

No complaints filed during Lake Glenview's first boating season



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No complaints or concerns were filed with the Glenview Park District after the first season of boating on Lake Glenview ended earlier this month, officials said.

The Glenview Park District Board of Commissioners approved non-motorized boating on the 45-acre, manmade lake in April and the Board of Trustees approved an agreement with the park district in mid May.

Boating on the lake, located in Gallery Park behind Park Center and Attea Middle School, will again be allowed from May 1 to Oct. 1 beginning next year. Because the Board of Trustees did not approve the agreement until mid May, boating began this year on Memorial Day and ended Oct. 1.

Residents raised concerns about the impact boating on Lake Glenview would have on wildlife, particularly migrating birds. To protect the environment around the lake, the park district created one entrance and exit

10/18/2017 No complaints filed during Lake Glenview's first boating season - Glenview Announcements point for boats, made the islands and the south part of the lake off limits to boaters and required boat permits.

By requiring permits, staff members could contact people who don't follow the rules, said Elsa Fischer, superintendent of leisure services.

The park district issued 49 permits this year, and there were no complaints or concerns raised about the boats, said Michele Fiore, a park district spokeswoman.

Resident Nicole Thomas said she and her boyfriend went boating on Lake Glenview about nine times and that they were one of the few people out there most times.

Thomas, who grew up in Glenview, said she enjoyed boating on the lake because when she was growing up that portion of the land was part of Naval Air Station Glenview.

"To be boating in this beautiful place ... it was really fun," she said.

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