



THE PELICAN BRIEF

A summer newsletter for the residents of Pelican Lake, Little Pelican, Fish and Bass Lakes • July 2007

Circus on the Water

This year's 4th of July Boat Parade will have a circus theme. So get the streamers ready, load the pontoon with dancing bears, a trapeze artist, or come up with some other creative decorating idea and you may win the \$100 first prize. There will be a \$50 second place prize; \$25 for third. This year local businesses have also been invited to enter the parade with separate prizes.

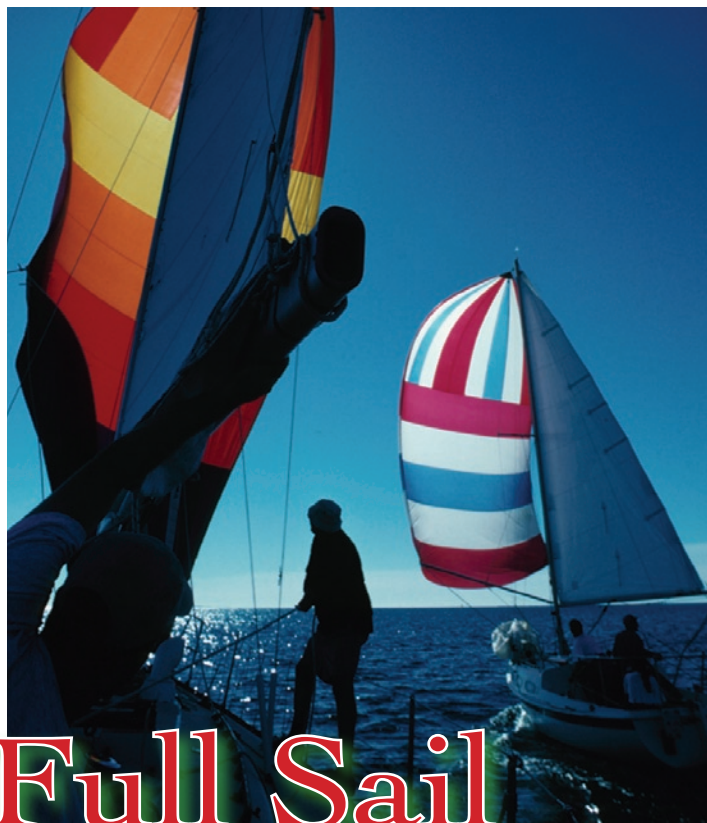
The annual boat parade will begin at 10:00 at the Yacht Club, moving counter clockwise around the lake this year. Participants should arrive at the starting point 20 minutes prior to the parade to register and get an ID number for the competition.

"We're hoping for lots of parade participants this year," says Skip Duemeland, chairman of the boat parade committee.

"Even if you don't want to decorate a boat, you can join in or drop out at the rear of the parade at any time, so it should be fun."

If you have any questions contact Skip at 532-5601 or 701-391-7000.

The fireworks display begins about 10:30 near Fair Hills Resort. Tune your boat radio to 104.1 FM for music that coordinates with the fireworks.



Full SailAHEAD

Like golf, tennis, skating and skiing, sailing is a lifetime recreation everyone should learn.

Lucky are the children and grandchildren of Pelican Lake residents because they have access to the Pelican Lake Sailing School with two U.S. sailing certified instructors.

In that past five years more than 150 kids have learned to sail at the Pelican Lake school, and two-week sessions begin soon for a new group of kids age 9 and up.

Call for information at 218-532-3388 or check the www.pelicanlakesailingschool.com web site. There are lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced sailors. Most lessons are conducted mornings, four days a week.



Anchors Away: Twelve-year-olds Evan and Lilli Furr of St. Paul, MN take their first sailing lesson from US sailing certified instructor Medora Sletten at the Pelican Lake Sailing School. Evan and Lilli are the grandchildren of Margie Foss (Senn's Beach).

