

**Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
33325 N. Sears Boulevard, Wildwood, IL 60030
Monday, September 15th, 2025, 7:00pm
In-Person at Rule House**

Consistent with the requirements of the Illinois Compiled Statutes
5 ILCS 120/1 through 120/6 (Open Meetings Act), notices of this meeting were posted.
Location of the meeting: Rule House, 33325 N. Sears Boulevard, Wildwood, IL 60030

AGENDA

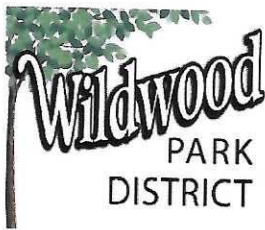
- I. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, September 15th, 2025**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Monday, August 18th, 2025**
 - B. Minutes of the Closed Session – Monday, August 18th, 2025**
- V. Matters from the Public**
- VI. Financial Report**
- VII. WSRA**
- VIII. GLCC Report**
- IX. Valley Lake Report**
 - I. Any Illinois Wildlife Removal and Relocation Invoice for Approval Valley Lake Fish Kill**
- X. Staff Reports**
 - A. Recreation/Administration**
 - B. Maintenance**
 - I. Lake County Tree Initiative**
 - C. Marketing/Promotions**
 - D. Park Safety**
- XI. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Willow Point Park Shoreline Stabilization Project**
 - B. Sunset Park ADA Accessible Pathway Project Bids for Approval**
- XII. New Business**
 - A. Review of Memorial Tree Donation Request**
 - B. PDRMA Health Program Membership Renewal Term**
- XIII. Other Business**
- XIV. Matters from the Public**
- XV. Closed Session**
 - A. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) Personnel**
- XVI. Adjournment**

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TO: Board of Commissioners
CC: All Staff
FROM: Brandon Magnini, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Board Packet Attachments and Agenda Items
DATE: September 15th, 2025

Good afternoon, Commissioners,

Please find below a brief explanation on the following Board attachments that correlate with the agenda items for the Monday, September 15th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:

GLCC Report: Attached you will find the Agenda and Financials from the GLCC's September 10th meeting as well as the minutes from their May 14th meeting. Also included is a timeline provided by TIGRIS of the Sonar applications throughout this season that have taken place.

Valley Lake Report:

Attached you will find ILM's post-treatment report from 9/2. ILM did not treat on 8/25 or 8/26 due to shared concerns with WPD over the extremely low dissolved oxygen levels after the fish kill. ILM also completed their contractually obligated lake water quality report which is attached here. As always, I have shared the treatment reports and updates with the residents around Valley Lake as I receive them.

Maj Kowalski, our volunteer lake monitor has shared her reports from late August (the week after the fish kill) attached here. She continues to be in contact with the Health Department to monitor the lake conditions and keep WPD in the loop.

Attached is documentation and dissolved oxygen testing results from the Lake County Health Department and ILM the week of the fish kill along with correspondence with the IDNR regarding the situation and their findings.

Finally, two additional documented fish kills in the northern IL region from this summer are included in the packet (Antioch and Oak Forest Lagoon). Commissioner Corrigan also forwarded to me a posting of a suspected fish kill this summer at Turtlehead Lake in Palos Heights.

I. Any Illinois Wildlife Removal and Relocation Invoice for Approval Valley Lake Fish Kill

An invoice for \$6,090.00 to be paid for the removal and disposition of the dead fish from Valley Lake is attached. Any Illinois Wildlife Removal and Relocation was contracted to complete the work. The removal took place in shifts over a 3 day period from Thursday-Saturday.

X. Staff Reports

B. Maintenance – Lake County Tree Initiative: Attached is an excerpt from a Lake County Sustainability Program webinar covering a tree planting program for local government municipalities. The application process (for which I submitted several of our park sites for consideration by the September 11th deadline) was completed online. The attached covers eligibility requirements, the scope of work that would be completed, and requirements for the awarded municipal body to maintain the trees for a three-year period.

Unfinished Business:

A. Willow Point Park Shoreline Stabilization

Attached is a Letter for Comment from the US Army Core of Engineers sent out to various IL regulatory agencies including the EPA to allow those bodies to respond with comments to the permit application and project. Per the letter, the Chicago Branch of the USACOE has concluded that this project would only have minimal impact on the shoreline environment and does not interfere with wetlands, waterflow, water quality, endangered species, or historic properties, . This letter was sent out on August 28th and per the letter is allowing 10 days for those bodies to provide comment.

Also attached is the submitted alternate (bisectional perpendicular view) of the cross-section of the shoreline stabilization below the Ordinary High Water Mark that the US Army Core of Engineers requested in respect to how the rip rap and boulders will be installed. The revised plan map incorporates changes the Board desired to see including the allowance of a 6' wide unprotected space east of the swim beach to allow dogs/kayaks into the water.

Please note that a vendor cannot be approved until a) the permits are all greenlit and b) that determination on estimated project cost will required a sealed bid process. I have put together a preliminary bid packet/RFP for the Willow shoreline stabilization project attached here for Board review.

B. Sunset Park Accessible ADA Pathway Project

Please find attached a memorandum detailing the summary and evaluation of bids received for the Sunset ADA Path and Staff recommendation for bid award at the Monday, September 15th, 2025 Regular Meeting. Possible budget sources to fund this project is included. Kathy and I thoroughly reviewed the numbers and budget areas where the funds should be utilized from.

In addition, correspondence with a PE firm with their recommendation on bid award is included. Kathy and I reached out to a multitude of PE firms with an RFP to put together an engineering estimate. The firms that responded indicated that for the size of this project that was already in a design-build format that an engineering estimate would not be feasible, nor did they have the availability to put together a general contractor's estimate. Recommendation from the PE firm was to forgo any re-bidding the project.

Finally, a letter to the Gagewood Lions Club seeking their input and potential financial assistance for the project is included. I will be presenting this information at the Lions September 22nd business meeting.

New Business

A. Review of Memorial Tree Donation Request

Please find attached an application for a memorial tree donation for a Red Oak at Pebble Beach Park (first choice) to review. Staff are following up with the requestor to send them the updated donation form with the plaque cost information.

B. PDRMA Health Program Membership Renewal Term

Please find a letter addressed to the Wildwood Park District from PDRMA CEO Brett Davis. The letter is informing the District that the District's membership term in PDRMA's Health Program expires 4/1/2026. Membership in the Health Program will automatically renew for another three-year term period unless we notify PDRMA 120 days in advance of that expiration date. Staff recommendation would be to remain in the PDRMA Health Program and make no changes to the current automatic membership renewal terms. If the Board decides to terminate the health membership, a voted upon resolution is required to submit to PDRMA no later than 12/2/2025.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brandon Magnini

Brandon Magnini, Executive Director

Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Blvd, Wildwood, IL 60030
August 18, 2025, 7:00 PM

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. **Roll Call:**
Present: Commissioners Becky Jante, Matt Brueck, Anna Nelson, Dan Corrigan, Doug Dietzen
Absent: None
- Park District Staff Present:** Brandon Magnini, Executive Director via telephone, Kathy Atkins, Accountant.
- Motion to appoint Secretary Pro Tempore:**
President Jante entertained a motion to appoint Kathy Atkins as the Board Secretary Pro Tempore in the taking of meeting minutes in the absence of Board Secretary Brandon Magnini for the Monday, August 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Wildwood Park District
So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. All in favor, motion carried.
- III. **Approval of Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, August 18, 2025**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of the Wildwood Park District of Monday, August 18, 2025, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Dietzen, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, July 21, 2025**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, July 21, 2025, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Brueck. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Matters from the Public**
No audience members present and no emails with questions received.
- VI. **Financial Report**
The Financial Report was read. President Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.
- Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2025**
The Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report was presented. President Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Brueck. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. **WSRA**

The car wash held on August 7th was well attended. Director Magnini attended the BBQ event on July 31 and made many good connections with WSRA staff. Next meeting scheduled for September 22nd.

VIII. **GLCC**

We paid our half of the approved cost for the Sonar Treatment of Gages Lake to GLCC. Staff from IL EPA were on the water taking water samples. It will take them about two years to complete their studies. We will not be sent the results but will need to check their website for them.

IX. **Valley Lake Report**

Review and discussion on information provided in the board packet regarding lake treatment from ILM and Marge Kowalski. Concerns with the water quality and dead fish. Director Magnini will continue to work with the lake treatment contractor ILM.

X. **Staff Reports**

- A. **Recreation/Administration** – report was read. Discussion
- B. **Maintenance** – report was read. Discussion
- C. **Marketing/Promotions** – report was read. Discussion
- D. **Park Safety** – report was read. Discussion

XI. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Willow Point Park Shoreline Stabilization Project**

Project will require sealed bidding as it is expected to exceed the \$30,000 legal threshold. Board likes the fallen willow tree at the water's edge and plan on leaving it in place. Discussion on boulder size as the larger 36" boulders are proving difficult to procure. Leave an area near the beach for kayaks to be launched. Director Magnini will continue working on the permit process with USAOE.

B. **Sunset Park ADA Accessible Pathway Project Bids for Approval**

Sealed bid opening was held on Friday, August 15, 2025. Four bids were received. Discussion. Due to the range of pricing, the district will seek a post bid engineering estimate and postpone the awarding of a contract for this project. Director Magnini and Kathy Atkins will work to notify the bidders and obtain a PE to provide the engineering estimate.

XII. **New Business**

A. **2026 Wildwood Park District Regular Board Meeting Dates for Review**

Commissioner Nelson prepared a suggestion of dates for 2026 board meetings. Discussion. The suggested dates were accepted with the exception of August. The date for the August meeting will be on Monday, August 17, 2026.

XIII. **Other Business** – None

XIV. **Matters from the Public** – None

XV. **Closed Session** – The Board entered into Closed Session at 8:14PM

President Jante entertained a motion that pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2 of the Open Meetings Act, the Board will enter Closed Session to discuss Personnel as mandated by Section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/2 C(1). Those present during the Closed Session will include all commissioners, and Kathy

Atkins. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Nelson. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

XVI. Return to Open Session

President Jante entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 8:25 PM. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. All in favor, motion carried.

XVII. Adjournment

President Jante entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, August 18, 2025, at 8:25 PM. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Pro Tempore
Board of Park Commissioners

Date:

President
Board of Park Commissioners

Date:

GLCC Meeting Outline
September 10, 2025

Meeting Call To Order Rob Flood, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Public Comment

Secretary's Report Rachael Klabunde

- a. Minutes from May 14, 2025 meeting

Treasurers Report Marianne Porreca

Old Business

1. Weed Control for 2025
 - a. Sonar treatment for E. milfoil and curly pondweed application date 5/1.
 - b. Sonar treatment summary handout.
2. Spring Fish Stocking
 - a. April 14 Keystone Fisheries stocked 250 SMB
 - b. Smallmouth Bass 4-6" 5.63 each total \$1406 split cost with WPD
 - c. Walleye and N. Pike to be stocked in October.
3. Lake plant and carp composting program
 - a. Update.
4. Adopt A Highway clean up
 - a. September 17 at 6pm.
 - b. Meet at C'Mon Inn
5. Plant ID Paddle
 - a. Alana B. from LCHD did a plant paddle on Aug. 26
 - b. Plants ID'd included: Sago Pondweed, Eurasian Milfoil, Water Stargrass, Large Leaf Pondweed, White Water Lillie, American Pondweed and Chara.
6. Shoreline Cleanup
 - a. June Recap.
7. Any Other Old Business.

