

Lake Marcel Member Survey: August 2015

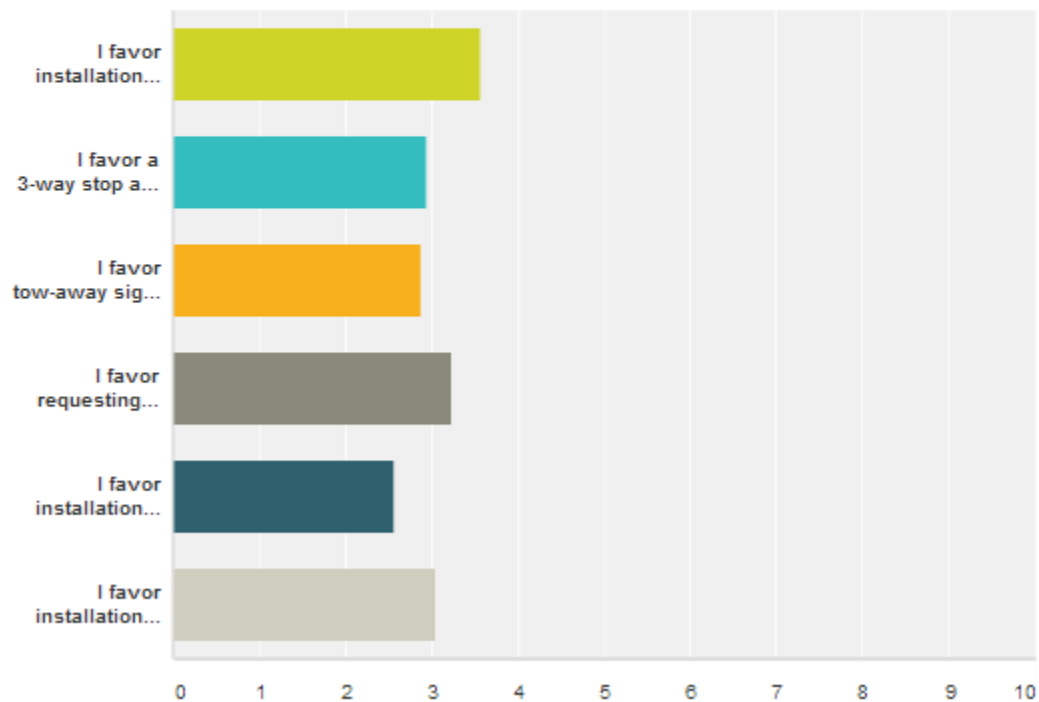
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8/12/2015 - 8/17/2015

Q1

Please let us know if you agree or disagree about each of these ideas regarding traffic control in our community.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 1



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
I favor installation of rumble strips to discourage drivers from going on the walking paths or cutting corners at some of the busier intersections.	13.51% 10	8.11% 6	14.86% 11	33.78% 25	29.73% 22	74	3.58
I favor a 3-way stop at the Beach 1 intersection (NE 106th St and 316th Ave NE).	23.29% 17	19.18% 14	17.81% 13	19.18% 14	20.55% 15	73	2.95
I favor tow-away signs to supplement existing no parking signs alongside LMCC-owned lots at Beaches 1 and 2.	25.68% 19	16.22% 12	20.27% 15	18.92% 14	18.92% 14	74	2.89
I favor requesting adult volunteers to augment the student crossing guards to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow near Stillwater Elementary School.	9.46% 7	5.41% 4	48.65% 36	24.32% 18	12.16% 9	74	3.24
I favor installation of speed humps/bumps in the Lake Marcel neighborhood.	40.28% 29	16.67% 12	6.94% 5	18.06% 13	18.06% 13	72	2.57
I favor installation of flashing speed limit signs in the Lake Marcel neighborhood.	23.29% 17	15.07% 11	17.81% 13	21.92% 16	21.92% 16	73	3.04

COMMENTS

I flavor being able to open and close both gates at beach one vs always trying to turn around with kids and animals running about!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

