

Spring 2022

# Green Lake Association

Volume 33



## Newsletter

### President's Corner

Jason Houle- *President*

#### Are you tired of winter? Ready for summer?

Minnesota may have been one the coldest winters in the last 7 years, but it sure seemed much colder and just keeps dragging on. My wife, Denise, and I run a business that is Powersports oriented, which includes snowmobiles. Although it was a good year for it, our family is waiting for that first boat cruise or fishing day on the lake, just as everyone is!

#### I guess the positive is, with a cold winter brings another GREAT summer on Green Lake!

Just as our world has had many changes, on all fronts, so has our Green Lake Association (GLA) board. Our new VP, Travis LaMotte and secretary, Michelle Carlson have not only been great additions and support, but they have added history and depth to the board. They will help in the growth and direction to the association moving forward.

#### Summer Activities

The summer will be booked again for the GLA members and volunteers with 2 invasive species treatments, a boat parade, and music on the water. Our team is extremely excited about the changes and additions that are getting implemented into the GLA. Just to name a few... an updated invasive species pontoon, the new GLA website, social media changes, and expanded lake events.

#### Meet and Greet (Annual Meeting)

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have the GLA Spring Meet and Greet. Please clear your calendars, if possible, to meet the board, listen to guest speakers, and enjoy time with other Green Lake families. It will be held at the Uncommon Loon, in the entertainment hall. Details will follow on social media.

#### Volunteers Needed and Board Member Opening

This summer, we are looking for volunteers that would be interested in supporting the GLA. These positions would also be eligible to apply for the board positions moving forward into the future. Currently the board positions are held for 2 years with a 2 year extension possible with a board vote. In short, we will need some new supporting members that are interested in persevering all that the GLA has built up over the last 20+ years.

Moving into the Fall, the GLA will have a treasury position available. This position requires some computer and accounting skills. Our current treasure Cheryl Kempenich is retiring after 8 years. We greatly thank her for all her help and support.

#### In Closing

Everyone on the board is excited for what the GLA and the Green Lake Families have in store for this summer and many years to come. As a closing reminder, the board is 100% volunteer and all the support we receive is 100% volunteer. Please remember to thank the supporting members when available. Please email [president@greenlakeassociation.com](mailto:president@greenlakeassociation.com) for inquiries about the becoming a part of the board, volunteering or to simply ask questions about Green Lake. I am always available and look forward to hearing from you!

See you on the lake!

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The Green Lake Association's mission is to preserve and protect Green Lake and its surroundings. To enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of the recreational lake for today and future generations to enjoy.

## Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Report

It is an early spring, and everyone is itching to get on the water, but the weather gave us a tease and seems to still want to hold on to the "unpleasant" boating weather. With the spring treatments coming up, I wanted to give everyone a quick overview of what goes on. Being new to the board, I had a lot of the same questions that I get asked frequently. I wanted to touch base on these questions, on and off, as the year passes. Feel free to hit me up anytime to discuss further in depth or if you have any ideas on what needs to be clarified by the GLA.

### Today's email question:

#### Where does the board determine to treat for weeds and why?

a. One of the hottest questions on the lake, right?? The board members will check the lake yearly for the areas that are most viable to treat, meaning the areas that will benefit the entire lake the most by removing this area of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) growth. There will always be other areas, but we must treat the growing and fast spreading areas first and foremost. There are also areas that we need to be very careful on as removing invasive species may bring the native species into the area and thus, we will no longer be able to treat those areas. It is quite a balance as you can see.

b. After the determination is completed, at times the GLA is subject to secondary company inspections, this year was one of those. EOR, an independent DNR compliance company, will come out and completely verify that the GLA has made the right choices. They will then clear it with the DNR so we can move forward with treatments.

c. The invasive species we treat on the lake are CLP, curly leaf pondweed, and Milfoil. You must treat at the correct time to ensure the largest capture and use of the chemical. The treatments take one day each. CLP will typically be in May. This will stop the growth of CLP before it can produce turions (what can reproduce the CLP). This typically ensures a smaller CLP in that area for the next year. Milfoil is done in June.

d. The GLA treatments can't be performed within 150ft of any dock.

e. The maximum acreage that the GLA is required to treat is only 184.2 acres.

f. All the chemicals we use are approved by the DNR and are selective means they generally only work on certain plants. These chemicals will not harm most native plants. Our Curly Leaf treatment is done early in spring before sub surface temperatures are just below 60 degrees, so there is little to no impact on native plants.

g. We encourage any member to bring up any areas that they feel should be treated, or take a day and join us on the survey days.

**Additional information.** The maximum amount of treatment area is 15% of the "Littoral Area" of the lake which is  $1228 \times .15 = 184.2$  acres only.

**(Littoral Area is:** Within a lake or pond, aquatic plants grow in an area known as the littoral zone--the shallow transition zone between dry land and the open water area of the lake. In Minnesota waters, the littoral zone extends from the shore to a depth of about 15 feet, depending on water clarity).

