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RAMPS NEEDED!!

The county needs more volunteer ramps big enough for the airboat. If you are willing to volunteer your ramp please contact Susan at 407-671-6902.



Lake Conservation and Preservation

The lake treatment has been going on and will continue on a twelve week rotation. The lake is healthy, and beneficial, rare submerged plants have been spotted, indicating the water quality is very high. An effort on the board of directors' part to get the county to be consistent in their efforts has paid off.

The canal was treated in December and again April 1st. Plans are to have the canal dredged, pending the monies allotted through MSTU begin to show a surplus. The county has expressed that it would take a few years.

Lake Irma is shared by all of us and when we all pursue a healthy lake we are preserving it not only

for ourselves but for those who come after us. It provides much enjoyment and recreation so let us continue to do our part and fight for the preservation of our beautiful lake.



Making It Right for Everyone

As lake and canal homeowners, everything we do or don't do affects the quality and appearance of our lake, shoreline and neighbors. There have been some issues concerning erosion, tree removal and building structures for recreation, whether on or off shore. When considering enhancing your property or trying to maintain your shoreline, be sure to consider what is best for the lake and the community as we are all affected by it one way or another. Remember that all of our back yards are in full

view. Being a considerate lake/canal home owner will bring us together so all can enjoy the awesome sights and sounds of our beautiful lake.

Here are some tips for being a considerate homeowner:

1. Consult a neighbor when considering tree removal that involves both yards. Work together!
2. Research the codes and abide by them when considering building near or in the water. This is for the

preservation and safety of the lake and shoreline.

3. Sound travels across the lake so be mindful of how it may be affecting your neighbors, particularly at night.

4. Because our back yards are visible to all, be considerate of the appearance of playground equipment, debris and any structures being built.

5. Compromise and be flexible.

Boater/Water Safety

- **Skiing and wakeboarding** must be done in a **counter clockwise** direction.
- **Skiing and wakeboarding** is **prohibited** ½ hour after sundown to ½ hour before sunrise.
- Do not ride on the bow, sides or transom of the vessel.
- The **towing vessel and skier** must **stay** at least **100'** from the shore, docks and any other vessel.
- **PWC Operators** must wear a U.S.C.G approved personal **flotation device**.

- **Children** under 6 years of age **MUST** wear a type I, II, or III U.S.C.G approved personal **flotation device**.
- **Operate vessels at idle speed when within 100' of the shore.**
- **A vessel operator shall operate the vessel in a manner that will not endanger persons or property.**
- **See the attached brochure** for more boating regulations.

WILD LIFE SPOTTING



*Have you seen them?
Florida otters have been spotted in Lake Irma! They are aquatic members of the weasel family, weighing 25lbs and growing to about three to four feet in length. They eat crawfish and fish but have been known to eat birds, snakes and insects. They live to be about eight to nine years old, are typically shy and are a protected species in Florida*

From the President's Corner...

Great progress has been made within the last six months concerning the treatment of Lake Irma. John Pearce, with Orange County, has spotted new, rare submerged plants that are beneficial to our lake. The water quality is high which indicates the treatments are working and we will continue to work closely with the County to maintain the water quality. The treatments will continue for a couple of years before we see a surplus regarding the MSTU. Once a surplus is achieved, consideration will be given to dredging the canal and other various projects.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 407-671-6902.

Best Regards,
Susan

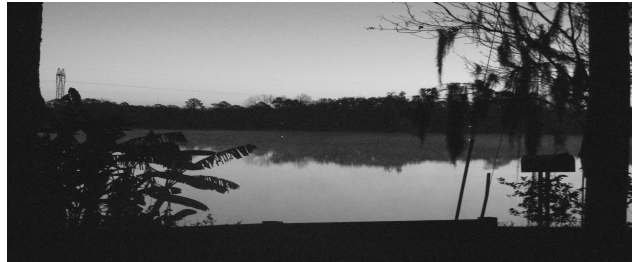
About Our Organization...

The Lake Irma Home Owners Association is dedicated to improving and maintaining the quality of the lake. Our mission is to address issues that will compromise the integrity and appearance of the lake and lake shore.

10% DISCOUNT

Gary & Julie Elbers, your lake neighbors and owners of Innovative Marine Technologies Inc., would like to extend to all **Lake Irma residents a 10% discount** for all of their products. You can see their full-line of dock products, including the Touchless Boat Cover, at www.Boatdockstuff.com and www.TouchlessCover.com.

If interested, please call Gary at 407-679-2217 for more details.



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