

Think Blue

Joe Peak's article on proactive lawn care to do better for the front yard we all share occupied this very spot in our 2023 Spring Newsletter. Sadly, we lost Joe on February 21, 2024.

A **steadfast steward** of Glen Echo Lake, Joe poured a lot of effort and energy into projects that made life better for our lake and neighborhood. How he loved to engage in all of our fun(d) raising events! A **generous patron**, he donated dozens of prizes and bought several hundred D2D Raffle Tickets over the years. Which explains why he also won many prizes! The best one? To live on Glen Echo Lake.

Of course we experience the blues over our great loss, but Joe was the kind of guy that would prefer we **Think Blue** to honor his memory instead.

Think Blue Massachusetts is a statewide educational campaign to help residents and businesses do their part to **reduce polluted runoff** and keep our state's **lakes, rivers, and streams clean and healthy**. An award-winning campaign run by the **Massachusetts Statewide Municipal Stormwater Coalition**, **Think Blue Massachusetts** is made up of **ten regional stormwater groups** who joined forces in 2016 to help towns and cities meet their MS4 stormwater permit requirements. All together they represent 130 communities across the state, **including the Town of Charlton**. As a member community, Charlton is required "...to implement an education program that includes educational goals based on stormwater issues of significance within the MS4 area. The ultimate objective of a public MA MS4 General Permit education program is to increase knowledge and change behavior of the public so that pollutants in stormwater are reduced."

"If stormwater pollution was rubber duckies, it wouldn't matter what went down storm drains, but it does. Because stormwater pollution is not rubber duckies. It's trash, oil, cigarette butts, and pet waste flowing untreated to the sea. That's not good for any of us, because we all live downstream. **Clean Water**. It means **Quality of Life**. **Think Blue, Massachusetts!**" To learn more, and to watch a powerful 30-second video of rubber duckies in action, please visit www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org and see our MS4 project **Ramping It Up**, next page. ☺



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Welcome to 2024!

Welp, it looks like winter has finally shown up! As I write this, I am watching the ATVs and quads race up and down the lake on the ice and hoping that the fishermen are reeling in a good catch! A couple of February snowstorms have brought some beauty and fun to our little world.

At the **August 29th Annual Potluck** meeting, we voted to limit officer terms to two consecutive three-year terms starting in 2024. Annual elections will be held in **August 2024 FOR ALL POSITIONS**. Many of the current board members have been serving for longer than two terms and we welcome new blood to the board! If interested in ANY position, a description of each position can be found in the GEIA bylaws, located on the GEIA web site.

The **2023 drawdown started 15 October 2023**. The valve was opened to allow water to flow freely downstream and we reached a 5-foot reduction at the dam mid-November 2023. Mother Nature made it challenging to hold the lake level steady during the month of January, but we were able to get it stabilized and many were able to enjoy the ice! **Refill began the week of 12 February 2024**.

As a reminder, **minor waterfront work** (an example would be rebuilding an existing rock wall with rocks that had fallen out of place or re-grading your beach by hand with a rake) can be **completed without filing a Notice of Intent (NOI)** and obtaining an Order of Conditions (OOC). However, **anything more** than that must be **vett**ed and coordinated through the **Charlton's Conservation Commission** office to determine if an NOI/OOC is required. This applies to **all work within 100 feet of the lake/surrounding wetlands**. **DEP numbers are to be displayed** both lake side and roadside when the work is being performed. If the work is being performed during lake drawdown, please make sure to start the work shortly after drawdown starts and ensure all work is completed no later than the middle of January.

KEYS! Reminder!! As **key holder**, you agreed to **maintain your membership** in good standing, by either being up to date on your yearly dues, or by being a lifetime member. Annual members! Please ensure your dues are paid each year! **Dues can be paid online or by mail** (using the form found in this newsletter with your payment).

Did you see? **Improvements to the GEIA property** (ramp) were completed in January 2024. These improvements included a frost wall and water permeable pavers which will help with storm water management and erosion control on the property. All work was done on the property (above waterline) and **does not impact the use of the beach area**.

At the **2022 Fall Town Meeting**, funding for **Glen Echo Dam repairs**, listed as \$200,000 under Conservation Commission Capital Expenditure, was **approved**. These repairs were completed during the 2023/2024 winter season, during drawdown. Work included **repairs to the spillway, training walls and junctions**, as well as brush clearing and tree removal.

Thanks everyone! **See you on the water!**

Jackie Nowak, President

Clean water begins with you. Let's Think Blue.



Learn more at
www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org

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Waiting for concrete delivery to.....



....pour into the forms



Forms removed from concrete footing.



On a cold November night, heaters are used to keep setting concret warm.



This concrete footing cannot be seen under the finished installation of pavers.



The heater can be seen in this view.



