

GOLA Newsletter

Spring 2026

GOLA Purpose Statement

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the general welfare of the property owners and residents of Goodrich and O'Brien Lakeshore, especially with respect to the natural resources associated with Goodrich and O'Brien.

Upcoming GOLA Events:

📅 GOLA Meeting: Saturday, 5/23 @9am
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Upcoming Non-GOLA Events:

📅 Lake O'Brien 4th of July Boat Parade
Date/Time = TBD

📅 Lake Goodrich 4th of July Boat Parade
Date/Time = TBD

📅 Lake stock Fish Fundraiser on O'Brien
at the Anderson's -*More Info to Come!*

Notes from the Treasurer

Dues forms will be available at the upcoming Memorial Day meeting and at the 'Y' off Bonnie Lakes Road on the bulletin board.

As a reminder, please complete a full membership document each year when submitting your GOLA dues. This allows membership details to stay as up to date as possible. These documents are used for auditing our records when reviewing funding allocations. Dues will remain \$20 per household for 2026.

Fish Stocking

Fish stocking donations are also being accepted throughout 2026 for the fall stocking this year (stock every other year). When donating, please indicate the lake you are associated with, so your stocking contribution is allocated to that specific lake. Our goal for fish stocking is \$5500.

Minimal budget changes occurred over the winter months 2025-2026. Updated balance amounts will be shared at the Memorial Day meeting.

Loon Nesting

There have been numerous reports of loon activity between both lakes this Spring! Please make sure to keep a safe distance from the loons, their offspring and nesting areas.

Thank you to both Mark Erickson and Larry Johnson for their continued management of the nesting platforms.

Camp Cuyuna

According to the Twin Valley Council the Boy Scout camp on Goodrich is going to be listed with a realtor towards the end of May or early June. The property is protected by conservation easements, specifically the lots on Goodrich. Whoever buys the property must adhere to these easements.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and the DNR or other organization that permanently limits the lands use to protect the natural resources, availability for habitat, agricultural, forest, recreational, or open-space use. Both the Boy Scouts' ranger and the Land Services office have confirmed no development of any kind may take place on the lots adjacent to Goodrich.

Reminders

Walkers

Summer brings with it an increase in pedestrian traffic on our road. Be mindful of your speed. Safe walking practices are to walk facing oncoming traffic.

Wake Awareness

Check out the DNRs wake awareness website.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/own-your-wake.html>

Crow Wing Power Right-of-Way Work

Crow Wing Power will be clearing brush & trees interfering with any power lines. Trees will be pruned for up to 7 years of clearance. For 2026, Tamarack Road and Bonnie Lakes Lane have been identified for clearing. The cleanup will be the property owner's responsibility. No specific dates have been shared yet.

GOLA Bulletin Board at the 'Y'

Bonnie Lakes Road & Tamarack Rd

Check the bulletin board throughout the Spring-Fall months for copies of the latest newsletter/dues forms. Please watch for announcements too.

Purple Loosestrife

Reminder to pull and discard by either burning or putting into your garbage can as it continues to spread around both lakes.

Crosslake Decontamination Station

We do our best to keep our lakes clean and clear of any invasive species or plants. Please consider using the decontamination station in town when traveling in from other bodies of water. It is free to use and takes about 15 minutes or less.

Staffed Friday – Sunday from 9am to 6pm
Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility (13870 Whipple Dr; Crosslake).
Phone: 218-824-1142

A special thank you to all GOLA officers and board members for your continued participation and support. Your dedication and work help maintain the general welfare and beauty of our lakes.

Board Officers

Co-Chair Goodrich: Mark Erickson

Co-Chair, O'Brien: Jamie Weise

Secretary: Liz Luskey

Treasurer: Sue Borne

Board Members

Goodrich: Jane Haubrich & Steve Hoch

O'Brien: David Anderson & Sylvia Ergen

Handy Links & Phone Numbers

GOLA Facebook Group

Lake O'Brien & Goodrich Lake Association

URL: facebook.com, search by name to join

City of Crosslake website:

URL: www.cityofcrosslake.org/

P: 218-692-2688

Fairfield Township Website:

URL: www.fairfieldmn.com

Own Your Wake Website

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/own-your-wake.html>

Loon Center

URL: www.nationallooncenter.org

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers

URL: www.mnlakesandrivers.org

WAPOA

URL: wapoa.org

Minnesota Boating Guide

<https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regularegul/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf>

DNR – Fire Restrictions

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html