New Business

1. GLCC Logo
 - a. Hats and shirts with GLCC logo
 - b. Additional inventory for sale

2. Harvest Fest

- a. September 27.
- b. Todd S. to lead
- c. Approval for \$ for prizes
- d. Minnow Races and Information Table
- e. Need volunteers to help.

3. ILMA POD

- a. Would like to host a meeting at Gages Lake in October.
- b. More info. To come.

4. Illinois EPA Water Quality Sampling Program

5. Any Other New Business?

GLCC Projects/Goals for 2025

- Weed Control Spring 2025 – April 2025
- Carp Derby – May 31, 2025
- Shoreline Cleanup – June 1, 2025
- Adopt A Highway clean up – Sept. 17
- WPD Harvest Fest Sept.27
- Fish stocking – Fall 2025
- Public Relations/Education – GLCC section on WPD Website/Facebook Page
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Adjournment

Next meeting date – October 8, 2025

From: Marianne porreca <marporreca@sbcglobal.net>

Date: September 9, 2025 at 10:55:44 AM CDT

To: robkimflood@comcast.net

Subject: Treasurer report

Balance 5/25
Misc 20923.46
Algae 1158.00
Stamps 12.00
Total 22093.46

Expenses
Stamps 3.60
Carp derby 250.00
Rachel, hats shirts 788.50
Tigris 28880.00
Total 29922.10

Income
Donations 1076.00
Dady & Decker 1000.00
Idlewild 550.00
Allen Farm 350.00
Wildwood treatment half 14440.00
Shirts/hats 179.00
Total 17595.00

Balance as of 9/9
Misc 8349.96
Algae 1158.00
Lily pads 250.00
Stamps 8.40
Total 9766.36

Started Lily pads because of request from donation received of 250.00

Its family weekend for my grandson's college leaving Wednesday morning.

Received nothing from kayak poker run.
Sent from my iPhone Marianne Porreca

Rob Flood

From: Rob Flood <robkimflood@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 9:23 AM
To: Rob Flood
Subject: Fwd: Gages Lake- 2025 Lake Management Timeline
Attachments: Gages Lake- BioBase Map 5.1.2025.pdf

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Sent from Rob's iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jen Biancalana <jbiancalana@tigrisusa.com>
Date: September 8, 2025 at 3:35:08 PM CDT
To: Rob Flood <robkimflood@comcast.net>
Subject: Gages Lake- 2025 Lake Management Timeline

Hi Rob

Thank you for your message this morning. I have provided the timeline below for this year's Sonar AS program. Please let me know if you need additional information for your GLCC meeting on Wednesday

May

- 5-1-25 Initial application at 6ppb & Lakewide BioBase survey
- 5-8-25 FasTest collection: 4.7ppb and 4.8 ppb- No bump per SePRO
- 5-29-25 FasTest collection: 3.1ppb and 3.0 ppb- No bump per SePRO

June

- 6-16-25 FasTest collection: 2.4ppb and 2.2 ppb- SePRO recommends bump application at 2ppb
- 6-25-25 Bump application at 2ppb

July

- 7-30-25 FasTest collection: 1.8ppb and 1.7 ppb and rake survey- Program completed

August

- 8-28-25 Rob Flood reported EWM presence/verified by Alana Bartolai- SePRO recommends 4ppb bump application

September

- 9-2-25 Bump application at 4ppb
- TBD FasTEST collection will be taken week of 9-16-25

Thank you!

GLCC Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

NAME	TITLE
Rob Flood	President
Todd Schara	Vice President
Marianne Porreca	Treasurer
Rachael Klabunde	Secretary
Brandon Magnini	Executive Director of WPD
Doug Dietzen	Commissioner of WPD Board of Commissioners
Attendees:	Joe Losser, Jeff and Lynn Frye, Skip Neiberger, Steve Gerzel, Kelly and Eric Moore, Bill Moss, Garry Grzelak

- Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
- Pledge of Allegiance

SECRETARY REPORT:

- Rachael passed out 04/09/25 meeting minutes – reviewed by attendees
- ❖ Motion to approve minutes by Brandon Magnini, seconded by Todd Schara and approved by all at 7:07pm

TREASURER REPORT:

- Balance as of May 2025:
 - Miscellaneous: \$20,923.46
 - Algae \$ 1,158.00
 - Stamps \$ 12.00
 - **Total: \$22,093.46**
- ❖ Motion to approve report by Todd Schara, seconded by Joe Losser, all in favor at 7:10PM

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Weed Control for 2025:
 - a. Sonar treatment for Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Pondweed application on May 1st
 - b. Fast test ran on May 8th – showed Sonar conc. of 4.7 and 4.8 (4.0 target)
 - c. Irrigation restriction during the entire treatment program
 - d. Committee will still need to monitor/treat for other nuisance plants
2. Spring Fish Stocking
 - a. April 14 – Keyston Fisheries stocked 250 SMB
 - i. 4-6" @ \$5.63ea totaling \$1,406
 - a. Split cost with WPD
3. Save Our Soil, LLC (lake plant and carp composting program)
 - a. WPD and GLCC to partner with for pilot composting

- b. Manage and oversee pilot composting project to address carp culls and lake week
 - c. Will assemble the compost units during the DNR carp cull
 - d. Will regularly monitor temperature and odor
 - e. Preliminary report will be provided in December 2025
 - f. Follow up addendum in Spring 2026
 - g. Runs from May-November '25
 - h. Screening and breakdown in Spring 2026
 - i. All equipment provided by Save Our Soil, LLC
4. Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up
- a. It took place on April 23rd
 - b. Appreciate all the help from the community
5. Any other old business:
- a. Bonfire Grill – first fundraiser at end of June

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. GLCC Logo
 - a. Hats and shirts with GLCC Logo
 - b. Additional inventory for sale
- ❖ Motion to approve spending not to exceed \$500 (hats, visors and t-shirts (men/women/kids)) by Todd Schara, seconded by Joe Losser and approved by all at 7:28pm
- 2. Carp Derby
 - a. May 31st from 9am-12pm
 - b. Todd Schara to lead
 - c. Approval of \$100 for prizes
 - d. Heaviest carp, any age group, wins \$50
 - e. Chicago's Greatest Bass Club weighing the fish
 - f. Pizzeria DeVille will be on-site
 - g. Need volunteers
 - h. Coordinate carp disposal with WPD
- ❖ Motion to approve \$100 spend on prizes by Steve Gerzel, seconded by Joe Losser and approved by all at 7:30pm
- 3. Shoreline Clean-Up
 - a. June 1st at 9am
 - b. Todd Schara to lead
 - c. Meet at Sunset Park
 - 4. Illinois EPA Water Quality Sampling Program
 - a. Doing water sampling (dissolve oxygen, e-coli bacteria, chlorides, etc.)
 - b. Water parameters and quality
 - c. Management recommendations
 - d. Aquatic plant survey
 - e. Shoreline survey
 - f. Will provide a report that Rob will share at future meeting

- 5. Any other new business?
 - a. Eric Moore – Boy Scout Eagle Project
 - i. Looking for a project – GLCC and WPD to work offline to develop projects

GLCC PROJECTS & GOALS FOR 2025:

Goal	Status
Weed control Spring '25	April 2025
Carp Derby	May 31, 2025
Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-Up	April 23, 2025
Shoreline clean-up	June 1, 2025
Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-Up	
WPD Harvest Fest	September 27, 2025
Fish stocking (Fall 2025)	
Public relations/education – GLCC Facebook page and WPD Website	Ongoing

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Todd Schara, seconded by Joe Losser and approved by all at 8:02pm

NEXT MEETING:

TBD



SERVICE REPORT

Site Valley Lake (Wildwood Park Dist) Date Sep 2, 2025
 Service Task Description Algae Control Visit 8
 Personnel CJR
 Wind WSW Direction 1 Air Temps 76 Sky Partial Clouds
 Signs Posted No Equipment Used Spray Boat
 Waterfall N/A Water Supply N/A Aeration Working

Pond # & Size	Product	Amount	Target Plant	DO (MG/L)	Temp (C)	PH	Secchi (feet)	Level
Valley Lake 12	Citrine Plus	2.50 gal	Planktonic Cyanobacteria, Lyngbya	16.58	23.8		1.2	Normal/Slightly Low

COMMENTS

A temperature and dissolved oxygen profile was collected on the north end of the lake in the deeper area.

The amount of planktonic cyanobacteria has drastically declined since the previous algae visit, and Secchi disk readings increased slightly as well. Overall, the lake had a slight olive color to it.

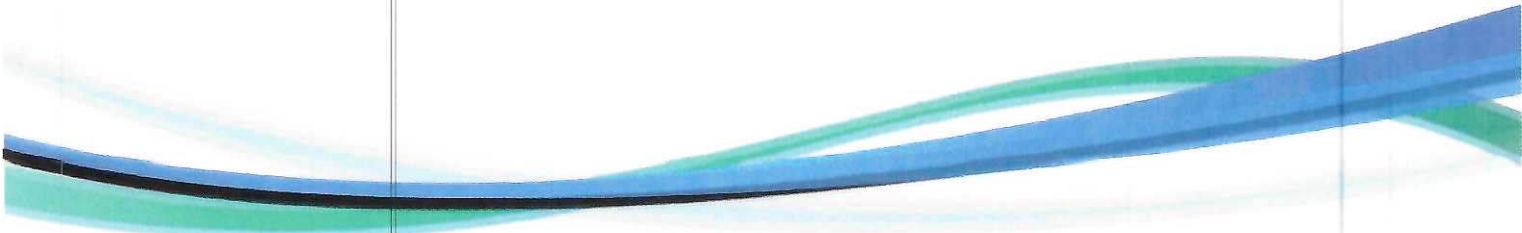
A majority of the planktonic cyanobacteria present has congregated down wind on the south end near the beach. Additionally, Lyngbya was also observed on this end of the lake, a species of algae not previously observed this season.

Given the recent fish kill event, a conservative application was made relative to the size of the lake.

Treatment area focused on the southern end near the beach were a majority of the planktonic cyanobacteria and Lyngbya was congregating.

Next season it is recommended that algae treatments start sooner in the year, and that phosphorus mitigation activities take place.

Report By Chris Ryan





July 2025 Valley Lake Water Quality Report

PREPARED FOR: Wildwood Park District

PREPARED BY:
ILM ENVIRONMENTS
August 19, 2025

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Introduction

The focus of this analysis is Valley Lake in Gages Lake, IL. Concerns about algae blooms and overall ecological quality of the lake have prompted requests for a baseline water quality assessment. On July 10, 2025, ILM staff performed diagnostic tests and collected water samples at the deepest point of the lake. Depth profiles were recorded using an Aqua Troll 700 multiparameter sonde that took readings at 1-ft increments. At the time of the visit, the temperature was 81° F. An east wind was blowing at 9 mph. Prior to the visit, Gages Lake, IL had experienced 1.80" of rainfall between July 6th and 7th according to the USGS.