8/15/2015 1:37 PM

We used to live in a higher trafficked area and wanted speed bumps installed but we're also warned that they cause more noise than good. We were recommended to install roundabouts instead- less start/stop noise or larger humps. Also a bit concerned about the speed signs- I think the signs by themselves aren't too much of a deterrent unless there the area is patrolled randomly as well (which I think would be beneficial for speeding and security as well)

8/15/2015 7:25 AM

I live on 320th near the intersection with 114th. Cars zoooooom by at ridiculous speeds regularly. This is not just a concern during the school year, when there are young children walking but is a danger to all the local deer, who often bring their fawns through our yard, which we love. The speeding cars are also loud and change the feeling of a peaceful community. Something needs to be done, please. Thanks for your attention to this matter! :)

8/14/2015 9:15 PM

The 2 biggest issues I see are people not stopping at stop signs and speeding. Don't know if any of these will fix that.

8/14/2015 2:16 PM

We have a rule that parking is not allowed in the walking strips, however we do not back this up with fines, or tickets, tow-away. One of the greatest infractions is up by the school turning right from the stop. There are 2 or 3 cars most of the time parked in the walk lane forcing kids to walk in the street. It has become a growing issue around the lake that needs backing up with a windshield warning, then enforcement! Also the walking strips have not been completed in all areas such as 110th NE. If we enforce our laws, we won't need all this costly signage, lights, etc.

8/13/2015 11:43 PM

Let normal law enforcement and KC traffic deal with traffic issues. Focus on park and water quality and the 4th of July. If you want to change traffic close the Fay road entrance.

8/13/2015 7:54 PM

While understanding the concern for student safety near the Elementary school, I believe that is an issue for the school to address. Parents should be concerned and question any adult showing up out of the blue saying they are there to help the student crossing guards. This needs to be organized and sanctioned by the school so proper background checks etc. can be completed. Another concern not fully addressed by the question about towing signage in the beach areas is how to enforce the no parking rules for the walking path. There are several repeat offenders.

8/13/2015 7:20 PM

There is no real solution. Uncaring people will speed, thoughtful ones will obey the speed laws. Let's just hope that there are no issue with the present situation.

8/13/2015 6:44 PM

Have we considered license plate readers to find out who is coming into the neighborhood?

8/13/2015 9:35 AM

slow down!

8/13/2015 6:16 AM

I don't see speeding as an issue but it might be where I live. I do not like having people park in the walk ways however the question was only related to beach 1 and 2 and my issue is not near them.

8/12/2015 9:22 PM

I would be OK with tow away signs, but only if there is no cost to Lake Marcel Community.

8/12/2015 9:18 PM

I feel that the adult volunteers for after school safety should be coordinated through the school PTSA.

8/12/2015 9:10 PM

I really find the dirt bikes and ATV's driving up and down 320th annoying.

8/12/2015 7:36 PM

Thank you for tackling this matter!

