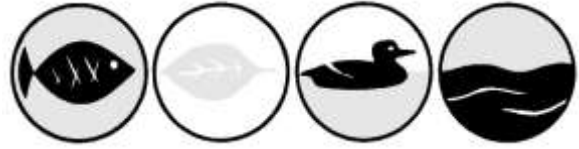


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May 2020 Newsletter

NICC Members,

I hope you are doing well. Remember to renew your NICC membership as it will expire in May. The gate code will be changed on June 1st and those current on membership will receive the new gate code before that date.

With the current shelter in place/safer at home orders that have come down by state government, NICC has seen an increase in grounds use. This is what the grounds are for, to get out and enjoy a walk on the trails or try your luck at fishing the pond. We have had members doing all of this and posting pictures on the NICC members only Facebook page.



Bluegill caught by Jim Waldow



Hayley May's puppies after a swim



Jessica Szmergalski's dog enjoying a spring day



Large snapping turtle waking up after a long winter rest

In addition, there has been some grounds maintenance that has gotten done over the last month or so. The area around the clubhouse has been cleaned up of leaves and branches and the bridge leading to the trails has been replaced.



Completed bridge. Big Thank You to Steve Morgan and Ken Golonka

We have also brought the pedal boat down to the pond's edge for you to use. Please wear a life vest while using the boats. There are four fastened to the deck rail on the clubhouse. Again, please return the boats and life vests when you are finished. However, there has been a few occasions where it has been brought to my attention that some trash has been left behind. Please pack out what you pack in. I am also attaching the NICC Property Rules as a refresher to us all. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay safe and enjoy our awesome club grounds!

Thanks,

Len Dane
NICC President
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Property Rules

1. Gate is to remain locked except at times of club activities or when Members are on property
2. Each paid member will receive a combination to gate lock. Gate lock combination will be changed annually on May 1, after dues are collected.
3. Members may request use of the grounds and/or clubhouse for special events with board approval. An Event Request form can be obtained from a board member and should be completed and returned for board approval.
4. Proof of membership is required while on the grounds.
5. Everyone using grounds must remove own garbage and clean the area used.
6. All minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
7. Do not drive vehicles beyond clubhouse.
8. No motorized vehicles on nature walking trails.
9. No hunting on grounds.
10. No swimming in the pond.

11. Fishing is permitted with catch and release of all fish.
12. Dogs must be on leash and accompanied by owner. Owners must clean up after dogs.
13. Picnic tables are available on the property. After use they must be returned where they were found.
14. A campfire is permitted in the fire pit only. If conditions are not favorable there will be a sign posted on the house "No Fires". All fires must be extinguished before leaving.
15. Grill cooking is allowed only in the designated area (40 feet off the south west corner of the house). All coals should be emptied in the 50-gallon metal drum and lid put on the drum.
16. Members may camp overnight with board approval. Camping will be in designated areas.
17. Failing to comply with any of the above rules may result in a request to leave the property and/or loss of membership.

LAKE COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

If a package states that it is recyclable, why can't I put it in my bin?

Just because packaging contains an image or statement that the product may be recyclable in your area doesn't mean that you can recycle it in Lake County. What it means is the product or packaging is made for materials that are recyclable, but the key is whether there is a market for that material. In most cases the biggest confusion is found with plastics. Just because a plastic has a recycling symbol embossed on it, it may be a plastic that has little or no value to a recycling business. The best thing to do is review [the Lake County Recycling Guidelines page](#) to learn what materials are acceptable for recycling in Lake County and then try to only use products that are made of the types of materials that can be collected for recycling.

Can I recycle my shredded paper?

The practice of placing your personal shredded documents into a brown paper bag and including that bag in with your recycling is acceptable here in Lake County as the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) that your recyclables are sorted at agrees to accept shredded paper in this form. However, all current day MRF's are highly automated system that, in their current configurations, do not effectively recover loose shredded paper. The best assurance for your shredded paper to be recycled is for you to place it in a craft paper bag such as a paper grocery bag. Seal the bag of shredded paper closed by folding, rolling, stapling or taping it and then place it in your recycling cart. Do not put shredded paper in a plastic bag. At the MRF, plastic bags of shredded paper are immediately pulled from the other recyclables and sent to the landfill. Also, please be selective with what you shred. Shred only paper that contains sensitive information such as social security, bank account or credit card numbers. You might also want to consider collecting your documents and bringing them to a shredding event hosted by a local bank or municipal group, or take your documents to local business that provides document shredding for a fee. Paper shredding events and services that collect and shred paper send their shredded paper directly to a paper mill for recycling, it will never go through a MRF that processes traditional non-shredded papers, plastics, bottles and cans. For more information about local businesses in Lake County that offer shredding service please visit the [Where Do I Recycle This?](#) search tool on the swalco.org web site.