This report includes the following:

- General observations
- Water quality testing results
- Management recommendations

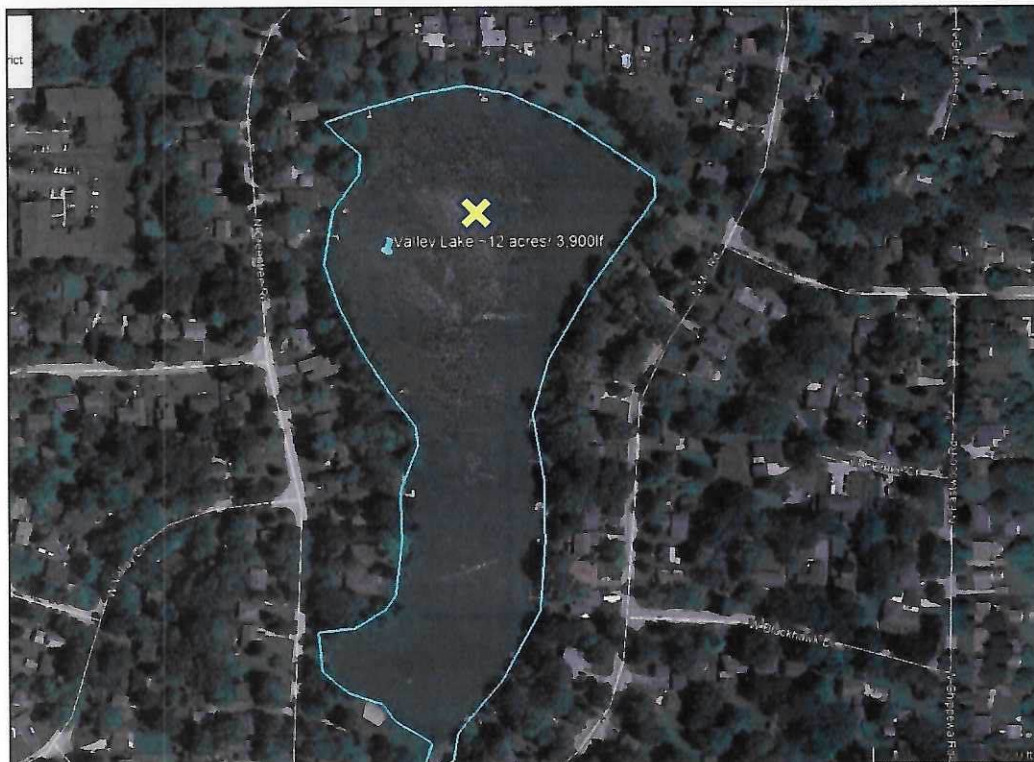


Figure 1. Overview map of Valley Lake with sampling site marked with a yellow "X"

Observations

The following observations were made during the site visit:

- The middle of the lake had a green color with spots of turquoise film on the surface (Photo 1).
- Filamentous green algae was growing along the shoreline. The dominant growth was *Cladophora spp.* (Photo 2).
- Observed aquatic flora included native Horned Pondweed (*Zannichellia palustris*), Giant Duckweed (*Spirodela polyrhiza*), Common Duckweed (*Lemna minor*), American Pondweed (*Potamogeton nodosus*), and invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) (Photo 4).
- The anchor pulled up abundant dark, muddy sediment from the test point.
- The color of the water prompted a microscope analysis of a sample run through a plankton tow. The cyanobacteria *Anabaena spp.* was observed as the dominant presence.

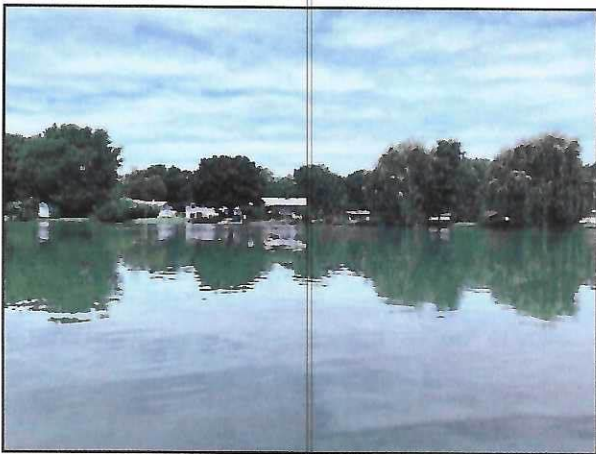


Photo 1. Valley Lake on 7-10-25



Photo 2. Shoreline algae growth



Photo 3. Native flora growth on the shoreline

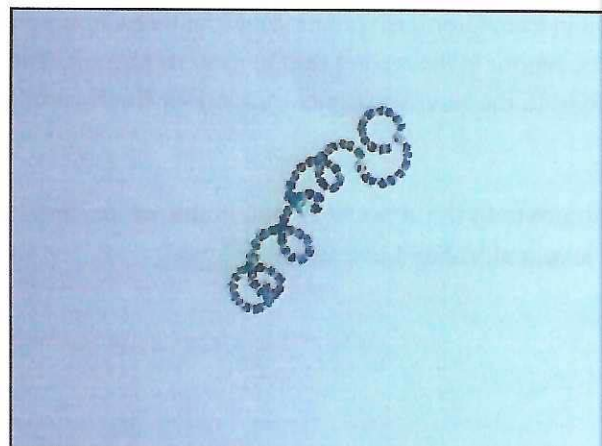


Photo 4. *Anabaena spp.* cyanobacteria under microscope

Depth Profile

Depth profiles were collected at each test site to measure the dissolved oxygen, temperature, conductivity, and pH throughout the water column. The recorded total depth the test site was 9.0ft.

The Secchi reading, which records light visibility through the water column, was 1.6ft. There is no Illinois state standard regarding water clarity, though the IDPH recommends a 4ft visibility for safe swimming. The clarity of water is affected by the amount of sediment, phytoplankton, zooplankton, and organic particles present in the water column, and directly affects the capability of plant growth.

Dissolved oxygen levels ranged from 16.18 – 0.33 mg/L. Oxygen levels dropped sharply and steadily after 6ft below the surface. Concentrations below 5.0 mg/L can be stressful to aquatic life and result in fishkills. Dissolved oxygen levels at Valley Lake remained above this recommended concentration until 7ft below the surface.

Temperature ranged from 29.6°C – 16.8°C, slowly decreasing with depth before sharply dropping upon reaching the sediment-water interface.

pH was generally stable throughout the water column, starting to slightly decrease with depth around the thermocline between 6-7ft below the surface. pH was within the range of 6 - 9 that is optimal for aquatic life.

Alkalinity measures the buffering capacity of a pond, which is the ability to “buffer” the water from significant changes in acidity. Normal alkalinity for this region is about 90-250 mg/L. Alkalinity at Valley Lake was within this range at 155 mg/L.

Conductivity measures the water’s ability to conduct an electric current and is related to the total dissolved inorganic chemicals in the water (i.e., chloride). Most lakes and ponds in the area are lower than 1,200 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ in midsummer, but may be higher in the spring due to road salt runoff. The conductivity at Valley Lake averaged 1,282 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, which is very close to the average concentration for freshwater in the regions this time of year.

Chloride measures the amount of salt in the water, and is usually tested in lakes as an indicator of human activity. Chloride levels at Valley Lake were 310 mg/L

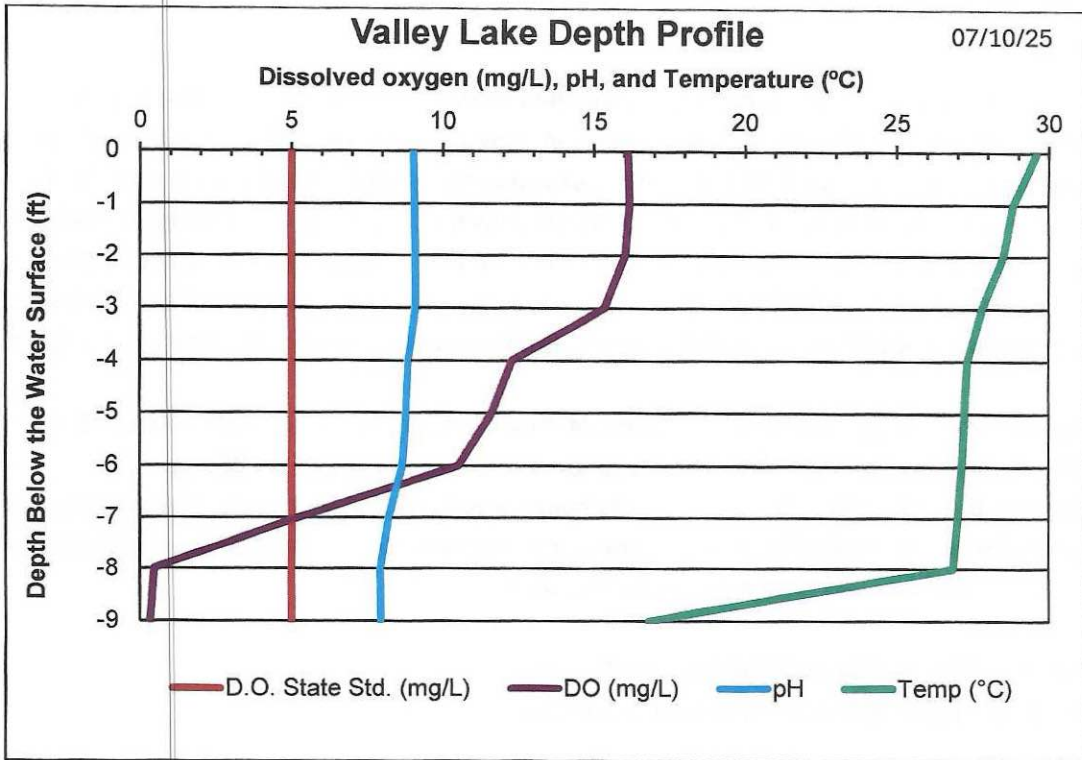


Figure 2. Depth profile of Valley Lake

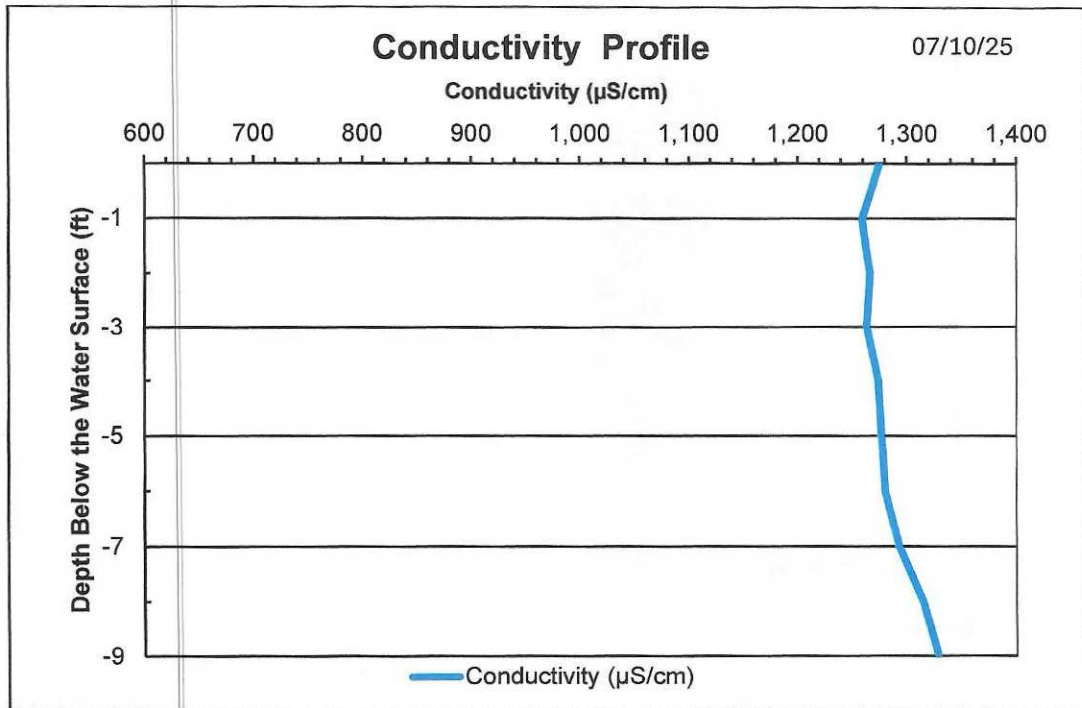


Figure 3. Conductivity profile of Valley Lake

Phosphorus

Phosphorus is a vital nutrient for regulating plant and algae growth. It comes from various sources, including years of fertilizer runoff, atmospheric deposition, decomposing vegetation, soil erosion, animal waste, and internal loading from sediment. When excessive concentrations build up in a waterbody, phosphorus can lead to nuisance aquatic plant and algae growth and degrade the ecological health of the pond system. Additionally, increases in toxic cyanobacteria blooms are linked directly to nutrient pollution. Excess plant growth caused by high nutrient concentrations can lead to a hazardous depletion in dissolved oxygen levels when plants die off and decompose, causing potentially resulting in a fish kill.

