Save Union Bay Association
Notice of Annual Meeting - 2026

Please SAVE THE DATE for this year's Save Union Bay Association Annual Meeting
The meeting will be held at the Seattle Public Library on 35th Ave NE from 6-7:30 pm

Dear Laurelhurst shoreline neighbor,

As your representatives on SUBA, we wanted to give you an update on the recent milfoil treatment conducted earlier this week. We have been monitoring the health of the bay – as usual - this past spring, and surveys had revealed early and robust growth of milfoil. Therefore on Tuesday June 23 the nearshore areas of Union Bay along the Laurelhurst coastline were treated with the milfoil-targeting herbicide ProcellaCOR. As in past years, we (SUBA) contracted with local firm Aquatechnex to conduct the application. We are confident this will keep the milfoil in check for this summer for better recreational use and habitat maintenance. Below is more information about the herbicide and SUBA.

Herbicide used: ProcellaCOR – also called Florpyrauxifen-benzyl - is an aquatic herbicide specifically targeting milfoil. It is systemic, meaning it is absorbed by the plant and it kills the plant including the roots. Its effectiveness lasts three to five years before another application is needed. ProcellaCOR is a safe and effective chemical for reducing the level of milfoil at very low dosage levels. We have used it several times in the past ten years. This herbicide has no impacts upon birds, fish or other aquatic life. There are no restrictions on swimming or fishing following application. Additionally, there are no restrictions on human or pet consumption of treated water for drinking.

About SUBA: SUBA is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of Union Bay on Lake Washington. Founded in 1975 by waterfront neighbors concerned with the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil, SUBA has over the years become an advocate for the beneficial ecological management of the bay. Many of you will remember how the density of the weed made our shoreline completely unusable before SUBA worked out an effective treatment. Organizing to solve the problem holistically has proved much more cost-effective than each homeowner trying to do it individually.

Further treatments this year? The SUBA Board and Aquatechnex will evaluate the density of aquatic weeds after the fish timing window closes on July 15. The UW may treat areas around their recreational center and crew lanes at this time as well. If you are aware of dense patches of milfoil and other aquatic weeds, please let us know the location so we can include it in a (potential) late July treatment.

2026 fundraising: Although we did not ask for funds in 2024 and 2025, this year we are asking $500 per shoreline household. In past years we have had near 100% participation. Please send checks to SUBA c/o Stowe Talbot 3121 W Laurelhurst Dr NE Sea WA 98105. Or online (PayPal / Venmo) at https://saveunionbay.org/. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed!

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