

Goose Lake Association Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTE: As the warm weather ushers in heightened boating activity, and the to be aware of the blue-green algae issues in Goose Lake, Beaver Lake, and Half Moon. For those seeking more information, a series of articles spanning pages 6 to 12 offers an in-depth look at the issue. These pieces provide valuable insights and are a recommended read for anyone interested in understanding the current situation and its implications for water activities.

2024



July is the seventh month of the year in the [Julian](#) and [Gregorian calendars](#). Its length is 31 days. It was named by the [Roman Senate](#) in honour of Roman general [Julius Caesar](#) in 44 B.C., being the month of his birth. Before then it was called [Quintilis](#), being the fifth month of the calendar that started with March.

It is on average the warmest month in most of the [Northern Hemisphere](#), where it is the second month of summer, and the coldest month in much of the [Southern Hemisphere](#), where it is the second month of winter. The second half of the year commences in July. In the Southern Hemisphere, July is the seasonal equivalent of January in the Northern hemisphere. "[Dog days](#)" are considered to begin in early July in the [Northern Hemisphere](#), when the hot sultry weather of summer usually starts. [Spring lambs](#) born in late winter or early spring are usually sold before 1 July.

We welcome your feedback or input on this newsletter.

If you would like to share your suggestions with us, please send an email to GLAComms61@gmail.com We appreciate your cooperation and support.

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July Forecast

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 ☀️ 89° 65°	1 ☀️ 88° 65°	2 ☁️ 87° 69°	3 ☁️ 91° 68°	4 ☁️ 90° 69°	5 ☁️ 90° 68°	6 Avg 85° 63°
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Precipitation (rain/snow) Report

(06/01/2024 – 06/30/2024)

2024 YTD & Year End Report

Month	Actual Monthly Precipitation	Normal Monthly Precipitation	
January	4.08 Inches	2.14 inches	
February	0.05 Inches	1.87 Inches	
March	4.15 Inches	2.39 Inches	
April	8.62 inches	3.68 inches	
May	4.64 inches	4.76 inches	
June	4.91 inches	4.61 inches	
YTD Total	26.45 Inches	19.45 Inches	(Up 7.00 inches YTD 2024)

All Lake Levels As Measured & Reported On 06/24/2024

Goose Lake at plus 8.5 inches (Compared to plus 12.0 inches reported on 05/20/24)

Beaver Lake plus 3.5 inches (Compared to plus 5.5 inches reported on 05/20/24)

Lincoln Lake at plus 2.0 inches (Compared to plus 5.5 inches reported on 05/20/24)

Snow Accumulation During 2023/2024 Winter Season – Total of 14.3 Inches

Almanac

Jun 21	High	Low	Precip
Averages	84° F	60°	--
Records	101° (1968)	40° (1992)	--
Reported Conditions			
Yesterday	95°	65°	0.00 in
Last 7 Days	96°	56°	0.01
Month to Date	96°	45°	1.62
Historical Monthly Avg			
June	83°	59°	4.16
July	85°	63°	3.72
August	83°	61°	3.40

July 2024 Monthly Horoscope

You're in hibernation mode with the sun, Mercury, and Venus in your house of exile at the start of the month. Right now, you're encouraged to slow down, rest, and recharge. The New Moon in Cancer on July 5 emphasizes the theme of rejuvenation. Getting some beauty sleep can prepare you for the rebirth that happens when the sun enters your sign later in the month. It's full speed ahead when pursuing your professional goals with Mars in Taurus and your house of aspirations through July 20. Your ambition can border on ruthlessness as Mars conjoins Uranus from July 14-17. You could arouse opposition and make enemies if you go about things in the wrong way. The Capricorn Full Moon on July 21 may portend a significant change in your daily work life. It's time to stop doing things the same old way. Prepare to make a change.

2024 July

Every July 4, the United States of America celebrates its freedom and the defeat of the British. To mark the occasion, 330 million people have the chance to enjoy their independence with friends and family while consuming [grilled meats](#), taking [trips to the beach](#), and watch fireworks. Regardless of what you do, here are some fun facts and stories to help you better understand and appreciate the Fourth of July.

A foreshadowing Founding Father

These grand Fourth of July revelries were foretold by Founding Father John Adams. On July 2, 1776, the future president wrote to his wife Abigail: "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival...It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other, from this Time forward forever more."

Independence month

Though the Declaration of Independence, initially drafted by Thomas Jefferson, was revised and adopted by Congress on July 4, it isn't wrong to consider the entire month of July to be America's birthday. It was actually on July 2 that America's colonial delegates, after learning British ships had arrived at New York's harbor, agreed to declare independence from Britain. Secession from English rule had been discussed in the halls of Congress for weeks, but the arrival of warships forced a decision, as George Washington's Continental army suddenly found itself within striking distance of King George III's navy.

Still, America wasn't formally born until month's end. After final approval of the Declaration of Independence, it took over two weeks for the document to be written perfectly on parchment paper, in a process called "engrossing," only after which delegates could actually put pen to paper. The actual signing of the famous document took place on Aug. 2.

Gargantuan amounts of grub and grog

Freedom is never free. and every year, according to 2019 report by WalletHub, our nation's July 4 grocery bill [exceeds \\$7 billion](#); almost \$804 million of which goes toward beef for [burgers](#) and [steaks](#). Roughly \$370 million is spent on chicken for sandwiches and salads, and, for fans of frankfurters, well over 150 million [hot dogs](#) will hit the grill across the nation.