Total phosphorus (TP) represents a sum of all forms of phosphorus in the water, both dissolved and particulate. The Illinois state standard for total phosphorus for surface waters is 0.05 mg/L.

Orthophosphorus is the dissolved inorganic form of phosphorus that can be easily utilized by plants and algae. No standard exists for orthophosphorus; however, many lake studies have noted that levels above 0.01 mg/L contribute to increased frequency of algae blooms.

Total Phosphorus at Valley Lake was measured at 0.11mg/L

Orthophosphorus at Valley Lake was measured at 0.003mg/L

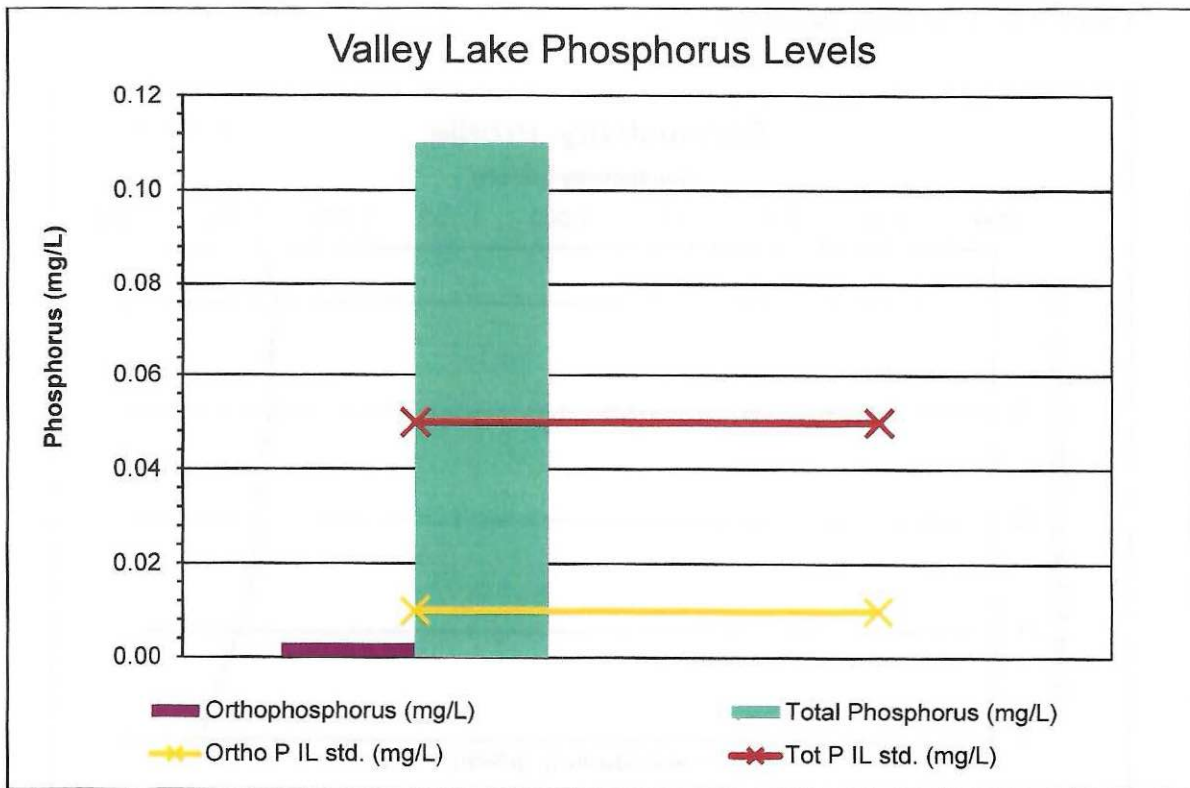


Figure 4. Total phosphorus and orthophosphorus levels in Valley Lake, 07/10/25

Nitrogen

Nitrogen is an essential nutrient for plant growth and can contribute to algae blooms in high concentrations. There is the potential for an algal bloom when the total nitrogen is above 0.30 mg/L. The total nitrogen at Valley Lake was measured at 1.9mg/L.

Comparing the amount of total nitrogen (Kjeldahl nitrogen plus nitrate/nitrite) to total phosphorous yields an N:P ratio. This ratio can determine which nutrient limits algae and plant growth. Knowing the limiting nutrient can help guide management techniques on keeping nuisance growth under control. Lakes with N:P ratios above 15:1 are limited by phosphorus, while lakes with ratios below 10:1 are limited by nitrogen. Lakes with ratios between 10:1 and 15:1 vary between nitrogen and phosphorus as the limiting nutrient. N:P ratios below 17:1 may favor cyanobacteria growth over green algae.

Valley Lake had an **N:P ratio of 17:1**. This indicates that phosphorus is the limiting nutrient in this ecosystem when it comes to managing aquatic vegetation growth.

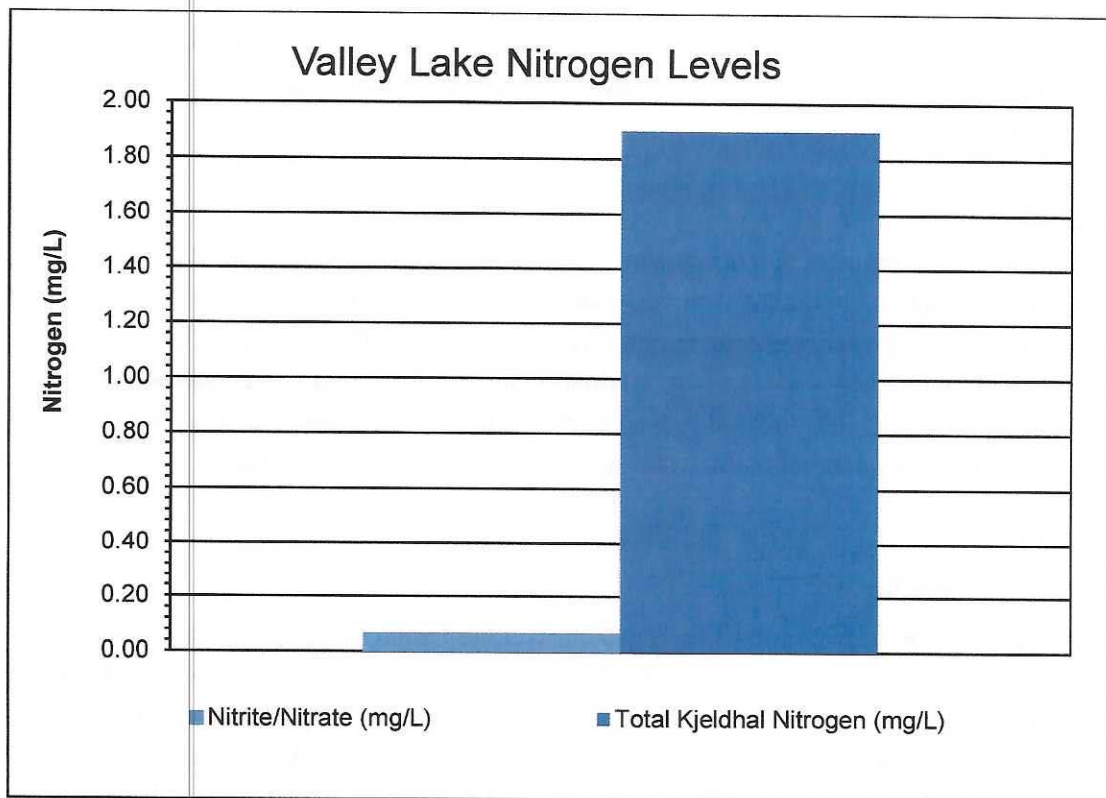


Figure 5. Nitrogen levels at Valley Lake 07/10/2025

During the water quality visit, fluorescence detectors were used to monitor background presence of chlorophyll-a and phycocyanin in relative fluorescence units (RFU). The amount of chlorophyll-a present in the water is directly related to the concentration of algae, plant, and cyanobacteria in the water column. Phycocyanin is a pigment produced by cyanobacteria and is indicative of its presence. The average chlorophyll-a fluorescence readings were 2.6 RFU, ranging from 0.7 - 5.1 RFU. The average phycocyanin readings were 4.6 RFU, ranging from 0.4 - 7.8 RFU, and indicated more cyanobacteria near the surface than the sediment. As stand-alone information, this does not offer as much insight. "Normal" readings for these parameters are unique to different bodies of water, and are typically established over a series of diagnostic readings over time after observing patterns in the ecosystem. Both parameters can be measured over time to establish their "normal" concentrations and ratios. This can help predict if the lake is heading for a potential harmful algal bloom (HAB) event.

Recommendations

Based on observations from the onsite visit, data collected, and the goals for the lake, ILM has developed the following management recommendations. Please refer to the Appendices for additional detail on these management practices.

Nutrient Deactivation

Phosphorus is the limiting nutrient in this ecosystem. To reduce algae blooms and plant growth, nutrient deactivation should be conducted with applications of a phosphorus-binding solution. This reduces the amount of available phosphorus to fuel algae blooms and nuisance plant growth. Applications can be done as necessary, and are recommended following large-scale biomass die-off. Treatments can be more specifically tailored to the needs of the pond by analyzing how much phosphorus is present in the system through water quality monitoring and sampling.

Monitoring Water Quality

Monitoring water quality over time creates a holistic picture of the health of the lake over the span of a season, and can help guide more long-standing management techniques. Tracking key parameters can help tailor management decision for the lake. Knowing the amount of phosphorus in the water, for example, makes dosing nutrient deactivation solutions more accurate and effective, especially when performed over time, as these treatments will not stop external nutrient loading.

As mentioned in the previous section, frequent assessments of chlorophyll-a and phycocyanin helps determine the unique baseline of both of these parameters in a waterbody. Having a stronger understanding of how these parameters act as part of the lake ecosystem can help predict when the lake may be heading for an event such as an HAB.

Sediment Investigation

Thick, dark, muddy sediment was pulled up by the anchor when exiting the site. Internal loading of phosphorus from sediment into the water column may be contributing to nuisance growth. Sediment fractionation analyzes the phosphorus contents of the sediment by breaking down what forms are present, and computing what percentage of each form makes up of the total sediment phosphorus. This gives insight into what the immediate and long-term impacts those nutrients may have on your lake health. Test points can be sampled across the lake or in areas of highest concern, be it from sediment or algae accumulation.