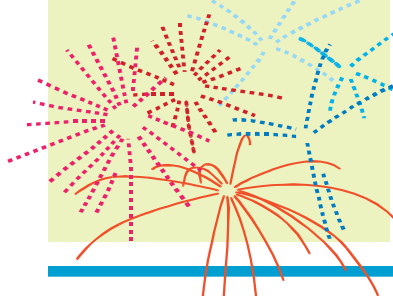
Restoring Shorelines

The Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) is applying for a grant which could help property owners pay for improvements to their shorelines.

The purpose of the DNR Shoreline Habitat Program is to improve the quality of shoreline habitat, to expand the diversity and abundance of native aquatic and terrestrial plants, and to enhance and protect water quality in Minnesota's lakes and streams. This program provides funding to organizations, conservation groups, lake associations and local units of government to conduct shoreline restoration with native plants to improve fish and wildlife habitat.

PGOLID will apply for the grant and is looking for property owners who'd like to be a part of it. For details contact water resources coordinator Moriya Rufer, (218) 846-1465 or lakes.rmbel@eot.com.

Rufer will be conducting two environmental seminars in July. (see calendar back page)



President's Pen



by
Dave Majkrzak,
president of
PLPOA

More than 150 Pelican Lake residents showed up for the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) spring meeting a few weeks ago at Fair Hills. It's probably the best turnout we've had for one of these meetings in many years. That's encouraging. We need your involvement.

We're hoping for another big turn out at the PLPOA Annual Meeting next month. Breakfast at 9:00 & annual meeting at 10:30 on July 28th at Fair Hills Resort.

To increase participation, we're going to try something different this year. The breakfast will be free to any property owner and spouse who have paid dues this year.

The new directories are currently being distributed by beach captains. If you are a dues-paying member of PLPOA you will get a book. Membership this year is nearing a record. More than 775 property owners had paid the \$45 dues as of a few weeks ago. That money is used to pay for the directory, clean up days, 4th of July activities, the printing and distribution of this newsletter and much more.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send your check to the PLPOA address on the back page.

We look forward to another great year on the lake and appreciate your support for PLPOA projects.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

An Update on Development Projects

Pelican Lake property owners packed the meeting room at Fair Hills on June 8th for the annual spring meeting where they got an update on lake developments and upcoming events.

PLPOA President Dave Majkrzak reported on changes in the Echo Bay development project on Fish Lake. The PLPOA fought plans that originally called for the construction of 250 units on about 170 acres.

The developers abandoned those plans over the winter and sold more than 140 acres which Majkrzak said he believes will not be developed. Seven homes will be built on the remaining 24 acres, he said.

In addition to Echo Bay and Pelican View Estates (the development near Zorbaz), Majkrzak reports that Pelican Beach Resort is to be converted to 16 condominium units. Little Pelican also has a

planned development of 11 homes with a common beach area on the SW corner of the lake.

Off the lake and just west of the 250-unit Pelican Hills Resort campsite, is another proposed development called Evergreen Estates. Majkrzak reports that thirty small log cabin structures are proposed. These cabins and the campsite all have access to Pelican Lake through the nearby DNR launch site.



FRESH FISH: More than 200 fishermen participated in the two-day FM Walleye Tournament on Pelican Lake at the end of May. They caught more than 770 walleye.

Fishin' for Walleye

Since its inception in 1994, the Pelican Walleyes Foundation has stocked the lake with 80,000 tiny walleye, called fingerlings. Another 4,000 will be added this fall. Stocking fingerlings isn't cheap. Foundation member Vic Horne says more than \$28,000 has been spent in the past 12 years for the fingerlings. Donations to the Foundation are appreciated to cover these costs.

The 2007 Contributors Honor Roll includes the following:

- Dale Larson
- Vernon Strong
- Vic Horne
- FM Walleyes Unlimited
- Charles Kvare

Contact Horne or other committee members Don Anderson or Don Meidinger to make a donation and have your name added to the Contributors Honor Roll.

