



**Big Lake Improvement Association
PO Box 3
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October, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of the Big Lake Improvement Association:

Hoping everyone has enjoyed the glorious fall. It has been one for the record books!

PONTOON BOAT PARADE: Winners were:

- 1st place, NASA space shuttle-Tomhave family
- 2nd place, Christmas pontoon-Fredrickson family
- 3rd place, Pink Flamingo-Pavlotos family

BUOYS: Much thanks to Paul and Connie Randolph along with Tammy Martin who retrieved all of the buoys from the lake. It is a grueling, slimy task.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER: Thank you to the Big Lake Golf Course for taking such good care of us that evening. We had sixty-seven in attendance. Please consider attending next year if you haven't had a chance in the past. It is a fun night of socializing, learning something new about the lake and there are fun prizes. Thank you to all who donated. Huge shout out to Penney Provost and Laurie Bennefeld for gathering all the fun prizes!

Hope to see you August 9, 2025!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

We are so lucky to have Big Lake Golf Course close by. Check out the weekly meat raffle on Tuesdays. Weekly specials can be found on facebook, they always have great food!

Women's Book Club: Karen Anderson is interested in starting up a "Big Lake Women's Book Club" in January. If interested contact her at 651-324-6346.

CALENDAR MISPRINT: We found out that there are a couple of months that are not correct in the calendar. If you went to the dinner in August or ordered one separately you can get a reprint. Community Printing is rerunning them (at no charge to us) because of the mistake. If you'd like to arrange to pick up a replacement leave a message or text with Jen Owens (218)428-5392.

CALENDAR PICTURES: We will select pictures for next year's Big Lake Calendar in June. We must have your pictures by June 10th. Send to Jen Owens (owensjennifer08@gmail.com). Identify with your name, date of picture and location. Please put "Big Lake Calendar" on the subject line. Please consider sending in a few

photos, we didn't have many submitted last year and would like to see as many members represented as possible so duplicates in the calendar can be avoided as much as possible.

Reminder: use landscape orientation and best quality to avoid blurring when enlarging.

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 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: Thank you to the seven folks that showed up to take care of road cleanup. What a great project to help keep our community. Next year, clean up will be on September 13, 9:00 am, meet at the Big Lake Golf Course.

GARAGE SALE: Garage sale will be the 1st weekend in August 2025. More information to follow.

Next Spring you can expect a paper newsletter with membership form and payment information along with an emailed newsletter if you made that choice. If you wish to be added to the email list you can share your information with us using this electronic form, <https://forms.gle/vyxfA6jMJ1Q7ThfcA> or scan the qr code. Only members will be emailed the newsletter. The remaining newsletters in 2025 will be delivered using your preferred method.



BLIA BOARD: The BLIA Board is always open 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.

2025 BLIA Board Meetings: Thursdays: May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 7th and September 11th 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,

Paul Randolph, President
Jen Owens

BOARD MEMBERS:

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