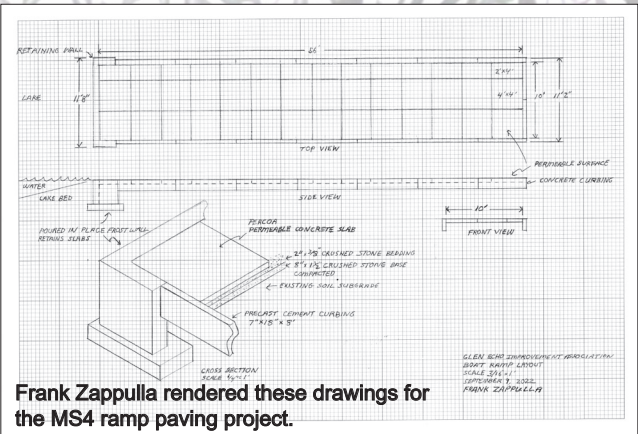
Water had to be drained from footing.



Boat ramp base is made of compacted stone.



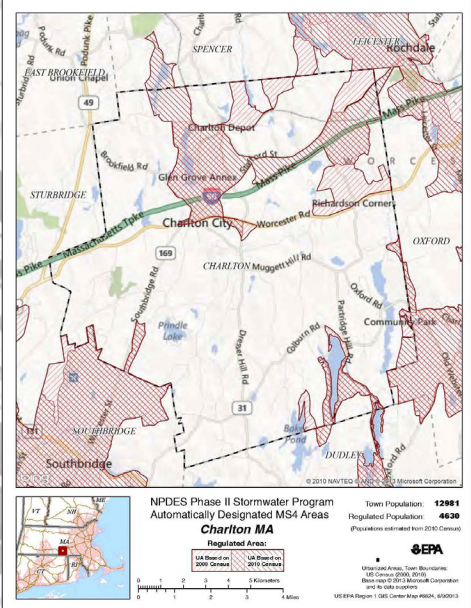
This bucolic scene of the GEIA property ramp is how it looked for decades. Stormwater runoff caused erosion that flowed directly into the lake.



Frank Zappulla rendered these drawings for the MS4 ramp paving project.



Volunteer project supervisor's eagle eye always focused on the job.



Ramping It Up!

In early 2022 at a Lakes and Ponds meeting, then Conservation Commissioner, Angela Panaccione notified the Glen Echo Improvement Association (GEIA) that the Massachusetts Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) laws require reducing the amount of phosphorus going into storm drains that make their way into lakes and streams and eventually into Long Island Sound. Phosphorus is a common element found in agricultural fertilizers, lawn fertilizers, manure, and organic wastes, like plant, leaf, and pet waste, in sewage, industrial discharges, and even in treated wastewater from communities and businesses. Other human activities add trash, cigarette butts, household, and automotive chemicals to this mix that ends up in stormwater. Stormwater is uncontrolled runoff caused by rain and snowmelt, largely from lawns and roadways, and can wash these pollutants into ditches, streams, lakes, and seas.

Angela informed us that if Town of Charlton does not reduce the amount of phosphorus from stormwater runoff, the Town could be fined. Therefore, she asked that the lakes in the affected areas seek to eliminate dirt roads that funnel runoff into our lakes and streams. On Glen Echo Lake that would primarily be the GEIA Property dirt boat ramp on Glen Echo Shore Road. At the May 23, 2022, GEIA meeting, members present voted to investigate replacing the dirt ramp, and appointed Frank Zappulla to spearhead this task.

The first thing Frank learned is that the new surface material must be porous to absorb the runoff into the ground, preventing it

from flowing into the lake. Frank researched suitable materials that would hold up against many years of heavy duty traffic. He also visited other boat ramps to see how well these materials performed. Based on this research, Frank chose Percoia Slabs. These are 2'x 2' concrete slabs that are porous and allow water to pass through the surface.

After Frank finished making construction drawings, he obtained several quotes for the work to be accomplished. The quote submitted by McManus Construction Services, LLC was approved at the August 29, 2022 GEIA meeting, and Frank was tasked with completing paperwork and filing for DEP and building permits. In September, a meeting was held at the ramp property to inform residents of the proposed work to be done. Even though the DEP permit was approved in December 2022, it was too late in the year for work to begin, so construction was postponed until the fall of 2023. A building permit was obtained from the Town of Charlton and work commenced once the drawdown of the lake's water level was low enough for construction to begin. The goal of the project was to install silt barriers, dig out the old ramp, pour a concrete wall and footing at the base, install concrete curbing, and lay a compacted stone base over which the Percoia slabs would be held in place.

The GEIA is grateful to Frank Zappulla, who did all the legwork with drawings, permitting, and this article, and to Paul McManus and his crew for constructing the new ramp under the eagle eye of the volunteer supervisor. Thank you for all the good you do, including the great photographs you both took!



Anthony, Matt and Pete lift curbing.



Anthony Seymour, Matt Dancereaux, Pete Latie cut the side curb.



Fine gravel for the base is delivered.



and Pat Linde cut the side curb and finish the end of the base.



Compacted stone is the base for pavers.



Pervious pavers installed and await the concrete walkway that will hold them in place.



Pervious pavers allow the water to pass through rather than run off into the lake.



