



THE PELICAN BRIEF

A summer newsletter for the residents of Pelican Lake, Little Pelican, Fish and Bass Lakes • August 2006

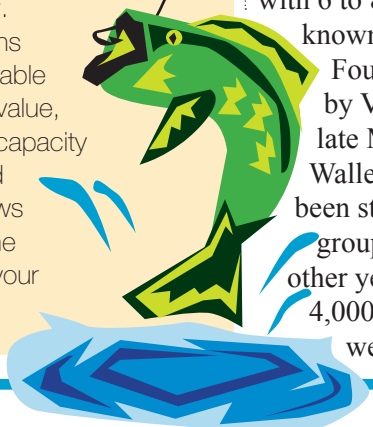
Big Increases in Property Values

The average price of property on Pelican Lake has increased \$900 a frontage foot in the last year. That figure was part of a report presented to the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association by Ottertail County Assessor Robert Moe last month at the Association's annual meeting.

Moe said with adjustments made for quality and size of lots, the base rate on Pelican is now \$4600 a frontage foot. It was \$3700 a foot in 2005; \$3500 a foot the year before. He said because lake property is in high demand with even marginal land being developed, there is no indication that the price of lake property won't continue to rise.

You can read Moe's report on the Pelican Lake web site www.pelicanlakemn.org.

It explains how taxable market value, the tax capacity rate and state laws affect the size of your tax bill.



Good fishing adds to the quality of life on our group of lakes.

GONE FISHIN'

The fishing on Pelican Lake is better than ever this year, say avid fishermen like Rob Schulte (Broadwater Beach). "I've been fishing this lake since I was four years old and I can tell you this is a good year for walleye," he said.

The count is way up thanks in part to the Pelican Walleye Foundation which stocks the lake each fall with 6 to 8 inch walleye, known as fingerlings.

Founded ten years ago by Vic Horne and the late Mac Trayner, the Walleye Foundation has been stocking our Pelican group of lakes every other year since. Last fall 4,000 of the fingerlings were put in the lake.

The Walleye Foundation is funded by donations. The FM Walleye Association, The Cormorant Sports Club, Fair Hills and the PLPOA are regular contributors, as are a number of individuals who fish the lake. The fingerlings cost \$1.25 each so contributions from those who fish the lake regularly are certainly appreciated.

Don Anderson (Haugen's Point) and Don Meidinger (Broadwater II) have volunteered to lead the Walleye Foundation for the next couple years. If you like to fish, contact them to make a tax deductible donation to the Walleye Foundation whose work adds to the quality of life on our Pelican group of lakes.

Paying for Fire Protection

If things go as proposed, there will be a brand new fire station at Pelican Rapids next summer. Construction of the building will cost Pelican Lake area residents \$12 per \$100,000 of valuation per year for the next 20 years. The project does not require a vote by taxpayers.

There is little debate about the need to replace the 40-year old fire hall which is almost too small to house the fire truck, but there is discussion about where the new one should be built and how to pay for it. The proposed location is on Main Street in Pelican Rapids at the site of the old Super Valu store.

Speaking at the PLPOA meeting last month, Charlie Kvarre (Beauty Bay) said it's unfair for Dunn and Scambler Townships, which include Pelican Lake residents, to pay 40% of the cost of the \$1.4 million project when the building will be located in, and owned by, Pelican Rapids. He suggests joint ownership with townships and a location closer to the lake.

Fire Chief Trevor Steeves said the equipment needs to be centrally located so that the firefighting team—all-volunteers—can get to the fire hall quickly to respond to a fire. (continued on pg 2)

President's Pen



by
**Dave
Majkrzak,**
president of
PLPOA

The weather during the week of our Independence Day celebration was the best we've had in recent memory. That contributed to a successful boat parade and an outstanding fireworks show.

We've got some photos of the "float" boats on our web site and we certainly thank participants and organizers of this annual event. Our \$15,000 fireworks display was awesome, and nearly 25% of those dollars came from lake residents who responded to the request for donations and from those who made a contribution at the parking lot when they came to watch the show that night.

The balance of the fireworks show budget, clean up week and so many other projects are funded through annual PLPOA dues. Membership chair Helen De Hollander reports over 780 have paid dues so far this year. Your support and membership is critical to our success so if you haven't sent in your \$45 yet, please do so. Mail it to the address on the back of this newsletter.

A salute to our recently elected 18-member PLPOA Board for agreeing to serve, to Vic Home and the late Mac Traynor for their leadership with the Walleye Foundation, and to so many others on our lake who are pitching in to keep our lake one of the premiere lakes in the area.

