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This E-Newsletter will provide updates on events, projects and issues important to PLPOA Members.

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Greetings From the President

I look forward to seeing all of you at the PLPOA annual breakfast meeting at Fair Hills on July 22. Breakfast 9:30 am. Meeting at 10:00 am.

We have an informative agenda including:

- Dr Mike McCartney, U of MN expert on Zebra Mussels biology and control
- Quick review of DNR justification to continue to stock invasive fish into Pelican Lake

- Review and vote on modernizing the PLPOA ByLaws
- Unveiling of a new Foundation being established for the greater good of the community
- Voting in of new talent to our fun Board
- And the happenings on the lake ...

I am really pleased to see the 5-7 "new talent" that Julie Friederichs of the Nominations Committee will present to you for your approval.

We still need a volunteer lead person for Snail Mailings. This is a remote job. You can do it from anywhere. The role is to be the face of PLPOA snail mailings to the printer. This person would secure the communications content from the respective functional experts (Membership Queen, Secretary, Brilliant Fireworks Boss, Event Specialist, Database Queen, etc), establish the printing and mailing deadlines, secure the right set of mailing addresses from the database mgr and manage the printer. So if you have a little voice in your head or heart saying you want to do something for the lake, this could be your role. There are roughly 6-8 snail mailings a year and you can do this from FL, AZ, TX or PL.

See you July 22 at the best breakfast served lakeside.

[Sherry](#)

2017 Calendar

07/04/17		Independence Day Parade and Fireworks
07/10/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
07/22/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Pine Room
07/22/17	9:30 a.m.	Member Annual Breakfast - Fair Hills Dining Room
07/22/17	10:00 a.m.	Member Annual Association Meeting - Fair Hills Dining Room
08/18/17	4:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Pine Room
08/18/17	5:30 p.m.	PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Social - Fair Hills (by invitation)
08/18/17	6:30 p.m.	PLPOA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Fair Hills (by invitation)
09/11/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
11/15/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting

July 4th Celebrations



Boat Parade

The annual Boat Parade on Pelican Lake will be held on Tuesday, the 4th of July. The parade starts at 10:00 AM. and the gathering point is off Haugen's Point (the inlet to Fish Lake). Classic wooden boats will lead the parade. Participants are encouraged to decorate their boats (no theme other than Independence Day). You can go all out or just add a flag or two, but all boats are welcome, decorated or not. The parade will travel clockwise around the lake. Join the parade for the entire trip around the lake, join in for as long as you want, or join in as the parade passes your cabin. When joining the parade en route, join as the last parade boat passes your cabin. Travel slowly, not too close to the boat in front of you, get as close to shore as is safe and wave. Please remember this is for fun only! The real reward is the chance to celebrate Independence Day and to enjoy the lakes with family, friends and neighbors. There is no trophy or monetary reward or great publicity involved. Have fun and don't forget to submit your parade and 4th of July celebration photos to the newsletter!

See the last 3 years of parade photos (participants and shore viewers) on the PLPOA website click on [PHOTOS](#)

For questions please contact Boat Parade Chairman: [Paul Horstmann](#)
614-204-0272



Photo courtesy Lynn Hendricks

Fireworks

No 4th of July celebration is complete without FIREWORKS! Celebrate our nation's founding and join with your families and neighbors in Pelican Lakes' annual extravaganza, from the unofficial pre-show bursts around the lake to the choreographed show behind Pelican Point. The fireworks can be viewed from a wide area on the lake, or the parking lot on County Highway #20, just west of FairHills Resort, starting about 10:30 p.m. **Wave 104.1 FM the Lakes Best Music from Detroit Lakes** will synchronize the music on your radio for the display. If you use the parking lot, we ask that you please take your litter with you and please be patient when entering and leaving the pasture. Please, no fireworks in the parking lot!! The donation envelopes will be available at the parking lot sites. If you would like to assist, we are looking for volunteers to help with parking and donation collection - please call [Nick Valentine](tel:651-775-8427) at 651-775-8427 if you can help with this community event.

We appreciate the support we have received for these events in the past, and again we do need your support for 2017. While PLPOA sponsors the event, each year the fireworks costs are provided mostly by your donations. Thank you!

[Sherry Trepp](#), President PLPOA

County Road 9 RED ALERT

Red Alert to all Members regarding your plans for the July 4th weekend and

the road work on County 9 over that 4th of July weekend.

Saturday, July 1 and Monday, July 3 are by contract work days for the County 9 Contractors. The Contractors may not be able to make a decision on whether or not to work one or both of those days until probably June 30th. It will depend on the amount of rain and other construction related problems that may arise during the last week in June.

You should give your family and guests a heads up that travel on County 9 may be limited or have to compete with work vehicles on those days.

[Jim Beckstrom](#) [Gary Lawrence](#)



Swimmer's Itch Hits

Minnesota's Lake Country Early

DETROIT LAKES, Minn.-Unfortunately, the term "swimmer's itch" does not refer to that nagging desire you get to jump in the lake after a long winter.

