

Fall 2016

# Green Lake Association



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Hello GLA Members

I hope everyone had a great summer!

It has been a great summer for enjoying our lake. Lake levels and clarity of the water were fantastic this year.

I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped with our effort this year. The GLA assisted with the Lake Improvement District booth at the Home Show, Karl Oscar Days as well as the Ki Chi Saga Day. We also had a tremendous attendance for the Milfoil application this June. THANK YOU TO ALL.

GLA performed some repairs and improvement to our spray pontoon as well. Byron Moen and Bret Evers rebuilt the decking on our trailer and Paul Imm installed a new chemical pump for a more precise measurement of chemical. Thank you for your support!

At this time, the GLA is working with the City and the LID on a ADA approved fishing pier at the Little Green Lake Landing. As many know, when the elevation was raised and the landing was rebuilt it removed any ability for persons with special needs to enjoy the lake. It is our hope to get approval this winter for a spring installation.

Enjoy the remainder of the boating season! Bruce Meyer



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Saturday, October 29, 2016

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### Green Lake Association Annual Meeting

Annual update on Green Lake with the following Speakers

Bill Mack—Chisago Lakes Water Trail System

Joe Sorja—Let's Go Fishing

Save the Date

#### Green Lake Association Mission Statement

The mission of the Green Lake Association is to preserve, improve the quality of the lake, including lakeshore living and water based activities

## Lake Treatment Update



By Bob Milam

2016 was another challenging year for weeds on the Green Lake. Mild winters with minimal snow cover and early springs make for an extended growing season for lake weed growth.

We had a bumper crop of Wild Celery, Coontail and Curlyleaf Pondweed this summer. Residents on the south-end of the lake had to deal with large amounts of Wild Celery that floated into their shore. The native weeds like Wild Celery and Coontail are good for the lake ecologically, providing shade and shelter for fish and food for waterfowl etc.

We will continue to treat Milfoil and Coontail in 2017, however we will reevaluate the areas we treat and the strategy of Curlyleaf treatments. Hopefully we have a normal winter with plenty of snowfall, this would help the weed situation in the spring.

### Treasurer's Report

#### 2016 Green Lake Association

Treasurer Cheryl Kempenich

##### Income

Interest	\$27.32
Can Recycling	\$614.20
Membership Dues	\$6,146.20
DNR Reimbursement	\$9,640.83
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,428.55</b>

##### Expenses

Boat Repairs	\$518.18
City Dock	\$50.00
Boat Insurance	\$541.00
Lake Treatment	\$14,559.95
Newsletter/Website	\$635.04
Bank Fees	\$56.01
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,360.18</b>

**Total Income \$68.37**

Listed is the detail of income and expenses for 2016 and the associations cash position as of the of September 30th, 2016.

##### Current Cash

Cash in CD \$10,598.10 Cash in CD \$5,474.46

Checking \$25,237.84

## Fall Invasive Species Check

Greetings!

As winter approaches, many lakeshore property owners will begin to remove docks, lifts, swim rafts, and other water-related equipment that have been sitting in the lake all summer. As this occurs, we would like to ask for your lake association's assistance in inspecting your equipment and looking out for attached zebra mussels, faucet snails, and other aquatic invasive species.

We recommend paying close attention to areas of equipment that have been submerged in water for extended periods of time such as wheels, posts, support bars, and anchors.

**If you suspect that you have found a new infestation of zebra mussels, faucet snails or other aquatic invasive species, please follow these steps:**

**Note the exact location where the specimen was found**

**Take a picture and collect the specimen in question**

**Report it to your Invasive Species Specialist  
(Christine Jurek: 320-223-7847)**

Information on how to legally transport docks, lifts, and water-related equipment, and what to consider when hiring businesses to do this work for you is on the DNR website at:

[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/shoreland\\_owners.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/shoreland_owners.html)

Please feel free to forward this email to your lake association members and shoreline owners.

We appreciate your assistance and support in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota and in assisting us in our efforts for early detection. We look forward to continuing our partnership with your lake association in the future.

Sincerely,

Courtney Millaway  
Natural Resource Specialist  
MN DNR Ecological and Water  
Resources  
1035 South Benton Drive  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-223-7843

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*The Green Lake Association has it's own invasive weed treatment boat. Come to the Annual Meeting to learn more.*



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## Green Lake Weir— How does it work?

The Green Lake Weir is a pipe that runs from Little Green Lake to Lake Ellen behind Svens. It is regulated by the LID to keep the waters of Green Lake lower to prevent flooding in homes near the high water mark. To lower Green Lake, Little Green and Lake Ellen one inch more than 54 million gallons would need to leave the lake either by evaporation, earth reclamation or drainage. This equates to 651 million gallons to lower the lake one foot. That's a lot of water!

