily and you have to keep digging to get them out. New plants will grow from the broken pieces. Anybody that has tried to rake muck has hit these roots.



Thanks to all 151 of you who responded to our neighborhood survey. That's quite remarkable considering that response rates are generally around 25%! Results are being compiled, so stay tuned for details.