PGOLID ELECTION

Don't forget to Vote in August

Three people will be elected to the Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) Board in August. Any property owner can be a candidate and all property owners are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the election of board members. The annual meeting and election will be held August 18th at 8 AM at Fair Hills Resort.

Nominations for candidacy must be received by the nominations committee chair Lisa Wheeler before 5 PM, July 20th. The nomination should include a candidate statement of less than 150 words. Contact Lisa at lisa@pgolid.com or Lisa Wheeler, 17 S 7th St, Fargo, ND 58103.

A complete package of information about the annual meeting, the election, candidates, important issues, past expenditures and proposed budgets will be sent to all property owners after July 20th.

PJ's:

a great place to meet and eat!

Peg Eldevick and her family had somewhat of an idea what they were getting into in 1978 when they bought Bayview Shores, a 15 acre RV and mobile home park on the SW corner of Pelican Lake. Peg's sister had worked there the summer before and when the resort came up for sale the Eldevick family decided to give it a go.

Peg had graduated from UND, was teaching school and looking for summer work. Managing the Shores seemed to be the perfect fit. But the summer job soon evolved into a full time business when Peg opened a restaurant on the property. She calls it PJ's.

The little restaurant has become an institution on Pelican Lake with people stopping by for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's all good home-cooked food. Peg's mom, Helen, still makes all of the homemade soups, caramel rolls and the biscuits and gravy. Breakfast and lunch items are available all day, and are available for take-out for home or boat. PJ's is open 7 days a week, taking food orders until about 6:30 most evenings. Call for hours: 532-2426.

In addition to food, Peg operates the gas station on the lake and also offers DVD and VHS rental. Customer service is the goal and all of the young people hired to pump gas and work in the restaurant are honor roll students from Pelican Rapids High School.



Try the Grilled Cheese BLT on Rye:
Peg (second row, wearing glasses) with some of the kids who work for her at Bayview Shores.

Top 10 places to shop near Pelican Lake

1 The Quiet Cricket: (342-2700)
124 Main St. Vergas. Has a wide variety of furnishings, beautiful artificial flowers and one-of-a-kind items.

OPEN: Mon-Sat. 9:30-5:30 / Sun 10-4

2 CoCo's Bait & Tackle: (342-4665)
130 Main St. Vergas. No worms or night crawlers, just fun and creative things. Take a look at the retro lawn furniture.

OPEN: Mon-Sat. 9:30-5:30 / Sun 10-4

3 The Back Porch: (346-7844)
114 1st Av. S. Perham. Wreaths, 4th of July decorations and silver spoon jewelry. Have lunch at the "Gathering Grounds" 2 doors down when you're there.

OPEN: Mon-Sat 9-5 / Sun 11-4

4 The Wild Goose: (346-4946)
935 Jenny Ave. Perham. Great crystal, glass, silver and pewter serving pieces. Check out their weather vanes.

OPEN: Mon-Sat 7-6 / Sat 8-5 / Sun 9-4

5 From the Hart Gifts: (863-1473)
On hwy 59 just north of the hwy 34 junction. Unique home and garden décor item, jewelry and clothing. Handcrafted pieces featured.

OPEN: Mon-Sun 10-5

6 Riverview Place: (863-4040)
21 N. Broadway, Pelican Rapids. Totally redesigned with additional shopping expanded to upstairs. Many wonderful furnishings and décor items.

OPEN: Mon-Sat 9-5:30 / Sun 11-3

7 Peggery/Lakegirl: (847-0993)
New location at Shoreham, kitty-corner from the Hotel. Look for fun shoes and clothing. Home of the "Lakegirl" sweats and tees.

OPEN: Thur-Fri 4-8 / Sat 10-6 / Sun 11-4

8 Cottage Posh: (439-6980)
Cormorant Village-barn next to the store. Brand new business from the owners of The Buggy Wheel in Audubon. They feature vintage and modern lake charm items.

