

Dear Residents,

Summer 2024 is upon us, and I have to wonder where the time goes! As we prepare for another wonderful boating season, I wanted to remind everyone of some of the rules and regulations so that all can enjoy the lake peacefully.

Be sure to remember:

- ❖ No wakes zones must be adhered to.
- ❖ All boats that pull anyone, must have an observer as well as a twelve-inch by twelve-inch orange flag affixed to the highest point on the boat.
- ❖ All boats must have all safety equipment – appropriate number of life jackets, horn or whistle, Type -IV throwable device, battery connection covers.
- ❖ Skiing is allowed between the hours of 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- ❖ All boats must have a current 2024 registration sticker (if you have submitted your registration, stickers will be mailed out shortly).
- ❖ Please see Chapter 23 of the City of Bloomington Codes and Ordinances for a complete review of all ordinances.

What's new around the Lake?

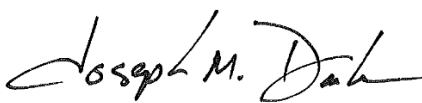
Garbage: The City's procurement policy states that any expenditure over \$25,000 must be put out for public bid. Our annual garbage contract is a little over \$33,000 each year. The contract with Republic Services was expiring at the end of April, so the City released a public bid for weekly garbage pickup, which also included pricing for one (1) bulk pickup day during the first week of June. We had two companies submit competitive bids for weekly and bulk pickup. GFL Environmental was the lowest bid. The first pick up of weekly garbage will be on May 6th. The weekly garbage will be picked up every Monday.

Bulk Garbage: GFL Environmental will be collecting bulk pickup on Monday, June 3, 2024. This service does have some restrictions:

- ❖ The volume is limited to 5 cubic yards per household (equivalent to an 8-foot bed of 2 pickup trucks).
- ❖ The following items are not accepted: tires, liquid waste, electronic waste, car batteries, appliances, landscape waste, bulk shingles and construction materials.
- ❖ If you require a bulk pickup outside of this cleanup, please call GFL Environmental at 217-935-5652. The homeowner will be responsible for this service charge.

Flowers: We are in desperate need of help with picking out and planting flowers at Association Park along the Inner Loop Road. My staff and I have no clue when it comes to what should be planted so any help would be greatly appreciated! We will be installing a stone garden underneath the Association Park sign and the flowers will be planted there. These flowers will need to be deer resistant due to the large number of deer that call that area home. We also need help for the area at the intersection of Sunset and Hiawatha and underneath the new sign at the Water Treatment Plant.

See you around the Lake!



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