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23rd Edition

July 2026



It's on the ballot! Your dog has been waiting long enough. This August, Holiday Lake lot owners have the chance to vote YES on a dedicated off-leash dog park — fully funded by donations & grants, not your dues. Two designs. Two sections. One for the big pups, one for the little ones. All fenced. All safe. All ours. Please vote YES on or before the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 15!

Join us for a Q & A session on Friday evening, July 31st from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Between the Community Center and ball diamond. Bring a lawn chair

Lot owners are invited for a last round of questions and answers regarding the dog park.



	Friday July 3 10-5pm
TACO SHACK	Friday July 3 10a-7p
	Friday July 3 4 - 7pm
	Saturday July 4 8a - Noon
	Saturday July 4 10am-4pm
	Saturday July 4 10-5pm
TACO SHACK	Saturday July 4 10a-7p
	Saturday July 4 4am - 7pm
	Saturday July 4 1-4p
	Sunday July 5 10-2pm

Happy
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 3
Volleyball Tournament
Powell Park. Time TBA.
Watch the Holiday Lake Facebook page for details.

Saturday, July 4
9-9:30am Yoga in the Park
Powell Park. Contact: Maria Zeutenhorst 641-485-0632

2pm Pet Costume Parade:
Powell Park Shelter
Contact: Sandy Heck 641-990-6142

Around 7pm Skydive Iowa Patriotic skydivers landing at Ball Diamond

8pm Boat Parade begins at Beach Boat Ramp

Dusk: Fireworks off the dam.
Rain date of Sunday, July 5

Sunday, July 5
9-10:30am. Kid's Carnival Games at the Community Center for children 12 and under.

9-10am Register for the ATV/Golf Cart Cruise. Judging ends at 10:30am. Cruise begins at 11am.
Contact: Katie Tomlinson (641) 485-0127

	Saturday July 11 11a-7p
	<i>Saturday July 18 11-2pm</i>
	Friday July 24 4 - 7pm
	Saturday July 25 8a - Noon
	Saturday July 25 Noon - 6pm
	Saturday Aug. 1 11am - 2pm
SMOKE'N ZBQ	Saturday August 1 4-7pm
	Saturday Aug 15 11a - 12p
	<i>Saturday August, 15 11-2pm</i>
	Saturday August 15 4 - 7pm
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Friday
August 21
4-7pm

Saturday
Aug 22
10-7pm

Sunday
Aug 23
10-2pm

Friday
Aug 28
4a-7p

Saturday
Aug 29
11 - 2pm

Saturday
Aug 29
4-7pm

Saturday
Sept 5
10am-3pm

Saturday
Sept 5
10-4pm

Saturday
Sept 5
1-4p

Saturday
Sept 5
4 - 7p

Sunday
Sept 6
10-7pm

Monday
Sept 7
11a-2p

HOLIDAY LAKE

Scavenger HUNT I

Find the places around our Lake and mark them off when you find them. Try to fill up the entire board.



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FIND A PAINTED ROCKS

Scavenger Hunt

Christian Carrazco and family have created a series of scavenger hunts and will be posting them on Holiday Lake facebook page. And a different kids version series in the mailbox that the betterment committee place at the lake entrances!

Life Jacket Sharing program returns!

This easy 4 step program is back for 2026!

1. Borrow a jacket
2. Stay safe
3. Have fun
4. Return it.



Life Jackets can be found hanging inside the fence at the beach restrooms. Use at your own risk - the HOA assumes no responsibility for the use of these donated jackets. Please inspect before use.



New backstop fencing is installed at the ball park. A few finishing touches coming to complete. Special thanks to Heath Brown for the use of his lift. Also a great work crew Gary, & Sheri Scott, Sam, Jeff, Jeff, Jake, Brett, Trent, Matt, & Amy.

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For those that enjoy rock hunting stop by the home of Craig and Monica Morrison at 4165 Sharon Drive to play a game of tic tac toe! Encourage the kids to enjoy a game when they want and if they could leave the rocks we have provided for others to enjoy as well !



Calum Johnson, grandson of Tom & Nicole Blair

Holiday Lake Rocks

By Andrea Rae

The Holiday Lake Rocks 4th of July Rock Event is back for another year! As always, you'll also find plenty of patriotic themed rocks hidden around the lake for kids to discover.

Keep your eyes peeled for the Golden Rocks. They're your ticket to a FREE soft serve or slushie from Gator Enterprise! Please make sure if you find a rock that you turn it in asap so we can re-hide over the weekend! Golden Rock clues will be posted throughout the weekend on the Holiday Lake Rocks Facebook page, so be sure to follow along. Rocks will be hidden all around the lake during the entire 4th of July weekend, giving everyone plenty of chances to join the hunt. Found a Golden Rock? Please turn it in as soon as possible at Gator Enterprise so it can be hidden again and enjoyed by someone else. The quicker they come back, the more chances there are for kids (and kids at heart) to find them throughout the weekend. If you have guests visiting, please help spread the word! A huge thank-you to everyone who donates to support our Golden Rock program. Your generosity helps keep this tradition going year after year and brings so much excitement to the Holiday Lake community. If you'd like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at Gator Enterprise or made through the Venmo QR code posted on the Holiday Lake Rocks Facebook page.

