

Water Quality Annual Report

With summer upon us we find ourselves starting our 4th season of tributary water sampling with the LaRosa Program. This summer I will also start taking water samples from our lake through the Lay Monitoring Program.

This combined information will help us look at the phosphorus, nitrogen, caffeine and chlorophyll-a levels in our streams and lake.

Our ongoing phragmites project around the lake is going well. All areas of growth have been treated and the phragmites eradicated. A few small patches have been found on the east side of the lake. These patches will be hand massaged this summer which should kill the phragmites by fall. Please let me know if you notice any phragmites around the lake.

I am still asking people to please have a Lake Wise Assessment done on your property. There is no charge for the assessment and will help property owners learn how to improve stormwater management and prevent erosion. When a series of criteria have been met, a property owner receives a Lake Wise Award. If 15% of the properties surrounding a lake receive the award, The Lake Association is granted a Gold Lake Wise plaque. We are just 10 awards away from becoming classified as Lake Wise Gold status. If anyone would like help entering this program or has questions, please reach out to me at waterquality@lakeparker.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the lake this summer.
Michael Pierce