



Save Our Geese



Canada geese are beautiful, intelligent birds who mate for life, fiercely protect their eggs and young, and display loyalty for other members of their flock.

LET'S STEP UP TO STOP THE KILLING!

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Here's what we know:

- The Lake of the Pines (LOP) recommendations for reducing our geese population is fatally flawed.
- Creating a bogus "problem" to justify killing of our geese is a disgrace and a sham.
- IF the "problem" is human health and safety, then scientific water testing data must be provided for LOP's water, not another community 25 miles away. To this date no evidence has been provided to verify a health problem exists at LOP. In fact, historical water testing data suggests the contrary.
- The claim of a "potential" water quality health issue, without scientific testing and verification, does NOT justify another Canada goose killing spree in our residential community. It has not been justified, is not supported, and it will not be tolerated.
- LOP's three-year historical water quality report DOES NOT support hazardous E.coli levels as some LOP Board members would have everyone believe. Additionally, not all E.coli is toxic but there's been no testing on the strains of E.coli in the Lake.

Sadly, there's more. In last month's LOP News, according to another fear-based, biased article authored by Richard Mattison, the problem is "PTOX" The

article goes on to further state "This alarm (PTOX) became part of the BOD determining that a resident Canada Geese depredation program was necessary immediately". We call horse-pucky. We did a site search on the LOP.org website for PTOX. Results: No matching documents found. We've been unable to find PTOX being discussed at ANY LOP meeting.

- Killing geese in our well populated, active, residential community is blatantly irresponsible. In addition to teaching children that solving wildlife/human conflicts is accomplished by killing wildlife, destroying their nests, and young, the horrific impact on our children and grandchildren seeing these beautiful birds being shot and maimed, their dead bodies piled up on the beach, and tossed into the trash is shocking and unconscionable.
- Killing geese to reduce population numbers results in a "Rebound or Compensatory Rebound Effect" which means that the remaining geese produce greater numbers of goslings and/or other geese move in. The so-called "problem" becomes exacerbated.
- The LOP 2020 deprivation permit deceptively failed to mention that an additional Canada Goose killing spree (the waterfowl hunting season) was planned in the fall on the exact same population of OUR geese.
- In addition to the number of geese the deprivation permit allowed to be killed in 2020, the WSMT devised a plan to KILL EVEN MORE geese, and failed to inform USFWS of this plan in the permit application. We have proof that the additional killing spree was planned BEFORE the application was submitted. (BOD & WSMT minutes)
- In addition to the killing of the (75, 80?) geese allowed by the deprivation permit, Richard Madison and other members of the WMST killed an additional 56(57?) geese. That's an additional 70% of what was allowed on the deprivation permit that was given in the first place based on bogus information about LOP water quality.
- Richard Madison, currently running for a position on the LOP BOD, has proven he is untrustworthy and deceptive. He has no business holding any form of leadership position in our community.

What can you to do help?

Take an active role in vetting the candidates currently running for the Board of Directors by attending Candidate's Night on May 17th, and familiarize yourself with the past Facebook posts on this topic. **VOTE NO** on those individuals that support killing OUR geese, **ESPECIALLY Richard Mattison**.

Last, please forward this newsletter to two of your LOP neighbors.

SaveOurGeese - Our Position

We Oppose

SaveOurGeese Coalition opposes the killing of live geese and discharging firearms within the LOP community.

We Support

We are supportive of reducing the number of geese through a combination of nest depredation, [egg addling \(done humanely\)](#), hazing, [contraceptives](#), predator scarecrows, light/water motion detectors, fencing, etc. .

Coming Up...

Candidates' Night **May 17th 7PM-9PM** (Clubhouse-Dining Room)

Lake of the Pines Regular Meeting **May 19th 2PM. Please mark your calendar to participate in the comment portion of this meeting.** Help save OUR geese. More information coming soon.

E-newsletter Sign Up

Sign-up for the SaveOurGeese E-newsletter [HERE](#).



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the

world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead.

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