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President's Corner

Jason Houle- President

Is Winter Dragging On? Cant Wait to Get Your Boat Out?

The winter blues are heavy on everyone's mind these days. The record snow fall, record snow shoveling, and the most months with snow in over 30+ years has caused the "is it over yet" to be in our daily conversations. The best part of the spring is that first cruise around the lake, then you know it's getting closer to our summer fun on Green Lake!

Summer Activities

The summer will be booked again for the GLA members and volunteers with 2 invasive species treatments, a 4th of July boat cruise, and music on the water. Our team is extremely excited about the events planned for this Summer!

Meet and Greet (Annual Meeting)

On May 7th at 3pm @ the Uncommon Loon. We will have the GLA Spring meeting. Please clear your calendars, if possible, to re-connect with the board, listen to guest speakers, and enjoy time with other Green Lake families. Details will follow on social media.

Volunteers Needed and Open Board Member Positions Available

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. This years new board member, Troy Ashton, the new treasurer has been a great addition with the vast knowledge and understanding we look for to move the GLA forward. We thank him for stepping up.

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 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! Sincerely, Jason and Denise Houle

Green Lake Association Mission Statement

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 has been a long 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 the treatments are all about. Over the last couple years, I have 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:

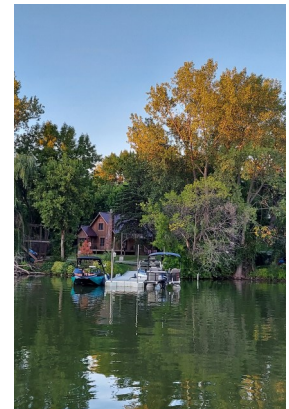
Where does the board determine to treat for weeds and why?

- 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 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, sometimes the GLA is subject to secondary company inspection. This year will be one of those. An independent vendor compliance company that is approved by the DNR, will come out and completely verify that the GLA has made the right choices. They will then create the reports and approve the treatment areas along with the DNR so we can move forward with treatments.
- C.** The invasive species we treat on the lake are CLP, (curly leaf pondweed), Milfoil, and Purple Loosestrife. You must treat at the correct time to ensure the largest capture and best 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 late June or early July depending on the lake temperatures and conditions.
- 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.** The chemicals we use are approved by the DNR and are selective, meaning 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).

Sincerely, Jason Houle President GLA



Membership Dues Help the 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.

With your support, we can keep the events coming!

Do you want to know more what is happening on the lake? Have you wondered why your neighbors know so much about the lake?

Information is posted on GLA website (www.greenlakechisago.com) and Facebook page. If it is something time sensitive, it is sent through email.

Green Lake Happenings

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 2022, 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 2023, we plan to repeat the following events:

May 7th – GLA Annual Meeting at Uncommon Loon (3-6pm)
July 3rd - Boat Cruise on Little Green @ 5pm
August 12th – 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), GLA website (www.GreenLakeChisago.com) or mail a check. Donating allows the GLA to invest in treating the lake for weeds, pay for events and make improvements where necessary. You can donate anytime, 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!

Hope to see you on the lake, Travis LaMotte ~ GLA Vice President

2023 Green Lake Real Estate Report

Prepared by Cheryl Kempenich, Coldwell Banker Realty
Data from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

- There were 15 home sales on Green Lake, in 2022 that were reported to the MLS. Seven of the homes sold were new construction and six of those were in the Green Lake Villas development on Little Green Lake. There was one Ridge Point waterfront townhome sale.
- The average sale price rose 19%, to \$747,945, compared to 2021. The prices ranged from \$365,000 on Johnson Lane to \$1,226,800 on Jason Ave (new construction).
- The average sale price received was 99% of the asking price, and the average marketing time was 60 days on the market.
- The average sale price of the pre-owned homes was \$586,300 and it took an average of 14 days to sell. The highest priced pre-owned home sale was \$735,000 on John Trail.
- The average sale price of the new construction homes was \$932,454 and the average marketing time was 113 days.
- The Ridge Point townhome sold for \$550,000 in 17 days.
- Inventory is extremely low and there are many buyers waiting for Green Lake homes, including townhomes, and deeded access.

