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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

Thanks to all who attended the annual spring social at Fair Hills last Fri. Significant information provided at the meeting:

1. We can and should influence change.
 - John Dinsmore, Director of County Services, provided a list of Otter Tail County Directors, Managers and Supervisors that you can contact for change.
 - Bill Kalar, Director of Land and Resource Management, informed us

that the Shoreland Management Ordinances have been changed 14 times since inception. The county has 1049 lakes, 134 public accesses and only 13-16 watercraft inspectors. Water planning is shifting from county to watershed, crossing county lines. Bill suggests you can influence change.

- Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocacy, (providing advice via phone prior to meeting) suggested that PLPOA members shift the rules about lake management by building trust and support among business owners, faith leaders and government representatives.

So the message is loud and clear... we need to speak out about the things we don't like: lake hopping via public access, fishing tournaments that promote lake hopping and general over use and abuse of the lake.

2. Starry Stonewort is now present in 8 MN lakes, both north and south of us. Starry Stonewort is an invasive algae in which you will not want to swim and find difficult to boat.

3. The PGOLID is treating areas with curly leaf pondweed early this week. You should not irrigate the lawn or go in the water for a period after the spraying.

New volunteers keep coming in and I thank you. Please welcome Anne Haley, Dean Sellheim, Ernie Strube, Greg and Janis Gustafson and Vern Smith to volunteer positions for the PLPOA.

We look forward to the upcoming Beach Captains Meeting, the Trash pick up, the new Directories, the 4th of July boat parade and fireworks and SUMMER,

[Sherry](#)

2017 Calendar

05/30/17	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
06/03/17	8:30 a.m.	Majors & Captains Meeting - Fair Hills Blue/Green Room
06/07/17		Cleanup Day
06/17/17	8:30 a.m.	Board Meeting - Fair Hills Resort Blue/Green Room
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



At the lake by Ellen Jean Diederich

This is a painting of a Pelican Lake scene done for the new Sanford Hospital. The artist is Ellen Jean Diederich, wife of Paul Diederich of Pelican Lake. Ellen challenges readers of this newsletter to recognize where it is on the lake. (the trick is the house was remodeled by Ellen so that probably won't be recognized).

If you want to venture a guess, Please let Ellen know.

[Ellen Diederich](#)

PLPOA Cleanup Day

Bert McDonough, Chairman for the Cleanup Day event, reports that **June 7th** has been confirmed for the PLPOA Member cleanup day.

These are items that **WILL** be picked up .

Furniture

Metal items

Box springs
Mattresses
General trash

These are Items that **WILL NOT** be picked up

Appliances
Electronics (TV's)
Paint
Oils
Tires
Construction materials
Wood
Brush
Leaves

Also not boatlifts or large items unless they are broken down into manageable pieces that one person can handle.

[Bert McDonough](#)

PLPOA Spring Social / Meeting



The PLPOA Spring Social and Regular Meeting of Members was held at Fair Hills Resort on May 19, 2015. Following hors d'oeuvres and reacquainting with friends not seen over the winter months a full slate of PLPOA reports was covered with "rapid-fire" efficiency. Highlights include

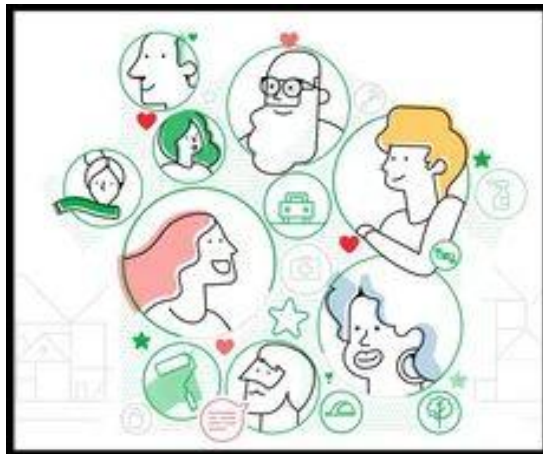
presentations from Bill Kalar, OTC Lakeshore Management and Wayne Johnson, OTC Commissioner. Other reports included updates on the County 9 construction, natural gas deployment, cleanup day schedule, foundation update and winner of the ice-out contest.

