



Lake Soundings

The Gilmore Lake Association Newsletter - Spring 2020



Annual Meeting and Picnic Cancelled; Board Election to be Conducted by Mail and Email

The Gilmore Lake Association Board has cancelled this year's annual meeting and picnic in observance of state guidelines designed to prevent community transmission of COVID-19. The election of board members will be conducted via email and U.S. Mail.

All three board members whose terms are set to expire in June have agreed to serve again. They are: Board Secretary Dick Johnson, Treasurer Bill Huelsman and Daryl Iverson.

"We are fortunate to have such dedicated members

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President's Message

Dear Lake Neighbors,
The year 2020 has been a wild ride thus far! I'm looking forward to some quality time at Gilmore Lake where I can be outdoors, enjoy our beautiful lake, and have some sense of normalcy.

The GLA board continues to work diligently to keep Gilmore Lake as beautiful and enjoyable as possible. This includes water quality monitoring, water level measurement, management of invasive species like Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels, and cooperation with other lake associations to preserve and protect recreational waters in NW Wisconsin. We also communicate with and educate lake residents

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'Celebrate the Outdoors' Boat Parade Set for 1:00 pm, July 4

The annual Gilmore Lake Association boat parade is scheduled for 1:00pm on July 4. This year's theme is "Celebrate the Outdoors."

"We're pleased to keep this lake tradition as a way to celebrate our shared appreciation for this won-

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Coming Soon: Real-time Lake Levels on Gilmore Lake Association Website

Gilmore Lake residents will soon be able to monitor lake levels in real time by simply checking the GLA website at www.gilmorelake-association.com.

GLA board member John Breitingner and lake resident Clint Schneider, who has a doctorate in physics, are leading a project to automate monitoring of lake levels and reporting the data on the website in real-time.

The availability of current information about the lake level is important for residents who want to protect boats, docks and other property from potential damage during periods of high water and flooding. Lake levels can quickly and significantly rise following heavy rainfall across the 30-mile watershed that flows into the Totogatic River which connects to the north end of Gilmore Lake.

GLA Board members Bill Huelsman and Daryl Iverson have monitored lake levels for many years so there's an accurate historical record that can serve as a baseline for "normal" levels. The monitoring system will use a new sensor and tracking system to show the present water level and how it compares to the previous week and to historic water levels.

"We are very lucky to have such talented members in our lake community," said John. "Clint's ability to put together a sensor and reporting system will take the guesswork out of tracking the lake levels. This will help us all in keeping our boats and docks safe. We will be able to build on the data that Bill and Daryl have gathered to make it possible to monitor in real time. We hope this will take some of the anxiety out of these flooding events."

The new lake level reporting system is expected to be online by mid-summer.

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Board Elections from page 1...

who are willing to devote their time to maintaining the high quality of life we all enjoy on Gilmore Lake," said Fran McCloskey, Board President.

GLA members will receive an election ballot via email and U.S. Mail in mid-June, which should be completed and returned promptly.

Daryl Iverson

Daryl has been a full-time resident on "Little Gilmore" since 2007 and joined the GLA board in 2017. He leads the GLA's participation in the Wisconsin DNR lake monitoring program, which includes recording lake water level readings. He also serves on the association's Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Committee responsible for surveying and spot treating EWM.

Dick Johnson

Dick lives on the south side of the lake and was first elected to the GLA board in 2011. He has served as GLA Treasurer and is currently Secretary. He led efforts to obtain not-for-profit status for GLA, which allows contributions to be tax-deductible.



Bill Huelsman

Bill has been on the GLA board for more than 10 years. He currently serves as Treasurer. Bill was instrumental in establishing our water level monitoring program and is an expert on the dynamics of the lake's water level fluctuations. Bill resides on the southwest shore of the lake.

Got Walleyes? Gilmore Lake Fish Stocking Program Continues

Gilmore Lake was stocked with 2,000 extended growth (6- to 10-inch) walleyes last September as part of the lake association's program to increase the walleye population.

These larger size walleyes are commonly stocked in Wisconsin lakes to minimize predation by large-

mouth bass and northern pike. Last fall's stocking was the fourth walleye replenishment since 2012.

Please help track the program's success by reporting the catch and/or release of any size walleye to John Ney, GLA board member and fisheries expert, at jney@vt.edu.

DNR Prohibits Debris Burning, Strongly Discourages Campfires

Due to the COVID-19 Safer at Home order, the state of Wisconsin has suspended all DNR burning permits until further notice to protect the health and safety of Wisconsinites.

All burning of debris in barrels, burning of debris piles on the ground, grass or wooded areas is prohibited at this time. The DNR also strongly discourages campfires for warming or cooking. People cause

98% of all wildfires in Wisconsin. Wildfires pose a serious threat to public safety, property and natural resources.



Please check for DNR website for updates at dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/ or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) and enter the code for Washburn County: 66.

Important Reminders: Observe 'No Wake' Zones and Pet Ordinances

When the lake levels are high, please use good judgement and respect your neighbor's property by making NO WAKES. Operating watercraft at speeds that create wakes, particularly during periodic lake flooding, can erode shoreline environment and damage property.

Property owners are also reminded to observe the Washburn County Animal Control ordinances, especially to those relating to prevention of pets from becoming a public nuisance from either excessive barking or from wandering to neighboring property.



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through our newsletter, email updates, and annual meeting. All of this activity is supported in part by annual membership dues.

The annual meeting is often a time when lake residents renew their memberships for another year. Since we will not be holding our annual meeting, I ask that you please renew or join GLA by sending your dues using the annual membership form on the back page of this newsletter. Please contact me by email (franmccloskey@yahoo.com) if you are not sure if you have already renewed for 2020.

In addition, several important pieces of business are conducted at the annual meeting. We review the minutes of the prior year's meeting, we review our financial position, and we elect board members to open positions or re-elect board members whose terms are expiring. (See election article on page 1.)

In mid-June, I will be sending the minutes of the 2019 meeting, an annual financial report, and a

ballot for election of board members via email and U.S. Mail. I ask that you return your ballot promptly.

Finally, please remember to support local businesses, especially those that have supported Gilmore Lake Association. We have an opportunity to show our gratitude to our many newsletter advertisers whose businesses have been hurt during the recent stay-at-home order.

I look forward to seeing all of you out on the lake this summer.

Fran McCloskey, President

Boat Parade from page 1...

derful natural resource," said Fran McCloskey, GLA president. "This year's theme is a tribute to the simple pleasure of enjoying the great outdoors."

Participants should begin lining up near the boat landing shortly before 1:00pm on July 4. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled.



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