The Fourth of July also happens to be America's number-one beer-drinking holiday, with over \$1 billion in brew typically purchased. [Wine](#) is another popular drink, with about \$570 million sold on the day.

Fireworks by the boatload

Though fireworks were first launched in Liuyang, China, around 200 B.C., for most Americans, the bangs, booms, and flashes of sky mortars and colored fountains will always be associated with the Fourth of July. From major corporate buyers and sports teams down to individual citizens, America collectively spends more than \$1 billion on fireworks every Fourth of July. Two-thirds of all Americans say attending a fireworks show is their favorite Fourth of July activity, according to recent polls. The runner-ups? Eating and going to the beach.

"One of the best ways to celebrate is by watching the Boston Pops' Fourth of July concert and fireworks display, either in person or on TV," says Alice Tsang, U.S. historian and director of global partnerships at Gordon College in Weeham, Massachusetts.

Committee Updates

From the GLA officers and Board members to all:

Festivities during the Fourth of July celebrations can be an exciting experience, but it's important to prioritize safety amidst the festivities. The American Red Cross recommends attending professional fireworks displays rather than setting off your own, to minimize the risk of accidents and wildfires. When it comes to food, ensure perishables are kept in a cooler with ice, and always supervise grills, keeping them away from flammable materials. For those celebrating near water, the U.S. Coast Guard advises wearing life jackets and appointing a designated water watcher to prevent drowning incidents. It's also crucial to pack a first-aid kit, stay hydrated, and apply sunscreen regularly. Remember, alcohol can impair judgment, so it's wise to have a sober individual manage any fireworks or grilling. Lastly, always be aware of local regulations, especially concerning fireworks, to avoid fines or legal issues. Enjoying the great outdoors during this patriotic holiday can be a memorable experience if done responsibly and safely.

Audit :

The committee's primary focus will be on examining the cash flow and procedures for Goose Lake Association (GLA). **Dan Rezabek**

Bar:

It's with great pleasure that I announce that the combined efforts of the bar employees have led to an outstandingly successful June. A great big thank you for their committed dedication and service provided. Their hard work has created an inviting atmosphere that our customers truly value, resulting in an important rise in repeat business and shining commendations. We hope to maintain this positive trend and aim even higher in our pursuit of excellence. Cheers to an even more fruitful July ahead! **Trish Gualandi**

Beach :

Father's Day proved to be a resounding success, with numerous property owners and guests taking pleasure in the amenities of our beach. Given the current heatwave, we anticipate the upcoming Fourth of July weekend to attract a large crowd seeking respite by the water. Rest assured, we have made comprehensive arrangements to ensure an ample number of lifeguards are on duty, ready to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone during this significant holiday.

We would like to remind everyone that the use of floatable devices in the water is not allowed. The enforcement of this rule is crucial to prevent potential damage to the circulation pumps, which could occur if these items deflate or rupture, causing them to sink and possibly be pulled into the pump's suction mechanism. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteer, Rich Cambruzzi, pumps have been installed to draw water from the beach bed, aiding in cooling and the removal of pond muck. Additionally, the implementation of a high-quality pond aerator is vital to this system. Proper aeration prevents the formation of thermocline, a condition where the water layers separate, leading to oxygen-rich water at the surface and oxygen-poor water below. This separation can negatively affect the essential bacteria located at the bottom, which are necessary for a healthy aquatic ecosystem. **Lisa Anderson**

- **Swim Lesson for 2024 will be held on, July 9th - 11th and July 16th -18th**
- **Age 3-5 from 10:00 to 10:30 , Ages 6 and up 10:30 to 11:00**
- **Cost \$35.00 property owners and open members, \$50.00 non-members**

Boat :

See page for 7, 8, 9, and 10 for boater safety article. **Dave Barker**

Budget :

The committee is actively organizing a meeting to establish the criteria for prioritizing projects for the year 2025. Following the establishment of these criteria, the subsequent phase will involve the submission of proposals for projects slated for 2025. **Doug Kreiger**

By-laws and Rules

A proposal to include the suggested amendments to the by-laws in the upcoming annual ballot was presented. The board was briefed on all the proposals, followed by a unanimous vote of approval with 12 in favor and none opposed. Consequently, these amendments will be featured on the annual ballot. Currently, we are arranging for these documents to be printed and distributed to all property owners.

In the upcoming July meeting, our committee plans to present a motion for the approval of the fines and fees schedule to be associated with the rule. The approval of this document will formalize the cost structure and penalties, providing clear guidance. **Marie Stover**

Campground:

Dear campers, we are slowly filling up! Be sure to always be considerate of your neighbors, as you become closer in proximity. A few reminders:

The pavilions must be reserved in the office. No one should be using them without registering in the office.

The beach is open, there has been no blue algae there.

Be sure to fill in your entire registration card. Put the hard copy in your closest window to your front door.. Go out and look at it. If you can't read it, darken the writing, or put it in front of the screen. Please remember, letters fade in the sun. Continue to keep moving on time. Thank you all for being so consistent.

Have fun!! Enjoy!! **Pris Copple**

Communication / Public relation:

During our June 11 meeting, after evaluating the current website's capabilities, we concluded that we had reached the limits of the functionalities we aimed to implement. Consequently, we agreed to explore new alternatives for our website design. A detailed cost analysis and comparison were presented to the president and office manager, revealing that the new option would be slightly more cost-effective than our existing service. Moreover, the proposed solution offers a broader range of capabilities than our current website builder. Following thorough deliberation, the decision was made to proceed with the new alternative. Our team is confident that this new website builder will not only enhance our website's design efficiency but also provide limitless possibilities for innovation. Our ultimate goal is to deliver a superior, user-friendly website experience. **Rich Ferrara**

Election

Any member expressing an interest in serving as an officer/director for the two year term shall nominate himself/herself by submitting a signed self-nomination letter to the Association. This self-nomination letter will be sent to you from the GLA office. However, a property owner may only be considered for inclusion on the ballot for the next succeeding election if such signed self-nomination letter is received by the GLA Association at least 60 days **(July 24rd)** prior to the annual meeting.