The concrete walkway down the middle holds the pervious pavers in place.



Paul McManus is able to supervise work from his home across the lake on Sunset Drive.



The Memorial bench and post are close by the new ramp.



Road to ramp gets final grading.



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Figure 1: Glen Echo Lake

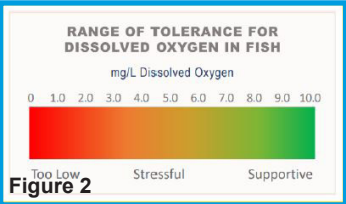


Figure 3: Equipment

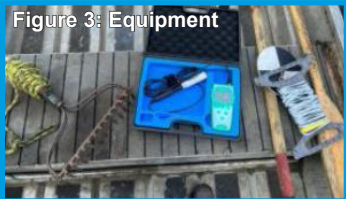


Figure 4: Throwrake

Glen Echo Lake (Figure 1) battles invasive species including **fanwort** (*Cabomba*) and **variable milfoil** (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*), along with nuisance densities of **native pondweeds**, and **potential algae blooms**. The goal of the 2023 program was to manage the invasive / nuisance native species while **monitoring basic water quality** through a proactive schedule. This is accomplished by implementing an **aquatic management program** that focuses around performing all applicable tasks, including planning, permitting, surveys, treatments, and reporting. **Senior Environmental Scientist, James Lacasse, Aquatic Biologist, Scott Conrade, and Aquatic Field Assistants, Grace Adams, and Brian Sweeney** conducted **surveys and tests for dissolved oxygen, water temperature, and water clarity** on every visit to the lake. **Dissolved oxygen** is the amount of oxygen in water that is available to aquatic organisms and necessary to support fish spawning, growth, and activity (See Figure 2). **Dissolved oxygen** can be affected by many outside factors, such as: **temperature, time of day, and pollution**. Dissolved oxygen levels are typically lowest early in the morning. Healthy water should generally have concentrations of about 6.5- 8+ mg/L. **Water clarity** was assessed using a **Secchi disk** (see Figure 3). A Secchi disk is a disk with alternating black and white quadrants. It is lowered into the water of a waterbody until it can no longer be seen by the observer. This depth of disappearance, called the **Secchi depth**, is a measure of the transparency of the water. All permitting, treatment and survey tasks were completed without issue and at the proper times. Prior to any treatment, **Charlton Conservation Commission** is notified, and **neon pink posters** are hung around the shoreline to note the treatment, affiliated water-use restrictions, and **Water & Wetland** contact information.

May 22, 2023 - Pre-Treatment Survey (See Survey Map) **Variable milfoil** was found in the northern point of the Lake in two locations. Other native species documented included **water lilies** (*Nymphaeaceae*), **watershield** (*Brasenia schreberi*), **bladderwort** (*Utricularia sp.*), **ribbon-leaf pondweed** (*Potamogeton epihydus*), **large leaf pondweed** (*Potamogeton amplifolius*), and various native grasses (Figure 4). These species were noted in trace to sparse densities. **Macro-algae** was found scattered along the bottom of the Lake in sparse to moderate densities. **Filamentous algae** was noted both on the bottom and surfacing in shallow depths. **Epiphytic algae** was observed on a small portion of vegetation, indicating that the plant is not healthy.

While the other **Charlton lakes** surveyed today contained dense vegetation, topping out in areas, the vegetation in **Glen Echo Lake** was not at densities which would warrant treatment at this time and seemed slightly delayed compared to waterbodies in the area. Despite this, we searched extensively

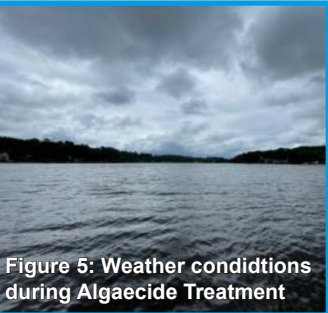


Figure 5: Weather conditidions during Algaecide Treatment



Figure 6: Dense growth of Variable Milfoil

for invasive and native growth. Similar to 2022, a **later season treatment** was required and should be guided by survey data. We planned a **follow-up survey** at no additional cost, as a few weeks may allow for additional species to germinate and/or densities to increase. We also recommended that the **GEIA** consider an **algae treatment**, based on the densities observed during this survey. This would help to stay ahead of the bloom, as treating earlier allows for much less die-off than extremely reactive algae treatments.

June 5, 2023 - Brief Survey/Algaecide Treatment - Aquatic Biologist **Scott Conrade**, and Aquatic Field Assistant **Grace Adams**, made a site visit to conduct an algaecide treatment targeting microscopic algae. Conditions were windy with rain (See Figure 5). A brief survey was performed in order to confirm potential treatment areas. Species noted during the survey included **water lilies, watershield, bladderwort, ribbon-leaf pondweed, large-leaf pondweed, water starwort (Callitriche), variable milfoil, and filamentous algae**.

