

Big Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

P.O. Box 3, Sawyer MN 55780
<http://biglake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/>



Fourth of July Pontoon Parade



Thank you to all that participated! The creative boats and all the spectators made for a fun Sunday morning. What a fun group of families we are lucky enough to have on the lake!

1st (tie) Sandy Bar, Smith Family
1st (tie) Monopoly, Davis Family
3rd Pirate Ship, Kris Nelson Family

If you are interested in becoming a BLIA Business Member please contact Paul@ 651-208-2438. Business Services Membership cost is \$20 per year. Your business card will appear on our business services page on the BLIA website. Our goal is to make it easier for the Big Lake community to locate help with a project or problem that they might need help with.

Venmo is Coming

We are doing a trial run with a few board members to ensure we have a smooth process in place for members who chose to use venmo versus check or cash.

News Around the Lake

- **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 There is a page on the new website that will host the history.
- Meat raffle every Tuesday through summer at Big Lake Golf Course starting at 6:00.
- Big Lake Golf Course will serve breakfast every Saturday and Sunday through summer, 8:30-11:30.

Garage Sale Around the Lake First Weekend in August

Text Paul @ 651-208-2438 with your address
All garage sales will be posted on the Big Lake Improvement Association Website
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Big Lake has some unwanted guests.

Chinese mystery snails cause ecological damage by outcompeting native snails for food and habitat. They can also clog water intake pipes, foul shorelines with their dead shells, and act as vectors for parasites that can harm other aquatic life and potentially humans.

If you come in contact with these little critters, please take them onto shore and smash them.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticanimals/chinese-mystery-snail/index.html>



All members will get the first newsletter via snail mail, emails will be sent to membership that requested that for the upcoming newsletters. Newsletters will also be posted to our new website <http://biglake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/>

If you are not getting emails and would like to please send a message to owensjennifer08@gmail.com or call/text 218-428-5392.

How does the BLIA help you and our lake?

- Maintenance of trailer/pontoon, if you had to rent a pontoon trailer it is around \$50/day, the cost of a trailer is around \$4,500.
- Maintenance and placement of buoys
- Test water clarity
- Subsidize and host the annual meeting dinner
- Create and distribute yearly calendar
- BLIA website (new) <http://biglake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/>
- MLR membership (new) <https://mnlakesanddrivers.org/>
- Judge and provide prizes for pontoon parade
- Communicate and promote our community

Important Dates

- 1st Weekend in August-Big Lake Garage Sales
- August 7th BLIA board meeting, Big Lake Golf Course, 7 PM
- August 9, Annual dinner and meeting
- September 11, BLIA board meeting, Big Lake Golf Course, 7 PM
- September 13 Road Cleanup, 9:00 meet at Big Lake Golf Course
- February 1st, Winter Social gathering, more info to come.

Welcome Wagon

Reminder for new people on lake,
welcome lady, Penney is ready to
welcome any new people...

Penney
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Board Members

Paul Randolph, President	651-208-2438	Joe Kelley	218-879-6171
Laurie Bennefeld, Secretary/Treasurer	218-878-0848	Tom Martinson	218-391-9088
Jen Owens-newsletter	218-428-5392	Carol Nelson	218-251-1471
Karen Anderson	651-324-6346	Mark VanderMeiden	715-413-1236
Sarah Wefelmeyer	218-591-7606	Brian Shockley	218-310-1239
Lynn Stoyanoff	218-391-5912	Ray Worgren	218-879-7084

Board Meetings (all welcome)

Thursdays: May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 7th and September 11th
at 7 PM at Big Lake Golf Course.