The election committee shall prepare a ballot including the names of only the members who duly submitted the approved self-nomination signed letter in accordance herewith and other matters on which a vote is to be taken.

At least 30 days **(August 23nd)** prior to the annual meeting, the election committee shall mail the ballot to all members of record on such mailing date and, if a vote by mail is available as determined by the Board of Directors, the mailing shall contain instructions regarding delivery of the ballot to the Association in order to be valid. No member may be a candidate for more than one elected office. The annual meeting is **Sept 21st**.

We are currently working on getting the self-nomination letters ready to send out to the property owners. So if you want to run for an officer or board member position please be on the lookout for the letter from GLA, complete the nomination letter, and return it to the GLA office. The election committee shall prepare a ballot including the names of only the members who duly submitted the approved self-nomination signed letter in accordance herewith and other matters on which a vote is to be taken. . Thanks: **Pris Copple**

Fish :

No new updates. Dave Bogash

IT :

We are in the process of obtaining bids for the mounting services and electrical installation required for setting up 85-inch televisions in the hall.. **Dan Rezabek**

Lake

Dave Barker: See page 11 “**Lake Etiquette: It’s Not ‘Whatever Floats Your Boat’**”

Maintenance :

No updates **Jim Arnold**

Safety patrol Chairperson: (currently vacant)

We still have no official safety patrol. If you're or anyone you know may be interested contact the GLA office.

Social

The Social Committee is considering organizing a children's dance at the GLA hall. To gauge interest, a survey will be distributed among property owners to see if they would like their children to participate. The current proposal includes complimentary entry for property owners' children and the invitation of additional young guests for a nominal fee of five dollars each. The committee is seeking feedback on this initiative and, depending on the survey results, will proceed with the event's detailed planning and communication to the property owners. This event aims to provide a fun and engaging experience for the community's youth, fostering a sense of camaraderie and belonging among the residents. **Gabby Kerr**

Shoreline

See page 14 for "Maintaining a clean shoreline and trimming trees offers several benefits". **Dave Barker**

Volunteer

No new updates. **Barb Peters**

Weeds

See pages 12 and 13 for article on blue green algae. **Dave Bogash:**

GOOSE LAKE SWIMMING LESSONS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT'S NAMES _____

EMERGENCY NUMBER _____

◆ PLEASE BE SURE TO GIVE A COMPLETE ADDRESS.

HAVE YOU TAKEN SWIMMING LESSONS AT GOOSE LAKE PREVIOUSLY? _____

IF YES, WHAT YEAR(S) DID YOUR CHILD ATTEND? _____

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OUR LIFEGUARDS NEED TO BE AWARE OF? _____

IF YOUR CHILD IS AT RISK OF A SUDDEN IMMEDIATE NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE WHILE HE/SHE IS ATTENDING CLASSES. (IE, ASTHMA ATTACKS, SEVERE ALLERGIES, PANIC ATTACKS, ETC.) OUR LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT PARAMEDICS, THEREFORE THEY CANNOT ADMINISTER MEDICATIONS. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE PAID _____

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

MEMBER _____

NON-MEMBER _____

What to consider when boating on a lake

Weather conditions

When boating on a lake, weather conditions to consider include wind direction and speed, temperature, wave heights, visibility, and cloud cover. Knowing which direction the wind is blowing is essential in determining the direction the [boat](#) will travel. The wind speed can also be a factor in whether or not the boat will remain on course. Temperature can affect the comfort level of passengers and operators, as well as the operating conditions of the [boat](#). Wave heights should be considered when considering the boat's stability. Visibility can be impaired by fog, rain, or other factors, so it's essential to be aware of the conditions in the area. Lastly, cloud cover should be monitored to determine if rain is likely. Having a plan in case of bad weather is also a good idea.

What is the etiquette when approaching a skier, swimmer, or other watercraft?

When approaching a skier, swimmer, or other watercraft, it is essential to exercise caution and follow proper boating etiquette.

- Slow your speed and create a wide berth (at least 200 feet) around the person or vessel.
- Never cut off another boat or skier.
- Follow the waterway navigation rules and give other boaters and swimmers right-of-way.
- Use appropriate signals to alert others of your presence.
- Avoid creating a wake that could cause damage to swimmers or other vessels.

What navigation rules should I be aware of when boating on a lake?

When boating on a lake, there are certain navigation rules that you should be aware of in order to ensure the safety of yourself and all other passengers. These rules include the following:

Always stay in designated areas – Respect the local boating regulations and stay in the designated areas for your lake.

- **Obey all speed limits** – Respect the lake speed limit and maintain a safe speed.
- **Give way to other boats** – When two boats are on a collision course, the boat on the starboard (right) side must give way, while the boat on the port (left) side should maintain its course.
- **Follow all buoys** – Buoys are marked areas used to indicate restrictions and navigational paths.
- **Follow the rules of the road** – When in congested areas, prioritize the safety of other boaters.
- **Keep a lookout** – Always keep an eye on the water around you, and pay attention to any other boats that may be in your area.
- **Be courteous to others** – Be respectful to all other boaters, and don't be afraid to speak up if someone is not following the rules.