Copper sulfate was mixed into an onboard mixing tank and injected into the water column via a **calibrated subsurface injection system** from a custom flat bottom **jon boat**. The copper sulfate was spread evenly throughout the treatment areas, which provided the most effective treatment possible. The copper sulfate was applied to 1/2 of the Lake, as limited by the product label. The treatment was completed without issue.

July 6, 2023 - Survey Senior Environmental Scientist, **James Lacasse**, completed a site visit. (See Survey Map) Conditions during the visit were sunny, calm, and hot. It appeared that the previous **algaecide treatment worked** very well as **increased clarity** and the **decreased appearance of microscopic algae**. Two invasive species were documented during the survey, including **fanwort** (Figure 6) and **variable milfoil** (Figure 7). Fanwort was the most prominent invasive species documented as it was found throughout portions of the western, northern, east/ southeastern shorelines. The densest fanwort was found along the western shoreline and eastern shoreline inlet within the main basin. Most of the fanwort was found within the bottom third of the water column as it was not visible by eye and was found via throw rake. Variable milfoil was documented scattered within the fanwort, with the densest variable milfoil noted within the northern cove. Several native species were observed during the survey including **snailseed pondweed** (*Potamogeton bicipulatus*), **thin-leaf pondweed** (*Potamogeton pusillus*), **tape grass** (*Vallisneria americana*), **ribbon-leaf pondweed, large-leaf pondweed, clasping-leaf pondweed** (*Potamogeton perfoliatus*), **water lilies, Callitriche, bushy pondweed** (*Najas guadalupensis*), **floating leaf pondweed** (*Potamogeton natans*), **low water milfoil** (*Myriophyllum humile*), and **bur reed** (*Sparganium americanum*). Snailseed pondweed was the most abundant native species documented as it was noted throughout the majority of the littoral zone, reaching nuisance densities (See Figure 8). Most of the snailseed pondweed was growing in the top half of the water column and occasionally surfacing. Algae identified included **filamentous algae** and **macro algae**. Filamentous algae was found in trace densities throughout the Lake. The majority of the macro algae appeared dead or decayed, as it was black in color. This was found in sparse to dense densities throughout the Lake.

July 25, 2023 – Survey, Herbicide Treatment, and Water Samples Collected by Senior Environmental Scientist, **James Lacasse**, and Aquatic Field Assistant, **Brian Sweeney**. Conditions during the site visit were partly cloudy to heavy rain/thunderstorms. A brief survey was completed in order to confirm potential treatment areas. Species noted included **invasive species, (low-water milfoil, variable milfoil, fanwort) and nuisance natives (water lilies, snailseed pondweed, thin-leaf pondweed)**. A treatment was conducted for the control of target nuisance and invasive plant growth. Water and Wetland



Figure 7: Fanwort

Biologists **treated** all previously mapped areas of invasive species in addition to **10 acres** of nuisance native species (see Figure 8). Samples were collected, preserved and sent to the lab for analysis. The treatment was briefly paused on a few occasions due to thunderstorms. The **liquid contact herbicides** were applied using a treatment boat equipped with a **calibrated sub-surface injection system**. This application methodology allows for even coverage within the treatment areas. We anticipated **plant die-off within just a few days** to a few weeks.

Samples were collected from each specific sampling location, preserved, and immediately shipped to SePro Laboratories where they were **analyzed for conductivity and turbidity**. All samples collected were **surface grabs**. **Water quality** in ponds and lakes is **constantly changing** and is altered by **environmental factors**. The samples collected during the two site visits provide a baseline and the results depict a **snap-shot** of the results specific to the sampling date.

Summary / 2024 Recommendations The 2023 season went well. The management program at **Glen Echo Lake** heavily relies on a **proactive schedule of survey and monitoring**. The **Town of Charlton** has funded pre-management surveys at various **Charlton Lakes**. Based on this survey, individual Associations are able to make decisions regarding management. This was the approach taken at **Glen Echo Lake** during the **2023 season**. The **early season survey found very little invasive species** despite an intense search throughout the entire littoral zone. This is now two consecutive years under Water & Wetland management where the **vegetation appears to be slightly delayed** in growth compared to the surrounding waterbodies in Charlton and other areas. Due to this delay, we suggest **delaying the pre-management survey** for a few weeks after the other Charlton waterbodies are surveyed, unless feedback from the GEIA dictates otherwise. Based on direct **communication and feedback** from the GEIA, a survey was again conducted later in the season which showed expansion of the invasive variable milfoil and fanwort. As a result, **we found that the variable milfoil and fanwort populations increased in density and distribution**, in addition to populations of **nuisance native pondweeds**. **No adverse impacts** were experienced during either treatment. **Dissolved oxygen was not impacted**, as dissolved oxygen was monitored during each site visit.

