



Big Lake Improvement Association
PO Box 3
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June/July, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of the Big Lake Improvement Association:

Keeping my fingers crossed that summer will come on strong. We've had enough rain to last a while before we can start complaining about it being too dry.

PONTOON BOAT PARADE: We will have the pontoon parade on **Saturday, July 6th**. Pontoons will meet at the north end of the lake near the public landing at 3:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded with first place having their name engraved on the plaque and their photo in the 2025 calendar. Second and third places will get prizes also. There will be judges on the lake this year to determine winners. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE WHOLE CIRCUIT** in order to be considered. Start at the landing, finish at landing. Thank you in advance to Paul Randolph and Brian Shockley who will be this year's judges. Thanks to Nicole Shockley for taking photos.

BUOYS: Thanks again to Paul Randolph and Kurt Besser for placing buoys this year. Just a friendly reminder to stay to the right of the buoy if it is marked "stay right", i.e. in the channel. Stay on the lake side if they are marking a hazard, ie rocks, shallow water. When meeting another boat, stay to the right, like driving on a road.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER: will be held at Big Lake Golf Course on **August 10**, 5:00 cocktails, 5:30 Dinner, speaker coast guard/boat safety at 6:15. We will be serving Chicken Alfredo, Caesar salad with a yummy dessert bar to end our meal. We would love to see you all! It is a fun evening meeting and chatting with our little lake community. **PLUS**, there are lots of fun prizes and a complementary calendar (one per household). If you know you can make it you may RSVP to Jen Owens 218-428-5392 text or call before July 24th. Cost for attending is \$25 per person. Look for the reminder postcard in the upcoming weeks.

HISTORY BOOKS: Karen Anderson will be taking on the task of keeping up and adding to the History of Big Lake Book. If you have any stories or interesting facts to share please contact Karen at (651) 324-6346 or karenbiglake22@gmail.com.

PONTOON TRAILER: The pontoon trailer is available to **BLIA members** at no cost. The trailer is located at Joe and Arlene Kelley's back lot, 3144 Magney, and can be picked up when available. **It is VERY important to I to sign in and out on the provided clipboard, including your phone number. Please return the trailer within two hours.** When the weather is good, others may be waiting.

ROAD CLEAN-UP: We are planning a clean-up around the lake date for September. There will be a sign-up sheet at the annual dinner.

GARAGE SALE: Garage sale is the 1st weekend in August on ODD years, so NO garage sale this year.

2024 MEMBERSHIP: Please mail your 2024 membership dues to BLIA, PO Box 3, Sawyer, MN 55780 as soon as possible. Dues are \$20 per family, \$10 per single, and a special rate of \$10 for new members. We don't have the option to collect fees electronically yet.

We are interested in sending out the newsletter via email to those that would prefer that method of delivery. On the membership form you received last mailing will find a spot to indicate your preference. We would keep your information private, no one other than the secretary of the board and myself would have access. We would only send out announcements when absolutely necessary and when sending out the newsletter three times per year. You can also share your information with us via using this electronic form, <https://forms.gle/vyxfA6jMJ1Q7ThfcA> or scan the qr code.



BLIA BOARD: The BLIA Board is always welcoming to new board members. We meet only from May through September, possibly 5 or 6 times for about an hour. If you are interested, please contact a board member or attend a board meeting. Board meetings are open to all BLIA members. If you have ideas for the association to make our community better please share with any member and we will bring it to the board for consideration.

BLIA Board meetings are Thursdays, July 18th, August 8th and September 19th at 7 PM at Big Lake Golf Course.

Remember that the Facebook Big Lake Improvement Association page is a great place to share information.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Shockley, President
Jen Owens

BOARD MEMBERS:

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