Stay safe on the waters: Police emphasize life jacket use, sober boating this summer

This article taken from Shaw Local News network.

“With summer here, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Conservation Police urge people to wear life jackets anytime they’re on the water and to operate boats only while sober.

➤ ‘Life jackets save lives, and the best thing you can do for your friends and loved ones is to insist they wear a life jacket anytime they’re in or near the water,’ said Illinois Conservation Police Lt. Curt Lewis, the state’s boating law administrator, in a news release from the state. ‘The best life jacket is the one you wear, whether you’re on a fishing boat, a pontoon, a canoe, a personal watercraft, or a paddleboard.’

Illinois law requires that personal flotation devices be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft, and everyone must wear one while operating a personal watercraft or jet ski.

‘Wearing a life jacket is the most important action boaters and paddlers can take to ensure their safety and that of others on board,’ Lewis said.

- In 2023, there were 70 reportable boating accidents on Illinois waters, resulting in 12 fatalities and 37 injuries, according to statistics compiled by the Illinois Conservation Police.

- ✓ Of the 12 fatalities, eight who died were not wearing life jackets or vests, according to the release.

Prior years’ statistics: (Annual boating accident statistics are compiled based on the federal fiscal year, Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.)

➤ As part of the Illinois Conservation Police boating safety enforcement effort, officers strictly enforce laws regarding operating under the influence for boat operators, according to the release.

‘Operating a boat under the influence is, in some ways, riskier than operating a motor vehicle under the influence,’ Lewis said. ‘On waterways, there are no lane markers, boats have no seatbelts, and there is little protection for occupants should a collision occur.’

- In 2023, Illinois Conservation Police officers arrested 72 boaters for OUI, an 11% decrease from the previous year. Previous years’ OUI arrests: 2022: 81 boaters 2021: 65 boaters

- ✓ Two of the 12 boating-related fatalities in Illinois in 2023 involved alcohol or drug impairment.

The IDNR offers free boating safety courses, and the department encourages boaters of all ages to take a course, according to the release. ‘With boating season upon us, everyone who heads out to enjoy Illinois’ beautiful lakes and waterways should make safety their first priority,’ said Cody Gray, safety education program administrator for IDNR, in the release. ‘IDNR’s mandatory boating safety classes are free, and what you learn may just save someone’s life.’ From www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/boatingsafety.html.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) (625 ILCS 45/4-1)

■ All vessels must have at least one USCG–approved wearable personal flotation device (PFD), sometimes called life jacket, for each person on board or being towed. All vessels 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, also must carry one USCG–approved throwable device.

■ **No person may operate any watercraft unless an approved and appropriately sized wearable USCG–approved PFD is being worn by each person under the age of 13 on the deck of a watercraft or in an open watercraft at all times in which the watercraft is underway. However, this requirement shall not apply to persons who are enclosed in a cabin or below the top deck on a watercraft, on an anchored watercraft that is a platform for swimming or diving, or aboard a charter “passenger for hire” watercraft with a licensed captain.**

■ If a person chooses to wear a PFD that is not USCG approved (when not specifically required), a properly fitting USCG–approved PFD must be carried on board the vessel to meet the state and federal carriage requirements.

■ A PWC or a specialty prop-craft may not be operated unless each person on board is wearing a USCG–approved PFD. (Inflatable PFDs are not approved for PWC or prop-craft use.)

■ Besides being USCG approved, all PFDs must be:

- *In good and serviceable condition.*
- *Readily accessible, which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency.*
- *Of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight and chest size.*
- *Legibly marked with the USCG approval number.*

The Beginner's Guide to Lake Safety: Boating & Activity Rules

As summertime approaches, friends and family head to the lake for fun on the water. While those long lake days conjure up images of bathing suits, sunscreen, fishing and water skis, we can't forget that a lovely lake day could quickly turn dangerous when safety isn't top of mind. Keep your loved ones safe on the water by learning and following these important boating and water sports rules.

Make lake safety a priority with these 11 essential rules for boating and water sports.

1. Understand watercraft navigational lighting after dark.

While every state's watercraft lighting rules may vary slightly, all states require watercraft (including boats, kayaks, canoes, etc.) to comply with certain lighting rules after dark. These lighting rules are generally in effect from dawn until dusk, and during periods of restricted visibility such as during fog or rain. Lighting requirements depend on the length of the watercraft but, generally speaking, powerboats are required to have sidelights, a masthead light and a stern light. Sailboats must have a sidelight and a stern light, and rowed or paddled boats must have a white light that can be displayed to avoid collision. Before heading out on the water, check the lighting requirements in your state.

2. Know the signs of drowning.

When many people think of drowning, they imagine the person in distress thrashing and flailing around in the water. In reality, drowning usually happens fast and silently. Signs of a person actively drowning include silence (children who are hyperventilating won't be screaming for help), a head that is tilted back towards the sky as it searches for air, and arms that are moving downward as the drowning person attempts to push their bodies upwards on something solid that is not there. Distressed swimmers may be clinging to the side of a pool or raft, or treading or bobbing in the water.

3. Be on the lookout for navigational hazards.

When operating a boat, navigational hazards are not always what you expect them to be. While boating, stay on the lookout for, and give a wide berth to, piers, floating and shoreline docks, swim platforms, fixed platforms, boat lifts, mooring buoys, research related devices that may be floating in the water, regulatory markers and utility or irrigation piping. Doing so can help prevent a collision.

4. Stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun.

On a hot summer day it's possible to lose up to a liter of water an hour through sweating and evaporation. Dehydration can lead to symptoms such as headaches, leg cramps and dizziness, and severe dehydration can be serious and lead to unconsciousness. While enjoying your time on the water, don't forget to hydrate, even if you don't feel thirsty. It's also necessary to protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen, sunglasses and a wide brimmed hat, and by taking breaks in the shade.

5. Comply with all insurance rules, whether you own or rent your watercraft.

Before operating a boat you must make sure that you are complying with all insurance requirements, whether you own the boat or are just renting it for the day. Generally speaking, boats and personal watercrafts are required to carry either owner's or operator's liability insurance, with some exemptions depending on the type and size of the watercraft. Insurance requirements vary state by state, so check the local rules before hitting the water to avoid any potential fines.

6. Always wear a life jacket.

It can be tempting to ditch the life jacket, especially if you feel confident in your abilities as a swimmer. But even when a life jacket isn't required, it's a good idea to wear one. Accidents on the water cannot always be predicted or prevented, and even strong swimmers may unexpectedly find themselves in a dangerous situation. Federal regulations require that all children under 13 years of age wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times while out on the water. Boats are also required to have U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets for every person on board.

7. Don't go out on the water alone.

While alone time on the water can sound like the ultimate escape, one of the first rules of water safety is to never go out alone. Whether swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, boating or diving, bringing along a buddy can help ensure your safety should you find yourself injured. If you do choose to go out on the water alone, let people know where you are going and when you expect to return home.

8. Know your hand signals when water skiing or tubing.

Gliding across the lake on water skis or bouncing over waves in a tube, towed by a speeding boat, is an exhilarating and widely enjoyed pastime. But before your boat speeds off into the open waters pulling a skier behind it, make sure that everyone understands hand signals so that those on the boat can communicate with those on the water. Hand signals allow non-verbal communication (such as “get me back in the boat,” “I’m okay,” and “I’m done”) and can allow the person on the water to tell the boater to go faster or slower, or turn left or right.

- When you see a water skier while boating, follow these guidelines to ensure safety and courtesy:
- **Wear Life Jackets:** As the boat operator, wear a life jacket, and ensure the skier wears a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket designed for water skiing.
- **Have an Observer:** Have an observer on board whose sole responsibility is to watch the skier, receive signals, and alert you if the skier falls.
- **Know the Area:** Be familiar with the water skiing area to avoid shallow water, submerged obstructions, and other hazards. Stay clear of beaches, swimming areas, and other boats.
- **Use Proper Hand Signals:** Review hand signals with the skier before they enter the water.
- **Tow Rope Length:** Use a tow rope that is at least 75 feet long.
- **Be Courteous:** Give a wide berth to fishermen, slower-moving crafts, and other boats. Avoid skiing when it’s dark or at night.
- **Pick Up a Downed Skier Safely:** Shut off the engine before allowing the skier to board the boat. Retrieve the towline once the skier is onboard.

9. Keep an eye on the weather patterns.

Everyone knows that a sunny summer day can quickly morph into an afternoon of thunderstorms in many regions across the country. It’s important to check the forecast before you hit the water, but even if that forecast is clear, continue to keep your eye on the skies. Thunderstorms can create dangerous wave and wind conditions, and a lightning strike to a vessel could be deadly. When it looks like thunderstorms may be developing, the responsible thing to do is to head back to shore.

10. When boating, assign someone to be the “spotter.”

It’s easy to get caught up in the social side of boating and forget that your vessel shares the lake with a number of other vessels and swimmers. To ensure that someone is always keeping an eye on the water, assign someone on your boat to be the official “spotter.” The job of the spotter is to keep an eye out for other people on the water and to alert the captain of the boat to any approaching hazards.

11. Take a water safety course before your camping trip.

Before the lake season begins, sign the family up for a water safety course. This applies to boaters, jet skiers, kayakers and anyone that may find themselves in a situation that requires immediate response in an aquatic emergency. Taking a water safety course will ensure that everyone in your party is trained to respond should the unexpected happen while out on the lake.

Lake Etiquette: It's Not 'Whatever Floats Your Boat'

Limiting pollution from the care and usage of motor boats can promote long-term economic benefits and environmental health and help recreational boating to remain a fun-filled outdoor experience. Clean boats, clean boating habits and clean marinas benefit the entire boating community as well as aquatic life.

The main ways motor boat owners can instill good habits to protect the environment are:

Limiting habitat and shoreline impacts by controlling wake and taking care in shallow areas. The waves generated from boat wakes can be around a foot high, sometimes more, and, if too close to shore, can contribute to slumping banks and loss of shoreline vegetation and sandy beaches. Boats can also destroy habitat for aquatic animals directly by uprooting and cutting up aquatic plants in shallow areas where motors extend down near the plant growth.

Following boat washing and maintenance best practices to prevent wastewater and potential toxins from entering surface waters. If done without caution, these acts have the potential to contribute chemical pollutants such as solvents, paints, or oils, to the state's surface waters.

Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Aquatic invasive plants can lead to reduced shorefront property values, water quality impairments and problems with the aesthetic and recreational values of waterbodies. The spread of these plants occur when boats and bilges are not properly cleaned between trips.