Fire Protection

(continued)

Nearly all of them live and work in town. Joint ownership would create legal and administrative problems, he said.

In justifying the cost to Pelican Lake area residents, Steeves said, the amount an individual will be assessed is based on their property's value.

The Pelican Rapids fire department wants to continue its good relationship with the residents of Pelican Lake.



Sixth Generation: These are the grandchildren of Russ and Susie Freeman (Senn's Beach) as they waited for the boat parade to begin on the 4th of July. The kids are the 6th generation of Susie's family on Pelican Lake.

PGOLID ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 19

Budget and Board Election Top Issues

If you are a property owner on Pelican, Little Pelican, Bass or Fish lake, you are a member of the Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) and eligible to vote at the annual meeting in August. Among other things, a budget will be approved and three people will be elected to serve 3-year terms on the board.

The 2007 budget reflects a \$10,000 increase over this year. PGOLID treasurer Fred Manuel (Little Pelican) says primary budget increases are in the area of pest control which includes funding for a possible tent caterpillar spraying program, and an increase in water quality monitoring and testing through the Lake Resource Coordinator.

Manuel says the proposed tax assessment to the property owners will actually decrease by 20% since \$55,500 is proposed to be spent from the surplus which has built up over the years.

PGOLID BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES:



Vance Stueness (Lakeview I) is completing a three year term on the board where he heads the mosquito abatement program. Stu and his wife Lisa have had a home on Pelican Lake for 21 years. Although retired, he works with a regional ag chemical distributing company.



Lisa Wheeler joined the PGOLID board this past winter replacing Norm Robinson who moved from Pelican Lake. Lisa is an attorney and is president of The Title Company in Fargo. She and her husband Tom Wold live on Knollwood Beach.



Jonal Uglem is also an attorney. She was a multi-county judge for 12 years and now serves on several ND judicial commissions. Jonal and her husband Bruce and their children live in Hatton. The Uglem's have spent summers at their cottage on Pelican's West Beauty Bay for 17 years.

In Training...

No matter where you live on Pelican Lake you've likely seen this guy biking, running or swimming by your place. Terry Arnesen, Stillwater MN, is in training for a triathlon. His weekend routine at his family cottage on Pelican Lake's Bowery Beach includes a 17 mile bike ride around the lake, a three mile run and then a one mile swim. Although Terry has been a swimmer and an athlete his whole life, he's just taken up the triathlon training at age 49.

"Pelican Lake is gorgeous to swim in and I've been doing it since I was a little boy," he said.

It's pretty amazing to see him swim by, one fluid stroke after another until he's just a dot in the distance. By the time you finish breakfast you see the dot coming back into focus and then he swims by in the other direction.



Terry Arnesen, Stillwater, MN
(Bowery Beach)

TAKE the TEST



All answers are to the best of the publisher's ability. We are sorry in advance for any errors.

- 1** How deep is Pelican Lake?
 - a. 80 ft c. 40 ft
 - b. 60 ft d. 100 ft
- 2** How many total servings of ice cream did the Lakeland Store sell during the month of June? (This includes single and double scoops in cones or dishes).
 - a. 1800 c. 800
 - b. 500 d. 2000
- 3** About how many pizzas does the Pelican Lake Zorbaz sell on a busy Saturday night in July?
 - a. 150 c. 500
 - b. 240 d. 310
- 4** How many visitors does Fair Hills have staying with them during the summer?
 - a. 1000 c. 1600
 - b. 2000 d. 800
- 5** How many gallons of gas does Bayview Shores sell each year?
 - a. 10,000 c. 5,000
 - b. 20,000 d. 30,000
- 6** How many cabins/houses are there on Pelican, Little Pelican, Fish and Bass Lakes?
 - a. 885 c. 1019
 - b. 923 d. 795
- 7** How many walleye did the "Pelican Lake Walleye Foundation" put into the lake last fall? (This is why our fishing is so good).
 - a. 500 c. 3,000
 - b. 1000 d. 4,000
- 8** Since 1948, what is the earliest date the ice has gone out?
 - a. April 5 c. April 10
 - b. April 11 d. April 23
- 9** Since, 1948, what is the latest date the ice has gone out?
 - a. May 17 c. May 22
 - b. May 15 d. May 28

Answers: 1.b 2.a 3.b 4.c
5.d 6.a 7.d 8.d 9.a

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Find It On The Web

The web site stories this month include:

- An opinion piece about the proposed fire hall in Pelican Rapids written by Mike Johnson of Dunn Township; and an article from the Pelican Press which addresses the fire hall issue.
- Ottertail County Auditor Robert Moe's report on Pelican Lake Property values.
- Lance Johnson's article *Going Hollywood*, about his lake neighbor Jeff Wetzel.
- Vic Horne provides more detail about the Pelican Walleye Foundation.
- Photos and details of the 4th of July boat parade competition.

Lights, Camara, Action *Jeff and daughter Emma get ready for a boat ride.*

GOING HOLLYWOOD

We have a Hollywood producer/assistant director living on Pelican Lake (VikenBay Beach) in the summer months. The most recent film Jeff Wetzel worked on is the new blockbuster *Superman Returns*.

Read more on our web site.

IT'S IN THE MAIL

Some of the mailboxes on our area lakes are very interesting. These are three of this editorial team's favorites. If you have others, please send them to jeff@pelicanlakemn.org and we'll post them on our website.





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The Pelican Brief will be published three or four times a year by a volunteer editorial team made up of lake residents, this year led by Claudia Danovic (Liberty Beach), Doris Clyne and Jeff Peltier (both Broadwater Beach).

The design, printing and distribution of the newsletter are funded by PLPOA dues, and as a budget item of PGOLID as a vehicle to distribute its meeting minutes.

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

SUMMER 2006 • • • Calendar of Events

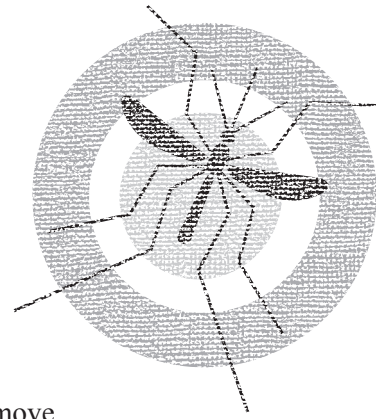
Aug 5	8:00 am	PLPOA board meeting, Fair Hills
Aug 14	7:00 pm	Dunn township meeting, Township Hall
Aug 19	8:00 am	PGOLID Annual meeting, Fair Hills
Aug 25	4:00 pm	PLPOA board meeting, Fair Hills
Aug 25	5:30 pm	Appreciation Dinner, Fair Hills
Sept 3	11:00 am	Yacht Club Labor Day Race & Annual Mtg
Sept 23	8:00 am	PGOLID meeting, Cormorant Hall

Wish You Were Here! Sand Bar • Pelican Lake



Dear Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement Association Members,

This letter is to inform you of the 2006 mosquito control program. Professional Mosquito Control has been conducting mosquito control operations designed to minimize nuisance and disease carrying mosquitoes.



The focus of the program will be to minimize active adult mosquitoes. We will be using a ULV (ultra low volume) sprayer. A light visible fog will move through the streets and roads but will not cause visibility problems. We encourage you to keep children away from the vehicle and out of the fog cloud. The majority of the spraying will be done late at night from dusk to dawn.

In addition to the ULV spraying, we also perform a Barrier Spray in some of the wooded areas. This method uses a larger particle size sprayed into the mosquito harborage areas which increase the residual effect of the treatment. Please note; we only apply this product in the wooded harborage areas and it is not applied to every home and lawn. This may be times when you see a spray truck coming down your road, but there is no spray being emitted. These may be times when the applicator is traveling between sites.

We will be performing weekly service primarily in June, July, and August.

The products being used will be Natural Pyrethrum and Permethrin. Both products are extremely safe yet very effective against mosquitoes and gnats. This product has quick knockdown, low odor, and is non-corrosive.

All products used are registered by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Even though we have selected the safest products for this use, common sense says that precaution should be used with any pesticide.

In addition to the adult mosquito control program, there are several things homeowners can do to reduce the local mosquito populations.

- ⊙ Eliminate trash, tires, and containers which may hold water creating a breeding site.
- ⊙ Maintain rain gutters and down spouts to make sure no water remains.
- ⊙ Clean bird baths weekly.
- ⊙ Store pails barrels, tubs, boats, wheel barrows, etc.....upside down.
- ⊙ Keep shrubs, lawns, and weeds trimmed to eliminate harborage areas.
- ⊙ Encourage your neighbors to maintain their properties properly.

The PGOLID Board of Directors and Professional Mosquito Control, Inc. want to have a safe and effective mosquito control program this year. They are encouraging community support and cooperation in their efforts.

In addition to servicing the common areas of the PGOLID District, Professional Mosquito Control is also available for treatments on your specific property. Many property owners have long driveways and/or large properties that would benefit from additional spraying services.

We will be offering discounted private service rates when done in conjunction with the common area spraying.

If you have any questions regarding the PGOLID District program or would like a specific price quote for private mosquito control, please call us at: (800) 240-4262.

Wishing you a happy summer!

Professional Mosquito Control

