



Friends of Lake Garfield

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Are You a Friend of Lake Garfield?

How fortunate we are, in Monterey, to have such a jewel of a lake. It gives us an endless array of beautiful scenes, season after season, year after year. It gives us countless opportunities for fun and recreation. It adds value to all the homes in Monterey.

I am writing to ask you to become a 2009 member of the Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG) and to join us in our mission: to protect and preserve Lake Garfield for the enjoyment of all in Monterey. It takes diligence and funding to accomplish our mission. Your \$35 membership goes a long way. Join at the Special Friend level for \$50, or the Very Special Friend level for \$100 and the money goes even further.

Here's how we've put your dues to work ...

1 – Managing Drawdown -- the most efficient, chemical-free way to prevent excess weeds from owning our shorelines. FLG has achieved a long time goal, partnered with our town and the Conservation Commission. We've met the requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, allowing the Town to manage drawdown according to best principles of lake science for the health of Lake Garfield.

2 – Additional Weed Control. We stocked the lake with a type weevil that has a voracious appetite for milfoil, a weed that was choking our ecosystem. It worked wonders! Milfoil no longer poses a serious threat. We continue to monitor this issue.

3– Weed Control on the Shores. With matching funds from the Town, we conducted a three-year insecticide-free test to control Purple Loose Strife, a weed that takes over shorelines in such great profusion, nothing else can grow.

4 – Water testing. Three times each year, along with a State representative, we test the waters of Lake Garfield for phosphates, oxygen levels, temperature and other measurements that monitor the health of the lake.

5 – And don't forget LakeFest. Launched by the Friends of Lake Garfield to bring us all together for a joyous day on our wondrous lake. Fireworks are not part of the FLG budget, but, check out our website. There's a fireworks fund that you can contribute to if you like to see the skies light up at LakeFest, Saturday, August 15th. Jot down the date. (Rain date, the 16th) And while you're writing, jot down the dates of our summer meetings: June 6th, July 4th and August 1st, 9:30 AM at the Firehouse.

Please jump on the enclosed membership form. A lake like ours needs an organization like ours to help keep it healthy. Lake Garfield needs all the friends we can get.

Best regards,
Julio Rodriguez, President.
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