Starry Stonewort Videos

At the PLPOA Spring Member Meeting David Majkrzak played a video showing the alarming effects of starry stonewort on lakes. The algae already found in lakes to the north and to the south will in time threaten the MN Pelican Lakes.



Click [HERE](#) for the Video shown
Click [HERE](#) for a related SS Video



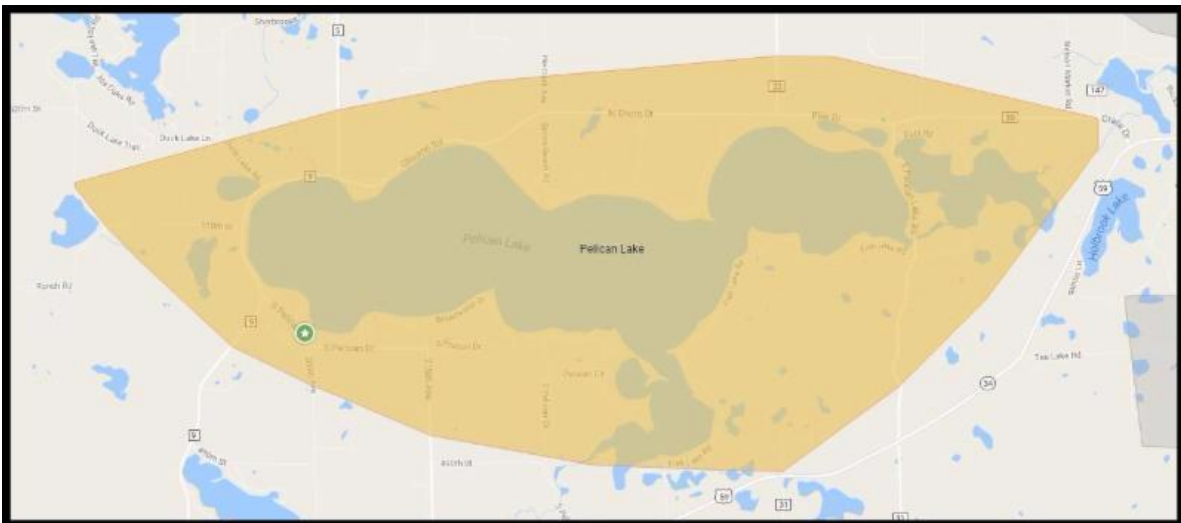


Nextdoor is a free app that connects neighbors for a wide range of useful and helpful reasons. Julie Friederichs discovered the app. A little research confirmed that Nextdoor is becoming extremely popular across the country as well as in the Pelican Lakes region. In the short time I have been watching, the number of Pelican area property owners signed up has quadrupled. It is distinct from apps like Facebook in that it is not meant to share recipes, political opinions, quotes, etc. It is to share needed and useful information and is neighborhood specific (you have to verify your lake address to join). Local sub neighborhoods ("Groups" can be set up just for your beach) can be set up.

What can you do with Nextdoor?

- Report lost items or pets
- Broadcast notice of dangerous weather on the lake
- Send an emergency alert to your neighbors for help
- Stranded on the lake?- see who of your neighbors can give assistance
- Share information on road construction
- Ask for recommendations for plumbers, carpenters, babysitters, etc.
- Sell or give away household items.
- Get the word out for beach get-togethers
- Exchange information about crime and safety issues.
- Find neighbors in the directory.
- View a neighborhood map.
- Ask for advice.
- Get the idea?

This is the "Pelican Lake neighborhood" that you join when you put in your lake address.



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.