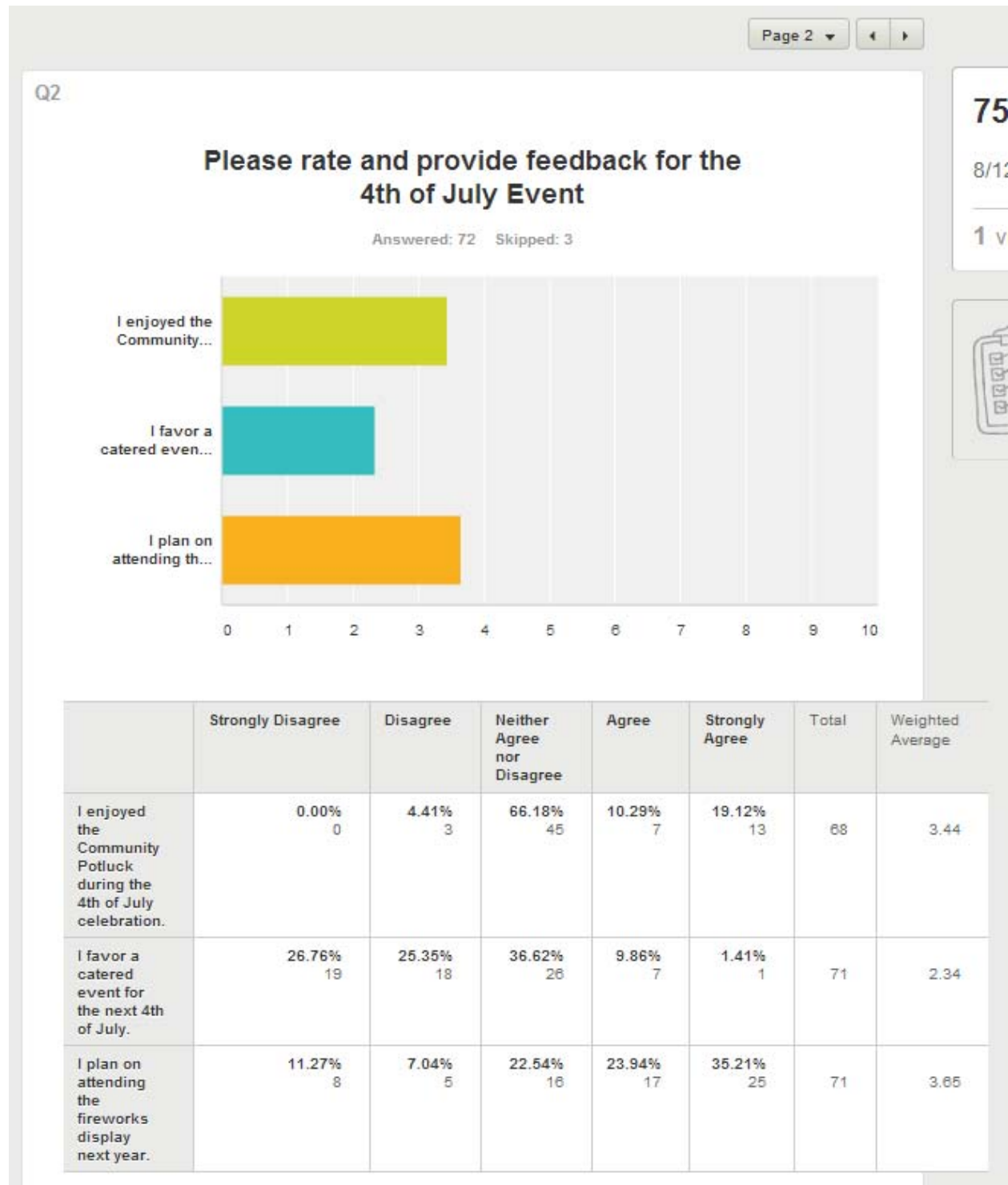
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Speed bumps are a waste. I have not seen that they reduce speed. As a matter of fact, I have seen that drivers tend to accelerate more after the speed bumps to "make up time" or try to swerve around them. They are noisy, bad for cars, bad for pedestrians, and bad for the community.

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The other issue is noise from racing engines and bass from booming stereos.

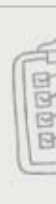
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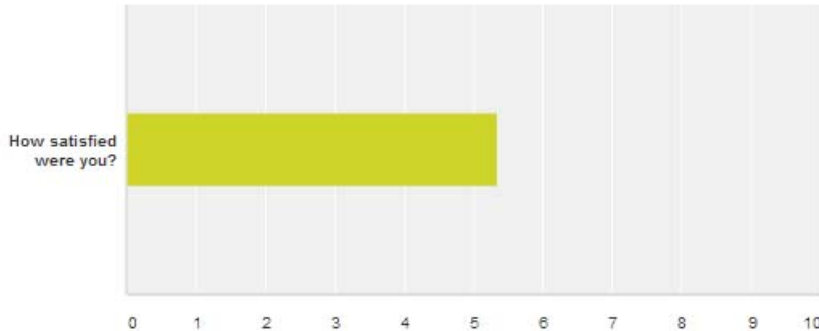
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Q3

If you attended any part of the 4th of July events, overall, how satisfied were you with this event?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 19



