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**Bay Lake Improvement Association**  
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**Bay Lake Improvement Association Members, Friends and Neighbors,**

As we prepare for another summer season on Bay Lake, I would like to say “Thank You” for your continued membership and support. The Bay Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) exists to preserve and enhance the quality of Bay Lake and the community surrounding it. We are only able to continue to fulfill our mission, through your active participation and support, so please join us again in 2018. Online membership registration, along with a tremendous amount of information, is available on our web-site at [www.baylake.org](http://www.baylake.org).

As you all know, BLIA is a non-profit organization and totally dependent on volunteers. The association provides numerous opportunities to participate in activities, social events and management of the association. If anyone is interested in any level of participation, please contact me at my email address listed below. Also, the board of directors and I are always looking for new ideas and suggestions on how the association can improve the services and benefits provided to our members. Please feel free to contact any one of us, to share your ideas, or join us at one of our monthly board meetings held throughout the summer.

As in years past, the dozen or so committee chairpersons are diligently working on the many tasks and activities that the association undertakes each year. Prohibiting invasive species and invasive aquatic plants from entering our lake continues to be one of our highest priorities. Another top priority is water quality and over the last two years, we have learned that Bay Lake is one of a small number of lakes in Minnesota, highly susceptible to high PHOSPHEROUS LEVELS. The high levels of phosphorous have contributed to the high levels of algae and weed growth that we have experienced over the last couple of years. We are planning to have a guest speaker at our annual meeting this year, who will provide some basic information on how we can better manage our own individual shorelines to lessen the input of phosphorous into Bay Lake. Therefore, I urge all of you to join us at the association’s Annual Meeting, to be held this year on July 14<sup>th</sup> at Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge, beginning at 9:00 AM with a complimentary continental breakfast hosted by Ruttger’s.

As always, none of this is possible without you; so “Thank You” again and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the lake this summer.

Bruce Johnson, President

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