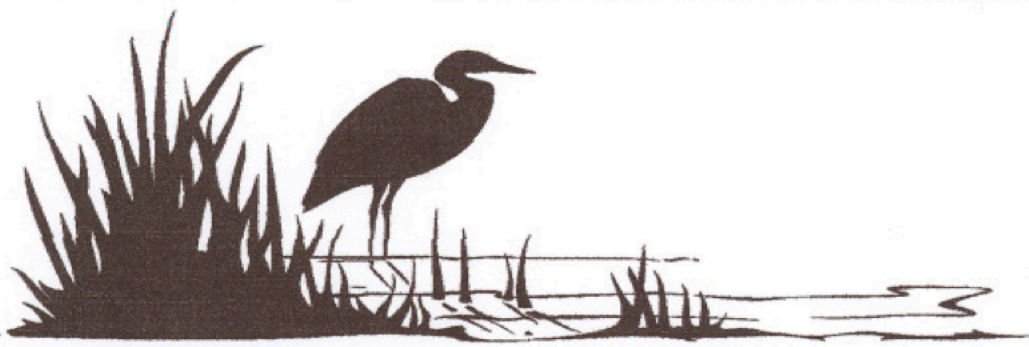


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BOARD MEETINGS

Third Wednesday, 4:00pm

*Alameda City Hall, 3rd floor
Tower Conference Room
2263 Santa Clara Avenue,
Alameda, 94501*

Blue Colorant/ Closed Lagoon Pilot Project

The blue colorant pilot began in Lagoons 3 to 5 on May 17. The initial application resulted in a color change so subtle that many residents did not visualize it at all; with less than desired darkening of the water, the algae growth impact would also be minimal. On June 2, we began filling Lagoons 1 and 2, with back-fill from Lagoons 3-5 through the Willow St. weir (at Alameda Hospital), and pumping from the Bay at Lagoon 1. As all Lagoons neared summer levels, the blue colorant was applied in all five lagoons on June 14. Based on the under-coloration in May, a higher application rate was utilized on June 14. This time, the coloration change was very obvious—exceeding the goal of our maintenance team (and that of many residents—although some were also very pleased with the intensity). The colorant, an organic product, naturally degrades. We have closely followed the coloration effect, and our maintenance contractor is adjusting reapplication rates as appropriately as possible, striving for an optimal balance.

The colorant is expected to decrease algae growth and improve water clarity. With the filling of Lagoons 1 and 2, in the week prior to colorant application, there was a marked increase in cloudiness, which coincided with a spike in bacterial counts. Source of the bacteria is unclear; however, there was back-filling through Lagoon 3, where a recent sewage source was identified and sealed, and where sediment was recently cleared adjacent to the mini-park. Bacterial counts have spiked occasionally in the past at Spring draw-down; at our previous monitoring frequency of once per month, the counts typically normalized by the next sampling. With the closed lagoon/colorant trial, we are monitoring more frequently. Associated with this increased frequency, we have had serial elevated levels, which in the end, are currently back to normal, one month after completion of filling. We are not aware of any ongoing source of contamination, and we are anticipating that the bacterial counts will stay low; additionally, we are hopeful that the

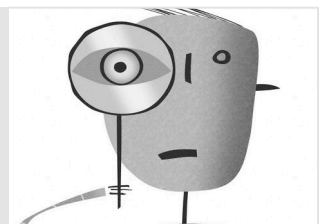
colorant will now help keep future algae blooms under improved control.

The new AWLHOA website has been used by many members to comment on this Summer management pilot. We have received several positive comments. We have also received some concerns—common themes include effects on waterfowl, fish, and bacteria. The blue colorant is an organic compound, safe for waterfowl and fish. With darker water, though, it is more difficult for residents, and birds, to see the fish. Hence, bird numbers on the lagoons may be lower. Nonetheless, our maintenance team continues to observe widespread healthy fish. The recent bacterial spike pre-dated colorant application—and the spike has cleared for now, with the colorant still in place. Our maintenance team is also serially following dissolved oxygen levels and water temperature — both are within acceptable limits, with, as some of you may have noticed, water

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Dredging Project

The dredging project is in the final stages of the permitting phase. The bulk of the necessary information regarding the location, the quantity, and the chemical quality of the material to be dredged has been collected. The final piece of the puzzle is to determine the disposal site for the dredged material.

The consultant (CLE) has already estimated the costs for disposal at a commercial landfill such as the Altamont disposal site, but the costs could be cut nearly in half, if the dredged material could be used at Alameda Point. As part of it's cleanup activities at the former Alameda Naval Air Station, the Navy needs fill and cover material for the final closure of some of it's old landfills. CLE is currently in the process of determining whether or not the dredged material from the lagoons will meet the Navy's acceptance

criteria.