Instead, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, it is a temporary skin rash that is caused by an allergic reaction to microscopic parasites carried by waterfowl, semi-aquatic mammals and snails-and it's already hit the waters of Detroit Lakes, with lake-goers reporting symptoms of swimmer's itch less than a week into June.

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Starry Stonewort

Of the many AIS threats confronting Otter Tail County lakes, Starry Stonewort is the most menacing and destructive. These alarming videos are being repeated in the PLPOA E-Newsletter to punctuate the importance of proactive measures to prevent the spread of Starry Stonewort.

Click [HERE](#) for a video
Click [HERE](#) for another video

Muskie Update

The need for change in muskie stocking, (and overall fish management) in Pelican Lake, Otter Tail County and Statewide continues to be obvious. As you know the Otter Tail County wide effort did stop the stocking of new muskie lakes in OTC. The statewide effort by Minnesotans for Family Fishing and Healthy Lakes ([MFFHL](#)) continues to work with the state legislature for long range change to the stocking of expensive, predator muskie fish into non-native lakes. See new [MFFHL Brochure](#) on muskie stocking, click here.

With the latest MNDNR data showing muskie in 13th place in popularity, how does anybody explain that muskie are in third place in stocking and management dollars, while only involving less than 2 % of the MN fishing license buyers. And when the MNDNR Commissioner was pushing for license fee increases this past legislative session, walleye stocking dollars were threatened, with no mention of muskie cuts. While surrounding states have increased fishing license sales and tourism, MN fisherman, and people from other states "drive though" Minnesota (the "Walleye State") on their way to spend money in surrounding states who successfully manage for walleye and other sport fish.

The PLPOA Board continues to ask the MNDNR to stop muskie stocking, and contrary to what the local MNDNR office promotes, **PLPOA never officially asked for muskie stocking**. See the history of muskie stocking on Pelican Lake, click [HERE](#).

The misrepresentation of the need, costs, and support of muskie fishing continues to be exaggerated and promoted by a few in the MNDNR. And these "public servants", paid for by your tax dollars, continue to violate and abuse their own stated goals, while breaking their own rules and guidelines trying to promote their biased agenda. See Gull Lake Muskie Stocking timetable, click [HERE](#)

At a recent PLPOA board meeting it was agreed we should continue to push our request to stop muskie stocking on Pelican Lake. For this reason, we will be circulating an electronic petition on muskie stocking among PLPOA Members and will be asking property owners, fisherman and other OTC residents to sign our written petition to stop muskie stocking on Pelican Lake. The written petition will be circulated around the lake and will also be available at the PLPOA Annual Member Meeting on July 22.

PLPOA Members are encouraged to complete the electronic petition when the link is received in the email.

Thank You.

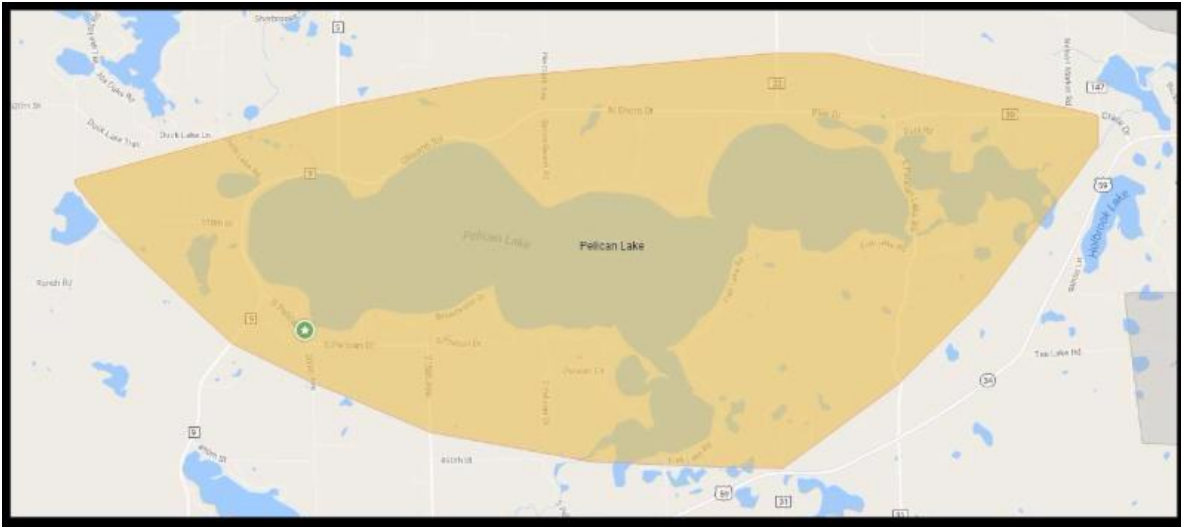
PLPOA Sport Fishing Committee



Nextdoor Popular on Pelican Lakes

The Nextdoor app for smart devices has become very popular on Pelican Lakes. From just a few people using Nextdoor a few weeks ago the number has grown to 178! It has already served useful for several lost and finds and notice of area events. Many people originally skeptical have now downloaded the app from the app store and are using it.