	Extremely dissatisfied	Quite dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Quite satisfied	Extremely satisfied	Total	Weighted Average
How satisfied were you?	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.29% 8	19.64% 11	5.36% 3	39.29% 22	21.43% 12	56	5.34

Please leave any comments you have the 4th of July events (past or future) at Lake Marcel

- Answered: 30
- Skipped: 45

Great community event enjoyed by many and supported by few. Those that volunteer unfortunately did not get to enjoy their day. To ease responsibilities a few of the 'events' could easily be eliminated and people could bring their own picnic- I wouldn't vote to spend more money on a catered event. In the future I think more group activities would be a better focus. Neighbors could meet prior to decorate the kids bikes- and then do the parade. After a horseshoe tournament or chili cook off would be fun or activities that would get people to mingle and provide food :). Otherwise it's easier to just stay at your own place and have your own party.
8/15/2015 7:35 AM

We don't generally attend the picnic, but very much enjoy the fireworks.
8/14/2015 9:16 PM

We were not here for this event.
8/14/2015 3:55 PM

My problem with this this year's event was the major illegal fireworks that were set off immediately after our event. Some of us have to work the next day no matter what day of the week it is. Plus with the dry summer it was just plain dangerous.
8/14/2015 2:20 PM

I have not been able to attend the 4th lately, parents aging. Really enjoyed the movie night and fireworks before.
8/13/2015 7:57 PM

Absolutely love the fireworks! We do not attend at the beach potluck or gathering but love hearing the laughter echo across the lake. Thankful for all the volunteers but am not opposed to the LMCC paying someone to grill etc.
8/13/2015 7:34 PM

I liked the later start time for the parade because it allowed more people to stay for the potluck rather than such a long time between start and dinner. Need to have the organized games, keep that up!

8/13/2015 7:23 PM

As always, a special time. Friends and neighbors getting together. I fully support all the effort that goes into a special event.

8/13/2015 6:47 PM

fireworks display was much shorter this year. Did not seem as well "put together" as previous years.

8/13/2015 4:34 PM

Picnic/events are community building and worthwhile * □ Fireworks poor use of \$ and problematic: Fireworks displays create a massive amount of toxic air pollution. Heavy metals are released into the air to fall into the water and onto the community. The amount of toxins are significant and degrade our lake and poison our environment. Information regarding this issue can easily be found online and the board would be prudent to educate itself on the issue before OKing a continuance of the fireworks piece of the celebration. In addition to environmental concerns ... fireworks present stress circumstances for wildlife, pets and health compromised persons who live in our community.

8/13/2015 3:42 PM

sorry...I was out of town.

8/13/2015 3:10 PM

\$8,000 FOR 15 MINUTES! THERE ARE OTHER SHOWS AND IT HAS NOT REDUCE FIREWORKS AT LAKE MARCEL

The fireworks seem like an enormous expense for only 15 minutes. I see many other needs that go unmet. How about some of these ideas. We need an automatic sprinkler system at beach one, boat ramp at beach 2 could use some improvement(the bass fisherman use it extensively, the parking needs improving at beach 2, a horseshoe pit and volleyball court, summer program for kids which could involve activities and monitoring of behavior The money could also be used to improve the 4th of July event especially if the money was used to reduce the enormous time commitment of a few volunteers.

8/13/2015 11:37 AM

I think we need to review 4th of July Fireworks in a separate survey. I like the Community picnic and activities and we should maybe enhance those (laser show, live music, etc), but I seriously fear each year firework season roles around. We live in a forest community! Are fireworks a smart thing? ...and the past few seasons have been getting dangerously drier. What about all the pollutants we are putting into the lake? Lots of paper and cardboard laced with gun powder and phosphorous residues and by-products. This might not have been a problem in the past when LMCC was putting on a nice show with responsible fireworks, but lately, many around the Lake seem determined to outdo the LMCC show, with unknown products and methods. This cannot be helping our Lake Quality issues!! I think it's time to institute a BAN of fireworks (with Fines) for this community. It might be OK if we had LMCC putting on the only fireworks with safe products, but controls need to be enforced around the neighborhood. This years use of a security guard was a promising step in the right direction. I would hate to see Lake Marcel burned to the ground some year because of careless individuals.