The Chisago County Lake Improvement District - Not the Green Lake Association - is responsible for maintaining the lake levels through a system of weirs and channels that drain area lakes. Another weir and pipe designed to bring water through Green Lake from Chisago Lake, and those above it, is dry and has been for the past several years.

The drain water from Green Lake(s) flows NORTH to the Sunrise River and joins the St. Croix River near the town of Sunrise (northeast of North Branch). Rest assured it is downhill.



## Cheryl Kempenich

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- Green Lake Home Owner
- Lakes Area Specialist
- Chisago County Press Columnist
- GLA Treasurer

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## Welcome New Neighbors!

So far this year, 12 new neighbors purchased lake homes, 6 new neighbors purchased one level living townhomes at Ridge Point, and several new neighbors moved into Point Pleasant Heights, part of Ecumen Parmly LifePointes (55+ senior rentals).

We are fortunate to have such wonderful, affordable housing and great neighbors on beautiful Green Lake!

To see data on sale prices and where homes sold go to the GLA website at [www.greenlakechisago.com](http://www.greenlakechisago.com). You can call Cheryl Kempenich 612-735-0553 or visit her website at [CherylKempenich.com](http://CherylKempenich.com) for more information.

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## FALL FANDANGO

By John Thornberg

Summer is having a last fling,  
leaves tossed in country lanes,  
bright colors streaming down  
like shattered rainbow shards.  
It's a dance of dizzy abandon,  
a season ending giddy whirl.  
A maple twirls her castanets,  
her bare arms waving overhead  
in a flaming fall fandango,  
as if to flaunt her freedom  
in the frosty face of winter,  
even now slipping on his boots  
to snatch away our easy days  
from summer's careless hold.  
And I think to myself, why this  
blind rush to self-destruction  
like lemmings lorn and leaping?  
Then I see the wisdom of trees,  
who know the wild joy of giving  
back what they cannot take with  
into the blue-black nights ahead.

## Letters from the Lake

### Poet in Residence

A mocking bird,  
poet in residence,  
has settled on his reading tree  
to share a few notes  
for critical review.  
Voice recorder ready,  
he starts with a phrase,  
a scherzo for two chickadees  
and a tree frog, picked up  
two summers ago at a retreat.  
Then he contrasts that  
with something more daring,



an avant-garde medley featuring  
the bell tone of a blue jay  
and a bobolink busy signal  
on a long distance call  
to a moody meadowlark.  
Still taking night classes,  
he parrots his professor,  
borrows lines from other works,  
and tries to mimic the masters.  
He knows all the tricks we use  
to sound like real poets.

*John Thornberg*

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## Lakes Coalition News

**Chisago Lakes Area Coalition of Lake Associations**

Chisago Lakes Area Coalition of Lake Associations is made up of representatives from Green Lake, Chisago Lindstrom Lake, and Center Lake associations. The group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss items that are common to each organization (such as spraying for aquatic invasive species).

The Coalition also works with the Chisago County Lake Improvement District in its endeavors to keep and maintain healthy lakes for residents and visitors to enjoy. In 2016 the Coalition led the effort in creating a Chisago Lakes Water Resource brochure, which the LID funded the printing costs. This free brochure lists the state and county government agencies, lake associations, and civic representatives in one easy to read publication.

If members attended any of the three festivals (Chisago City, Lindstrom, or Center City) this summer you might have seen the brochures at the LID booth. The brochures also can be found at the Chamber of Commerce.

*If you haven't paid your dues for this year, please return your Membership Forms and Dues as soon as possible. Paying now ensures we have the funds to spray next spring and summer. We are never sure if we will receive grant money from the DNR or LID each year to spray. The money received from dues help ensure we have funds to treat our lake.*

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Meetings

- Over the year, opportunities arise when we need volunteers. Please contact *Connie Mayfield* at 651-895-3321 and give her your information and she will contact you when we are in need of your assistance.

**Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District 2016 Update**

With the discovery of *Zebra Mussels* in Forest Lake, a mere 3 miles away, the LID has been preparing its own Prevention, Early Detection, and Rapid Response Plan in case the aquatic invasive species is found in the Chisago Chain of Lakes. The plan places an emphasis on prevention and educational activities, since eradication of the pest once it becomes established has not been successfully undertaken in any of Minnesota's lakes. The biggest issue is that, in the early stages of infestation – when eradication is most likely to succeed – the mussels are extremely hard to detect. Adult Zebra Mussels range from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches long and have yellow and brown striped shells. If you find what you think may be a Zebra Mussel while moving docks or boats out of the lake, please contact Christine Jurek, DNR AIS Specialist at (330) 223-7847 or [christine.jurek@state.mn.us](mailto:christine.jurek@state.mn.us).

