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Green Lake Association

Volume 24

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GLA Newsletter

Presidents Corner

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Bruce Meyer - President



Hello GLA'ers,

I want to thank all the people that enjoyed the lake this winter for their thoughtfulness.

There was almost no trash on the ice for a second year in a row. This is in sharp contrast to 5 or 6 years ago. Fantastic!

We have received many requests for a social function. Currently we are entertaining flotilla get-togethers as one social function on the lake. Any additional suggestions for get togethers would be greatly appreciated.

I want to thank all the volunteers in advance for your support, it has been fun meeting and working with you on projects that benefit the lake. The Green Lake Association success is due to your help, we are very fortunate to have so many wonderful folks who care about our lake.

The boating season is right around the corner. I look forward to seeing you out on the lake.

Bruce

Mute Swan (Cygnus Olor)

Mute Swans are originally native to Europe and Asia, they were brought to the USA during the mid- 1800's through early 1900's. As beautiful as they are, they are also very aggressive, to people as well as other waterfowl. One adult swan can uproot about 20 lbs of submersed aquatic vegetation daily, including important native aquatic plants needed for fish.



Mute Swans are a regulated invasive species, which means introduction into the wild is prohibited by the DNR. Possession of captive birds requires a state game license.

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Remember... You, as a lakeshore owner, are responsible for the weeds up to 125ft out from your shoreline. If you want weed control, you will have to contact a company such as Lake Management for this service. Permits are required for spraying the weeds along your shoreline.

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—



Greetings and Happy Spring!

Bob Milam

It's March 25th and the ice is out on Big and Little Green Lakes already. A few years ago I was still snowmobiling across the Chisago area and really enjoying the late arrival of ice out. Personally, I really like the normal winters and the extended snow seasons but bring on summer once the ice starts to go!

Because of the mild winter of 2017, weed treatment brings some challenges since the weeds get a head start in growth. We're in the process of renewing permits and have made some modifications to the Milfoil treatment areas on both lakes.

Since some areas on Big and Little Green are either too far off shore to sensibly treat

or have not been too active with milfoil growth we have reduced these areas for treatment. We do however have a few new areas where the milfoil growth has been very dense. Navigation is heavy in these areas and they are near the channel between the two lakes.

These new treatment areas meet the main objectives of our treatment plans which are treating invasive weeds in areas where the treatments benefit the most people and keeps navigation lanes open.

As always, we will continue to monitor the lakes and change the treatment plans when needed. Please feel free to contact us with any ideas or concerns.

Happy Spring!

Bob Milam



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You can rent a boat slip at Camp Ojiketa for \$650 for the season + tax, mid-May to mid-October.

Contact Linda Singer at
Lsinger@ci.chisago.mn.us or 651-257-4162.

You can download the form on the website <http://www.ci.chisago.mn.us> and click on Facility Rentals

Treasurer's Report

Green Lake Association Profit & Loss 2016

Income:	Can Recycling	\$791.00
	Donations	\$7,506.00
	DNR Contributions	\$9,641.00
	Interest	\$49.00

Income **\$17,987.00**

Expense:

Advertising	\$312.00
Bank Fees	\$61.00
Mailing/Postage	\$1,284.00
Boat/Trailer	\$518.00
Insurance	\$541.00
City Dock	\$50.00
Lake Treatment	\$14,560.00

Expense **\$17,326.00**

Net Income **\$661.00**

Listed is the detail of income and expenses for 2016



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Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District 2015 Update

LID's Hook, Line & Sinker Recycling Program enters its 5th Year



Monofilament fishing line is widely used by anglers because it is thin, durable, and nearly invisible. However, it can be a real nuisance for boaters when propellers get tangled in fishing line that's been left behind. It can enter bilge pumps, water intake valves, or wrap around the lower motor unit causing damage.

Those same durable characteristics that can give boaters a headache make it extremely hazardous to wildlife, especially when you consider that it takes up to 500 years for fishing line to decompose in the environment.

Osprey, for example, are very tolerant of humans, and will fish and nest close to populated communities. They often line their nests with a variety of manmade materials, including paper, rope, and fishing line. Both young and adult osprey have been found in nests entangled in fishing line and hooks. Legs, wings, and beaks can become so entangled that the bird cannot stand, fly, or eat. Conservative estimates indicate that 5 - 10% of nests have fishing line in them.

Lead sinkers pose their own problems. Lead is a toxic metal and, in sufficient quantities, can adversely affect the nervous and reproductive systems of mammals and birds. Water birds like loons and swans often swallow lead sinkers when they scoop up pebbles from the bottom of lakes or rivers to help grind their food. Eagles ingest lead by eating fish which have themselves swallowed lead sinkers. They become emaciated and often die within two or three weeks of eating it.