Continued Aquatic Management

Applications to pondweeds and algae should continue on a routine basis with additional treatments to address invasives such as the Eurasian watermilfoil seen during the visit . As plants decay from these treatments, phosphorus is released into the water column. The timing of these applications should be coordinated with nutrient deactivation treatments to maximize the product's ability to sequester greater amounts of phosphorus, reducing internal nutrient cycling. Treatments for planktonic algae growth are also appropriate when blooms occur. It is proactive to determine if the cyanobacteria is producing toxins prior to treatment, as lysing toxin-producing cells allows the toxin to enter the water.

ILM has helped clients with similar conditions arrive at solutions that have met their needs. We can help you develop cost estimates or budgets for any of the options listed.

Technical Report

PHYSICAL ANALYSIS

Dissolved oxygen (D.O.) is needed for aquatic life to survive. A healthy environment for fish has D.O. concentration above 5 mg/L. Below 5 mg/L, fish become stressed. When the D.O. reaches 3 mg/L, fish may begin to die. Dissolved oxygen varies depending on day/night cycles, the amount of direct sunlight, and the temperature. D.O. drops at night and is highest on sunny days. D.O. is also much higher in cool water in the spring and fall, than during the summer. The Illinois State standard for D.O. is 5 mg/L at all times, and should not fall below 6 mg/L during at least 16 hours out of any 24-hour period (IEPA Title 35: Environmental Protection, Subtitle C: Water Pollution, Chapter 1: Pollution Control Board, State of Illinois Rules and Regulations, 1993).

pH Some changes in pH occur naturally and are related to the amount of algal growth in the lake. Most lakes in this area have a pH greater than 7 and often in the 8 range. The median is a pH of 8.35. pH measures the acidity and alkalinity of the water. A pH of 7.0 is neutral, below 7 is acidic and above 7 is alkaline. The pH scale is logarithmic, so a pH change of 1 unit is very significant.

Alkalinity measures the buffering capacity of a pond which is the ability to "buffer" the water from significant changes in acidity. Normal alkalinity for this region is about 90-250 mg/L.

Secchi depth indicates the clarity of the lake water. A high secchi depth indicates that the water is quite clear and free of algae and/or suspended sediments. A low secchi depth of less than 3 feet indicates that the water is very turbid. Turbidity could be due to either planktonic algae or suspended sediments.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Orthophosphorus is the dissolved inorganic form of phosphorus that can be immediately used by plants. Levels of ortho P above 0.01 mg/L frequently cause algae blooms. Wastewater, agricultural and urban runoff are major sources of orthophosphorus and particulate phosphorus to lakes and streams. Orthophosphorus is the main form of phosphorus found in domestic wastewater (Garmen, G. D., G. B. Good, and L. M. Hinsman, 1986, Phosphorus: a summary of information regarding lake water quality, IEPAWPC/86-010, Planning Section Division of Water Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency: Springfield, Illinois.)

Field Methods for Water Quality Testing

FIELD MONITORING

Water clarity is measured using a 20-cm secchi disk, a black-and-white painted metal disk attached to a cord which is marked at one-foot intervals. The disk is lowered into the water to the point at which the painted divisions are no longer

visible. This depth is recorded as the secchi depth, which is an indicator of the amount of water clarity. At least two readings are taken at every sample site.

Dissolved oxygen (DO) is measured using an In-Situ AquaTroll 700 Multiparameter Sonde, a digital multiprobe meter which gives readouts of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and conductivity concentrations. The meter is calibrated at ILM against a solubility table for oxygen in water at various temperatures. The meter is calibrated based on temperature and barometric pressure. Calibration is typically only needed once per day. To operate the meter, Quanta Transmitter is lowered into the water at one-foot depth intervals and measurements recorded. The Quanta is routinely compared with DO analyses using a HACH kit (model OX-2P). If the differential is greater than 1 mg/L, the readings are regarded as invalid and both the meter and HACH tests are redone.

Water temperature is recorded using the In-Situ AquaTroll 700 Multiparameter Sonde, as well as with a backup non-mercury thermometer.

pH measurements are taken using the In-Situ AquaTroll 700 Multiparameter Sonde. The meter is standardized before use in the field by inserting the probe into buffer solutions of pH 7.0 and 10.0 and calibrating the meter to the appropriate pH. PH buffers are chosen to be slightly above and below the expected pH encountered in the field. The meter is set to the appropriate water temperature for each site, the probe inserted into the water column, and the pH reading then recorded for each foot of depth.

Conductivity measurements are taken in the field using the In-Situ AquaTroll 700 Multiparameter Sonde. The meter uses a two-point calibration, distilled water and 500 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$. Conductivity is read per foot of water depth.

Alkalinity is measured using a HACH model AL-DT with digital titrator. A sulfuric acid titration cartridge is attached to the titrator body. A 100-ml water sample is collected and placed in a glass flask. Phenolphthalein indicator is added to the sample and swirled to mix. Bromocresol green-methyl red indicator is then added to the sample and mixed. Using the digital titrator, the sample is titrated with the sulfuric acid standard solution to a light pink color, and the concentration of alkalinity recorded from the digital reading. Periodically, the kit results are graded against a known standard solution provided by the manufacturer.

VOLUNTEER LAKE MONITORING PROGRAM-SECCHI MONITORING

DIRECTIONS: Anchor boat at each monitoring site. Fill out form as completely and neatly as possible.

Lake Name: Valley Date (mm/dd/yy): 08-28-25
 County: Lake Lake Code: RGZM Telephone: 224-321-6159
 Please list First and Last names of ALL individuals that assisted with this monitoring trip.

Volunteer Name(s): Marian Kowalski

Site	Time 24 hr. (hh:mm)	Secchi Depth (nearest inch)	Secchi Visible		Secchi Hidden		Aquatic Plants at Site (circle one)				Color	Total Depth (nearest 1/2 ft.)	DO/Temp taken?		
			on Bottom?	by Plants?	by Plants?	by Plants?	1	2	3	4			Y	N	
1	11:38	22	Y	(N)	Y	(N)	(0)	1	2	3	4	3	9.0	(Y)	N
2	11:55	23	Y	(N)	Y	(N)	(0)	1	2	3	4	3	7.0	(Y)	N
3	12:05	22	Y	(N)	Y	(N)	(0)	1	2	3	4	3	6.0	(Y)	N
	:		Y	N	Y	N	0	1	2	3	4	.	.	Y	N
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General Weather Conditions		Cloud Cover (check one)		Waves (check one)	
Wind Direction (out of): <u>N</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	Overcast <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calm/Ripple	Small <input type="checkbox"/>	
Amount of Rain (last 48 hrs.): <u>0.5</u> inches	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partly Cloudy/Partly Sunny	Hazy <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	White Caps <input type="checkbox"/>	

Lake Level is:		Volunteer Hours (to nearest 1/2 hour)		Aquatic Plant Coverage (check only one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> "Normal" or Full Pool		include preparation, monitoring & paperwork time		Percentage of the entire lake area	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5%
<input type="checkbox"/> Above normal by _____ inches		Number of Volunteers	<u>1</u>	containing surface and submerged aquatic plants.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 to 25%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Below normal by <u>2.5</u> inches		Number of Hours per Volunteer	<u>1.5</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> 26 to 50%
Gage Reading: _____	(if applicable) (gage units)	Total Volunteer Hours =	<u>1.5</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 70%
					<input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 70%

Additional Observations (including recent weather conditions, noticeable lake changes, aquatic plants present, recreational usage, etc.) <u>Fish kill occurred on 8-19. I did not see any fish or hear any frogs</u>	Lake/Watershed Management (list techniques ongoing or applied since last monitoring; include dates & details when possible)
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Harmful Algal Bloom Watch						Aquatic Exotics: (check all suspected exotics)					
Is a cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) bloom present?						Y	(N)	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Watermilfoil		Zebra Mussel <input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes: a) have a Bloom Report form & photos been submitted to IEPA?						Y	N	<input type="checkbox"/> Curlyleaf Pondweed		Quagga Mussel <input type="checkbox"/>	
OR b) has the bloom been reported using the bloomWatch app?						Y	N	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrilla		Common Carp <input type="checkbox"/>	
Water Quality and Chlorophyll Sampling (s = surface, b = bottom)											
(check applicable boxes)						1s	1b	2s	3s		
1 L HDPE bottle (TSS/VSS)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
250 mL HDPE bottle (Alkalinity, Chloride)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
500 mL HDPE bottle w/ Acid (Nutrients)						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chlorophyll sample collection depth (ft.) =						n/a					
Chlorophyll sample volume filtered (mL) =						n/a					
Date Cooler Mailed:						<input type="checkbox"/> RFLAs (lab sheets) are inside cooler					
Datasheet entered online? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>											

Dissolved Oxygen / Temperature Profile - Illinois EPA Lake Monitoring

Lake Name Valley	County Name Lake	Volunteer Name(s): Marian Kowalski
Program: Volunteer Lakes		Date: <u>08/28/2025</u> <small>(mm:dd:yyyy)</small>
Barometer Reading: 733 mm Hg		Meter Brand/Model or IEPA Case/Meter #: 29

Station Code: RGZM-1	Station Code: RGZM-2	Station Code: RGZM-3
Time: <u>11:38</u>	Time: <u>11:55</u>	Time: <u>12:05</u>

Depth (feet)	DO (Round to nearest 10th)	Temp	Depth (feet)	DO (Round to nearest 10th)	Temp	Depth (feet)	DO (Round to nearest 10th)	Temp
0	10.3	24.0	0	10.0	23.8	0	11.0	24.5
1	9.0	23.0	1	10.1	23.8	1	11.0	24.4
3	7.5	22.7	3	8.7	23.0	3	10.0	23.7
5	6.3	22.6	5	7.8	22.7	5	9.1	23.4
7	6.3	22.5	7	7.8	22.7	7	8.3	23.0
8	6.3	22.4	9	.	.	9	.	.
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Subject: Fish Kill

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 2:15:36 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Alana Bartolai

To: Brandon Magnini

Hi Brandon,

LCCHD was able to take a dissolved oxygen (DO) reading at Valley Lake and was getting values of 1.5 mg/L at the surface and down to 0.6 mg/L about a foot down. Typically, levels below 5 mg/L can begin to stress fish, so these low levels would contribute to a fish kill. Staff observed live fish as well near the surface, and that may be observed around the lake until oxygen picks back up because they're trying to stay near the slightly higher oxygen levels.

There can be several contributors for the DO crash. In the summer, water temperatures are higher, and water holds less oxygen. In addition, heavy rain events, like the one that occurred on Monday) can bring in large amounts of organic material and can be oxygen-consuming, crashing the dissolved oxygen. If there were chemical treatments that occurred around similar timing, those treatments cause plants or algae to decay, which is also consuming oxygen. These items together may have caused the DO to drop to these low levels.

Thank you!

Alana Bartolai

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SERVICE REPORT

Site Valley Lake (Wildwood Park Dist) Date Aug 20, 2025

Service Task Description DO Profile

Personnel EZ

Wind 9mph Direction NNE Air Temps 72°F Sky Partial Clouds

Waterfall N/A Water Supply N/A Aeration Working

Pond # & Size	Product	Amount	Target Plant	DO (mg/L)	Temp (°C)	PH	Secchi (feet)	Level
Valley Lake 12				0.8	26.8	8.8	1.2	Normal

COMMENTS

Today, I took a dissolved oxygen profile at the deepest point of the lake in response to a large-scale fish kill.