The LID has been updating its Emergency Management Plan for the Chisago Lakes Outlet Project, originally written in 1987. The plan was first updated in 2005 to address recurring high water levels and modifications to the channel and weir system. The newest version of the plan, more appropriately called the *2016 Channel & Weir Operation and Maintenance Plan*, is being revised to include updated information and clarification of operations, and should be in place by the end of the year.

The LID was approached by several members of the Green Lake Association to assist in the acquisition of a handicapped accessible fishing pier at Little Green Landing. The recent reconstruction of this landing resulted in a lack of safe places for people to fish from shore. The LID has set aside money in its 2017 budget to assist with this project, and is looking forward to helping residents and visitors alike enjoy the beauty of Green and Little Green Lakes.

Monica Kinny – Area 5 LID Director



## Thank You Volunteers!

*Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have assisted the Green Lake Association throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you. We appreciate the time and talent you gave to make our lake an amazing place to live and enjoy. From being on the GLA Board to weed treatments, city dock installation and lake clean up, Jusgt to name a few. Everyone makes a difference. Here is a list of the volunteers who have volunteered:*

Bruce Meyer	Arnie Nelson
Connie Mayfield	Red Bartlett
Bret Evers	Gary Noren
Bob Milam	Carol Harrington
Christine Milam	Ros Stack
John Esmay	Dave Carr
Dick LaMotte	Steve Gill
Levi Zak	Jim Revell
Kevin Murphy	Byron Moen
Paul Imm	Jeremy Orton
Tom Crotteau	Shelly Sprain
Pat Hannigan	George Hemingson
Don Schug	Tonie Boyle and Daughter
Tim Vick	Lorraine Skordal
Red Bartlett	Roger Trivett
Cheryl Kempenich	

## Storm Damages Boat!

August storms came in with a fury, leaving debris in its wake. The GLA weed treatment boat did not escape it's mighty force. During the storm Tuesday night the GLA pontoon took a hit from a 3" limb. Although it missed all the vital parts only crushed middle 4" PVC tee and badly ripped the plastic cover. John at Lakes Canvas is going to replace the cover for the GLA.



Storms this year have damaged several boat lifts and canopy covers around the lake. Lakes Canvas, located on Highway 8 near Forest Lake, repairs canvas covers if yours should tear. Instead of spending a pretty penny on a new cover for your canopy get an estimate on having yours sewn back together by Lakes Canvas. It's a whole lot cheaper if all it needs is a sewn up seam.

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## Green Lake Association Membership Form

### Member Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership Year 2016**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Names

Business Name: (for Business Membership) \_\_\_\_\_

Green Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

Home Phone: ( ) Cell: ( )

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Basic Level Membership - (\$ 35.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one  
☐ Lakeshore Owner Preservation Level Membership - (\$75.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Non-Lakeshore Owner Conservation Level Membership - (\$150.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Business Level Membership - (\$100.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Donations - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Make checks payable to GLA. Thank you for your continued support!*

### Volunteer Opportunities

*There are volunteer opportunities around the lake during all season of the year. If you are available and would be interested in participating please check the boxes and someone will contact you when they become available. More help makes these projects more manageable for all. Thank you!*

#### Green Lake Association Officers (2 Year Commitment)

☐ President ☐ Vice President ☐ Treasurer ☐ Secretary

#### Volunteer Opportunities

☐ Fundraising ☐ Business Sponsorship ☐ Ki Chi Saga Days Booth

☐ Lake Treatment ☐ Grant Writing ☐ Web Site Maintenance

☐ Membership Drive ☐ Can Recycling ☐ Shoreline Clean Up

☐ 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade ☐ Newsletter ☐ Adopt-A-Park (Boat Launch Beautification)

☐ Loon/ Wood Duck Nests ☐ Business Booth ☐ Other:

☐ Activities Director ☐ Put Dock In/Out on Little Green

**Please Note: Yearly dues paid in Spring or Fall go towards that year's membership.  
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Or Current Resident

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## Board Members

Board Member	Office	Phone Number	E-mail
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Cheryl Kempenich	Treasurer	612-735-0553	<a href="mailto:ckempenich@cbburnet.com">ckempenich@cbburnet.com</a>
Christine Milam	Secretary	612-804-2982	<a href="mailto:ChristineM@nowmicro.com">ChristineM@nowmicro.com</a>

## Committee Members

Activities & Fundraising	Lake Treatment	Communication
Connie Mayfield	Bret Evers	Kemptech—Web Design
Bruce Meyer	Kevin Murphy	Christine Milam -Newsletter
	Paul Imm	Bob Milam—Grant Writing

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