**The next email overview will cover the outsourcing treatments the GLA pays for along with how to treat your personal area on the lake.**

Sincerely, Jason Houle

## Membership Dues Help GLA Improve Lake Living

Please ensure we can continue to improve lake life by paying your dues and donate when possible. The board and its volunteers are working hard to ensure that we have extra opportunities to get together and enjoy the lake. Our events are not donated, so, your financial support is the only way we can continue adding these great family activities.

**The new site will allow for additional ways to support, you will now be able to pay by credit card, PayPal and Venmo, or you can still simply mail your check in with the attached stub. We will also be collecting donations at the spring meeting and the other events throughout the summer.**

With your support, we can keep the events coming!

## 2021 Green Lake Real Estate Report

Prepared by Cheryl Kempenich,

Coldwell Banker Realty

Data from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

- ◇ There were 19 home sales on Green Lake, in 2021, which was an increase of 23% compared to 2020. The average sale price rose by 22%, to \$634,913. The prices ranged from \$318,000 on Wyoming Ave to \$1,051,000 on Point Pleasant Rd.
- ◇ Green Lake homes were in high demand as 84% of the buyers paid the seller's asking price or higher. Buyers paid as much as 12% over list price. The average marketing time decreased 42% to 23 days on market.
- ◇ There were 4 new Green Lake Villas homes that sold averaging \$776,893. They contributed to the increased value of the home sales.
- ◇ There was one waterfront Ridge Point townhome that sold for \$505,000.
- ◇ Inventory is extremely low and there are many buyers waiting for Green Lake homes, including townhomes, and deeded access.



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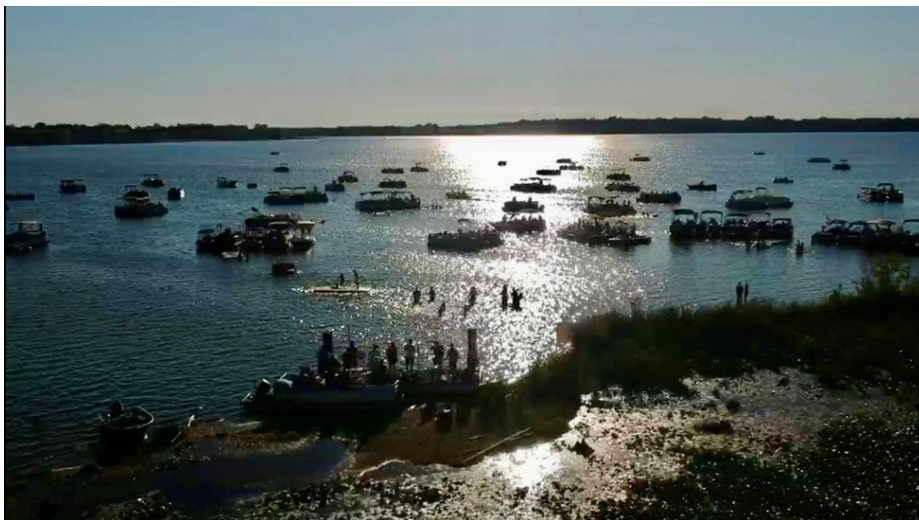
Before we know it, we will all be cruising the lake enjoying summer. With that said, it's never too early to start planning events. In 2021, the GLA put together a few fun events. My favorite, along with many of you, was Music on the Water. The GLA wants to continue improving every year whether it's communicating dates earlier or adding elements to make an event more enjoyable.

⇒ As we look to this summer of 2022, we plan to repeat the following events:

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – GLA Annual Meeting at Uncommon Loon (4-6pm)**  
**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade (11am Line-up)**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup> – Music on the Water (5-8pm)**

⇒ Fundraising is a key part of putting on these events, and we want to make it easier for you to donate. We have created a Venmo account (@GreenLakeChisago) for tech savvy lake residents as well as a refreshed GLA website ([www.GreenLakeChisago.com](http://www.GreenLakeChisago.com)). Donating allows the GLA to invest in treating the lake for weeds, pay for events and make improvements where necessary. You can donate anytime, and there is no need to wait for the event!

Our overall goal is to give back to our GLA members by enhancing lake living. We are excited to meet you all at our **Annual Meeting at the Uncommon Loon** and hope to see you on the water this summer!



## Treasurer's Report 2021 by Treasurer Cheryl Kempenich

### Income

Membership	\$ 8,203
Business Sponsorship	\$ 2,550
Interest	\$ 94
Can Recycling	\$ 1,783
Chisago County LID	\$ 16,669
Promotional Tumblers	\$ 478
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,777</b>

### Expense

Promotion/Parade/ Music/Newsletter	\$ 3,741
Boat/Trailer	\$ 2,269
Lake Treatment	\$ 22,196
Delineation	\$ 1,000
Bank Fees	\$ 100
Insurance	\$ 518
City Dock	\$ 1,992
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 31,816</b>
<b>2020 Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (2,039)</b>

### Balance Sheet 12/31/2021

Checking Account	\$ 21,693
CD's	\$ 32,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 53,704</b>

## Last Mailed Newsletter

Please Note!

This will be the last newsletter by mail. We will be having updates on our website at:

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