Based on the survey data, a **treatment using contact herbicides was recommended** to target both invasive species along with the nuisance densities of native species, similar to 2022. There are only two available treatment options for fanwort control, **Sonar** (*fluridone – systemic herbicide*) and **Clipper** (*flumioxazin – contact herbicide*). **Sonar** is best suited for whole lake applications but does provide **systemic control of fanwort**, although results can be accomplished with spot treatment, in many cases for 2 to 3 years of nuisance level control of this species. Contact herbicides work quickly and allow for little to no impacts to native species outside of the small treatment areas. A **similar approach of contact herbicides is recommended for 2024** as monitoring is the key to success at Glen Echo Lake. Additionally, keeping a direct line of communication open with the GEIA is also an important part of the program. We recommend the **GEIA consider a systemic herbicide** at some point in the future. This may include **Sonar** or potentially **ProcellaCOR**, which is effective only on milfoil and would not impact fanwort. **Algae** should continue to be **monitored and managed** accordingly. As is always recommended, **best management practices specific to landscaping** should be used. This means **limiting fertilizer use, and/or using non-phosphorus fertilizers** and to **avoid grass clippings falling into the Lake**. For full, unedited report see www.glenecholake.org. 📄



Date	Surface Temp F°	Dissolved O ₂ (mg/L)	Secchi Depth
May 22, 2023	70°	8.91	9'3"
June 5, 2023	66°	8.83	-
July 6, 2023	83°	7.26	9'1"

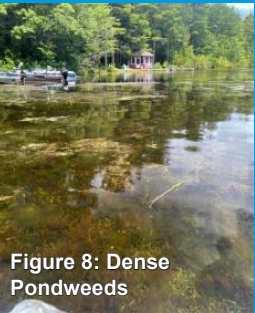


Figure 8: Dense Pondweeds



Figure 9: View of Glen echo Lake



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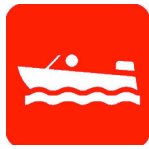
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Glen Echo Lake

Safe Boat and Water Craft Operation



➤Counter clockwise traffic flow for all powerboats and motorized personal watercraft such as jet skis (PWC).
➤Keep to the right when approaching a boat head on.
➤In north end of lake, turn by last dock on Sunset, not too far into the cove to avoid cutting up milfoil areas.

➤Daytime speed limit is 45 mph, **35 mph through the narrows** marked channel.



➤Nighttime speed limit is 6 mph headway speed, no wake, dusk to dawn.
➤All craft operating at night must have **running lights; red** and **green** fore, white aft, including canoes, kayaks, etc.

➤Yield **right of way** to canoes, sailboats, rowboats, and swimmers.
➤Keep **150 feet from shore, other boats and swimmers.**



➤Swimmers must not swim farther than **50 feet from shore** unless alongside a boat. Never in marked channels!
➤Avoid following boats engaged in recreational towing. They stop quickly and unexpectedly!
➤State law requires approved personal floatation device (PFD) on board all watercraft for each passenger.
➤Children 12 and under must wear an approved PFD whenever they are in ANY type of boat.



➤All operators and passengers on PWCs must wear approved PFDs.
➤All water-skiers and tubers, etc. must wear approved PFDs.

➤Powerboat operators must be at least 16 years old, or with an adult 18 or older, or have completed the USCG approved basic boating course.



➤PWC operators must be at least 16. 16-17 year old operators must complete USCG boating course, an additional PWC course, and must possess USCG Safety Certificate while operating.
➤Never operate water craft without lights at night.

➤Never moor in travel lanes.
➤Never operate under influence of alcohol or drugs.



➤In trouble? Distress signal is 5 short blasts or raise a red flag.➤For more detail on Massachusetts Boating Law visit www.glenecholake.org and click on <Boating Rules>.

We All Share the Same Front Yard!



Photograph by Jackie Nowak

The Glen Echo Lake Legacy Fund

Began by the family and friends of **Russell Smith** in memory of his passing in October of 2017, the GEIA unanimously voted in May, 2018, to continue this idea with the creation of this fund. The GEIA gratefully acknowledges the following generous donations given in loving memory:

2023
Mark and Debra Beaudry, in loving memory of **Mary Jane Regis** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
John Dorman, in loving memory of **Linda Denault** • George and Allison Howard, in loving memory of **Connie and Ken Johnson**
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Mark and Debra Beaudry, in loving memory of **William "Butch" Rand** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
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2020
Many donated in loving memory of **Ken Blackman**, in October 2020 for a total of **\$850.00** • Mark and Debra Beaudry • Dorothy Blackman
Robert Blackman • Sue Briody • John Phillips • Kevin Quirk • Thomas and Dev Reich • Allison and Steve Schur
Mark Beaudry, in loving memory of **June Lawrence** • Gayle Gionet, in loving memory of her parents, **Harold and Helen Gionet**
Joe Peak, in loving memory of **Jane Roberts** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russ Smith** • **Total Donated in 2020: \$1,075.00**

2019
Mark Beaudry, in loving memory of **Robert Doucette** • Anne McIntosh, in loving memory of **Russ Smith**
Rosilla Olson, in loving memory of her husband, **Edward Olson** • Joe Peak, in loving memory of **Jane Roberts** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russ Smith** • **Total Donated in 2019: \$405.00**