The Hook, Line & Sinker program consists of PVC collection stations installed at public lake accesses within the Lake Improvement District (LID). Collection stations resembling white periscopes are emptied weekly during open water season, remain in place for use throughout the year, and can be found at the following lake accesses: **Green, Little Green,**



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Fishing line collected in the bins is sent to Berkley's Spirit Lake, Iowa facility for recycling. The Berkley Conservation Institute, a branch of the popular monofilament fishing line manufacturer, provides the fishing line recycling service free of charge, and has recycled more than 9 million miles of fishing line since 1990. Berkley melts the line down into raw plastic pellets that can be made into other plastic products such as the Berkley Fish Hab, which provides artificial structure in fish habitats. Other products include tackle boxes, spools for line, and toys. Lead sinkers are recycled with other lead waste received at the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and old fish hooks are recycled as scrap metal.

Chisago Lakes residents take a lot of pride in maintaining the natural beauty of this area. The Hook, Line & Sinker program helps keep the lakes clean and safe today and for future generations.

For information on lead-free tackle alternatives, visit www.leadfreefishingtackle.com.

Monica Kinney - Green Lake LID Representative

To see all that the LID is doing in our area go to the Annual Reports from the link below.

<http://www.chisagocounty.us/364/Annual-Reports>



Letters from the Lake

Winter Fog

By John Thornberg



Sunset fog on Little Green Lake—February 20th, 2017



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The heavy morning advection fogs over the lake

The fog is not sharing its secrets
this morning on the ice bound lake.
Inscrutable as a Chinese riddle
it stands splay-legged and silent.
The ice is solid, undeniably there,
but shrouded now in uncertainty,
threatened by a warming trend.
The fog just wants to breathe.
It is cool water come up for air
from its icy restraints, to soar,
to rearrange the furniture of weather.
An apparition has put on slippers
and ghosted out on the frozen lake
to blur the sharp edges of surety.
Winter is not so sure of itself today.

John Thornberg — February 2017

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Lake News

Ice-Out

The ice was melting earlier this year than last but total Ice-out wasn't until March 23. Unofficially last years ice-out was March 16.

Lake Levels

As of 11/17/2016 Green Lake/Little Green and Lake Ellen lake levels were at 890.89, the Ordinary High Water (OHW) level is 892.5. This means the lakes are down -1.61 feet. Levels are measured in feet.

Invasive Species

Keep an eye out for any invasive species around your lakeshore. For more info check the DNR website: <http://dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index.html>



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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Meetings

- Dock in on Little Green Lake in late April
- Lake Treatment in mid-May
- July 4th Boat Parade
- Ki Chi Saga Parade Float in August

Contact Connie Mayfield at 651-895-3321

Please return your Membership Forms and Dues as soon as possible. Paying now ensures we have the funds to spray this spring and summer.

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Keep debris from going into city storm drains. Grass/leaves have phosphorus and result in increased lake algae.

You can improve the water quality of our local lakes by doing these 6 Simple Things !

1. Mulch or compost grass clippings and leaves

*Remove clippings from hard surfaces like streets and driveways

*Leave your grass at 3 inches or higher

*Pick up leaves before they blow away

*Compost locally – Check your local city webpage for location

2. Use zero-phosphorus fertilizer –it's the law!

*Soils in our area are already phosphorus rich

*Phosphorus accelerates algae growth

3. Reduce storm water runoff from your property

*Direct downspouts away from hard surfaces

*Create a rain garden or lakeshore restoration -
Get help from

Chisago County SWCD at 651-674-2333

or go to www.chisagoswcd.org

4. Use native plants

*Drought and winter tolerant, adapted to our climate

*Use native plants such as little blue stem, blazing star, dogwood

More information go to

www.extension.umn.edu

5. Remove invasive, non-native plants

*Buckthorn, reed canary grass, purple loose-strife

More information go to

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6. Properly dispose of household hazardous waste

*Gasoline, motor oil, cleaning solvents, paint, pesticides, antifreeze and others, contaminates water and destroys aquatic vegetation.

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Green Lake Association Membership Form

Member Information

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Business Name: (for Business Membership)				
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Mailing Address				
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Home Phone: ()		Cell: ()		
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Membership Dues

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Basic Level Membership - (\$ 35.00)	\$ _____
<u>Please check one</u>		Preservation Level Membership - (\$75.00)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakeshore Owner		Conservation Level Membership - (\$150.00)	\$ _____
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		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)

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary
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Volunteer Opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Ki Chi Saga Days Booth
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Site Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive	<input type="checkbox"/> Can Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline Clean Up
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July Boat Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Park (Boat Launch Beautification)
<input type="checkbox"/> Loon/ Wood Duck Nests	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Booth	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Activities Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Put Dock In/Out on Little Green	

**Please Note: Yearly dues paid in Spring or Fall go towards that year's membership.
All donations welcome.**

Please try to return Membership Form and Payment by May 20, 2017 to insure funds are available for Spring/Summer Weed Control. Thank you!



Green Lake Association

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