The following are some best practices to minimize or prevent negative impacts in these areas

1. *Habitat and Shoreline Impacts*

- Follow "NO WAKE" rules and guidelines.
- Avoid boating in shallow near-shore areas and marshy areas, as they are more at risk for impacts resulting from motorized boating activities.
- Do not to run the propeller or skeg against or along the bottom substrates.
- Avoid traveling through densely vegetated areas.
- Do not power load your boat onto your trailer.

2. *Boat Washing and Maintenance*

- Do not the wash or rinse water to drain directly to any surface water.
- When possible, boat washing should take place in an area that collects and sends all associated water and detergents to an approved and permitted private or public wastewater collection and treatment system.
- For individual boat owners where boat washing occurs in an area that does not drain to a wastewater collection system, all associated wash water should soak directly into the ground.
- When boat washing is taking place over dry ground, remove all drain plugs so that the water can drain out of the boat during and after the wash process.
- Carefully read the label prior to purchase of any cleaning product and review the ingredients included. Use only phosphate-free detergents. Do not use detergents containing ammonia, sodium hypochlorite (bleach), chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates, strong acids, or lye (especially in places where they could be released to the water.)
- Consider using only water, which may actually be all you need to complete the job.
- Read more about these best practices in "Boat Washing and Engine Maintenance for Boat Owners"

3. *Invasive Species*

- Before leaving ANY boat launch area:
 - CLEAN any mud, plants, animals and debris off your boat, trailer and equipment, and dispose away from the waterbody.
 - DRAIN your motor, live wells, bait wells, ballast bags and tanks, and bilge areas away from the waterbody.
 - DRY anything that came in contact with the water. Rinse and towel-dry all equipment or allow for five days drying time.

Learn about the different species and what to look out for in a series follow this hyperlink of fact about invasive species in Illinois. [University of illinois/lake invasive plants](#) (click on the link to the left)

What is blue-green algae?

Article found on the Illinois EPA at www.epa.illinois.gov.

Blue-green algae actually goes by *two* names.

The first is “blue-green algae” and the second is the more-proper “**cyanobacteria**.” The name is a little misleading, though, because blue-green algae aren’t quite plants *or* algae. We call them algae because they’re free-floating and grow in colonies, but in reality, **blue-green algae are a form of bacteria**. Cyanobacteria are found all over the world, on both land and water. They’re microscopic but can be seen when they’re in a colony, or bloom. “They’re natural, and super important, but they can get way out of balance and produce toxins,”

explains [Adrienne Daeger](#), our research program specialist.

The ideal condition for blue-green algae blooms is warm, still, shallow water — much like the water you’d find along a shoreline. “But toxins are not always well-coordinated with the size of the bloom,” Adrienne points out. “It’s hard to draw a direct correlation. When in doubt, stay out!”

How to identify blue-green algae, and what to do if you see a bloom

Blue-green algae is a form of bacteria, so the cells interact with water differently than true algae, almost appearing to be a part of a water. You won’t be able to identify individual cells or roots. A bloom can even seem to turn the water into “pea soup,” moving along with the water and changing its tint. Sometimes cells can clump together, but it still won’t be picked up as easily as green algae.

The green stuff you see in your lake might *not* be blue-green algae! Here are a few identifiers:

If you see leaves or roots, or distinguishable parts, it’s likely a tiny (and harmless) aquatic plant like **duckweed**.

Stringy, silky substances that can be draped over a stick are **green algae**.

If it’s yellow and almost “dusty” in texture, it might *act* like blue-green algae, but it’s actually **tree pollen**.

Where can I find blue green algae blooms?

Blooms are most often found in shallow, warm water. Be especially mindful of secluded bays or beaches, where water is stagnant. Blooms can also be “pushed” across a lake by wind! In the right circumstances, the downwind side of your lake is more likely to have a bloom.

Microcystin is the most common toxin produced by cyanobacteria in our county, so that’s what the Lilly Center focuses on when sampling blue-green algae blooms. We measure microcystin in parts per billion. Think about it this way: For every drop of toxin, there would be a billion drops of water. That tells you how potent the toxin is!

When do blooms occur?

In our lakes, cyanobacteria blooms will typically happen in mid-to-late summer. Warm weather and plenty of sunshine (as well as [increased nutrients](#) come from a variety of sources, such as storm water runoff, and decaying algae and other organisms) are the key factors.

When cyanobacteria get an advantage and are able to grow quickly, they smother other kinds of algae. Then, the blue-green algae grows and multiplies until it uses up available resources.

When the bloom begins to die, it releases toxin (microcystin) if the cells contain it. Cyanobacteria are partial to warm water, so nutrient-rich lakes on warm summer days are particularly ripe for blooms.

Do blue green algae blooms always produce a toxin?

No. Cyanobacteria is full of mysteries... and one of those is that blooms do not always produce the microcystin toxin!

How do I help prevent blooms?

There are a few ways to help limit blooms.

Most established lawns do NOT need **phosphorus** to be healthy. If applying fertilizer, **use a phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer**. This is critical if you live on a lake. Lawn-fertilizer packaging is labeled with three numbers for nutrient content. A **zero** as the middle number indicates a phosphorus-free fertilizer.

Do not over fertilize in your garden. Check soil nutrient levels prior to applying garden fertilizer to ensure correct application. Soil test kits can be purchased from some local hardware stores and through online distributors.

Do not fertilize up to the edge of a waterway. Check with your local government for any specific setback requirements.

Do not dispose of grass clippings or leaves in or near a waterway.

To prevent inputs from human waste, **have your septic system inspected** and tank pumped out at least every two years. If conducting land disturbing activity, **prevent soil and organic matter from washing into waterways**, as soil can carry nutrients into the waterway.

