

Garfield Lake Association

Meeting Minutes April 19, 2024

Hello Garfield Lake Association Members!

Well, it sure is beginning to look a lot like spring after a light winter everywhere. We had our “monthly GLA Update” meeting on Wednesday and I have outlined what we discussed below. We hope you take a moment to read and think about what is going on “around Garfield” and let us know if you have any questions and or would like to join us next month. Our web site is: <https://garfieldlakeassociation.com/> and our emails and phone numbers are listed there. We are always looking for our members to join us at these monthly ZOOM meetings.

Darryl has agreed to continue to be the lead on all the Garfield Lake water and AIS sampling this summer and Charlie has agreed to be the guy who delivers those samples to the Hubbard County COLA “drop off point” in Park Rapids. These samples are then taken by COLA to RMB Labs where their techs study the samples looking for any presence of Zebra Mussel larva and or evidence of Spiny Water Flea. These are the 2 most common AIS species found in our area.

Diane outlined the several programs the Social Committee is working on for 2024. A few of them include:

1. A light “brunch” during our Saturday, May 25th Annual Meeting to be held at Trinity Church in Laporte.
2. Ways we can communicate with our members easier and better.
3. Preparing some type of GLA “welcome packet” for new residences and members around Garfield.
4. Ways we can “promote” the 20th anniversary of our July 4th, Lake Garfield Boat Parade. A fun event for all.

We had discussion on working with our members to train them into identifying Eurasian Mil Foil. Our thoughts are to train members to both be on the lookout for this as they use the lake as well as actually “go looking for this” around the lake throughout the summer. As in many things, the earlier you can find its presence the easier it is to “manage it”. Mike has heard there are financial grants available for this and will investigate it.

We remind our members that Bee Seen Gear is again offering various clothing and accessories with GARFIELD LAKE printed. You can also pay your 2024 GLA annual dues (\$30) thru their site. Here is the link for those interested.”

1. garfieldlake24.itemorder.com

AIS inspection reports from Garfield boat launch AIS inspectors indicate that the number of boats arriving at the launch with their plugs in is 6 times higher than other launches around

the state. As we know, it is illegal to transport a boat anywhere in the state with the plug in place. Doing so increases the possibility of introducing invasive species through water remaining in the boat either in live wells or other storage compartments. Any possible contaminated water is drained from the boat when the plug is removed. We plan to investigate why nearly 6% of boats arrive at the Garfield launch compared to an average of 1.3% for other launches in the state.

Mike has found a company that “puts in and takes out” homeowners docks and lifts. The thought is that some of our members may want to use that service and they may get a price reduction if Garfield has some customer volume. The business is called: “218 DOCKS” and their phone number is: 218-239-0689. If you are interested, please give them or Mike a call and let them know you are from Garfield Lake.

As a reminder, and as noted above, our 7th GLA Annual meeting will be Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 at Trinity Church in Laporte. We hope to have a DNR official to give us a less than 10-minute talk about ways to prevent erosion and funds that are available for such.

Our next “Garfield Lake monthly update meeting” will be held, Wednesday, May 15. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know and we will send you the zoom link and/or have you join us at one of our homes.

Many thanks for being part of the Garfield Lake Association. As I am sure you know, our whole purpose is to”

KEEP GARFIELD HEALTHY !!

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