

Questions and Answers Concerning the Upcoming Sewage Storage Basin Project

Note: Every effort has been made to ensure the information expressed here is factual and accurate at this time as known by the Lake Bluff Yacht Club. The Yacht Club has been working closely with the Village of Lake Bluff, the North Shore Water Reclamation District and the Lake Bluff Park District on this project, but nothing expressed here is intended to bind the Village of Lake Bluff, the North Shore Water Reclamation District or the Lake Bluff Park District.

Q: Who is undertaking this project?

A: The Project is being undertaken by the North Shore Water Reclamation District (NSWRD), which provides sewage treatment for the Eastern part of Lake County, Illinois.

Q: What is the project?

A: The project is for the construction of an underground sewage storage basin of approximately one million gallons.

Q: Where will the sewage storage basin be built?

A: The basin will be built to the South of the current pumping station located at the bottom of the bluff. All construction will be done on land leased to NSWRD by the Village of Lake Bluff.

Q: What is the purpose of the project?

A: The basin is being built to reduce the potential for sewage overflows into Lake Michigan.

Q: What will happen to the Lake Bluff Yacht Club compound?

A: The Lake Bluff Yacht Club compound will be demolished at the start of construction of the basin. Following completion of construction of the basin, NSWRD has stated that the Yacht Club will be able to rebuild the compound and that they will make funds available to compensate the Yacht Club for the cost of rebuilding to the standard of the existing compound.

Q: What is the Yacht Club doing?

A: The Club has retained an architect to help us redesign the compound in a way that preserves our current storage capacity in a cost effective manner. We are also exploring ways to improve the appearance of the compound and perhaps add a few amenities to make the compound a better asset for members, the Village and the Park District.

Q: I have a boat/kayak/paddle board currently stored in the compound. What do I need to know?

A: Construction may start as soon as September 26, 2022, and members will have to remove their boats and watercraft before construction starts and make arrangements to store them until our new compound is constructed.

Q: Will the Club make any arrangements for off-site storage?

A: While we have been exploring such options, currently none are available.

Q: What happens if I don't remove my boat?

A: We will make every effort to assist members in removing boats, however, once construction begins and your boat is still on site, it will be subject to removal and disposal.

Q: Will the South Beach remain open during construction?

A: No. The South beach will be closed during construction.

Q: What other parts of the Lake Bluff beach will be open?

A: It is our understanding that the North beach will remain open during construction. We do not know if any vehicles will be allowed down to the beach area during construction.

Q: Will I be able to sail my boat/kayak/paddle board on North beach while construction is ongoing?

A: The Park District has informed us that due to the size of the North beach and the water levels of Lake Michigan, storage of boats/kayaks/paddle boards on North beach will not be permitted during that time. Currently, the Park District has not expressed a position about whether those people desiring to bring their watercraft down to the beach each time will be able to use the North beach to launch and sail their watercraft.

Q: What will the Yacht Club do during the period the compound is closed?

A: We are exploring options for members to use another venue and to continue to hold the racing calendar at another venue. We will have to put our adult sailing classes on hold for the duration of the project. We will continue to hold as many social events from our calendar as is possible so that members can enjoy the camaraderie of our club.

Q: What will happen to the summer sailing camp?

A: The sailing camp is a program run by the park district using Yacht Club boats and equipment. At the current time, it is our understanding that the Park District will have to cancel the summer sailing camp while construction is ongoing unless they find an alternate venue.