The result of the profile are as follows:

Depth(ft) DO(mg/L)
 0 0.867
 -1 0.673
 -2 0.283
 -3 0.055
 -4 0.027
 -5 0.013
 -6 0.014
 -7 0.014
 -8 0.003

Dead fish were seen along every shoreline and the middle of the lake. There were too many dead fish to quantify during this visit.

Fish size ranged from <1in - 3ft.

A variety of species were seen, including channel catfish, bluegill, carp, and large mouth bass.

Some live fish were seen in the lake. Small bluegill and large schools of minnows ~1cm long were seen around the surface of the lake.

Gages Lake experienced 0.58in of rainfall on Saturday 8/16 over a 6 hour period, and an additional 0.7in on

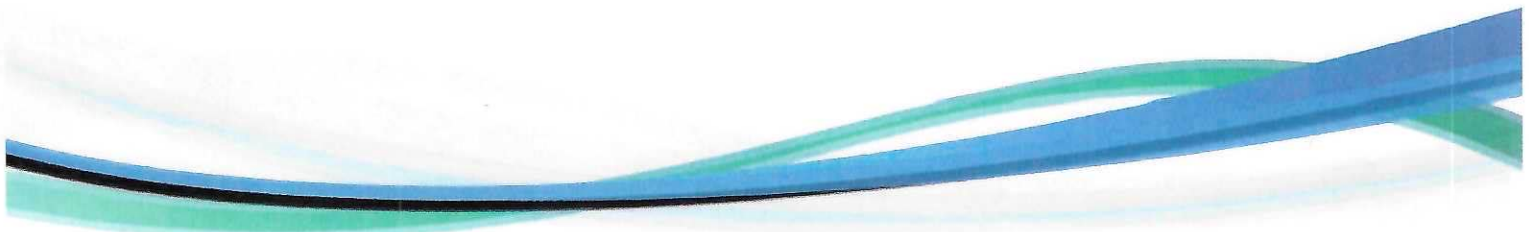




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Monday 8/18 over an 8 hour period. Rainfall can drop dissolved oxygen levels in a waterbody by washing nutrients, sediment, and pollutants into the lake. Heavy rainfall can also cause mixing of lake stratification seen in the summer months. Essentially, mixing occurs between lake depths with high and low oxygen concentrations, leading to a drop in oxygen levels in upper strata of the lake.

Report By Emily Zajecka



Brandon Magnini

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 11:44:45 Central Daylight Time

Subject: RE: Valley Lake (33290 N. Mill Rd Grayslake, IL) Fish Kill
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 1:12:07 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Plauck, Andrew
To: Brandon Magnini
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg, image003.jpg, image004.jpg

Thank Brandon,

It doesn't sound like the construction anything to do with the kill. Decaying vegetation from the treatment on 8/11 could be one of the factors of the low DO situation which contributed to the fish kill. It is hard to pinpoint an exact cause in a situation like this.

For future reference, I know homeowners don't want to see algae and vegetation as it comes up later in the summer. At some point it needs to be left alone when the temps are still high and let it die back as the temperatures cool.

Andy

From: Brandon Magnini <bmagnini@wildwoodparkdistrict.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 12:09 PM
To: Plauck, Andrew <Andrew.Plauck@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Valley Lake (33290 N. Mill Rd Grayslake, IL) Fish Kill

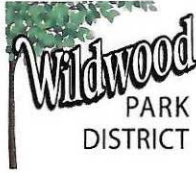
Hi Andrew,

Lake County Public Works is completing water main replacement projects (and tearing up sections of the roads on both sides of the lake in doing so) with piles of dirt/loose material stationed on the roads. The work is mainly being done across the street from the homes directly on the lake; but I am not sure if the rains caused any of that material to runoff into the lake.

I spoke with the Project Manager/Engineer with Lake County Public Works and asked him to check on his work sites to make sure everything was contained. He contacted me the next day (this is last Tuesday/Wednesday as we were getting the reports coming in from the fish kill) noting that nothing was out of the ordinary and their erosion control was in place. I am not sure if I believe that 100%, but nothing can be proven either.

We have also tried to tell the residents in the past that fertilizing your lawns that back up to the lake does not help matters. We also spoke to another treatment company who does not want to be brought into this situation and they believed that because treatment from our current company took place on 8/11 that any residual effects from their treatment would not be a cause for the fish kill on 8/20.

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From: Plauck, Andrew <Andrew.Plauck@Illinois.gov>
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM
To: Brandon Magnini <bmagnini@wildwoodparkdistrict.com>
Subject: RE: Valley Lake (33290 N. Mill Rd Grayslake, IL) Fish Kill

Hello Again Brandon,

Could you please tell me a little about the construction going on near Valley Lake? I have a concerned resident who is asking questions and claims that there is something more to this fish kill. He's claiming "construction by the water department". I'm assuming someone has taken a look at anything potentially washing in due to construction.

Thanks
Andy

From: Brandon Magnini <bmagnini@wildwoodparkdistrict.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:52 AM
To: Plauck, Andrew <Andrew.Plauck@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Valley Lake (33290 N. Mill Rd Grayslake, IL) Fish Kill

Hi Andy,

Thanks for discussing the fish kill situation at Valley Lake with me yesterday.

Once we get the dead fish out of the water today and the next few days (stragglers), what steps should we take in terms of a timeline to restock? We have residents demanding the fish get restocked right away. As we discussed yesterday, it was already on our radar to restock in Spring 2026 prior to this fish kill. I would imagine we would have to begin stocking a large amount to make up for the fish kill which probably killed off close to the entire population.

We of course would want the lake to come back up to proper dissolved oxygen levels and stabilize first.

Please let us know your thoughts on this.

Thank you!

Brandon Magnini
Executive Director

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From: Plauck, Andrew <Andrew.Plauck@Illinois.gov>
Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 3:23 PM
To: Brandon Magnini <bmagnini@wildwoodparkdistrict.com>
Subject: RE: Valley Lake (33290 N. Mill Rd Grayslake, IL) Fish Kill

Hello Brandon,

I am the contact for fish kills. It is always unfortunate when we see dead fish, but it is a part of managing lakes/ponds that aren't 100% ideal for fish survival through all seasons.

The severe storms that went through over the weekend likely contributed to the fish kill. Fish in extremely high temperatures are more easily stressed from rapidly changing temperatures or low dissolved oxygen potentially caused by the lake "turning over".

I just pulled up the lake map, it looks like that lake is only seven feet deep. That is not a lot of water to absorb rapid fluctuations in water quality.

As far as disposal, your lake management company should be able to collect and bag up the dead fish. Contact your waste disposal company to bring in a dumpster. I was dinged before by telling a municipality to bury them as some areas have restrictions on burying dead animals.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Andy Plauck
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From: Brandon Magnini <bmagnini@wildwoodparkdistrict.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:18 PM
To: Plauck, Andrew <Andrew.Plauck@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Valley Lake (33290 N. Mill Rd Grayslake, IL) Fish Kill

Hi Jerry,

I wanted to pass along the IDNR fisheries biologist that took over for Frank and covers Lake Co.

Lake

Andy Plauck

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From: Jerry Coleman <colemanjerry942@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 8:24 AM

To: Alana Bartolai <ABartolai2@lakecountyil.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] White Lake @ Clubland of Antioch.

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Alana, how have you been. I didn't make it to ILMA conference. My wife passed away suddenly in early March. White is keeping me busy.

Have you had any reports of Fish Kills in Lake Cty recently? We had a major kill early this week. Approximately 1500 fish. Over 1K were small & med sized blue gill, 50+ lg bass, 75-100 black Crappie and 25-30 bullheads. EAM is water quality mgmt co. Doe Lake co. have staff that would site inspection. EAM say several fish kills have been reported due extreme heat surface temps in the high 80's, 4ft depth 82-85°. Are fush habitat has been great, this is the on kill off since 2012. We will do a fish survey in Sept. If you have any articles you could send me to reference in my report I would appreciate it.

Jerry Coleman

Lakes, Ponds,& Wetland Chair

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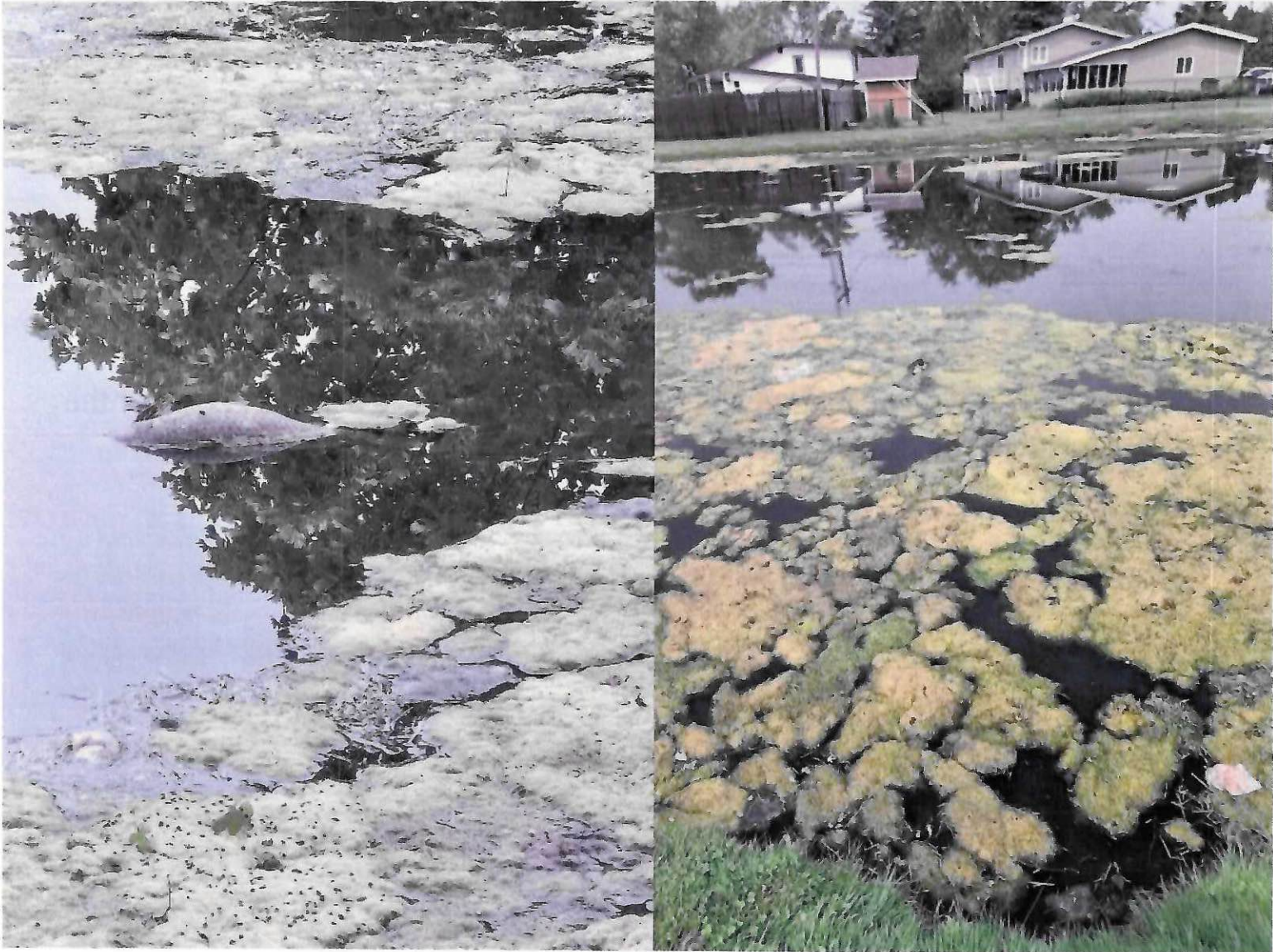
'Large Fish Kill' At Oak Forest Lagoon: Park District

Many dead fish were seen floating amid algae at Oak Forest's Lagoon Park over the weekend, residents said.



