

**GREAT LAKES SHORES**  
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**2024 NEWSLETTER**

Happy Spring! Everyone is probably looking forward to getting back to the lake, seeing how the cottage is, and enjoying lake friends and cottage life again.

**2024 Meetings:** All GLS meetings are held at our Clubhouse at 7168 Baker Rd.

Saturday, June 8, 2024: General Membership Meeting, 11:00 AM

Saturday, July 13, 2024: Annual Meeting and Nomination of Trustees, 11:00

AM Saturday, July 27, 2024: Election of Trustees, Noon - 2:00 PM

Saturday, August 24, 2024: General Membership Meeting, 11:00 AM

**Special Events:** Held at the GLS Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, May 26, 2024: Memorial Day Breakfast (GLS Clubhouse) 9 AM -

Noon Fourth of July Decorated Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade: Date and time

TBD Saturday, July 27, 2024: Annual Picnic, Noon - 2:00 PM

Halloween Party: Date & time TBD

**President's Message:** I have been appointed to be the President of the Great Lakes Shores Homeowner Association for 2024. There are serious obligations and responsibilities that go with this office. I will do my best to see that our neighborhood thrives and unites as a vibrant place to live. The attached newsletter spells out the GLS projects completed in 2023. I want to thank each and every Board member and Special Committee member for their tireless effort in seeing these projects to completion. Your time, effort, and devotion does not go unnoticed. I also want to thank our members for their kind and positive feedback on these projects. I'd like to welcome any new home owners and encourage you to go to our website and read our bylaws. Sincerely, Manny Mallia

**Projects Completed:** In 2023, we wrapped up the bluff repair and revitalization projects. Boulder placement was completed along the seawalls, providing a good support structure to hold the aging steel wall in place and capture sand as it gets brought in by the waves. A wide, crushed limestone pathway was created on top of the seawall, making a walking path to allow people to access whatever area of the beach they want. Stairs were replaced with new or repaired ones, some with new concrete pads. (All beach stairs will be sandblasted and repainted in 2024.) A new information sign board was placed at Huron Bay, and a kayak rack was set up on the beach at Huron Bay; both of these were built by a volunteer. A railing was also constructed along the sloping entrance and stairs leading to the Huron Bay beach, making it safer for everyone to walk down to the beach.

**Kayak Rack:** Last year we installed a kayak rack at the Huron Bay beach. Spaces are available to rent for your kayaks on a first come, first served basis. The rack was very popular, and all spaces were rented out early. We are considering building a second rack if there's enough interest. In the meantime, get your reservations in as early as you can, by visiting the GLS website to fill out a kayak rental form.

**Beaches:** The beaches are coming back at last! This is partly due to lake levels going down, but also because of our efforts at minimizing shoreline erosion. Please help keep the beaches nice by taking your trash away with you. We provide a trash can at the top of every beach, so it should be easy to do. Members are also reminded that dogs are welcome on the beach! But please remember that there are specific hours to bring your dogs down: before 8 am and after 8 pm. This should be plenty of time to get a good walk in on the beach with your dog buddies. Please don't do it during the hours families and kids are at the beach.

**Clubhouse Rental:** The GLS Clubhouse is available to rent by our members. It's a nice space at a reasonable price, so please consider taking advantage of it! To schedule an event at the clubhouse, a signed agreement (available on our website) and a refundable deposit are required.

**Volunteers Needed:** Many thanks go out to Boni Lillibridge for providing delicious meals for the Memorial Day Breakfast and annual picnic, and to Jason Pileri for his willingness to do repairs at the clubhouse and special projects like building the new sign board and kayak rack. There are a lot of projects that could use volunteers, from cleanup days at Mill Creek to emptying the 4 trash cans on the bluff. Please let us know if you can pitch in on projects, either by sending an email, or talking to board members at any meeting.

**Bluff Trimming:** Members are reminded that no one is allowed to trim, cut, damage, or remove any vegetation, or to plant anything on the bluff, parkways, or clubhouse grounds without prior authorization. Limited trimming is allowed, so long as no trees are removed, and all vegetation is left at 36 inches high. If you would like to trim or hire someone to trim, you must contact the board in writing and receive instructions and written permission before proceeding.

**GLS Dues:** A reminder that your annual GLS dues (dues notices included with this newsletter) are **due by May 1st**. If the dues are not received by then, you will be charged up to a \$100 late fee. If you continue to accumulate dues and late fees, a Lien will be placed on your property once you owe \$500. Even if you owe past Dues or already have a Lien, you can keep it from adding up any further by paying the current year's dues.

**Your 2024 GLS Board:**

Manny Mallia, President  
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