Aeration is a critical process for maintaining the health of water bodies, especially when dealing with stagnant water. It involves infusing air into the water, which increases oxygen saturation and supports aquatic life. There are several methods of aeration, such as surface aeration with fountains or paddlewheel aerators, and subsurface aeration, which includes fine bubble aeration. These methods help to circulate the water, promoting the breakdown of organic matter by aerobic bacteria and reducing the accumulation of harmful gases like methane or hydrogen sulfide. In addition to improving water quality, aeration can also prevent the growth of harmful algae and weeds by disrupting their growth cycle. For anyone facing challenges with water stagnation, implementing an aeration system could be a highly effective solution to revitalize the water body and restore its ecological balance.

Although it is not possible to completely stop blue green algae blooms, following these guidelines can help slow down the frequency and severity.

Maintaining a clean shoreline and trimming trees offers several benefits.

Here are some reasons to consider:

1. **Erosion Control:** Natural shorelines with native plants, shrubs, and trees act as a “green wall,” buffering against erosive forces from waves and boat wakes. They prevent runoff from carrying nutrients and sediments into the water.
2. **Water Quality:** A healthy shoreline helps maintain water quality by filtering pollutants and excess nutrients.
3. **Wildlife Habitat:** Up to 90% of lake and river life depends on the shallows and first 10-15 meters of shore. Trees provide habitat for various species, including turtles, frogs, mammals, and waterfowl.
4. **Species Diversity:** A diverse shoreline supports a wide range of plant and animal life.
5. **Visual Appeal:** Well-maintained shorelines enhance the overall beauty of your property.
6. **Stabilizing Soil:** Tree roots stabilize the land, preventing erosion and potential slides.
7. **Reducing Runoff:** Leaves and needles intercept rain, slowing its flow and minimizing erosion.
8. **Preserving Views:** When necessary, consider alternatives like windowing or interlimbing (A version of thinning. Branches within the canopy of the conifer are removed in an alternating pattern up the tree. If the branches are big enough, removing them could create gaps similar to those that occur after windowing.) to reserve views without harming trees.
9. **Low Maintenance:** Natural shorelines require less upkeep compared to manicured ones.
10. **Connection to Nature:** Enjoy the intrinsic feeling of living by a pristine lake, respecting its natural balance.

Remember, a thriving shoreline benefits both you and the environment!

I have inserted a short video Please check it out it's only about 2 ½ minutes.
[Causes of Shoreline Erosion & How to Repair AND Prevent It!](#)

Pavilion Rentals Requirements & Expectations

- 1) All vehicles entering the premises of GLA must have a valid GLA sticker clearly displayed. **This requirement is applicable to both property owners and open members alike, with no exceptions permitted.** Compliance with this policy ensures a secure and regulated beach and campground for all. During pavilion rentals, vehicles lacking a GLA sticker must report to Main Gate Security for check-in.
- 2) Gate Security personnel will approve the entry of each non-stickered vehicle.
- 3) A color-coded pass will be provided for display in the vehicle, ensuring visibility from the GLA road.
- 4) After documentation and issuance of pass, Gate Security will open the gate to allow your ingress.
- 5) Guest motorcycles and golf carts are strictly prohibited on GLA premises.
- 6) Harassment of gate security personnel will result in the recording of the offender's license plate for subsequent administrative action.
- 7) Two security cameras are operational at the main gate for enhanced security.
- 8) Visitors without pavilion rental purposes, intending to access the campground or beach, will be directed by Main Gate Security to park in the designated lot near the main building.
 - GLA property owners and open members can purchase up to 2 seasonal guests passes for \$50 each, allowing gate access for up to 2 vehicles throughout the season.
 - **The property owner who rents out the pavilion will assume responsibility for all individuals attending the event.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE MAIN GATE SECURITY DID NOT MAKE THESE RULES THEY ARE THERE TO PROTECT THE AMENITIES.

This is the list of projects for 2024

As any project gets funded they will appear in green on this page.

Any listed project with a ~~strike through~~ has been removed for 2024 projects by the committee chairperson

