

The picnic committee has changed the start time of the picnic on Saturday, July 8 from Noon to 1 p.m. Members and their guests are invited to attend.

### GLA Announces Picnic Sponsor



A Melvin Belk crew wraps up restoration work on Gifford Lake, helping to make cottages look better than new. Melvin Belk donated \$1,000 to GLA to offset picnic expenses.

The Gifford Lake Association (GLA) Summer Picnic returns on Saturday, July 8 after a three year hiatus. Melvin Belk Construction of Grand Rapids has generously donated \$1,000 to the GLA to help cover the expense of the picnic including the cost of the main dish —pulled pork and brisket from the Smoke Wrangler, a grill master regularly featured at 876 in Baldwin. Hot dogs and a vegetarian dish will also be available.

The picnic will begin at 1pm on the Morin's north-shore beach with the association's Annual Meeting immediately following the picnic. All members and family members are invited to attend both events and are encouraged to bring a side dish to the picnic.

“Melvin Belk Construction is proud to sponsor the association’s picnic,” said Andrew Belk, director of sales at the construction company. “The homes and cottages around the lake and the area were hard hit by the hail storm in September 2021. We’re honored that many of the property owners on Gifford Lake selected our company to restore their places. I met so many nice people around the lake and now it’s time for our company to give back.”

Besides providing the main courses, the donation will help pay for the portable restroom, tableware, trash containers, soft drinks and water.

“We’re grateful for the contribution made by Melvin Belk Construction because it will make this year’s picnic extra special,” said picnic committee members Mary Hefferan, Jim Redd and Joe Surman. “We’ve been planning the picnic for several months and we look forward to renewing relationships around the lake and meeting our new members.”

Volunteers to assist with the picnic are still needed. Please contact Mary (mary.hefferan@steelcase.com) , Jim (JRedd99@outlook.com ) or Joe (joesrmn@yahoo.com) to help out.

Tables will be set up on Morin’s beach for sit -down eating. Members will need to bring their own folding chairs. There will be games for the kids during the picnic.

The GLA Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the meal. Important agenda items will be covered and elections for new officers, trustees and committee members will take place. Members are encouraged to make nominations by sending an email to GLA Secretary Sally Schneider ([sallyschneider91@gmail.com](mailto:sallyschneider91@gmail.com)) no later than June 8, 2023.