8/13/2015 10:49 AM

The pyrotech people didn't seem to know their business. But my most significant complaint involves a total lack of good judgment in the private use of fireworks during a serious drought. The risk of forest / grass fire and possibly losing homes is too serious to ignore. I favor banning the use of private fireworks any July 4th in which the June average rainfall is less than 1/2 of normal (in this case, it was about 1/12th of normal), unless there was .15 inch July 1-3 - or some other reasonable formula.

8/13/2015 9:18 AM

The long pause during the fireworks caused concern among the crowd regarding the safety of the pyrotechnicians. By the time the show resumed, we were leaving.

8/13/2015 8:58 AM

Perhaps next year, there should be no 'intermission' in the fireworks display. Many residents left during this period, and were disappointed to have missed the finale.

8/13/2015 8:12 AM

Did not attend, often out of town that weekend but happy to support if community participating

8/13/2015 7:48 AM

We were out of town, and did not attend any of the 4th of July festivities.

8/13/2015 7:29 AM

We very much enjoy the fireworks and all the hard work that people do to make it possible. Would there be a way to get a better sound system for the movie nights and fireworks?

8/12/2015 10:54 PM

I think the fireworks should be self supporting and not be budgeted from community dues.

8/12/2015 9:20 PM

I think the 4th of July is a great way to get the community together and to safely celebrate the 4th of July. I would not like to see it go away and I support the request for donations for the 4th as in the past.

8/12/2015 9:11 PM

Comments are based on a comparison to prior years. 1. Music - During the day it could not be heard on the lake where swimming and boating activities take place. Listening to music while on the lake has been a very memorable and enjoyable experience on past 4th of July celebrations. Speaker placement is the key. I can understand that you do not want music blasting children and adults at the picnic tables and playground but a speaker placed near the lake, directing music to the swimming and boating activities would be very enjoyable. The music really made it a special day to be on the lake in previous years. 2. Music (Patriotic music) during the fireworks has also been enjoyable in past years. We didn't hear any of that this year. I hope we bring that back in future years. 3. Fireworks - The fireworks were not as good at previous years but in the big picture it is still a great display and I'm glad that we go through the effort and expense to do it each year. Overall, we enjoy this community event.

8/12/2015 8:15 PM

We are not in town over the 4th of July, we have a vacation house out of state

8/12/2015 7:36 PM

We are always out of town for the 3th of July events, but I support having community fireworks as it is a nice offering and adds value to the community!

8/12/2015 7:33 PM

Finding volunteers seems to be a problem and a few end up doing the majority of the work.

8/12/2015 7:27 PM

I think that there should be email reminders to residents about not parking in or blocking the driveways of the people who live by beach 1.

8/12/2015 7:11 PM

It was a fun event. What about a live singer to do the Star Spangled Banner? I have always wished there was someone from the community leading that song. I bet there are some talented voices in Lake Marcel.

8/12/2015 7:07 PM

The firework show was very disappointing There was a very long pause between the show and what appeared to be the grand finale so everyone got up to leave. It was very anti-climatic. The residents put on a much better display. From my point of view the only thing I get out of my dues every year \$265 is the 4th of July firework show. I was very disappointed

8/12/2015 6:44 PM

Families using individual fireworks in the LMCC development should be strongly discouraged.