Where can I recycle my plastic bags and film?

Plastic bags or wrap: i.e. grocery bags; newspaper bags; bread bags; produce bags; zip lock bags; toilet paper, napkin and paper towel wrap; case wrap; diaper wrap; dry cleaning bags; plastic retail bags; bubble wrap; air pillows, electronic wrap; furniture wrap as well as Tyvek and other plastic shipping bags or envelopes should NOT be placed in your recycling bin. Instead, please visit our Plastic Film and Bags page on the SWALCO.org website. This page was created to provide information about local drop offs for your use!

Garden Hoses? Can these be recycled? Never put hangers (metal or plastic), hoses, wire, cords, cables, ropes, chain, clothing, textiles and shoes in your recycling bin.

They get tangled up in the sorting machines causing costly downtime and will never be recycled. Garden hoses are typically made from PVC or vinyl and ARE NOT recyclable - Garden Hoses are regular trash items UNLESS they can be reused. In that case, contact your local donation facility to see if they are accepted.

Can Styrofoam go in the recycling bin?

At this time, Lake County municipal curbside recycling programs are not accepting #6 PS plastics, known as polystyrene. It comes in two forms, expanded foam (**usually white and commonly called Styrofoam**) and rigid (usually opaque, colored or clear). The expanded foam plastic is mostly air, often coated with food contaminants, and can cost up to 300% more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of market competition and high transportation costs. Lake County does have a drop off location for recycling of #6 polystyrene located at the City of Highland Park Recycling Center.

Why can't I recycle hangers?

Never put hangers (metal or plastic), hoses, wire, cords, cables, ropes, chain, clothing, textiles and shoes in your recycling bin. They get tangled up in the sorting machines causing costly downtime and may never be recycled. Contact your local donation facility to see if they are accepted or a local dry cleaner (mainly for metal ones).

What happens to the recyclables?

Materials collected from municipal curbside programs will be taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), sorted into several categories or grades, each grade is baled and then sold to a manufacturer who will make new products from the materials. [Watch how recyclables are sorted at the Waste Management Lake County Sorting facility](#)

Does my recycling need to be kept separated, for example, keeping paper separate from glass?

No, all acceptable recyclables can be collected and placed in your recycling bin commingled together, this is as known as single-stream recycling. Just be sure to keep all those recyclable materials loose in your bin. If you collect recyclables in plastic or paper bags in your home, be sure to empty all the recyclables out of those bags when you place them into collection bin that your waste hauler picks up.

Special notice

Turtle Marina is offering a discount to club members on their 2020 Season Launch Passes. Members can message Mark for details at 847-878-8679

Elections

Due to the COVID-19 virus, elections will be held on June 15 at the combined General/Board meeting at 7 pm. Nominations are now open until May 11 for President, Vice President and two directors' positions. Directors positions are 3-year terms and responsibilities include, serving on at least one committee, provide support for club programs and activities and assist any officer as needed. This date could change.

Adopt-A-Highway Saturday May 2

This year marks our 22nd year to volunteer for the Adopt-A-Highway program in Lake County. Have you watched the Discovery channel on cable TV and wished you could be there when they find a rare artifact? Well, here's your chance to do it right here in Antioch! Have you seen the clubs name on the two Adopt-A-Highway signs on Grass Lake Road? For the past 22 years NICC has been assigned the stretch of road between Rt. 59 and 83 on Grass Lake Rd. Sometimes we even find loose change. Come on out and join us for the find of your life. Our next archeological find will be on Saturday, May 2. All volunteers are asked to meet at 10 am at Triangle Sports & Marine, just west of Rt. 83 on Grass Lake Rd. Grab your gloves and head for the highway. Any loose change goes to the finder.

It was the decision of the board, to use this day as a good opportunity to come back to the club grounds to clear the grounds of fallen branches. Also, it's time to give the clubhouse a good cleaning after being closed up since fall.



May 2	Adopt-A-Highway 10 am & Grounds Cleanup
June 15	General/Board Meeting and Elections 7 pm
July 13	General/Board Meeting