2018
Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
Susan Briody, in loving memory of lake resident, **June Lawrence** and in honor of Sue's friendship with her son, David and his wife, Dixie Lawrence
Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russell Smith** • **Total Donated in 2018: \$250.00**

2017
The GEIA gratefully acknowledges the following, who made generous donations in loving memory of **Russell Smith**, October, 2017.
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Fun(d)raising Report

Charged with raising funds to support lake management, the Lake Management and Weed Fund Fun(d)raising Committee may be the busiest arm of the GEIA, and its social director! Taking care of our lake helps preserve our real estate values, but it also greatly contributes to our collective sense of purpose. It is amazing what can be accomplished when we **work together** to achieve our stewardship goals. The **Dock-to-Dock Prize Raffle Drawing** held on Saturday, September 9th, and hosted by Helene Doucette became a summer-long event of **prize collecting and ticket sales** that typically culminates with a **floating concert**. Threat of **torrential rain** accompanied by tremendous **thunderstorms**, cancelled the concert, so the ticket drawing became a party unto itself. The **hardy souls** that attended anyway helped draw tickets and determine the winners' names. For more details about how the day did and did not go, please see *Pennies From Heaven* on page 10.

Our lake community thoroughly enjoyed the 4 consecutive **Poker Runs** that Gail

and Deane Olmsted hosted since 2019, and we will always be grateful for the tremendous work they put into designing the game to work with boaters. Last summer, it was time for others to pick up the cards and stack the decks. No one stepped up to take over hosting the event last summer, but Gail and Deane have saved everything to hand off to the next hosts to take over. If anyone is interested in hosting the event, there are many families ready to deal cards from their docks. Consider attending our **first meeting to plan the summer season of events on Tuesday, May 21st, at Sue Briody's home on 141 Sunset Drive.**

The **Legacy Fund** is another thoughtful way to donate in memory of loved ones. Published every year in our Spring Newsletter (*see above*) and on our web site (www.glenecholake.org) it is an **enduring way to turn grief into growth** by honoring the memories of loved ones.

What deserves a significant mention here are **your neighbors** who faithfully donate directly to the **Lake Management/Weed Fund** with every renewal of their annual **Membership**. Many of your neighbors donated over **\$4,750.00** directly without anticipating any accolades

or acknowledgment for their abiding generosity. **Forty percent of all monies raised** for the responsible stewardship of our lovely lake comes from their thoughtful and benevolent contributions.

2023 FUN(D)RAISING RESULTS	
Dock 2 Dock Prize Raffle.....	\$6,670.00
2023 Glen Echo Legacy Fund.....	\$475.00
2023 Direct Donations.....	\$4,757.00
2023 Total Funds Raised.....	\$11,902.00

We are so fortunate to have so many people step up and get involved who work so well together! **Bob Dean** and **Terry Buron** have agreed to host the **2024 Great Glen Echo Lake Corn Hole Tournament on Saturday, August 10**, rain date, Sunday, August 11. We love all of our **fun(d) raising events**, and hope to continue what has become a lake tradition with floating concerts! If we are lucky, we might get **Brian Lizotte** to perform with **Far From Eden** to perform for us at our **September 9th Dock-To-Dock Raffle and Concert!** Brian Lizotte and friends' ongoing generosity is essential to the success of our largest fun(d) raising event.

Thank you for all the good you do!

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Second Place-Boat #1 - Berberian Family - Peter Pan



Boat #5 - Morawski Family - Glen Echo Mermaid



Boat #6 - Olmsted Family
- The SS Minnow on a 3
Hour Tour



Boat #10 - White Family - USMC



Boat #8 - Majkut/Arnold
Family - Red, White, & Blue

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JUDGES!
Participating families:
Barber, Buron,
Corderre, Dostie,
Dussault, Nowak,
Roland, and
Selavkas

GLEN ECHO LAKE 4TH OF JULY 2023 BOAT PARADE

Photograph by Cheryl Barber



1st Place Winner - Boat #4- Creelman Family - Ice Cream Truck

Special Thanks to Parade Marshalls, Berberian Family and to Parade Photographers:
Cheryl Barber, Erin Berberian, Tara Mason, Sandra Mayer, Peggy McCarthy, and Frank Zappulla,

Third Place-Boat #9 - Burkitt Family - Captain America



Boat #3 - McCarthy Family - ZZ Top



Boat #2 - Mason Family - Patriots



Pennies From Heaven



The 2023 Dock-To-Dock Raffle and Concert did not go off without a hitch. The combined threat of torrential rain and thunderstorms kept **Far From Eden** far, far away from **Helene Doucette's** deck. Also missing was the floating audience of boaters and swimmers that would typically keep time with the rhythms of music and winning of prizes. Very much missed was the winners exuberant applause!

Surprisingly, the storms held off, as did the thunder. Undaunted, a few hardy souls braved the threat and helped **Sue Briody** draw numbers and identify prize winners while we ate and adult beverageed our way through **Helene's** appetizing potluck buffet. What first seemed might become a dimly dank duty turned out to be unexpected fun! **Working together** we sold 1635 tickests and raised \$6,670.00 for our lake management weed fund.