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Shouldn't set off fireworks

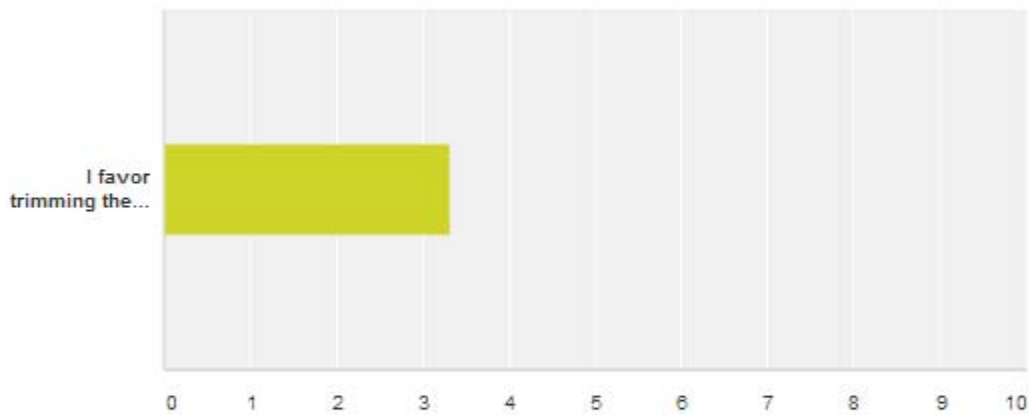
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Q5

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The board is entertaining the idea of trimming the trees at Beach 1 between the fence and the road high enough so that you can see the lake as you drive by. Community members have expressed a desire to be able to see the lake more from the road and would like to see this hiding area used for inappropriate behaviors cleared.

Answered: 71 Skipped: 4



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
I favor trimming the trees at Beach 1 for more visibility of the lake from the road.	18.31% 13	14.08% 10	14.08% 10	25.35% 18	28.17% 20	71	3.31

Comments

It's unclear where exactly you mean. If this is above the sand beach, I disagree. If this is down by the dam, I strongly agree -- let's get rid of the last branches there!!!

8/15/2015 1:31 PM

I think this might help discourage some of the nuisance problems.

8/14/2015 2:21 PM

We really like the privacy and noise reduction that it allows for the swim and picnic area of the beach. People that want to see the lake should park and enjoy the community area.

8/13/2015 7:25 PM

LOVE IT!

8/13/2015 4:35 PM

Maybe not trim cut down and plant a hedge of naturalized ... now considered native Rugosa Rose ... which requires little to no care is not bothered by deer, stays low enough to see over greenery all year blooms all summer ... beautiful rose hips in Fall ... why not??

8/13/2015 4:08 PM

survey is a little late...this was already done!

8/13/2015 3:11 PM

I DO NOT FAVOR CUTTING of TREES ...PERIOD. Once they are cut down, they are gone! More Camera's could be used, if inappropriate behavior is a concern. Let's put up Web cams, so everyone can see when they feel the need.

8/13/2015 10:52 AM

Trees are our best defense against global warming, so I am generally against gratuitous cutting. However, I lack good info about the level of so-called "inappropriate behavior." I heard about the drug buy. If there is drug trafficking, then yes, go ahead. If it's just kids making out, they'll find another spot (true for the druggies too, but we want them out of here).

8/13/2015 9:23 AM

What an ugly idea ... for the trees and the natural scenery around the lake. I don't care if I can't see the lake as I drive by, simply because 'nature' is inconsiderately blocking my view. As for inappropriate behaviors, there will always be other locations for that.

8/13/2015 8:18 AM

People who want to misbehave will do it no matter what. I value the trees in our neighborhood.

8/12/2015 9:14 PM

I don't know what this would cost, but if it didn't overly impact funds we already collect I would be fine with that. A nice limbing job though so that it doesn't look like someone just came and trimmed but who looked at the shape of the tree for afterward.

8/12/2015 9:12 PM

When we moved here 15 years ago, there was a big gap between trees, allowing a beautiful view of the lake. The trees have almost completely grown to block the view. The laurel bush should be completely removed as it will aggressively fill back in. it is so nice to have that sight-line open. And considering recent drug related activities (multiple drug deals in front of beach 1) the open sight-line should help as a deterrent.

8/12/2015 7:40 PM

I am concerned about how the trees will look after being cut.

8/12/2015 7:12 PM

my concern has more to do with the costs than the aesthetics. The cedar boughs will eventually sag down again and the pruning will have to be done again. Is it cost effective? There will probably also be kids running through there. As it is now it makes an effective 'fence' to keep kiddos safe.

8/12/2015 7:10 PM

Driver distraction is dangerous and "stupid" !

8/12/2015 6:24 PM

the trees block street noise from the lake and houses on the lake

8/12/2015 6:17 PM