For more information or help contact:

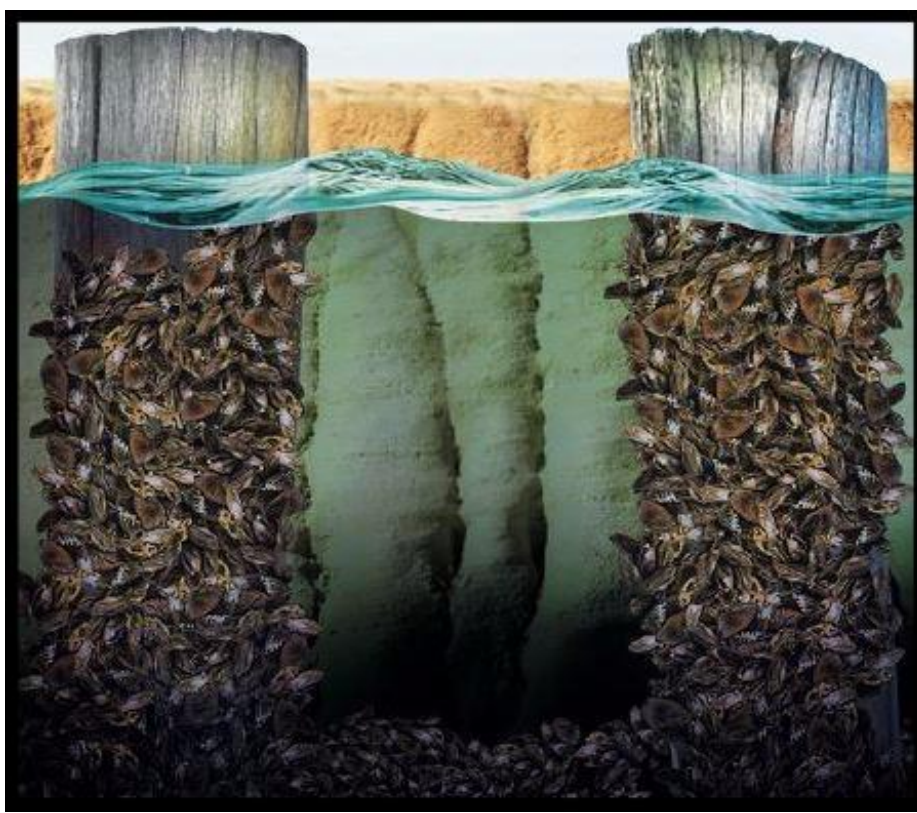
[**John Kruse**](#)

[**Julie Friederichs**](#)

2017 Ice-out Contest

The contest is now over. There were 54 entries and all were qualified. The Ice-off day for Pelican Lake was determined by the judge(s) as April 5. Surprisingly, none of the entries picked the official day. Seven of the entries picked either the day before or the day after. The winner was determined at the PLPOA Spring Social on May 19 by a drawing. The winner was declared as Jon Johnson. Jon will receive a gift certificate for the Pub restaurant. Thank you to everybody who participated in this annual, fun PLPOA event!

[**John Kruse**](#)



Lakes With Zebra Mussels Are Goners

It's time for us to stop (stop!) letting invasive species hitch a ride to our docks.

By Jim Davidson, Star Tribune.

New invasive species continue to arrive in Wisconsin and Minnesota - largely from the Great Lakes - on a weekly basis. Altogether, 180 invasive aquatic species are identified in the Great Lakes, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - allowed in by our government during our lifetimes.

For economic reasons, our elected officials encouraged international freighters to enter our fresh waters from the Atlantic via the St. Lawrence Seaway and sail all the way to Wisconsin and Minnesota. Did you know that Congress has allowed most all the ports of the world to send vessels right into Green Bay or Duluth with one or two stops? And we allowed them to empty their dangerous ballast tanks into American freshwater lakes - introducing a few hundred alien species from who-knows-where.

Over the past 30 years a nasty critter called the zebra mussel has hitchhiked and stowed away to cross lakes, rivers and streams - all the way to Wisconsin and Minnesota. Then they hitched rides at 60 miles per hour on highways, to reach hundreds of lakes, attached to boats and trailers - all the way to California.