I found a painted rock! Now what? Snap a photo and share it on the page! Then re-hide it somewhere new so someone else can experience the fun of finding it.

Leaving the lake and don't have time to re-hide your rocks? No problem! Drop them off at the Rock House on Sharon Drive (between Bozo Lake and the campground), and we'll help get them back into circulation. One small reminder: golf cart cupholders, garages, and kitchen drawers are not approved rock retirement communities. Let's keep those rocks moving!

Thank you for helping make Holiday Lake Rocks one of the most fun traditions at the lake. We can't wait to see what everyone finds this 4th of July weekend. Happy Hunting!



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Holiday Lake Lighting Committee

It's July, but let's talk about Christmas! Lights, to be exact! The Lighting Committee was able to purchase some new display items in the off-season and will be ready to light up a few more areas.

The Lighting Committee is not just about Christmas anymore. Watch for our spectacular displays for Independence Day.

The traditional Cookies with Santa will be held on December 5, 2026, from 12-2. Mark your calendars to attend!

As always, if you are interested in supporting the committee's efforts, donations can be made through the Holiday Lake Office. Please include a note indicating that your gift is for the Lighting Committee, so it's properly allocated. Thank you all for your support!

Holiday Lake Lighting Committee Chairperson,
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Welcome to the Lake!

The Holiday Lake Welcome Committee would like to Welcome you! Contact one of these ladies or the lake office to schedule a time to hear about all of the great amenities and events that are included with lot owner membership!

- Chair- Pat Link 641-891-1046
- Co-Chair Shannon Schmit 319-213-4613
- Co-Chair Joy Krull 319-350-2543
- Co-Chair Geri Franklin 319-404-8992
- Lake Office 641-522-7686

Upcoming Events

GET INVOLVED! Meetings at the Community Center:

Board of Directors
Second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM

Rural Improvement Zone
First Wednesday of each month at 6PM

For additional information or inquiries on specific events, please contact the Holiday Lake Owner's Association Office.
641-522-7686 Office Hours: Tues—Fri 8AM-3PM, Sat 8-Noon

Saturday, July 11, 10-11am

Meet the Candidates for Board of Directors at the Community Center

The Betterment Committee Welcomes you to

Community Coffee

Open to all Holiday Lake Property Owners!
Stop in for coffee, tea, sweet treats and conversation!

Join us at the Community Center

April—October
1st and 3rd Friday of the month

November—March
1st Friday of the month only

Join us for Monthly Planning Meetings/Work sessions after Coffee at 10:45AM on the 3rd Friday of the month, April-October.

AED Locations at Holiday Lake



[North]
Community Center



[South]
South Boat Ramp
Dock Park



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23rd Annual Fish Committee Poker Run Fundraiser Saturday, July 25

11am—1pm Registration at the Community Center
1pm Run Begins!
Contact: Dennis Jones (319) 533-1954

HOLIDAY LAKE END OF THE SUMMER VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 5
9-3pm at the Community Center
Contact: Monica Morrison 319-432-1880

Also: Pie Sales for Kent Chapel. Get there early!!!!

Saturday, August 15
Annual Meeting at the Community Center:
8-9am Voting. 9am Meeting called to order/voting ends..

Sunday, September 6
7:30am-12:30pm Annual Pancake Breakfast -
Comm. Center Fundraiser
Contact: Kim Pendarvis at (641) 990-9763

Saturday, September 26
10am SxS Poker Run starts at Powell Park
Contact: Lynn Parizek (319)558-8276



Saturday August 15th!
We are looking forward to another fun event. We are accepting donations if you would like to support this amazing event.



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Christina Sorensen

Saturday, October 31
3pm Annual Trunk/Treat at the Beach parking lot with a free meal for the whole family at the Community Center
Contact: Candace Brown (319) 243-9075

Saturday, October 31 313rd Annual Halloween Costume Party at the Community Center
Doors open at 6 p.m. Band will be playing from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Saturday, December 5
Noon-2pm Cookies with Santa and Reindeer Games at the Community Center.



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Holiday Lake - Scuba Diving

#HLR Holiday Lake Rocks

Just Between Lakers-For Sale

Holiday Lake - Betterment Committee

SCUBA CLUB

Wow! Visibility of 10-15 feet makes this a great time of year to explore below the surface. The bluegill are nesting on the east side of the beach, from the shore to the double swim platform all the way to the boundary marker buoys. Looks like about 40 nests. Expect a 'tap' on your leg if wading through that area. Video of the nests is available on the Holiday Lake – Scuba Facebook page.

All found items with any potential value are posted on the Holiday Lake – Scuba Facebook. Low value items are placed in the lost and found box at the beach. If you see a posted, found item that you want to claim, simply contact Blake Wilkinson.



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HOLIDAY LAKE BETTERMENT COMMITTEE



The Betterment Committee has been hard at work on several projects for 2026.

