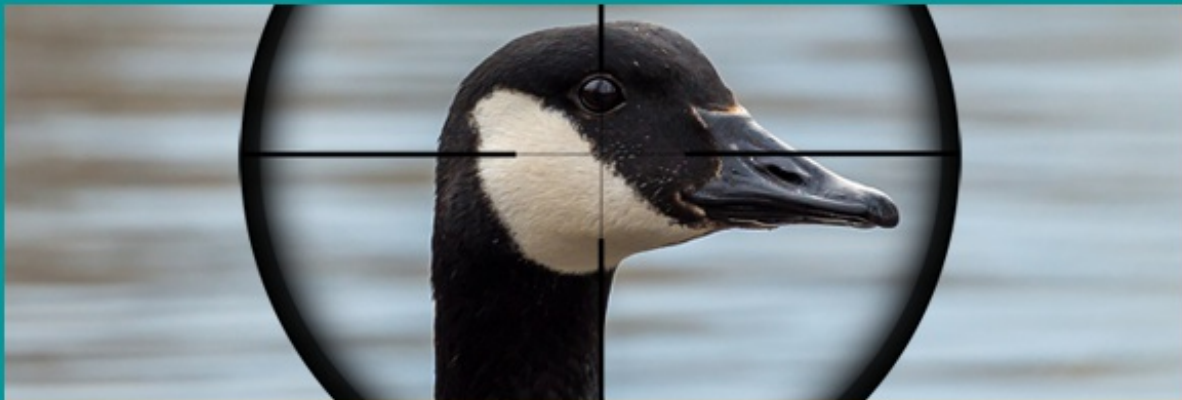




Save Our Geese



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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Another Plan to Slaughter OUR Geese - is in the Making

This year spring is in the air, and our community is at peace. The beautiful sounds of songbirds can be heard, wildlife and nature abound all around us. The very reasons many of us chose to call Lake of the Pines home.

Compare this to last spring, April 2020, when the peace and tranquility of our beautiful community was shattered with the disturbing, terrifying sounds of shotguns blasts and the ensuing death of OUR geese. Our sense of wellbeing and safety were broken, our happy community alarmed and shaken, our tranquility stolen, divisiveness revealed, innocent animals used as scapegoats, threats were made, and our otherwise peaceful community was left up in arms.

Then it happened all over again in the fall, even more geese were killed, this time because the LOP Board, through the recommendations of Ron Bomhoff and Richard Mattison (the latter is currently running for the LOP Board!!) representing the Wildlife Management Service Team (WMST), allowed WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON to commence right in the middle of our neighborhoods.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: On April 27,

2021 LOP released an **ANNOUNCEMENT** advising members - very matter-of-factly, that **THEY INTEND TO KILL OUR GEESE** even though at the April Board meeting Richard Mattison proudly announced he's counted (only) TEN geese at LOP.

We read the ANNOUNCEMENT and accompanying website documents (albeit outdated) and could not find a protocol to address injured birds other than geese that can be caught in the crosshairs.



Just One of Many

Right now, adult pairs are with their goslings. Does this mean we will have orphaned goslings or will the hunt aim to slaughter the newborns too? So many unanswered questions, yet Mr. Mattison, Team Lead of the WMST has yet to face LOP members and call a meeting to address these issues. Having displayed such disregard to member's concerns, and using the WMST bully pulpit to spread misinformation and fear-based **opinions**, *is Richard Mattison really an individual we want on our LOP Board?*

We must continue to work together and be vigilant to ensure the killing of OUR geese doesn't happen again.

Our next newsletter will focus on What We Know.

2021 LOP Board Elections

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

Candidate's Night is Monday May 17th @ 7PM ON ZOOM

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS IS MAY 14th @ 5PM)

Due to the continuing Shelter in Place directive, Candidates Night will be held online. While LOP is still trying to work out the specifics, they are giving members the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

If you have questions for the candidates, please email them to

comments@lop.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

All questions will be reviewed and approved by the Nominating Committee prior to the event. The event will be videotaped and posted on the LOP website for review by all members within a few days after the taping.

What can you do help?

Take an active role in vetting the candidates currently running for the Board of Directors by participating in Candidate's Night on May 17th, ON ZOOM and familiarize yourself with the past Facebook posts on this topic. **DO NOT VOTE** for the individuals that support killing OUR geese.

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** (ON ZOOM)

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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