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County 9 Road Construction Update

Wayne Johnson, OTC Commissioner presented a County 9 Construction Update at the May 19 PLPOA Spring Social and Member Meeting. Click [HERE](#) for the Update.

Please direct questions to [Jim Beckstrom](#) or [Gary Lawrence](#)

PLPOA Bylaws Revisions

As early as last year it was recognized by several PLPOA Members that the Bylaws of the Association were in need of correcting and updating. A draft of revised Bylaws documents have been created and are now available to paid PLPOA Members. Revised documents are available to PLPOA Members to review and submit corrections, suggestions and requests for explanations.

A series of documents have been created to present the Bylaws revisions in a clear, concise format. A brief overview of some of the matters addressed by the revisions have been listed in the [\(click here\) HIGHLIGHTS](#). The Highlights also exemplify the need for pursuing the revision effort.

A **DEFINITIONS** document has been created to define terms and labels used in the Bylaws. Definitions are common in association and organizational bylaws and help to clarify Bylaws provisions.

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

It has been requested by some PLPOA Members that a they be able to assign representatives of their Membership to PLPOA. This is in effect a power of attorney that is well documented and provided for use by any organization. A set of [\(click here\) POWER OF ATTORNEY and PROXY](#) forms have been modified from Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid and Legal Services State Support www.lawhelpmn.org. Property owners can delegate privileges and responsibilities to persons having a close relationship to them without relinquishing their Membership status.

If sufficient progress is made on addressing questions and suggestions on the revised Bylaw revisions and if there appears to be a consensus on them we will present a motion at the PLPOA Meeting July 22, 2017 for adoption. Some of the revisions may not be implemented immediately but will be, as deemed appropriate.

If you are a paid PLPOA Member I will be happy to give you access to the

DEFINITIONS and BOLDED BYLAWS documents. Just let me know.

Thank you

[John Kruse](#)



2017 Pelican Lake Sailing School schedule

Progress continues lining up equipment and training of instructors for the 2017 schedule. The first session is full but there is still room in the second and third sessions. For more questions or information go to our website <http://plyc.info/school.html> or contact Jeff Peltier peltier@plyc.info or 701-238-6270.

Below is the schedule. Once you have confirmed there is room in a session, you can go online to pay at <http://plyc.info/school.html>

The Schedule for the 2017 season: (conditional of participation and weather).

Cost of all sessions is \$150/ Person:

1. June 26-29 This first session is full
2. July 3,5,6,7 (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri), July 10-13 (Mon-Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm- Still accepting
3. July 10-13 (Mon-Thu), July 17-20(Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am- Still accepting

There is 1 Club 420 for sale in the program t keep sailing school equipment up to date.

Thanks,

[Jeff Peltier](#)

PLSS Chairman



Natural Gas Update

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) is expanding our natural gas system around Pelican Lake in 2017. Construction has already begun. We have installed natural gas main from Zorbaz to Linden Park along County Highway 20. We are coordinating installation with the County along Highway 9 and expect to be installing gas main soon. We are working very hard to bring natural gas to the south side of Pelican Lake. This area is challenging because of the number of private roads. Where we have proposed to install gas main along private roads we have mailed out easements packets requesting permission for installation and maintenance of the line. It is critical that these easements are returned immediately to plan construction. By granting an easement, there is no obligation to use natural gas, however, without the easements, your beach or area will most likely not be able to be served. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your easement.

Please call us toll-free at 888-931-3411 with any questions or to learn more about heating with natural gas.

[Nikki Kupser, GMG](#)



New Zebra Mussel-Sniffing K9s Take Aim At Aquatic Invasive Species

The K9s help by quickly sniffing out any zebra mussels attached to boats or equipment. Newly certified K9s Shelby and Storm join veterans Brady and Reggie on the force for 2017.

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman

"The invasive species program is excited to have two more K9 officers ready to detect zebra mussels on water-related equipment in the field and to educate people about aquatic invasive species and what each of us can do to stop the spread," said Heidi Wolf, invasive species unit supervisor.

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