Our tenacious ticket salespeople; Marie Arsenault, Aaron Berberian, Brian Boria, Mike Bowie, Sue Briody, Terry Buron & Bob Dean, Nancy Coderre, Helene

Doucette, Andrea Dupell, Denise Fogarty, Toni Frascolla & Brian Lizotte, Karen & Steve Janes, Karen Levine, Anne McIntosh, Paul McManus, Joe & Shirley Peak, Jackie Nowak, John Phillips, Naomi Plante, Allison & Steve Schur, Matt Selavka, and Frank Zappulla, and our spectacular prize donors (see our prize brochure below) and are our **Pennies From Heaven**. This event would not have happened at all without every single one of you. **Thank you for all the good you do!**

And every time it rains, it rains And don't you know each cloud contains? Every time it rains, it rains And don't you know each cloud contains? You find your fortune falling All over town, all over town, all over town. Be sure your umbrella is upside down. ~Johnny Burke



2023 Dock-to-Dock PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING & CONCERT

Band: **Far From Eden**
TIPS gratefully accepted via **VENMO @Brian-Lizotte-17**

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RAIN DATE September 10

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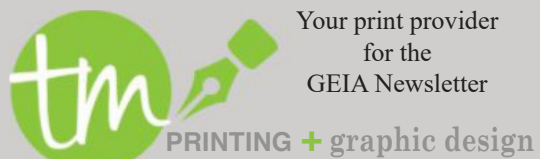
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Beaudry Family Boat got Jack-O-Lanterns!



Here come the Judd's as Santa and his elves!



Winnie the Pooh looks for Piglet, Roo, and Eeyore.



Berberian family boat collects fish net proceeds.



McGinn family boat on a candy cruise.



Boria's Boat hosts Bones on Board its skeletal crew and Minions, too!



Sue Dacey is at the helm with Kate, Nora, Ella, Gabby and Snoopy, aft.

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Arsenault's Addams Family won Best Dock! but this won best Arsenault Family Photo!



Burkitt's Won Best Boat on The Nightmare Before Christmas!



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These kiddos are tricking out for treats!



Denise Fogarty is with her grandchildren, Parker George, Joseph Fogarty, Elan, Arrieta and Sydney George.

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White perch



Bruins on the rampage!



Ann Fuess' grandson, Jordan Phelps ice fishes with Steve Leveillee

Photograph by Ann Fuess



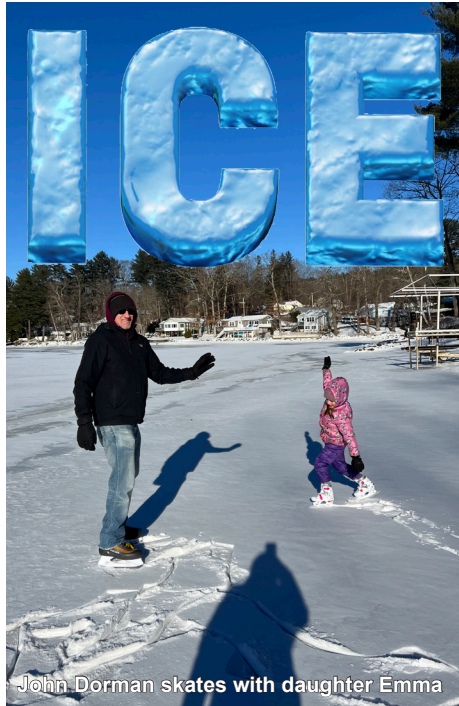
Mark Beaudry plays hockey with his son, Mark and grandsons, Cam and Nolan.

Photograph by Debra Beaudry

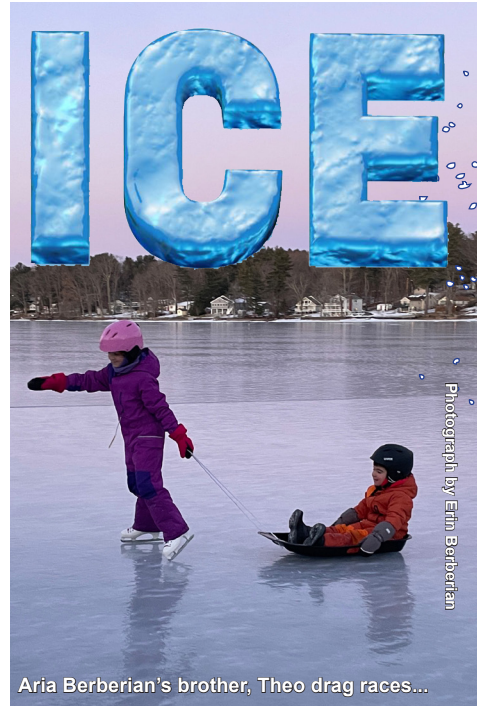


Catch of the day for large mouths!

Photograph by Ann Fuess



John Dorman skates with daughter Emma



Aria Berberian's brother, Theo drag races...

