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Jason Houle- *President*

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Dear Green Lake Association Members and Businesses,

As we approach the spring season, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important developments concerning our beloved Green Lake. Firstly, I must address the issue of low water levels. As many of you have likely observed, we are experiencing a particularly dry year, resulting in lower water levels across our lake. While this can present challenges for boaters and recreational activities, it's essential to remember that fluctuating water levels are a natural part of lake ecosystems. As stewards of Green Lake, we must adapt to these conditions and continue to prioritize conservation efforts to ensure the long-term health and vitality of our cherished lake.

In other news, I'm pleased to announce that the Green Lake Association has partnered with Lake Management to possibly conduct a fluoridone whole-lake treatment on Little Green in 2024 or 2025 depending on DNR approvals. This treatment is a proactive measure aimed at controlling invasive aquatic vegetation and promoting the overall ecological balance of our lake. By strategically managing invasive species, we can help preserve the biodiversity of Green Lake and maintain its pristine beauty for generations to come. I want to express my gratitude to the members who have supported this initiative, as your contributions play a crucial role in safeguarding the health of our lake.

Lastly, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the businesses and members who have generously donated their time, resources, and expertise to the Green Lake Association over the past four years. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our continued success and growth as an organization. Together, we have made significant strides in protecting and enhancing the environmental quality of Green Lake, and I am immensely proud of what our board has accomplished together. As we look ahead to the future, let us remain committed to our shared mission of preserving the beauty and integrity of Green Lake for generations to come.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Warm regards,

Jason Houle

President, Green Lake Association

Green Lake Association Mission Statement

The Green Lake Association's mission is to preserve and protect Green Lake and its surroundings. To enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of the recreational lake for today and future generations to enjoy.

Treatment Overview

Whole lake Fluoridone treatment is a method used for controlling aquatic weeds and algae in freshwater bodies such as lakes and ponds. Fluoridone is a herbicide that disrupts the photosynthetic process in plants by inhibiting the enzyme necessary for chlorophyll synthesis. This results in the death of submerged and floating aquatic plants.

Here's a quick overview of the process:

1. **Assessment**: Before treatment, the lake is assessed to determine the extent of weed or algae infestation and to identify any sensitive areas or species that need protection.
2. **Permitting**: Depending on local regulations, a permit may be required for the application of fluoridone. This ensures that environmental and safety standards are met.
3. **Application**: Fluoridone is typically applied as a liquid or granular formulation to the surface of the water. The application method can vary depending on the size and depth of the lake, as well as the target vegetation.
4. **Monitoring**: After application, the lake is monitored regularly to assess the effectiveness of the treatment and to ensure that there are no adverse effects on non-target species or the surrounding ecosystem.
5. **Follow-up**: In some cases, multiple treatments may be necessary to achieve the desired level of control. Follow-up treatments are scheduled based on monitoring results and the re-emergence of weeds or algae.
6. **Environmental considerations**: It's important to consider the potential impact of fluoridone on non-target species, water quality, and the surrounding environment. Careful application and monitoring help minimize these risks.
7. **Post-treatment management**: Once the desired level of weed or algae control is achieved, ongoing lake management practices such as nutrient management, shoreline restoration, and sediment control may be implemented to maintain a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

Overall, lake fluoridone treatment can be an effective tool for managing aquatic vegetation and improving recreational and ecological values of freshwater bodies. However, it should be used judiciously and in accordance with regulatory guidelines to minimize environmental impacts.

Membership Dues Help GLA Improve Lake Living

Please ensure we can continue to improve lake life by paying your dues and donate when possible. The board and its volunteers are working hard to ensure that we have extra opportunities to get together and enjoy the lake. Our events are not donated, so, your financial support is the only way we can continue adding these great family activities.

With your support, we can keep the events coming!

Do you want to know more what is happening on the lake? Have you wondered why your neighbors know so much about the lake?

Information is posted on GLA website (www.greenlakechisago.com) and Facebook page. If it is something time sensitive, it is sent through email.

If you want to get on the GLA distribution list or update your contact information, send an email to Michelle or Troy michelle.carlson0510@gmail.com or troyashton@comcast.net

Green Lake Happenings

Green Lake Apparel now available! <https://greenlakeassociation.spiritsale.com/>



2024 Events

Before we know it, we will all be cruising the lake enjoying summer. With that said, it's never too early to start planning events. In 2024, GLA will continue our popular lake gathering and events wants to continue improving every year whether it's communicating dates earlier or adding elements to make an event more enjoyable.

⇒ As we look to this summer of 2024, save the following dates:

April 23rd – GLA Annual Meeting at Uncommon Loon @ 6pm

July 4th Celebration– More details to come

July 27th – Music on the Water (2-5pm)- Featuring Ragtown

Thanks to our 2024 Platinum Music on the Water Sponsors!

- **Thomas Kieffer/ Farmers Insurance**
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2024 GREEN LAKE REALESTATE REPORT

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Hello homeowners of Green Lake, I am Janae Ashton, and I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful community. My husband Troy and I embarked on our dream of lakefront living in 2022 when we built our new home here on the lake.

I've been in the real estate business since 1997 and am currently with Realty Group in Forest Lake. The attraction of Green Lake and the peacefulness of the community prompted my husband Troy to become a board member. We truly believe in the beauty and serenity Green Lake offers, which is why we are so deeply invested in giving back to this community that has welcomed us with open arms.

Inventory remains low and demand continues to be on the rise and the dream of owning a lake home seems more elusive than ever.