Wayfinding and Signage A new wayfinding sign has been placed on the berm south of Don's Cove near the Stairway to Heaven. We would like to thank Alan and Chase Faas for donating and delivering the boulder, and Deb Howard for her time and artistry.

South Entrance Improvements The Holiday Lake sign at the South Entrance recently received a facelift. The poles were stained and sealed to match the North Entrance. The Committee purchased and planted five bushes around the perimeter and installed two large pots on concrete pads—donated by Sally Johnson—for seasonal displays. Thank you to Pat Jans for donating the flowers; we are using artificial plants at this location due to the difficulty of maintaining adequate moisture for live plants.

Beach and Parking Area Two significant projects are underway at the beach this summer. We are pouring three concrete pads in the grassy area along the parking lot to relocate the picnic tables. This move will improve safety for visitors and increase the number of available parking spaces. We extend our sincere gratitude to Byron Sunkle of Poured Foundations for donating the labor and to Manatt's, Inc. for donating the concrete.

Upcoming Renovations Our final major project for the summer is painting the Beach House and the Powell Park Pavilion. All labor and materials will be covered by the Betterment Committee, and the final color will be determined by the Board of Directors. [Please note: the colors in the photos are for demonstration purposes only]

In addition to these projects, committee members continue to maintain the flower beds on common grounds and provide seasonal decor throughout the area in the hope of bringing some element of Joy.

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Zebra Mussels: A Growing Threat to Iowa—and to Holiday Lake

Iowa continues to face an escalating challenge as **zebra mussels**, one of the most destructive invasive species in North America, spread into more lakes and rivers each year. While the issue may feel distant to some communities, the reality is that even **one zebra mussel** introduced into **Holiday Lake** could trigger long-lasting and costly consequences for every resident.

Where Zebra Mussels Have Already Been Found

Several Iowa waters have confirmed infestations, including:

- Clear Lake
- Spirit Lake
- West & East Okoboji Lakes
- Storm Lake
- Coralville Reservoir
- Lake Rathbun
- Mississippi River backwaters

Each new detection increases the risk of spread, especially through boats, docks, lifts, and fishing equipment moved between lakes.

Why Zebra Mussels Are So Harmful

Despite their small size, zebra mussels cause outsized damage:

- A single female can produce **up to a million eggs per year**
- They attach to docks, boats, pipes, rocks—almost anything
- They filter out plankton, starving native fish
- Their sharp shells accumulate on beaches and shorelines
- They clog water intakes and irrigation lines
- Once established, they are nearly impossible to remove

Communities across the Midwest have spent **hundreds of thousands of dollars** trying to manage infestations, often with limited success.

The High Cost of Treatment—and the Risk to Fish

Chemical treatments strong enough to kill zebra mussels often harm other aquatic life. This means:

- Large-scale fish kills
- Disruption of the lake's food chain
- Long-term ecological imbalance
- High cleanup and restoration costs

For many lakes, treatment becomes a painful last resort.

What's at Stake for Holiday Lake

If zebra mussels were introduced here—even just one—the impact could be severe:

- Rapid population growth within a single season
- Clogged pipes, lifts, and irrigation systems
- Sharp shells along beaches and shorelines
- Reduced water quality and increased algae blooms
- Higher HOA maintenance costs
- Potential decline in property values

Because Holiday Lake is small and enclosed, an infestation could spread faster than in larger public lakes.

How Residents Can Help Protect Our Lake

Prevention is the only effective defense. Every resident plays a role:

- **Clean** boats, trailers, and equipment before entering or leaving any lake
- **Drain** all water from bilges, live wells, and motors
- **Dry** boats and gear for at least **5 days** before launching elsewhere
- **Never** move bait, fish, or water between lakes
- Inspect docks, lifts, and shoreline structures regularly
- Education

For a private lake like ours, community awareness and cooperation are essential.

A Shared Responsibility

Zebra mussels pose a real and immediate threat to Iowa's waters—and to Holiday Lake. Protecting our lake requires vigilance from every homeowner. With consistent prevention, we can keep Holiday Lake healthy, safe, and enjoyable for years to come.



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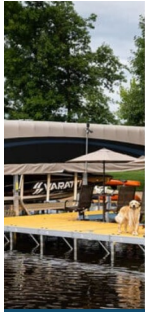
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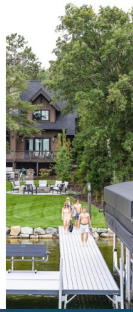
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I hope everyone enjoys this edition of the newsletter! I tried to cram as much information into it as possible, so please accept my apologies if I missed anything. As a reminder regarding community happenings, please note the following guidelines:

- **HOA Authority:** The HOA has the final say on any events or happenings at the lake, meaning events may occasionally be moved or canceled.
- **Gator Enterprise, LLC Exclusivity:** Any events and food trucks located directly on the property of Gator Enterprise, LLC are managed exclusively by us.
- **Support Local:** We ask everyone to support these small businesses, as they are also living out their American dreams.



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to sunset*



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STORAGE We have a couple spots available for fall Indoor Storage.