Once the disposal site has been selected the completed permit application can be submitted to the Dredge Material Management Office, the final permit can be issued, and the City can seek bids for the actual dredging of the lagoons.

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temperature up slightly.

Please continue to post your comments through the AWLHOA, via website, email, or phone. Colorant application will stop in mid-September and the lagoons will be reopened after the colorant clears. We will have a formalized feedback opportunity for residents at the end of the summer pilot to help assess if we should consider repeating this management strategy in the future.



Please don't feed the ducks. They are wild and forage on their own. This cuts down on ducks defecating on neighboring docks.

Please don't wash bird droppings from your docks into the lagoons.

Please don't throw plastic, plants, or other items in the lagoon.

Please don't allow excess fertilizer or paint, etc. to enter the lagoons through your storm drains.

Thank You.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS: PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

Barking dogs are inevitable. Let's face it, dogs bark! But when the noise continues on a daily basis and owners do nothing to stop it, it becomes a nuisance.

Please be aware of your dog's barking. If they are prone to bark, we encourage you not to leave them outside unattended, particularly with dock access. Barking travels great distances on the water. It echoes and amplifies and can be heard far beyond your property lines.

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful and tranquil environment. To achieve this balance, it takes cooperation from all residents.

Please be a considerate pet owner and everyone will be happy, including your pet!



ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election process for this year has begun. As part of this Newsletter we will be soliciting candidates to fill the terms of 3 directors whose terms expire.

Each candidate submitting a petition may also submit a statement (up to 1 page) regarding their background and the reasons they desire to participate as a member of the board. The statement may contain anything you believe will enhance your position as a candidate.

An Election Inspector has been appointed and been provided within the legal requirements under which the election must be conducted. The Election Inspector has the option to appoint up to 2 assistants if desired.

Ballots will be mailed no later than August 20, 2012, therefore candidate's petitions and statements must be received by August 15, 2012. Ballots will be accepted up until meeting time on October 1, 2012 at the annual membership meeting. At that time the votes will be tabulated and the Election Inspector will announce the results as the first item on the agenda. New board members will then begin their terms of office.

Alameda West Lagoon HOA



WEBSITE REFRESH! HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Big changes are happening with our HOA website (<http://www.awlhoa.com>)! Other than some visual differences, we have added a lot of additional content and functionality to the website. New sections include:

- **Community** - includes an Events Calendar and Discussion Forums
- **Contact Us**
- **My Account** - allows registered users to customize their settings, including subscribing to the email alert system and participating in the member directory.

We have also added **Facebook "Like"** integration and a **Lagoon Notification System** for instant water quality status. Registered members will have access to additional content.

Additionally, we have moved the entire website over to Dreamhost, who has graciously provided us with free hosting and domain services. There is a lot more in development, but we would like to hear your input. The website is the quickest and most cost-effective means of communication between the AWLHOA Board and home owners/residents. Please register on the site, participate in the forums, and provide your feedback.



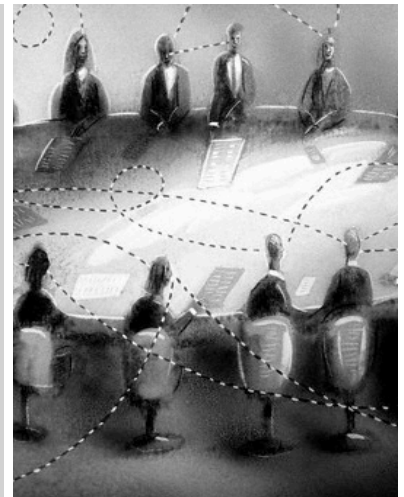
Finally, don't forget to "like" us on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/awlhoa>

ANNUAL MEETING: OCT. 1, 2012

The annual membership meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at:

Alameda Hospital
Bill DeCielo Room, 2nd floor
2070 Clinton Avenue (between Chestnut St. & Willow St.)

Directions: Park in the hospital parking lot and enter through the main entrance to the hospital. Proceed towards the rear of the building past the receptionist desk. Take the elevator to the 2nd floor. Exit to your right down the hall. Turn left at the sign for Conference Room A. Straight ahead is the actual conference room. It is marked the *Bill DeCielo Room*.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a WELCOME to the following new members:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Laurie Smith	645 Tarryton Isle	11/15/2011
Adelaide Cassity McMannis	638 Arlington Isle	12/08/2011
David Chin & Clemence Tissot-Chin	2915 Bayview Drive	04/23/2012
King & Pan Yu	611 Grand Street	05/01/2012
Mark & Lisa Lewis	644 Tarryton Isle	06/21/2012



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

In the event you have a change of address, either temporarily or permanently, please inform us by sending a note to our P.O. Box or by email - change-of-address@awlhoa.com. It is important that we know where to contact you for newsletters, notices, invoicing of assessments, annual or special meetings, etc.

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