



# SHAKER PINES AROUND THE LAKE



## AUTUMN 2024 NEWSLETTER



### Message from the Board

The Board has been busy working on and preparing for a number of projects and changes for the safety and betterment of our community. We ask for your patience and understanding while we navigate through the process. Projects currently underway are:

1. Spillway repair
2. The dam inspection and emergency plan
3. Improve quality of our lake
4. Property maintenance
5. Review and update Charter and By-Laws
6. Record Retention

If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can continue to improve our community, please attend one of our board meetings.

### Board Meetings

When - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

Time - 7:00 p.m.

Where - Shaker Pines Fire Department, 37 Bacon Road  
All SPLA members are welcome to attend.

### Lake Lowering Timeframe

Consistent with previous years, the lake lowering will start on October 14th. This is a good time for lake abutters to clean your lakesides. For the health of the lake, please take time to remove debris, excess sediment and other foreign objects. Boats should be removed by the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Message from the Tax Collector

To date we have collected \$29,784.44. We are still carrying an outstanding balance of \$14,511.30. Please contact the tax collector at [jlmacs456@gmail.com](mailto:jlmacs456@gmail.com) to make payment arrangements if your account is overdue.

You can access your account, review, pay and print receipts on-line through the following link: <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=shakerpineslake>

Or you can mail your payment to tax collector at: 115 Cottage Road, Enfield, CT 06082. Note that interest is accrued at 1.5% per month.

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## From the Treasurer – 2023/2024 Final Financial Report

**Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc**  
**Enfield, CT**  
**Final Financial Report**  
**Fiscal Year July 2023 - June 2024**

Budgeted		Total Expenses 2023-2024	Unused Budget
<b>Lake Related Expenses</b>			
Lake Related Expenses and Treatment	17,000.00	16,085.00	915.00
<b>Total Lake Related Expenses</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>16,085.00</b>	<b>915.00</b>
<b>Tax Collector</b>			
Salary	800.00	800.00	-
Collector Fees	150.00	19.00	131.00
Liens (Add/Release)	900.00	440.00	460.00
QDS System Contract	1,032.00	1,032.00	-
<b>Total Tax Related Expenses</b>	<b>2,882.00</b>	<b>2,291.00</b>	<b>591.00</b>
<b>Association Properties</b>			
Landscaping	5,000.00	5,033.90	(33.90)
Maintenance	5,000.00	1,215.18	3,784.82
Insurance - Total Property & D&O insurance	9,000.00	9,242.10	(242.10)
Property Insurance	7,582.00	7,824.10	(242.10)
D&O Insurance	1,418.00	1,418.00	-
Dam Inspection	-	-	-
Engineering Contract	6,235.00	6,235.00	-
<b>Total Association Properties</b>	<b>25,235.00</b>	<b>21,726.18</b>	<b>3,508.82</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Communication	1,600.00	1,558.97	41.03
Postage	-	-	-
Supplies	-	-	-
Website Fees	-	-	-
Legal Fees	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Contingencies	500.00	95.82	404.18
Miscellaneous & Unassigned	500.00	93.88	406.12
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>	<b>1,748.67</b>	<b>3,351.33</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>50,217.00</b>	<b>41,850.85</b>	<b>8,366.15</b>

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## Spillway Repair Report:

We recently hired a new Engineering Company, RES Reynolds Engineering Services, LLC. To continue with the spillway repair. They have since surveyed and performed site/field investigations. Once a report is submitted to the SPLA Board, we will hold a scope meeting with the firm to determine on what direction and options we have to repair the spillway. Once we establish a direction, the firm will then submit an application to DEEP for permitting. Once approved by DEEP, the firm will develop construction documents and the project can go out to bid. As those of you who have dealt with the State of Connecticut know, it is hard to give a timeline when construction can start at this time.

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## Dam Inspection Report:

RES Reynolds Engineering Services, LLC. Will also be providing the State required Dam Inspection Report.

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## Dredging Report:

We recently hired New England Aquatic Services to start the required steps for the future dredging of the lake.

They have recently finished a sediment survey of the entire lake. This first step was required to determine the amount of sediment that will be removed and the locations.

We are currently working with the Town of Enfield grant writer to assist us with funding both the dredging project and any additional spillway repair costs.

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## Property Committee News:

You may have noticed tree work being done at all of our community properties. Branches were trimmed and unhealthy trees were removed based on guidance from tree experts. There were four trees removed from 45 Cottage Rd. (Sandy Beach) and two trees removed from 106 Cottage Rd. (vacant lot). Trees were trimmed and loose limbs removed on 121 Cottage Rd. (Upper Beach), 35 Cottage Rd. (Spillway) and 5 Bridges Rd. (Memorial Lot). The property committee is taking a proactive approach to the health of our lake and safety of our community.

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## Ecology Committee News:

As in previous years, you may have seen the airboat treating our lake this year. The specialists on the boat are from The Pond & Lakes Connection. They are very knowledgeable about the chemicals and actions required to treat and prevent algae growth and aquatic weeds from strangling our lake. It's been a tough battle with high levels of phosphorus and the results don't always meet our expectations. However, we are taking steps to adjust our treatment, testing schedule and chemical dosages next year.

Per the Health Department high bacteria was also an issue this summer and we had to close upper beach for several days. There are several factors that impact water quality and we are working with other committees to address them.

We have worked with CT DEEP, Pond & Lakes Connection and USDA Wildlife services to discuss impacts to quality of lake water. Major contributors are noted below:

1. Geese are a major contributing factor for phosphorus (causes Algae) and bacteria. DEEP suggests 8-10 geese for a lake our size is tolerable. Thus we have a Canada goose mitigation plan and you can read the FAQs at <https://shakerpineslake.org>
2. Fertilizers for lawn's should be non-or low phosphorus - We will be making recommendations to the community soon.
3. DEEP recommends at least 20-40% of lake shores be plants. We are working to increase this if possible.
4. Septic systems could be leaching into the lake and should be addressed by homeowners having their septic's checked and cleaned on a regular basis.
5. Dredging the lake would definitely help and there is a study underway.

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## Communication News:

If you would like to receive future newsletters and communications via e-mail, please send your e-mail information with property address to [spla@shakerpineslake.org](mailto:spla@shakerpineslake.org)

If you have website experience and would like to help keep our website updated, please let us know!

Would you like to get involved? We are always looking for members to join the various committees or positions. You do not need to be on the board to participate in the committees!

**Community is not just a place, but a feeling of belonging. – Unknown**

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## SPLA Fall and Holiday Activities

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Halloween Carnival – October 27th – Memorial Lot  
1:00-3:00

Come celebrate Halloween at the Pines – play games, enjoy fried dough, cotton candy and popcorn!

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Food Drive – December 7th – 20 Cottage Road (old firehouse)  
9:00 – 12:00

Bring non-perishable foods, toiletries and other dry goods and give a helping hand to the Enfield Food Bank.

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Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting December 8th –  
Parade starts at 5:00 at the cul-de-sac on Cottage Rd and ends with tree lighting, smores and carol sing on Memorial Lot.

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Children’s Holiday Party - December 15th – St. Martha’s  
Follow us on Facebook or our website for further details.

## 2024-2025 Board of Directors

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