

Hello Neighbors.

This message is from your Bay Lake Estates Park Association (BLEPA) Board Members to share some exciting news concerning our Park's Canal and Boat Ramp improvement project in progress.

The Canal has been in need of aquatic vegetation removal for quite a while. Additionally, the boat ramp has deteriorated to the point where improvements are essential. Earlier this year the board considered all possible solutions, bids and funding options in order to pursue the best of those options. We also searched for alternative financial resources and applied for a one-time grant of \$10,000 from the Osceola County Community Betterment Grant Program. We received this grant and are very grateful for the support from our County Commissioner Ricky Booth and his staff. Although this grant did not cover the total project cost completely, we are able to cover the additional costs.

We selected a local, reputable company to accomplish these specific project steps to satisfy our grant requirements; 1) clean out the aquatic vegetation from the ramp to the mouth of the lake, 2) expand the width and depth of the canal to its original dimensions and 3) improve the ramp's slope, stabilize adjacent canal bottom and install a durable surface material on the bottom portion into the canal. The work on the canal and ramp has begun and we ask for your patience with this disruption. The aquatic weed control company has offered to expand the scope of the project to include the significant vegetation off the southern lake shore of the park for an additional \$1,200. While they have the equipment on site, this is a significant price break for this task that we could not afford nor perform ourselves in the future. If you would consider a donation towards this step of the project, it will be greatly appreciated. Fonda Black will be collecting donations at her front porch gate collection box at 6770 Bay Shore Drive.

Since our Non-Profit Incorporation in 2012, BLEPA has been dependent upon voluntary donations (money, time, effort and materials) to provide maintenance, liability insurance premiums and occasional miscellaneous expenses. Thanks for your past donations, future cooperation and support in maintaining this park exclusively for our neighborhood residents and their guests.

Please check out and sign up on our new website for Park Information on this project and future plans, work days, gate code changes, activities, etc. WWW.BLEPA.NET

Sincerely,

Mickey Campbell, Fonda Black, Todd Hilliard, Jason Hickson, Julie Johnston and Chris Mathis