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Dead fish are seen floating amid algae at the pond at Lagoon Park in Oak Forest. (Courtesy of Patti McGoldrick)

OAK FOREST, IL — A stench coming off of an Oak Forest lagoon, along with sightings of many dead fish over the weekend, has neighboring residents concerned.

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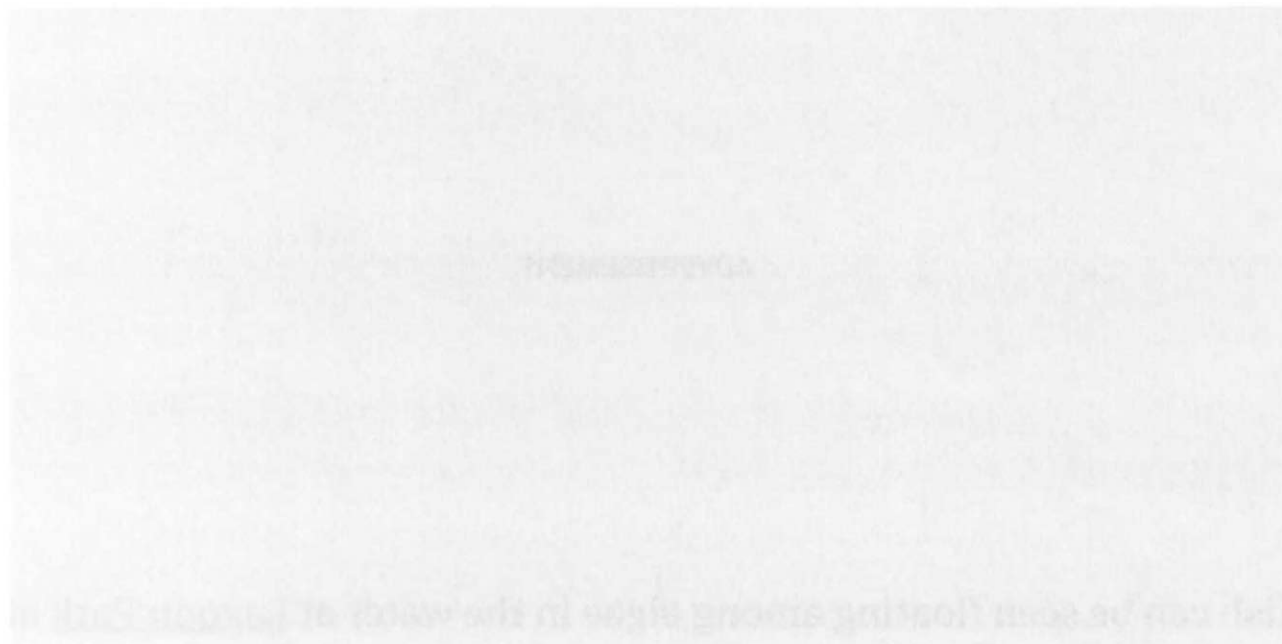
The fish can be seen floating among algae in the water at [Lagoon Park](#) at Central Avenue and Leslie Lane. The lagoon is managed by the Oak Forest Park District, with oversight from an environmental company. A variety of fish live in the water, including bluegill, bass, carp and catfish. The pond has not been manually stocked in many years, said Oak Forest Park District Director of Parks & Recreation Kirstin Dahm.

Water samples were taken earlier this week, and park district officials consulted with both ILM Environments and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in an attempt to pinpoint a cause for the casualties. Officials now believe the dead fish can be linked to a "dissolved oxygen event," they said Thursday in a release.

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"Over the weekend, we experienced a large fish kill at the lagoon," park district officials said. "After lengthy discussions with ILM, the environmental company who oversees our algae treatments, and a biologist with the fisheries at the IDNR, we are suspecting there was a dissolved oxygen event at the lagoon which killed off many of the fish.

"... When the algae in the lagoon decomposes, bacteria consume oxygen to break it down which depletes oxygen levels in the water."

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Changes in the oxygen level, officials said, could also be attributed to abrupt changes in water temperature.

"With recent rainfall and warmer weather, the lagoon may have warmed up; warm water holds less dissolved oxygen than cold water, therefore decreasing overall oxygen for aquatic life," the park district said.

"Unfortunately, dissolved oxygen events usually kill off larger fish before the smaller fish, which explains why mainly large fish were found along the shores."

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Maintenance crews are working to remove carcasses, officials said.

Water samples are being analyzed to ensure that there were no incidents with chemicals being added to the lagoon.

"It is stagnant gross water," one resident noted. "Notice the fountains weren't going and yes—looked really bad. Terrible. I'm sure it really smells bad for those neighbors."

Dahm said the fountains have not been used since 2016. The filters around the aerators would suck up the silt, causing the motor to burn out almost immediately.

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Recreation/Administration Report
September 2025

1. Routine administrative tasks such as sorting through bills, payroll, depositing funds, PDRMA reporting requirements and safety coordinator updates, meeting with Treasurer Corrigan for bi-weekly financials, and assisting Kathy with various administrative tasks, and associated reports.
2. Website management and board duties.
3. Preliminary webinars and information gathering for 2026 Health Insurance Open Enrollment through PDRMA.
4. Viewed PDRMA webinar on Cyber Security practices and expectations for agencies.
5. Office Administration Melissa Roman and I will be virtually attending a PDRMA webinar on 9/10 covering updated Claims Reporting processes.
6. Our third-party IT company Version2 came onsite to install new remote-in software on the WPD MacBooks.
7. Continued chipping away at completing extensive PDRMA (Park District Risk Management Agency) 20-part Risk Management Review for 2025 as detailed in the July/August Recreation/Admin Report.
8. Office Staff continue to manage pavilion/room rental bookings, parking stickers, and boat key sales.
9. Preschool program began on 9/2. Due to enrollment numbers (8 children total), we consolidated the classes and cancelled the Tuesday/Thursday 3's Program. The combined class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9am-12pm. We will continue to seek additional registrations for the combined class to improve our numbers. Further costs will be saved by not having extra supplies bought or staff wages paid out on Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly.
10. Warren Newport Library STEM Robotics program on 8/23 had 11 enrolled and went well. Fall STEM classes on 9/13 and 9/20 have 5 and 2 registered thus far.
11. Touch a Truck event scheduled for 10/4 at Rule House.
12. Glow in the Dark Scavenger Hunt for 10/10 at Rule House has 5 teams registered thus far.
13. Battle of the Bowls Chili Cookoff on 10/18 has one registrant thus far.
14. WSRA Trunk or Treat set for 10/19 at the Warren Township Center. WPD has RSVP'd their spot. Further details forthcoming.
15. The second summer bingo night on 8/22 had 17 registered with 29 extra games bought bringing us to a total of \$199. Leftover gift cards from the 8/1 Bingo event were distributed to the winners. Event on 9/5 cancelled due to low enrollment. Fall Bingo Night on 11/7 at Rule House.
16. U of I Extension Master Gardener Fall Garden Wrap Up Program on 9/10 at Rule House has 19 enrolled.
17. Seeking registrations for 9/19 CPR Basics Class.
18. Dog Obedience Class likely to be cancelled due to low enrollment.
19. Fall Adult Yoga close to being at maximum registration.
20. Continuing to work with Maintenance Supervisor Dykes on a daily basis for current and future project planning and execution.
21. Continuing to work with Maintenance Supervisor Dykes on a daily basis for Harvest Fest maintenance staffing and task plan.
22. Communication with ILM to coordinate Valley Lake treatments and status updates/strategy.
23. Handled Valley Lake fish kill situation and information requests from media and residents.
24. Communicating with engineering firms to gain insight and recommendations on Sunset ADA project bid award. Crunching budget numbers with Kathy regarding the project and bids received. Organizing information in concise memorandum for Board review. Sent formal letter

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and information to the Gagewood Lions Club inquiring about their interest in helping pay for portion of Sunset ADA Path Project in respect to the contractor's ADA surveys and site planning fees (and if they would like to be involved further in the project). I anticipate attending the Lions September 22nd business meeting to review the information and project scope with their leadership.

25. While waiting of US Army Core of Engineers permit review for Willow Point Shoreline (USACOE sent it to IL EPA and other regulatory bodies for additional comments from those bodies before granting permit approval); updating bid packet for Willow Point Project to eventually send out once permits approved.
26. Oversight of Park Safety/Boat Ramp end of season operations through Park Safety Coordinator Rob Cambrany.
27. Summer Concerts wrapped up with The Complex on 8/14 and Judson Brown Band on 8/11. Pizzeria DeVille submitted their final check to the Park District for the year bringing the grand total paid out to WPD at \$367.00. Harbor Brewing paid out \$55.00 to WPD for the first few events of the summer, currently waiting on their final check from the remaining events. With another \$50+ from Rica Arepa food truck at the Blues Soiree, food truck payouts to the WPD this summer is over \$400.00.
28. Finalizing prep for Harvest Fest including securing logistics, marketing, vendors, sponsors, and more. Harvest Fest Committee Meetings as scheduled.
29. Working on submittal of application materials and information for possible award of Lake County Tree Planting Initiative for Spring 2026. Will discuss further at Board Meeting.
30. Working with Kathy to update Park District SAM (System for Award Management) online portal/account standing and federal UEI # for being able to properly submit grant applications and receive grant award for projects.
31. Continue planning for future Strategic Planning Process and current Focus Groups (aiming for October).
32. Continued to chip away on Valley Lake Management Plan as time allows.
33. Continued research/work on beginning of ADA Transition Plan (as part of Strategic Plan process) as time allows.
34. Beginning preliminary work on End of Season recreation report and numbers to present to Board at October Regular Meeting.