Cheers to Lake Life.

Green Lake Stats

- There were 11 home sales on Green Lake, in 2023 that were reported to the MLS. Out of the 11 sales there were 3 on Little Green and 8 on Big Green.
- The average sales price decreased 22% from \$747,945, in 2022 to \$581,433 in 2023.
- The decrease in the average sales price was driven primarily by the Green Lake Villas sales that occurred mostly in 2022 that carried higher than average prices compared to other sales on the lake.
- Sale prices in 2023 ranged from \$435,000 to \$740,000.
- The average sale price received was 92% of the asking price, and the average marketing time was 60 days on the market which stayed the same compared to 2022.
- There is currently only 1 active listing on Big Green located at 10576 Kismet Isle, list price \$399,900 and 1 home contingent on the sale of a home located on Point Pleasant Road.

Chisago County Lakes Stats

- There were 47 lake homes sold in 2023 on local lakes, Green, Little Green, Kroon, Sunrise, North and South Lindstrom, North and South Center and Chisago. The average list price was \$613,854 and the average sale price was \$594,999. The lowest sales price was a condo located on North Lindstrom for \$131,000 and the highest home price was \$1,296,856, a new construction on South Lindstrom. The average days on the market was 50 days.

Chisago County Stats

- 2023 Chisago County Stats - There were a total of 752 closed sales in Chisago County which is a change of - 11.7% from 2022. The average amount of time on the market was 38 days.



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Treasurer's Report 2023 recap by Treasurer Troy Ashton

I have financial records going back to 2013 and 2023 turned out to be the best revenue generating year in the history of the Green Lake Association. There were several factors that contributed to this influx of revenue. Primarily, there was an additional \$12,700.00 we received through a county grant we applied for and received. We should get the same amount again this year. This is a two-year program. We also received \$5,250.00 from the DNR for invasive weed treatment. Both items were above and beyond what we get in a normal year. Thirdly, it was the highest donation year from individuals and businesses in the history of GLA. There are still improvements we can make with donations as only approximately 25% of the people receiving this newsletter contribute to the Lake Association. Here is a side-by-side comparison of revenue and expenses over the last 4 years.

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Individual Memberships	\$10,281	\$7,493	\$9,610	\$11,276
Business Sponsors	\$4,055	\$2,425	\$3,025	\$5,830
Can recycling	\$1,108	\$1,783	\$2,209	\$1,163
Chisago LID	\$10,076	\$11,670	\$10,817	\$10,145
ARPA Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,700
DNR	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,250
St. Croix Valley Foundation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Misc Income	\$322	\$1,388	\$196	\$177
Total Income	\$25,842	\$29,759	\$25,857	\$48,041
Expenses				
Music on Water 4 th of July	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,920	\$3,299
Boat & Trailer	\$963	\$2,269	\$13,076	\$723
Insurance	\$511	\$518	\$517	\$1,383
Treatment Chemicals, materials & vendors	\$14,963	\$23,196	\$12,749	\$34,797
Print/newsletter	\$1,481	\$912	\$1,455	\$976
Misc expenses	\$1,456	\$2,494	\$2,000	\$2,795
Total Expenses	\$19,374	\$31,789	\$32,717	\$43,973
<i>Profit</i>	<i>\$6,468</i>	<i>-\$2,030</i>	<i>-\$6,860</i>	<i>\$4,068</i>

I know my wife and I enjoy parking at the city dock on Little Green Lake when we are out for a cruise and then heading up to one of the local establishments. The GLA members funded this dock and the city manages it. We would like to increase the size/and or add parking spaces to this dock to allow for more parking spaces and to make it easier to park your boat when there are more than a couple boats already parked. This Spring you will see a new GLA green sign by the city dock downtown that allows people to scan a QR code and donate to the Green Lake Association Venmo account. In the subject line put the word "dock" and these funds will be used specifically for the purpose of adding parking spaces to this dock.

Green Lake association Membership form

Resident information (Please include e-mail for any event updates)

Name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Date:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email address:		

Business Information

Business Name: (for Business Membership) Please contact the treasurer Troy Ashton for business sponsorships troyash-ton@comcast.net

Business address:		
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Contact Name:	Please attach business card	

membership dues

Bronze Level Individual Membership - (\$ 50.00)	\$ _____	
Silver Level Individual Membership - (\$ 100.00)	\$ _____	Receive a free GLA logo tumbler
Gold Level Individual Membership - (\$ 150.00)	\$ _____	Receive a free GLA logo tumbler
Platinum Level Individual Membership - (\$300.00)	\$ _____	Receive two free GLA logo tumblers <i>Make checks payable to GLA.</i>
Additional Donations - \$ _____	Total \$ _____	<i>If you pay by electronic payment, please fill out this form and send it in for our records</i>
Signature:		

Thank you for your continued support! Please Note: Yearly dues paid in Spring or Fall go towards that year's membership.

All donations welcome

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Or Current Resident

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Green Lake Association earns money from your aluminum cans. Located behind Chisago Warehouse Liquor. (on the corner of the frontage road) look for the container with GLA's name on it. On average we make about \$1000 a year.

Board Members

If you haven't paid your dues for this year, please return your Membership Forms and Dues as soon as possible. Paying now ensures we have the funds to spray this spring and summer. We are never sure if we will receive grant money from the DNR or LID each year to treat the lake. The money received from dues help ensure we have funds to treat our lake. Support our local businesses who give to the Green Lake Association. Please give them your support, they support our lakes

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