

Dear Fellow Homeowner,

We need your help, please join the Westlake Fishing Committee in "Carp Saturdays".

WHAT IS "CARP SATURDAYS" YOU ASK?



As you are aware our lake has been invaded by an invasive species of common carp, which are negatively impacting our water. In response to this, Westlake Lake Management Association (WLMA) has approved a Fishing Committee to help deplete the population along with many other steps being taken by WLMA. The goal is to eliminate 3000 carp.

To date with other methods (shock fishing, bow hunting) we have reached about 1/3 of the goal- 3 tons of Carp have been removed from the lake. With your help we will reach the goal sooner and help clear up the lake. This will be an ongoing process and take many years to eliminate the carp completely; by getting them to about half of the current population we will be able to control the problem, per Stillwater Sciences.

Carp are fun to fish for- so why not have as many homeowners as possible go out and grab a pole and fish away? If we do it together it will make it more fun and we will all be helping in the effort.

Who: All homeowners and their friends. Fun for your children and grandchildren. Great time for the whole family. Reminder: YOU NEED A FISHING PERMIT FROM WLMA and a fishing license from Fish & Wildlife.

What: Carp "catch and keep" fishing. If you catch a carp, please dispose by double garbage bagging your catch, and taking it to the marina maintenance yard trash cans or bin. **Please email your catch numbers to carpcount@gmail.com.**

This email is very important to us in order to track our progress. Remember, if you catch a bass you must release it back to the lake as always.

Where: On the lake, from your boat or dock. Great way to meet other people from the neighborhood. And please, if you fish at the landing, please fish north of the restaurant docks, and be considerate of the diners.

When: Every Saturday, fish for a few minutes, or all day!

Interested homeowners and their invited guests go on their boat or dock and fish away. This is "catch and keep" unlike bass fishing.

How: Fishing for carp is simple: Throw out a couple of handfuls of frozen corn into the water. Thread a hook with a few pieces of corn, and cast into the water. In no time you'll be healing our beautiful lake!

Let's all work together to help solve this issue and clear our lake- this is going to take the proverbial village. Please join us!!!

PS: There will be a carp tournament this summer with prizes, so this will be great practice for that!