OPEN: Fri-Sat 10-5 / Sun 12-4

9 Amish Furniture of DL: (844-5901)
1050 Hwy 59 S Detroit Lakes. Large store full of Amish furnishings. Check out the Mennonite handmade quilts.

OPEN: Mon-Wed & Fri. 9-5:30 / Thur 9-7 / Sat 9-4

10 Karen's Korner: (863-5585)
Corner of Hwy 59 and 34. Lots of interesting clothing and gifts, lake tees and sweats.

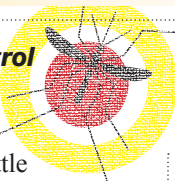
OPEN: Mon-Sun. 9-5:30

Summer Update Curly Leaf Pondweed

Ron Duy of Minnesota Shoreline Restoration surveyed and sprayed the Pelican Group of Lakes for curly leaf pondweed again this year. He estimated that due to last year's spraying, this invasive plant has decreased by 65% in the Pelican Group of Lakes.



Mosquito Control Battle Begins



The annual battle against mosquitoes has begun. PGOLID has contracted again this season for Thursday evening sprayings around the lake. PGOLID Board member Vance Stueness says there are two applications each Thursday: one a fog spray and the other a border spray.

"The amount of rain and the amount of ponding water may affect performance," Stueness said, "but we've had excellent results the past two years." He reminds residents to empty buckets, wheelbarrows or other containers where rain water might collect.

Mosquito abatement is a budget item of PGOLID, funded by resident tax dollars. Stueness says the program costs each property owner roughly \$1.30

www.pelicanlakemn.org Look It Up

If you have a computer, you can find answers to many questions about what's happening on our area lakes. Go to www.pelicanlakemn.org and you'll find links to historical information, fishing, lost and found items, sailing and swimming lessons and much more.

The web page is managed by a couple of volunteers lead by Jeff Peltier (Broadwater II).

The PLPOA phone directory is another good source of information. Compiled by PLPOA secretary Aldie Kelsven (Cha Rosa), the directories are distributed to PLPOA members via beach captains.

If you are not a PLPOA member and would like more information, contact committee chair Helen DeHollander (Kilarney Beach) at 532-7254.



**Pelican Lake
Property Owners Association**
PO BOX 1702
DETROIT LAKES, MN 56502

PELICAN PARADISE UPDATE:

The unveiling of thirty Pelican Pete statues is scheduled for Sunday, July 22nd at 2 pm at the Pelican Rapids High School.



The Pelican Brief is published during the summer months by a volunteer team of lake residents.

If you have comments about the publication, story ideas or pictures, contact claudia@pelicanlakemn.org



IT'S A SNAP: Snapping turtles bigger than dinner plates invaded the Bruce Pearson garage on Mooring Stone Beach last month looking for a spot to lay their eggs.

MID SUMMER 2007 • Calendar of Events

July 2	9:00 am	Session 1 sailing lessons (call 532-3388)
July 4	10:00 am	4th of July Boat Parade (counter clockwise)
July 4	1:00 pm	Pelican Lake Yacht Club 4 th of July race
July 4	10:30 pm	Fireworks show
July 5	--	Swim lessons start (call 532-7066)
July 7	8:00 am	PGOLID board meeting (Cormorant Hall)
July 12	7:00 am	Septic Maintenance Seminar (Cormorant Hall)
July 16	9:00 am	Session 2 sailing lessons (call 532-3388)
July 28	8:00 am	PLPOA board meeting (Fair Hills)
July 28	9:00 am	PLPOA breakfast (Fair Hills Dining Hall)
July 28	10:00 am	Aquatic Plants Seminar (Fair Hills Dining Hall)
July 28	10:30 am	PLPOA Annual Meeting (Fair Hills Dining Hall)
July 30	9:00 am	Session 3 sailing lessons (call 532-3388)
Aug 3-5	--	PLYC Wallwork Regatta
Aug 18	8:00 am	PGOLID Annual Meeting