



NEWSLETTER

September 2023

Dear Member and Friends of the Big Lake Improvement Association:

Summer has flown by but has hung on a little longer this year. The summer temps in September were a fantastic treat with Labor Day Weekend feeling like the middle of summer for a final hurrah.

The pontoon parade was held on Monday, July 4th. There were fewer pontoons on parade than in previous years, but the creativity was flowing strong. First place went to the Davis Family, 2nd to Frederickson family and 3rd to the Grostyan, which are new to the lake this year. Winners' names will be added to the plaque and picture is in the calendar.

Our annual meeting and dinner was a huge success. The Big Lake Golf Course did a fantastic job serving 64 members that were in attendance. Once again, the prizes were tremendous and the chance to socialize with our community was a pleasant way to spend the evening. Deserre provided us with some interesting facts and ways to help keep our lake flourishing.

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. Please be sure to sign in and out on the provided clipboard and return within two hours. The trailer is in high demand in the fall, so please be prompt.

Buoys were pulled out the last week of September. Thanks to Kurt Besser, MarkVanderMeiden and Paul Randolph who took the buoys out. Mark and Paul will be in charge of the buoy pontoon going forward.

There are some calendars available for \$6.00, great Christmas gift! Kurt Besser and Sarah Wefelmeyer have them. Mugs are also available for \$10, contact Laurie Bennefeld. Jen Berhens has history books for \$10

Calendar Pictures Needed! Please send pictures to Jen Owens and owensjennifer08@gmail.com Please feel free to send them at any time during the year. Fall, Winter and Spring pictures are usually in short supply. The pictures always capture our lake so beautifully. Keep in mind to send high quality photos and if possible, landscape position.

A huge thank you to years of service to the BLIA board members Jennifer Behrens and Kurt Besser. Your dedication and thoughtfulness to keep the lake community going is much appreciated. The board celebrated with a cake in honor of their service provided by Laurie Bennefeld.

New Board Members. We have had several new members join the board this past year. It is always great to have a variety of viewpoints and talents to balance our board and ake our community extra special. Welcome to Brian Shockley, our new president and Karen Anderson.

Penney Prevost will be reinstating a "Welcome Lady of Big Lake" initiative for any new Big Lake home/cabin owners. If you know of anyone moving in, give Penney a shout at dandpprevost@q.com.

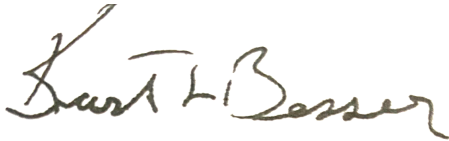
We will be offering the option of receiving the newsletter by snail mail or email next year. We will send out the first newsletter of 2024 via snail mail as usual with directions on how to sign up for either regular mailings or email.

The BLIA Board is always welcoming to new board members. We meet only from April 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.

The next BLIA Board meeting will be in April.

Reminder, the Facebook Big Lake Improvement Association page is a great place to share information.

Sincerely yours,



Kurt Besser, President



Jen Owens

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