2-80"SMART TV	\$1,500	MAIN PKG LOT REPAIR	\$10,000
8 NEW BARSTOOLS W/O BACKS	\$980	MUCK CONTROL	\$7,550
AIRLOCK WITH ADA HARDWARE	\$12,853	NEW FACE ON BAR CAP	\$3,000
ASPHALT	\$120,000	NEW FENCE SOUTH POLE SHED	\$5,000
BACKGROUND & 6-SPOUT TAPPER	\$2,000	NEW LIFE GUARD CHAIR	\$800
BAR/HALL HVAC	\$7,000 / \$450	NEW LIFE RINGS	\$100
BEACH HOUSE FOUNDATION WORK	\$25,000	NEW TABLES FOR BAR	\$1,234
BEACH SECURITY CAMERA	\$200	OFFICE UPGRADE	\$10,000
BEAVER LAKE MARINA GATE	\$2,000	PA SPEAKERS SYSTEM (will be used for GLA events)	\$250
BIRD NETS (Beach house)	\$200	PAINT FENCING MAIN PKG LOT	\$2,100
CAMPSITE ELECTRIC 3YR SAVINGS FUND	\$10,000	PARK FENCING	\$4,000
CARETAKER HVAC	\$13,000	PARK TREE TRIMMING	\$1,000
CARETAKER STRUCTURE FUND	\$32,000	PINE BLUFF HEDGE TRIMMING	\$750
CG PAVILION ASPHALT	\$5,500	POWERWASH B-BALL COURT	\$750
COMPUTER MONITORS FOR OFFICE	\$300	PRESSURE WASHER	\$200
CREATIVE FLOORS BACK BAR / HALL	\$15,055	RAFT, CHAINS, CONCRETE	\$2,000
DAM VALVE FUND	\$25,000	RIP RAP FOR SHORELINE	\$25,600
DAM VALVE REPLACEMENT (OVER AND ABOVE CURRENT FUND OF \$25,000)	\$50,000	SAFETY PATROL FUEL	\$500
ELECTION EXPENSES	\$5,500	SAFETY PATROL MAINTENANCE	\$1,650
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$3,000	SAFETY PATROL PAYROLL	\$10,000
FIREPLACE UPDATE	\$5,000	SEPTIC FIELD REPL	\$125,000
FISH	\$20,000	SIGNS	\$200
FISH SURVEY	\$1,000	STONE FOR BCH DIKE	\$1,200
FULL TIME CARETAKER PAYROLL	\$22,052	STORAGE DOOR REPL	\$600
GRAVEL/TOPSOIL/MULCH	\$5,400 / \$450	STORM DOOR REPL	\$200
HEDGE TRIMMING	\$3,750	TV FOR BACK BAR	\$500
HQ EXTERIOR PAINTING	\$10,000	WEB CAM	\$200
INTERNET CONNECTION TO BEACH HOUSE (access for Clover POS)	\$1,555	WEED CONTROL	\$26,095
KIDS EVENTS	\$3,400	WEED CONTROL BUFFER	\$5,000
KIDS FISH TOURNAMENT	\$900	WELL HOUSE DOOR	\$650
LAKE SAFETY BUOYS	\$2,400	WELL HOUSE FLOOR	\$5,000
LARGE CLOCK	\$50	WELL HOUSE PRESSURE TANK	\$4,100
LL MARINA FENCE REPAIR	\$2,000	ZOOM MEETING EQUIP	\$2,000

A hyperlink is a fundamental concept in the digital world. Let me break it down for you:

A hyperlink, also known as a link, is a digital reference that allows users to navigate from one place to another within a web page or between different web pages. It's like a virtual bridge connecting related pieces of information.

When you encounter a hyperlink on a website, it can appear as:

Text: Underlined words or phrases that you can click on.

Images: Clickable icons or graphics.

Buttons: Interactive elements that lead to other content.

Here's how hyperlinks work:

Clicking: When you click on a hyperlink, it triggers a command in your web browser.

Navigation: The browser follows the link and loads the target web page, whether it's another page, an image, or a file.

Reversing: If you want to go back to the original page, simply click the "Back" button or press the "Backspace" key.

To open a hyperlink click on the link below and it will open hyperlink.

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Meeting minutes and financial statement will be available by clicking the link below or going to the office and requesting a copy of the approved minutes.

[MEETING MINUTES WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENT](#)

Below is a link to a helpful planting guide for when and what to plant in Illinois.

[Planting guide for Illinois](#)

GLA EVENTS

Congratulations are in order !!

We are thrilled to extend our warmest congratulations to Priscilla Cople, our esteemed campground director, for her remarkable performance at the US Masters Nationals Championships. Priscilla earned a commendable tenth place in the free relay and an impressive third place in the grueling 1650-mile event. Her dedication and perseverance are truly inspiring, and we are honored to count her among the members of our board. Congratulations, Priscilla, from all the officers and board members of GLA. Your achievements are a testament to your hard work and the spirit of our community.



Individual Events

Event	Date	Seed Time	HT/LN	Time	Place	Points
42 Mixed 1650 Y Free	Mon, 06/24/2024	25:01.24	4/2	25:16.22	3	8
Total 1,650 Y		25:01.24		25:16.22		8

Relay Events

Event	Date	Seed Time	HT/LN	Time	Place	Points	Leg	Distance	Stroke	Split
39 Mixed 1000 Y Free Relay	Mon, 06/24/2024	2:08.30	3/8	2:06.42	10	2	3	250 Y	Free	0.00
Total						2		250 Y		0.00

GLA Advertising



Remember we currently have the following activities occurring the GLA bar/hall

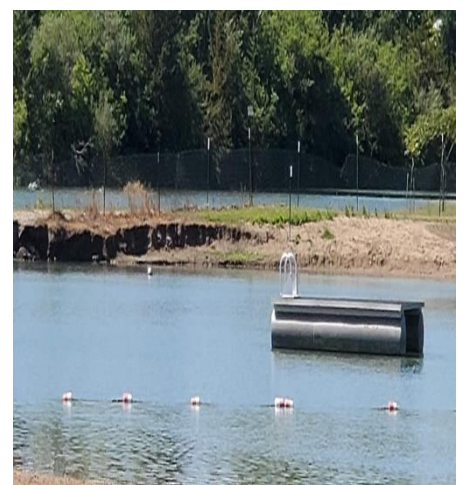
- Bean bags on Tuesdays and Thursday starting at 7PM (in GLA hall)
- Dart League on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 7pm
- Pool league on Tuesdays 7pm to 10pm
- **Please see page for more info on the following activities**
- DJs / Karaoke
- Live band page 16 for more info
- White Elephant Bingo on the 1st Wednesday of the month
- Music trivia on the 3rd Wednesday of the month



Our lifeguards Tanner and Danny sprucing up the concession stand.



Our lifeguards Danny and Tanner patrolling the waters.



Come on out the water is fine.

Advertiser page

These are what your business ad could look like!!!!



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