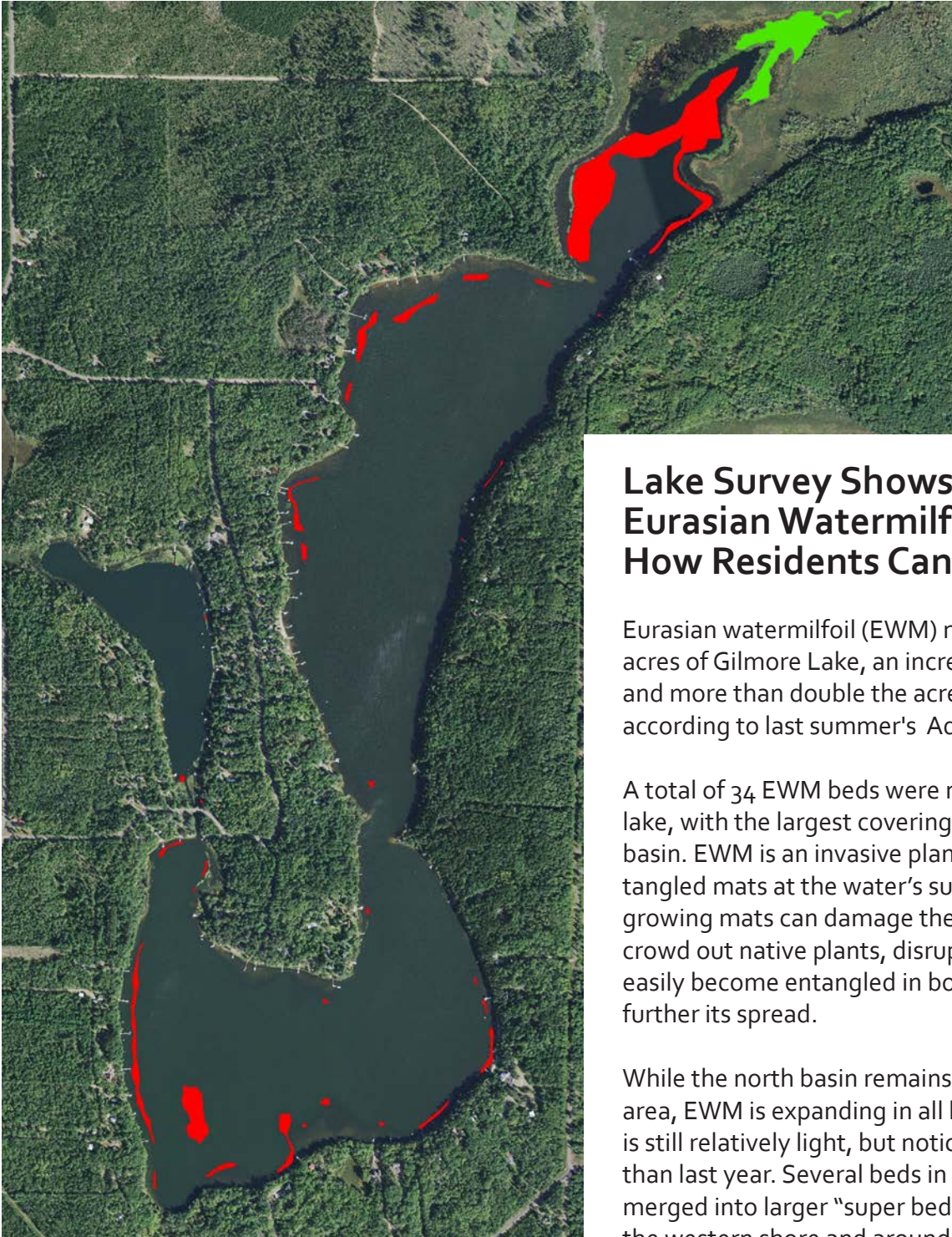




Lake Soundings

The Gilmore Lake Association Newsletter - Fall 2025



Lake Survey Shows Spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil—Here's How Residents Can Help

Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) now covers nearly 20 acres of Gilmore Lake, an increase of 34% from 2024 and more than double the acreage observed in 2022, according to last summer's Aquatic Plant Survey.

A total of 34 EWM beds were mapped across the lake, with the largest covering much of the north basin. EWM is an invasive plant that forms dense, tangled mats at the water's surface. These fast-growing mats can damage the lake's ecosystem, crowd out native plants, disrupt fish habitat, and easily become entangled in boat motors, which can further its spread.

While the north basin remains the most concerning area, EWM is expanding in all basins. Little Gilmore is still relatively light, but noticeably more EWM than last year. Several beds in the south basin have merged into larger "super beds," especially along the western shore and around the sunken island.

Red shows Eurasian Watermilfoil beds on Gilmore Lake. Bright green in the north basin represents protected wild rice.