Treasurer's Report 2022-23 by Treasurer Troy Ashton

Hello, I am the newest member of the Green Lake Association and as the Treasurer, I thought I would put together some information as it relates to our Lake Association and where our funds come from and what we do with those funds. The LID (Lake Improvement District) comprises a large portion of our revenue. The Chisago County LID was established in 1976 and reactivated in 1984. It was established because of high water conditions. They installed a series of channels and weirs to help drain excess water during times of high water. It has evolved into an agency whose mission is to protect and restore the surface water resources of the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed both environmentally and recreationally. First some statistics. Here is a breakdown of our typical revenue.

1. LID (Lake Improvement District) – 43%
2. Membership dues – 37%
3. Business sponsorships – 12%
4. Recycling – 7%

As I was going through the historical donations from individuals and businesses, I felt very grateful for the people that are clearly dedicated to the lake we all enjoy. Without your support, the activities the lake association does for the improvement of lake for all of us that enjoy it, would not be possible. I wanted to personally say thank you. There are many people that have donated every year. I also wanted to provide some statistics about membership dues. I went back to 2017 to get my figures. Our newsletter will go out to approximately 555 individuals and businesses this year. Of those 555, here is the breakdown of individual donors.

1. 28 individuals made up 50% of all the membership dues in collected in 2022.
2. 98 individuals made up the other 50% of the membership dues.
3. 429 people receiving this newsletter did not donate in 2022. I recognize some may have moved and we may have a handful of incorrect addresses.
4. 329 people have not donated in the last 2 years.
5. 274 (or approximately 50%) of the newsletter recipients have not donated in the last 5 years.

These stats aren't meant to shame anyone into donating money, they are just that, stats. The newsletters come from the GLA funds. As you know the board members and many others who help with music on the water, weed control, late winter garbage clean-up, carp control, etc. are volunteers. The more donations that are received, the more we can do for the lake.

Here is a breakdown of where we spend the money:

1. Evasive species weed control – 68%
2. Music on the water – 11%
3. Boat and trailer expenses for weed control etc. – 10%
4. Printing and copying (Mostly the newsletter) – 8%
5. Misc – 3%

There are several ways to donate.

You can mail a check to our PO Box 212 Chisago City, MN 55013, or you can also go to our website and donate www.greenlakechisago.com

Income

Membership	\$ 9,610
Business Sponsorship	\$ 3,025
Can Recycling	\$ 2,209
Chisago County LID	\$ 10,817
Misc. Income	\$ 55.00
Total Income	\$ 25,716

Expense

Promotion/Parade/ Music/Newsletter	\$ 4,375
Boat/Trailer	\$ 13,076
Lake Treatment	\$ 12,749
Bank Fees	\$ 183.00
Insurance	\$ 517.00
Website	\$ 1,539
Total Expense	\$ 32,717
2022 Net Income	\$ (7,001)

Balance Sheet 12/31/2021

Checking Account	\$ 14,692
CD's	\$ 32,142
Total	\$ 46,834

GREEN LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

RESIDENT INFORMATION

Name:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Date:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email address:

How long have you lived here?

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: (for Business Membership)

Business address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Fax:

City:

State:

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Contact Name:

Please attach business card

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Basic Level Membership - (\$ 40.00) \$_____

Preservation Level Membership - (\$75.00) \$_____

Conservation Level Membership - (\$150.00) \$_____

Business Level Membership - (\$125.00) \$_____

Make checks payable to GLA.

Additional Donations - \$_____ Total \$_____

If you pay by electronic payment, please

Signature:

fill out form and send it in for our records

Thank you for your continued support!

Date:

**You can pay by check, PayPal or electronic payment Go to
www.GreenLakeChisago.com to make online payment**

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



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Please note: For those businesses that pay a yearly business sponsorship of \$150 or more, their business will be listed on our newsletter and website. Please submit via email an ad/business card with your sponsorship to Troy at tash-ton@itimn.com. We reserve the right to adjust the ad/business card size to fit our newsletter.



Green Lake Association

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Or Current Resident



GLA Aluminum Can Recycling

Green Lake Association earns money from your aluminum cans. Located behind Chisago Warehouse Liquor. (on the corner of the frontage road) look for the container with GLA's name on it. On average we make about \$1000 a year.

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Board Members

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 this spring and summer. We are never sure if we will receive grant money from the DNR or LID each year to treat the lake. The money received from dues help ensure we have funds to treat our lake. Support our local businesses who give to the Green Lake Association. Please give them your support, they support our lakes

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