Photograph by Erin Berberian



Aria Berberian seizes this first ice skating day on the ice in two years!

Photograph by Erin Berberian



Jordan Phelps is with his big bass of the day.

Photograph by Ann Fuess



Katie Joiner catches a big bass!

Photograph by Bob Joiner



Carter Rafferty with his big mouth bass!



Katie Joiner catches a yellow perch!

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TJ Rafferty believes GE Gear catches more bass.

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When the red, red robin comes bob, bob, bobbin' along!



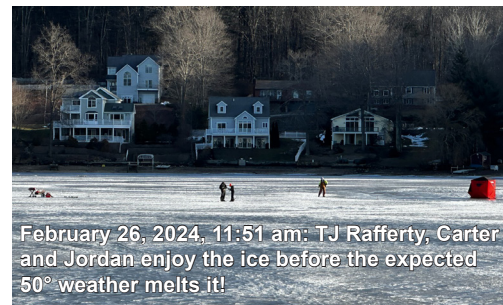
"We love you, Poppy!"

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Aria and Theo Berberian are out ice fishing with their Poppy, Richard Moore.

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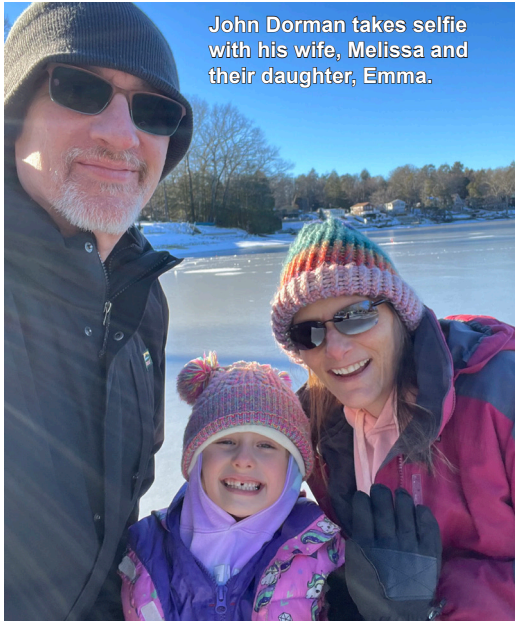


February 26, 2024, 11:51 am: TJ Rafferty, Carter and Jordan enjoy the ice before the expected 50° weather melts it!



Theo and Aria Berberian play hockey with their dad, Aaron.

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John Dorman takes selfie with his wife, Melissa and their daughter, Emma.



Erin Fogarty and her son, Elan Arrietta take the quad out on the ice.

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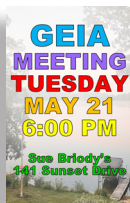
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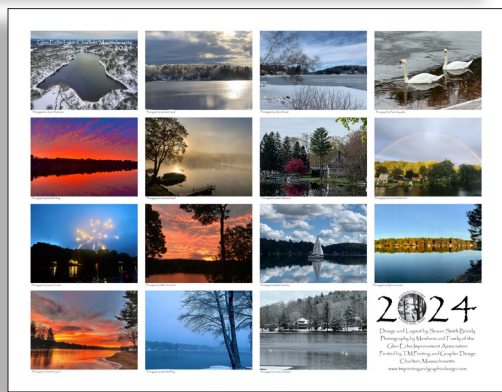


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Mark Your GEIA Calendar with 2024 Events!

- ❑ Earth Day GEIA Property Boat Ramp Cleanup, Saturday, April 27, (Rain Date April 28).
- ❑ Clothing orders by Friday, June 7, in time for 4th of July BBQ's and Friday, November 1, for Tournament commemorative T-shirts and Christmas Holiday Gift Giving, December delivery.
- ❑ First GEIA Meeting of the Year, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:00 pm, at Sue Briody's house!
- ❑ FREE Learn to Ski event near Memorial Day, TBD weather permitting!
- ❑ GEIA Meeting, Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 pm. D2D Raffle kickoff, ticket sales pamphlets and packets available at this meeting.
- ❑ 4th of July Boat Parade on Thursday the 4th at 4:00pm, gathering in the north end of the lake! Donate a D2D prize, buy D2D tickets, sell D2D tickets to your 4th of July Holiday Party guests!
- ❑ GEIA looks for someone to host the Glen Echo Poker Run, typically the first Saturday in August.
- ❑ Corn Hole Tournament with Connect 4 for the kiddies, Saturday, August 10 (Rain Date August 11), 10:00 am, hosted by Bob Deane & Terry Buron.
- ❑ Annual Pot Luck Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, August 27, 5:30 pm, maybe at YOUR HOUSE?
- ❑ Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle Drawing, and Floating Concert featuring Brian Lizotte, Saturday, September 7, (Rain Date September 8), 1:00 pm, in the north end of the lake!
- ❑ Dock or Treat by boat! Saturday, October 5 (Rain Date on October 6) 3:00-5:00 pm.
- ❑ Submit Photography for 2025 GEIA Calendar by Friday, October 25, suebriody@aol.com



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