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President's Message

Dear Lake Neighbors,
Winter arrived at Gilmore Lake during the Thanksgiving week! It's incredibly beautiful to see the snow, although the trees are struggling with its weight. Now that the open water season has ended, it is important to reflect on GLA's work on your behalf to address issues affecting the lake.

What does the Gilmore Lake Association do?

- Test lake water clarity and quality
- Monitor 30 locations on the lake each month to detect Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
- Coordinate professional treatment of EWM
- Fund and support boat inspections at the public launch through DNR grants and GLA contributions
- Set and remove buoys marking EWM locations in the north basin
- Secure grants to protect and improve the quality of Gilmore Lake
- Monitor lake levels & communicate important water-related updates

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Mark Your Calendars! Gilmore Lake Annual Meeting Date and Boat Parade Schedule

The 2026 Gilmore Lake Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10am on Saturday, June 27 at the Jack Link's Aquatic and Activity Center.

The boat parade will be held, weather permitting, on July 4. Check the spring issue of this newsletter for details.



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In the central part of the lake, multiple small beds have grown into nearly continuous rings around the shoreline.

"The news isn't good," said Fran McCloskey, President of the Gilmore Lake Association. "However, we are seeking grants, permits and expert guidance in hopes of keeping EWM growth in check."

Limited Treatment Options

A major challenge in managing EWM is the presence of protected wild rice in the north end of the lake. Approximately five acres near the outlet contain scattered wild rice plants—not dense enough for harvesting, but still protected under Wisconsin law.

The Wisconsin DNR does not allow certain chemical treatments on lakes with wild rice due to the risk of harming this sensitive native plant.

At the same time, the large EWM beds in the north basin make hand-removal prohibitively expensive. Two years ago, the lake association funded Diver-Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) in this area, in which scuba divers hand-pull milfoil plants underwater and feed them into a suction hose for collection and disposal. While effective for small patches, DASH is not practical for large, dense beds.

"We are seeking grants and permits from the DNR to resume chemical treatment of EWM in the central and south basins," said Fran. "We are also looking to hire a consultant to help guide our strategy in the north basin. The best outcome is to limit the spread."



Residents are asked to take advantage of GLA resources to educate themselves about how to identify and remove Eurasian Watermilfoil.

In addition to the lake association's efforts, Gilmore residents can play an important and active role in keeping EWM at bay.

What Residents Can Do

- Learn about lake plants to better recognize native species and avoid unintentionally removing them.
- Hand-pull small milfoil plants when possible, making sure to remove the entire stem and roots and dispose of it on land.
- Scoop up any EWM floaters near your shoreline and dispose of them well away from the water to prevent re-rooting.
- Please avoid the North Basin, or at least stay

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President's Message from page 2...

- Research and act on issues relevant to lake homeowners
- Represent Gilmore Lake on the Minong Town Lakes Committee
- Attend meetings and represent Gilmore Lake with local governments
- Host the annual members' meeting, picnic, and boat parade
- Publish a newsletter to inform homeowners about activities and events
- Maintain a website with information for residents and visitors
- Send UPNORTH email updates with critical and time-sensitive information

All of these activities are supported by your annual dues and donations, which are tax deductible. We are a nonprofit organization run by volunteers. If you are not already a member, please join (or renew) sending in the form at the end of this newsletter

with a check. You can also join and pay online using the QR code below. Your gifts of time, money and positive energy are highly valued and the GLA Board says Thank You!

Have a great winter!

Fran McCloskey
President



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inside the buoy arc, keeping to the center and away from the sensitive shoreline.

- Avoid clearing native plants in front of your property, as they help prevent EWM from taking hold.
- Donate to support GLA's work, as effective management requires both funding and support

of the entire community.

- Be hopeful—progress is possible, but reducing EWM will take time, effort, and ongoing community commitment.

Be sure to attend the GLA annual meeting on June 27, 2026 for an update on plans for combatting EWM – and what you can do to help.

A rectangular advertisement for Black Bear Golf Club. It features a photograph of a golf course with a green and a yellow flag. To the right of the photo is a stylized black bear silhouette. Below the photo and bear is the text "Black Bear Golf Club" in a serif font. At the bottom, the address "W7677 Nancy Lake Rd. Minong, WI 54859" and phone number "715-466-2314" are listed, along with the website "www.blackbeargolf.com". The entire ad is framed by a light brown border with black paw prints at the corners.

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A rectangular advertisement for Pogos Harbor Inn. It features a logo with a green and brown color scheme, including a mountain and water. The text "POGOS" is prominent in a large, bold, serif font. Above it, "Full Bar, Restaurant & Boat Launch on the Minong Flowage" is written. To the left, "Boat Rentals" is listed, and to the right, "Campground (Yearly Rentals)" is listed. Below the logo, the address "7194 E Cty Road T, Gordon, WI 54838" and phone number "715-466-2836" are provided.

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