



July 2026 Membership Newsletter

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Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence

As we gather this summer on the beautiful Island Chain of Lakes, we join communities across our nation in celebrating a remarkable milestone—the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries, Americans have cherished the ideals of liberty, self-government, and the enduring spirit of community that binds us together.

Independence Day is more than a commemoration of our nation's founding. It is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices and vision of those who came before us and to appreciate the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today. Here on the Island Chain, those values are reflected in our own traditions of neighbors helping neighbors, families creating memories together, and generations sharing a love for our lakes and community.

One of the highlights of our summer celebrations is the spectacular fireworks displays that bring residents and visitors together in a spirit of joy and patriotism. The Island Chain of Lakes Association extends its sincere appreciation to the Bonacorda and Higgins family for their generosity in sponsoring the July 4th fireworks display on Chain Lake. Their commitment to preserving this treasured tradition helps make Independence Day a special occasion for everyone on the Chain.

We also wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Shepler and Voegeli families for sponsoring the Labor Day weekend fireworks. Their continued support provides a wonderful conclusion to the summer season and gives families and friends one more opportunity to gather and celebrate all that makes our community unique.

As America marks its 250th year, may we remember that our greatest strength lies not only in our history, but in the communities we build and the traditions we pass on. The Island Chain of

Lakes Association is grateful for the volunteers, supporters, and families whose generosity and spirit make our lakes such a special place to live and visit.

Wishing everyone a safe, enjoyable, and memorable Independence Day weekend. May the colors reflected across our waters remind us of the blessings of freedom and the enduring bonds of community that have sustained our nation for 250 years.
Happy 250th Anniversary, America!

*ICOLA merchandise that was ordered recently through Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods will be available at our meeting on Saturday, July 11th at Sunny's, so please be present to pick up your orders. Additionally, the deadline to order merch will be in July 11th.

Next and future Lake Association meetings dates, locations and times;

July 11 at Sunny's (Brat Feed and WDNR and Rusk County Sheriff)- 11 a.m.

August 8 at Hawk's (Elections and Speaker)- 10 a.m.