Wildwood Park District
Maintenance Report
September 2025

1. Ongoing park garbage control and maintenance/Mutt Mitts replacements.
2. Routine maintenance and upkeep of equipment.
3. Clean Rule bathrooms, community rooms, and office spaces as needed - re-stock paper towels and soap. Mop floors as needed. Executing standardized washroom cleaning checklist. Deep cleaning Rule House second week of September.
4. Deep cleaned janitorial closet and
5. Daily raking and cleaning of all four beaches through Labor Day. Removal of seaweed/growth at all beaches and boat ramps through Labor Day. Will check seaweed levels during the weeks as needed.
6. Removed ring buoys, deployed "Beach Closed" signs and chained up the Willow swim raft on land as part of post-Labor Day beach closing procedures. Will remove buoys in the water after warmer temperatures cease.
7. Mowing/weed whip schedule is right on target and continues on without a hitch.
8. Continue trimming/shaping up Fister bushes around park entry signs and pulling weeds from the roots as needed.
9. Park, playground, building inspections - corrective actions as needed. In offseason, will look to install shelving and bolts/brackets inside Scout Garage to properly store their ladder and items that are trip hazards/take up floor space.
10. Restriped/repainted Rule parking lot parking space lines, speed bumps, and directional arrows.
11. Comprehensive Rule Park tree branch trimming, brush cleanup, park perimeter brush cleanup, parking island cleanup, etc. in anticipation of Harvest Fest.
12. Cleanup of tables, garbage cans, grills, and surfaces before and after each pavilion rental on the weekends.
13. In-house oil change completed on 2023 Gator.
14. Weekly or bi-weekly clearing of Valley North outflow drain structure.
15. Weekly or bi-weekly inspection of Valley South plunge pool. Following maintenance plan specifications, completion of proper weeding and managing overgrowth was completed end of July.
16. Returned end of August to re-weed and cut out aquatic plants at mouth of beach area at Valley South Park.
17. Completed tree and brush trimming around Valley South pump house area and property fence line. Re-opened up overgrown areas for fishermen.
18. Cleaned up shoreline edge of lake on Greentree Rd. side of Valley South Park. Left native plant buffer zone throughout to protect from erosion. Trimmed down cattails to waist high 10' on both sides of the beach.
19. Trimmed up shoreline Willow trees and all non-Oaks/Elms at Valley North Park. Cleanup of brush growth in and under fishing pier and around rip rap at outflow drain structure.
20. Began trimming back brush and low hanging branches through Twin Lakes Park gravel walking path.
21. Daily work on 2025 Work Order System and project projections. Harvest Fest work order and prep task documents and staff scheduling.
22. Completed the painting of existing boards and metal legs in the garage creating two new picnic tables that will be deployed at Twin Lakes Park near the playground and near the west side of the park.

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Maintenance Report

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23. Completed the painting (black) of table legs at Rule, Willow Point, and Valley South Parks from previously refurbished/painted picnic tables.
24. Removed Fister bush at Old Plank Park in anticipation of installing new park entry sign.
25. Purchased hardware and put together plan for installing new park entry signs, beginning with Old Plank Park.
26. Starting with the west side of the shoreline, staff-led weeding and re-arranging of rip rap at Pebble to fill in gaps over geotextile fabric.
27. Planning to paint Twin Lakes backstop after Harvest Fest.
28. Planning to possibly address/refurbish 3-4 remaining outdated wooden sitting benches at Valley North/South and Willow Point Park if time allows in fall or over the offseason.
29. Will execute comprehensive inspections for the wooden piers at Willow Point and Pebble Beach (all have the same manufacturer) to determine if issues/plan for maintenance in 2026.
30. Adjusted Rule parking lot lights for current season.

Program Overview



- In 2024, Lake County launched the first program in its Tree Initiative: The Tree Planting Solution for Clean Water.
- Through the Tree Planting Program, publicly maintained and publicly accessible lands can:
 - Receive free native trees from local nurseries planted on qualified sites by a tree planting crew.
 - Share educational outreach materials with residents about the importance of urban forestry in Lake County.



Tree Specifications



Tree Type	Minimum Caliper	Spacing
Oaks, Hickories & Hornbeams	1.25 in	15' – 20'
Other Canopy Trees	1.5 in	20' – 25'
Understory	1.5 in or 6ft height	15' – 20'

Tree Specifications



- No more than 20% of the same species at any awarded planting site
- Initial planting and maintenance support will include:
 - Burlap/twine removal
 - 2" proper mulching
 - Initial watering



Site Specifications



- In order to be eligible for this funding, sites selected for these new plantings should be in urban areas (as defined by the 2020 US Census) and should be located in areas where new trees will enhance stormwater management efforts. This could include:
 - Areas where there is low canopy cover:
<https://chicagorti.org/maps/municipal-canopy-summaries/>
 - Areas that are at heightened risk of flooding:
<https://chicagorti.org/maps#flood-risk>
 - Areas that have a documented history of being negatively impacted by stormwater runoff or flooding* in the past
 - Areas in close proximity to features that can amplify the impact of stormwater (e.g., hard, impermeable surfaces like paved streets and parking lots)

***Note: Check with your local wetland specialist or enforcement officer if planting in a floodway zone to stay in accordance with Watershed Development Ordinance.**

Scope of Work for Projects



- 1) Lake County hired company to access site at agreed schedule**
- 2) Site preparation may include:**
 - a. Minor impermeable surface removal**
 - b. Removal of undesirable woody species that would directly interfere with planting**
 - c. Stump removal that would directly interfere with planting**
- 3) Acquired and delivered trees to staging area**
- 4) Tree planting**
- 5) Initial mulching and watering of all planted trees**

Site Manager Responsibilities



- Any awarded site must agree in writing to the following:
 - Will notify each resident directly impacted by planting and provide the opportunity to each resident to opt out of planting a minimum of 10 days in advance of scheduled planting.
 - If additional work is being conducted on an awarded site, notify any construction or service contractor directly in advance of scheduled planting.
 - Provide a staging area in their jurisdiction for trees in advance of planting for a maximum 14 days.
 - Perform customary and reasonable tree care and maintenance for three years post planting.

Marketing Board Report September 2025

Website

- Routine Maintenance- keeping website up to date with current announcements, events, news, and programs, as well as removing old content.
- Updates
 - Added digital Fall 2025 Seasonal Program Guide to guide page and homepage slider.
 - Added Fall open registration to homepage slider.
 - Continued updating of Harvest Fest page:
 - Confirmed and paid vendors.
 - Updating paid sponsor logos
 - Updating logistics
 - Removed past Special Events and Programs and filled employment opportunities.
 - Valley Lake and Gages Lake algae treatment updates and timelines.
 - Added all upcoming September events and programs.
 - Updates with park conditions and closures such as Valley South Beach.
 - Working on publishing updated tree and bench donation web page with updated donation form and procedures.
- Metrics (last 30 days)
 - Sessions: a session is the browsing session of a single user to our website
 - 1,643- down 7% from previous 30 days.
 - Pageviews: a view of a page on our site that is being tracked by the Analytics tracking code.
 - 2,825 – down 11% from previous 30 days
 - Average Session Duration: total duration of all sessions, in seconds
 - 35 sec – down 4% from previous 30 days
 - Total Users: number of distinct tracked users
 - 1,270 – up 1% from previous 30 days
 - New vs Returning Visitors
 - New- 93%, Returning- 7%
 - Device Breakdown
 - Desktop- 43%, Tablet- 2%, Mobile- 55%
 - Top Referrals: the top websites that send your website traffic, known as referral traffic.
 - 1. Facebook
 - 2. Tockify
 - 3. Warren-Newport Public Library website calendar
 - 4. ChatGPT
 - 5. Instagram
 - Top Pages
 - 1. Home

- 2. Harvest Fest
- 3. Parks and Facilities
- 4. Adult and Senior Programs
- 5. Calendar
- 6. Valley Lake Fish Kill Press Release/News Item
- 7. Pavilion and Room Rentals
- 8. Summer Concert Series
- 9. Special Events
- 10. Registration

Social Media

- Routine Maintenance- checking social media pages daily for comments, messages, etc. and responding accordingly.
- Posting weekly to drive program registration, event attendance, engagement, follows, and to remain visible in people's newsfeeds.
 - Promoted Summer Concert Series featuring The Complex
 - Teaser post of Fall Program Guide front cover page and announcement that guides were expected to be in resident mailboxes that week.
 - Public service announcement regarding Sunset Park boat trailer space paving.
 - Post to promote/secure items and artifacts for the Wildwood History Museum.
 - Maintenance Team shoutout for Valley South Beach refresh.
 - Post cancelling Summer Concert due to inclement weather.
 - Post soliciting Harvest Fest entertainment vendors (henna tattoos and hair tinsel)
 - Post and updated event for rescheduled Summer Concert
 - Post regarding found jet ski/wave runner at Willow Point Beach.
 - Promoted preschool open spots and registration.
 - Created event and marketed preschool open house.
 - Maintenance Team shoutout for projects around the parks and facilities.
 - Promoted Adult Bingo Night
 - Promoted open fall registration.
 - Post regarding deer in Wildwood parks including who to contact if spotted.
 - Promoted Summer Concert Series featuring Judson Brown and Adult Bingo Night in the Park.
 - Posts to update community regarding Valley Lake Fish Kill and clean-up.
 - Shared Lake County Sheriff's Office post regarding a new scam in the community.
 - Promoted Basic Dog Obedience Class.
 - Post regarding missing portable picnic tables.
 - Thank you post to local restaurants who donated gift cards to Adult Bingo Night

- Analytics
 - Facebook
 - Total page followers: 2,090- up 0.3% followers in last 28 days
 - Total Views- The number of times your content was played or displayed.
 - 52,672- up 1% from previous 28 days.
 - Content Interactions- the number of likes or reactions, saves, comments, shares and replies on your content, including ads.
 - 631- up 29 from previous 28 days.
 - Link Clicks- The number of clicks, taps or swipes on links within your content, including ads.
 - 211- up 56 from previous 28 days.
 - Audience: 25% men, 75% women
 - Instagram
 - Total Views- 799. Down 468 from previous 30 days.
 - Interactions- 7, down 28 from previous 30 days.
 - Accounts Reached: 104, down 7 from previous last 30 days.
 - Total followers: 300, up 0 from previous 30 days.

Monthly E-Newsletter

- We are up to 534 subscribers to our monthly e-newsletter (one less from last month).
- September E-newsletter included:
 - Inside this Issue highlights.
 - Mark Your Calendars
 - All upcoming programs, events, and board meetings.
 - News & Announcements
 - Join our Focus Groups.
 - 2025 Program Guide and Fall Registration Open
 - September staff reports.
 - Sponsorship opportunities.
 - Harvest Fest
 - Flyer
 - What's New this Year
 - All upcoming September and October event and program details.
 - Preschool open enrollment.
 - Pavilion and Room Rentals and note that Sunset Pavilion Rentals in October not currently being taken due to currently planned ADA Path Project that month.

Program Guide:

- Execution and roll out of Fall 2025 Program Guide (hardcopy and digital on the website). Promoting new Guide through social media, website, and Boulder Park signboard.
- Beckman Brothers paid \$1,050.00 to have their ad on the back cover of the next three program guides starting in Winter/Spring 2026.

Misc./Camps/Events

- Sent out post-camp parent survey. Currently have received 3 responses. Additional information will be provided through End of Season Report.
- Updated Boulder Park signboard to several times to update bingo nights, dog obedience class start dates, CPR Basics Class promotion, etc.
- General event sponsorship solicitation.
- Execution of rescheduled concert event on 8/14 and 8/21 concert.

Wildwood Park District

Park Safety Report

September 2025

1. 130 Boat Keys have been sold so far with 15 extra decals sold in 2025. For reference, we sold 131 keys and 18 extra decals for the entire 2024 Boat Key season.
2. Continuing to issue resident stickers in the parks and informing residents they need to visit the office to get their stickers.
3. Continuing to enforce parking stickers and boat ramp keys through Park Safety Officers and Boat Ramp Monitors through Labor Day
4. Continuing to report unsafe conditions and requests for work orders to Executive Director/Parks Maintenance.
5. Finished summer concert event patrols for Summer Concert Series events. Assisted in takedown of said events.
6. Boat Ramp Monitors finished their season during Labor Day Weekend.
7. Prepping logistics for Harvest Fest.
8. Executing performance reviews and end of season paperwork for Staff.
9. Park Safety Staff will work weekends in September through Harvest Fest.
10. Boat Ramp Monitor staff helped alert emergency services and coordinated with them to access launch during jet ski accident on Gages Lake near Pebble Beach in the water (off of Park District property) on Labor Day. Report taken and submitted to Park Safety Coordinator.