This is the "Pelican Lake neighborhood" that you join when you put in your lake address. You have to verify your address to qualify to join the "neighborhood". Several beaches have established subgroups to just communicate with people on their beach.



Here are a few videos to check it out.

[About Nextdoor](#)

[Introducing Nextdoor](#)

[CBS This Morning](#)

[KOCO News](#)

Download Nextdoor from the apps store. When asked for your address, give your lake address.

A few tips:

- If you are already using Nextdoor for another neighborhood you will need a unique email address for joining the Pelican neighborhood.
- You have the option of seeing just the Pelican neighborhood or including nearby neighborhoods.
- You can invite family and friends who are on the lakes to join the Pelican neighborhood by having Nextdoor send them an email or even a post card.

For more information or help contact:

[John Kruse](#)

[Julie Friederichs](#)

PLPOA Bylaws Revisions

One of the agenda items for the PLPOA Annual Meeting will be provisional adoption of revised Bylaws. Click [HIGHLIGHTS](#) to see a brief summary of the revisions.

The **BYLAWS BOLDED** is a draft of revised Bylaws with revisions, changes and updates **bolded** for emphasis.

If you are a paid PLPOA Member I will be happy to give you access to the proposed revised BYLAWS documents. Just let me know.

Thank you

[John Kruse](#)



2017 Pelican Lake Sailing School

Pelican Lake Sailing School Update

- Things are falling into place for this season. As part of the county 9 road agreement, Pelican Lake Sailing School has purchased about \$10,000 worth of 8' wide dock to put next to shore to get students as far from the road as possible. The county has agreed to step up their efforts to slow traffic down during those time periods as well. We also purchased another slightly used Club 420 to replace one of the aging ones that is now for sale and a small outboard to put on another chase boat. The much appreciated PLPOA \$2000 donation along with other donations will go toward paying for this equipment.
- We have 3 youth instructors back and have sent a 4th instructor to US Sailing Small Boat Level One instruction in Minneapolis. This is a great program that considerably lowers the amount of time it takes to get them up to speed.
- Session 1 is full for the Open Bics (typically Kids age 9 - 12) and there is a little room for Club 420s (typically Kids age 13 through high school).
- Session 2 is nearly full for Open Bics and still room for Club 420s.
- Session 3 has room in both categories.

Questions or more information [Jeff Peltier](#) 701-238-6270 or peltier@plyc.info

Thanks,

[Jeff Peltier](#)

PLSS Chairman



Minnesota to Accelerate the Pace of Progress Towards Clean Water

That is why Governor Dayton recently announced a new [25 by 25 Water Quality Goal](#), which would spur collaboration and action to improve Minnesota's water quality 25 percent by 2025. Without additional action, the quality of Minnesota's waters is expected to improve only 6 to 8 percent by 2034. Governor Dayton wants to hear from Minnesotans and will host a series of Town Halls over the summer and fall. In addition, he is calling on Minnesotans and civic organizations to organize their own Community Water Meetings this summer to provide further feedback and ideas.

Gather your community, school, family and friends to have a conversation this summer about what you can do at the local level to help Minnesota reach our 25 by 25 goal!

Community Water Meetings will take place June - August. Hosts will be provided with a conversation guide, information on water quality in your local region. [MORE](#).



AIS Monitoring

The Pelican Group of Lakes have zebra mussels, but there are many other aquatic invasive species (AIS) that we are working to protect the lake from. July is peak time for the spread of new AIS. PGOLID monitors the lake specifically for spiny waterflea, starry stonewort, flowering rush, Eurasian

milfoil, and we're always on the lookout for any new infestations. Please help us prevent the spread of AIS by informing any guests you may have on the lake this summer to clean, drain, and dry their boat before launching it in Pelican Lake or any other lake. Please inform others of the risks and ensure best practices are followed to prevent further spread and environmental impact of AIS to the waterways.

PGOLID History Project

In the summer of 2019, [PGOLID](#) will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. We are starting a history project this summer to gather stories the lake so we can put them together for an anniversary celebration. If you were involved in [PGOLID](#) in the early years, or have any historical stories you would- like to contribute to this project, please contact the Lake Coordinator, [Moriya Rufer](mailto:moriya.rufer@rmbel.info), moriya.rufer@rmbel.info, 218-846-1465.



President's Report for MN COLA Meeting June 7, at the St Cloud Library

The MN COLA Annual Business Meeting in St Cloud had nearly 30 lake-people from around the state in attendance and several special presentations from both our members and guests.

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Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman

