



# THE PELICAN BRIEF

A summer newsletter for the residents of Pelican Lake, Little Pelican, Fish and Bass Lakes • August 2008



## A FEW MORE WEEKS OF FUN

*It will be back to school in just a few weeks for Tommy, Ellie and Jake, grandchildren of Kathy and Roger Lervick (Oak Grove Beach). Summer '08 has gone by quickly. There have been a couple of big storms to contend with, but enough rain to keep lake levels up and enough sunshine to keep the water warm.*

## Working to Prevent Problems

It hasn't invaded Pelican Lake, but Big and Little Detroit, Sallie and Melissa lakes are fighting an extremely invasive aquatic plant called Flowering rush. The plant grows in dense clusters up to 10 feet deep along shorelines, making boating and swimming impossible and shoreline access difficult.

Last fall the plant was found in Mill Pond which is the next small lake south of Lake Melissa in the Pelican River chain, but it hasn't extended beyond Buck's Mill.

PGOLID and water resources coordinator Moriya Rufer are tracking this plant and have been conducting inspections

throughout the summer. Funding is in place to spray Flowering rush if it does show up south of Buck's Mill.

Rufer says PGOLID is prepared to do everything possible to prevent Flowering rush from establishing in Little Pelican and Pelican Lakes, which are the next large lakes downstream and in the path of the plant's spread.

The Pelican River Watershed District has a control plan in place and has been treating the plant for two years in lakes that are already infested.

*(For specific information on their plan visit [www.prwd.org](http://www.prwd.org)).*



**BIG DETROIT LAKE:** *The most visible area of Flowering rush is in the Detroit Lakes city beach.*

### ROAD WORK PLANNING

*What do you think? It's your turn to speak.*

If you have a good idea about how to reroute County Highways 9 and 20 around Pelican Lake, or if you'd just like to get a first hand report study results and current proposals, you should make plans to attend a public forum August 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Ottertail County Highway Department and a private consulting firm have been gathering traffic and environmental information, meeting with township and lake association officials for several months. They are now ready for public input.

The meeting will be Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Lake Region Electric Co-op building in Pelican Rapids.

An Ottertail County Engineering official says construction on Highway 9 will likely take place in 2011, and the rerouting of Highway 20 will come after that.

Pelican Lake resident Gary Lawrence (Pelican Beach) is our lake representative on the steering committee that will help the county make its final highway alignment decision.

## President's Pen



by **Rocky Swanson**  
PLPOA President

**B**y the time you read this, over two-thirds of the summer will be over. Where has it gone?

The July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities around our four lakes were blessed by great weather this year. Thank you to Skip Duemeland and his committee for a great parade and picnic, to Nick Valentine for handling the arrangements for our fireworks show, and to Ken Erickson for taking over my duties on short notice. Special thanks to Dorothy and Bill Zimmerman for taking a leadership role in clean up duties at the parking pasture the day after the fireworks. We had over 600 cars that came for the fireworks show with hundreds of boats in the bay by Fair Hills Resort. I'd also like to thank my wife Mary and daughter Heidi who assumed my workload during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when I was hospitalized due to a leg injury.

If you have not paid your \$45 PLPOA dues, please do so. Our membership drive started out with a bang this year but fizzled before meeting the membership total we had last year. This is a small investment for a great return of lake benefits.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we'll look forward to a long, warm fall season.

## Celebrating Independence Day on the Lake

The 2008 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was a big hit. Beautiful weather, a great fireworks show and the biggest boat parade we've seen in years combined to make it a wonderful day.

The boat parade's publicity chair, Lance Johnson said it was the largest boat parade in 25 years. Eighteen boats participated and over 100 attended the picnic that followed the parade.

Next year's parade theme is "A Patriotic Theme" according to 2009 Boat Parade chair Jeff Foss (Senn's Beach) so start your planning now and join in the fun of the boat parade next year.



**Just Sit Right Back and You'll Here a Tale, A Tale of a Fateful Trip:** 2nd place boat float winners: Jim and Jan Prondzinski, Broadwater Beach. For other photos and contest results go to our web site: [www.pelicanlakernn.com](http://www.pelicanlakernn.com).

## Pelican Lake Walleye Foundation Board Wishing for Walleye

On a crisp November morning last fall, the Pelican Lake Walleye Foundation Board met with the operator of a local fish hatchery to plant 4000 walleye fingerlings in Pelican Lake.

The planting of fingerlings supplements the efforts of the DNR and greatly enhances the quality of the walleye fishery in our lake. The cost of the fingerlings is \$1.25 each for a total expenditure of \$5000 last year.

The support for this program comes from donations from supportive organizations and individuals who enjoy the great fishing experience that our lake provides.

Contributions are tax deductible and can be sent or given to any of the current walleye foundation board members.

The current board members are pictured here: Don Anderson (Haugen's Point) Don Meidinger (Broadwater Beach) and Vic Horne (Liberty Beach). *Your support is appreciated.*



## BOAT STEWARDSHIP Educational Seminar

Water Resource Coordinator Moriya Rufer will conduct another seminar this month. This seminar will explain boater stewardship such as shallow area protection, bulrush and reed protection, jetski laws and usage.

This seminar will be held at 10:00 AM at the PLPOA Annual meeting, August 2 at Fair Hills Resort.





# Electing PGOLID Board Members

*Cast your ballot at the annual meeting*

The election of three board members and environmental and budgetary reports will be the highlights of the annual membership meeting of the Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID). The meeting is set for August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9AM at Fair Hills Resort. All property owners are encouraged to attend.

The candidates for three-year terms on the Board are Gary Hart (Pelican Beach) and Nick Valentine (Haugen's Point), and incumbent Jeff Peltier (Broadwater Beach).

**Peltier** and his wife Ann are year round residents on Pelican Lake. In addition to his service on the PGOLID board, Peltier is active in the Pelican Lake Yacht Club, the Broadwater Beach Association and the PLPOA. In his 'meet the candidates statement' Peltier said "Changes are inevitable, but proper planning can help ensure we leave this lake as good as, if not better than we found it."

**Hart** has had a home on Pelican Lake the past 20 years and recently the Harts became year round residents of the lake. Retired as manager of Hornbacher's Foods in north Fargo three years ago, he is currently serving on the Scambler Township Planning and Zoning Committee. In his candidate statement, Hart said, "I feel that it is the responsibility of all residents to be involved in their community and do their part and that is why I am volunteering for this position."

**Valentine** says if elected he will look forward to serving on the PGOLID board to continue and further the work already in progress, and to prudently manage the property tax resources the PGOLID relies on. "The value of the properties we own surrounding the lake are dependant on the sound management of our lake's water quality and the vegetation in and around it." Valentine currently serves on the PLPOA Board and has chaired the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks program for many years.

## A **BIG** Thank You to Outgoing Board Members



**Brent Jenkins**

*When you run into Brent Jenkins (Lakeview Beach) or Fred Manuel (Little Pelican) be sure to extend a big thank you for all the time they've contributed to keeping our lakes clean and beautiful. The two are retiring from the PGOLID Board. Manuel has served six years and Jenkins, three.*



**Fred Manuel**

*When asked to identify his most important accomplishment while serving on the board Manuel,*

*who has been treasurer of PGOLID all six years said, "the good financial stewardship of property owner's tax dollars."*

*Jenkins cites the hiring of a water resources coordinator and the environmental work related to that position among the best decisions made during his tenure. Jenkins is a 20 year member of the PLPOA and past president of that board.*

## Last Call for Shoreline Restoration Grant

PGOLID was awarded a Shoreline Restoration Grant by the DNR this year. 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.

PGOLID held an educational Shoreline Seminar on June 5. Some participants in the grant program have been selected but there is still funding available for additional participants. If you would like more details about the grant and are interested in this funding for your shoreline, please contact Moriya Rufer, 218-846-1465, [lakes.rmbel@eot.com](mailto:lakes.rmbel@eot.com).



## TOP FIVE BBQ Tips

*It's summer and thoughts turn to grilling. Here are some great ways to cook dinner and not heat up the kitchen.*

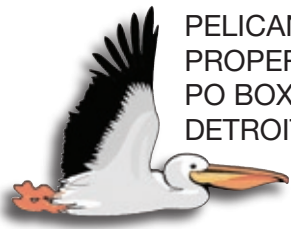
**1 TURKEY:** Use your charcoal grill and heat up lots of briquettes. When really hot, push coals half to one side and half to other so you create an "indirect" heat. Put a foil covered pan in between to collect drippings which can be used for wonderful smoky gravy. Before putting on the grill, sprinkle water soaked mesquite shavings if desired. You place turkey on the grill and cook for 11 minutes per pound.

**2 PORK CHOPS:** Have 4 chops cut 1 1/2" thick with a pocket. Stuff with a mixture of 1/4 cup shredded carrot, 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese, 1/4 cup chopped pecans, 1 chopped green onion, 1 t. Worcestershire sauce. Grill until done and serve with the following sauce spooned over chops. Sauce: Stir 1/4 cup plain yogurt and 4 t. flour together. Add 3/4 cup milk, 1/2 t. instant chicken bouillon and dash of pepper. Cook and stir until thick.

**3 FLANK STEAK:** Marinate 2 flank steaks for at least 4 hours in 1/4 cup soy sauce, 3 T. honey, 2 T. vinegar, 1 1/2 t. garlic powder, 1 1/2 t. ginger, dash of minced onion, 3/4 cup canola oil. Tip: blend the marinade before putting in the steaks into zip-lock bags. Cook steaks on the grill until done to your liking. Reserve the marinade and cook slowly in pan until thickened and serve as sauce.

**4 VEGGIES:** Make marinade of equal parts light olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Season with kosher salt, fresh ground pepper and minced garlic. Marinate asparagus, large split carrots, small red potatoes, cleaned portabella mushrooms in separate bags. Cook on the grill—carrots and potatoes take awhile. Asparagus and mushrooms are quick. Eat with gusto.

**5 PEACHES:** Rinse 4 large ripe peaches, blot dry and cut in 1/2 discarding the pit. Combine 1/2 stick melted butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup white rum or Amaretto, 1/2 t. cinnamon, 1/4 t. nutmeg and set aside. Oil and preheat grill to high. Grill peaches until nicely browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side basting with rum glaze. Serve at once spooning remaining glaze over peaches. Garnish with sliced almonds.



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## LATE SUMMER 2008 • Calendar of Events



### SUMMER AT GREAT-GRANDMA'S:

Ten-year old Joshua Wandel came all the way from Kjl, Sweden to spend part of the summer visiting his great-grandmother Harriet Maher. The Maher family has had a cottage on Pelican Lake's Liberty Beach for almost 80 years.

Aug 2	8:00 am	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills)
	9:30 am	PLPOA Member Breakfast
	10:30 am	PLPOA Annual Meeting
Aug 16	8:00 am	PGOLID Annual Meeting (Fair Hills)
Aug 22	4:00 pm	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills)
	5:30 pm	Social for PLPOA Lake Volunteers
	6:30 pm	Appreciation for PLPOA Lake Volunteers
Sept 27	8:00 am	PGOLID meeting (Cormorant Hall)



# PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Saturday, May 31, 2008

8:00AM

Cormorant Town Hall

Directors Present: Ostbye, Manuel, Peltier, Stueness, Tollefson, Jenkins, Wheeler, Duemeland

Directors Absent: Uglem

Also present: Rocky Swanson, Moriya McGovern-Rufer, Dave Majkrzak

President Ostbye called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and the pledge of Allegiance was recited. Everyone stood.

Peltier moved, Duemeland seconded a motion that the agenda as proposed be adopted. The motion passed.

Likewise, Peltier moved and Duemeland seconded a motion to approve the meetings from the meeting of April 19, 2008.

The motion passed.

Manuel reported that there were no significant financial matters to discuss at that time.

Wheeler moved and Peltier seconded a motion to contract with Media Advertising to do the required mailings and ballots for the upcoming annual meeting and election. Peltier will run for re-election. Potential replacements for Manuel and Jenkins were discussed and those parties will be contacted.

Tollefson reported that the buoys have been labeled to identify that they are the property of PGOLID and are now positioned in the lake.

Duemeland and Tollefson reported that the spraying for curly leaf pondweed has been delayed due to the cold weather. The treatment is expected to be during the first week of June. The infested area near Bob Creek appears to be contained.

It was reported that there were no inspections by the DNR at the public accesses over Memorial Day weekend. Manuel moved that dumpsters again be placed at the public access for the benefit of those using the access. It was noted that these dumpsters are not to be used by the property owners---they are strictly for those using the public access to discourage littering of the area.

There will be a meeting on June 9, 2008 with the watershed district and the DNR to discuss the issue of flowering rush and its potential spread to the Pelican group of lakes. Pelican River watershed funds the efforts to eradicate the weed only to the county line. Duemeland moved and Peltier seconded a motion that the funding to control this weed be increased to \$4000. The motion passed. Ostbye, Peltier and Rufer-McGovern will attend the meeting.

Moriya Rufer-McGovern reported that the lake clarity is 20 feet at the middle of the lake. A discussion concerning the drainage of water which has pooled in the parking lot at Zorbaz into Pelican Lake. Moriya reported that there were over 12,000 inspections of boats at the public accesses last year ---27% were from out of state. There were no reports of noxious weeds on boats, motors or trailers.

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 AM for the Mosquito Abatement meeting. Stueness reported that there will be a total of 14 mosquito sprays in 2008 and that no egg masses for tent caterpillars have been reported. It is not anticipated at this time that there will be a need to spray for tent caterpillars this year. The Mosquito Abatement meeting was adjourned and the PGOLID meeting reconvened.

President Ostbye then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa J Wheeler, secretary