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LAKE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

PLPOA will be hosting an appreciation dinner honoring lake volunteers at Fair Hills on Friday, August 26 beginning at 5:30 pm. Thank you to all who volunteer your time for lake activities which improve the lake experience for all.

MOTHER NATURE'S VERY OWN LIGHT SHOW

The 4th of July fireworks put an exclamation point and period to the most beautiful weekend so far this year.

The lightning from an approaching storm-front threatened to outdo the planned fireworks, but a game-time decision was made to get them started 15 minutes early. The storm held off until the last shot of the night -- which followed the biggest fireworks finale yet.

This year's event may go down as one best remembered pictured in the rear-view mirrors of cars departing early, or as seen above a boat wake astern, as lake spectators headed for the safety of lifts and shelter on shore.

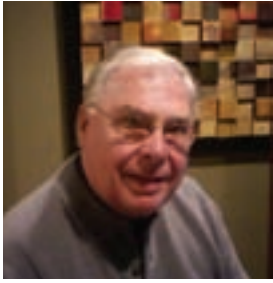
The storm winds arrived and the deluge began as the final booms were still echoing off the hills, with nearly horizontal rain quickly soaking everyone not inside a cabin or a car.

Hats off to everyone involved for enduring the extreme conditions following the show: the "shooter" crew from RES Specialties, the PR Fire Department, the Otter Tail Sherriff's Posse, and especially to our lake volunteers in Doug Burgum's pasture-turned-parking-lot.



lightening enhances the sky show • glorious display • setup begins very early

HOLIDAY SUCCESS



KEN ERICKSON, president

We all benefit
when we get
involved.

Greetings,

Our fireworks display started early to avoid a storm that passed through, but they were the best ones we've ever had. The boat parade was a success with many creative entries on where participants would like to vacation. The first place winner was the Foss/Bayliss float with their favorite vacation location being appropriately ... Pelican Lake. Second place went to the unique Winkler two-boat float portraying Disney World/ Pirates of the Caribbean. The Hella family float won third place depicting Pelican Lake on the 4th of July.

I would like to thank all the people who worked on the fireworks, parking, clean up and parade committee and those that cooked and served lunch after the parade. Everyone involved made this 4th of July on Pelican Lake a great one.

*Enjoy the rest of the summer on beautiful Pelican Lake.
Ken Erickson, President*



SETTING PACE: Vintage Wooden Boats



1ST PLACE: Loving Pelican Lake!



2ND PLACE (tie): Ahoy Matey!



2ND PLACE (tie): Disney on Water!



3RD PLACE: Chilling on Pelican!

LAKE LIFE

WE HAVE SOME VERY BIG NEWS TO SHARE



Pelican Lake has attained Minnesota "Star Lake" status. Before Pelican Lake attained Minnesota "Star Lake" status, there were only eleven lakes in Minnesota that qualified and none were in Ottertail or Becker counties.

The qualifying requirements for Star Lake designation are the promotion of stewardship of the lake through member participation in educational programs, water quality monitoring, shoreline restoration projects, along with all the other programs we have going around the lake that promote the clean use of the lake.

A big "thank you" to Moriya Rufer, who did the lion's share of a very detailed application, along with managing many of the programs that helped us qualify.

Also, thanks to all the volunteers that help execute these same programs. Official recognition, along with signs that will go around the lake, is expected to occur at our Appreciation Dinner for PLPOA lake volunteers on August 26th.

WATER PATROL SAFETY REMINDERS

ON THE WATER

Some of the most common water-patrol tickets issued:

- **Expired boat registration.**
Some of them found were 10 years old.
- **No throwable safety devices on boat.**
- **Skiing/jet skiing less than one hour before sunset.**
You can find out sunset time in newspaper, or on computer. Phones with GPS also have sunset tables.

Boating guidebooks are free when buying boat registration and have all the rules.

What is one of the most serious rules broken?

When people spray others in the water with their jet skis. The Jet Ski can slide and hit the person in the water.

What are some things you should remember before getting into your boat?

- Is your boat currently registered?
- Are the number of lifejackets equal to the number of people in the boat?
- Is there a throwable device onboard?
- Is the boat full of gas?

Paddleboat, kayak, canoe and SUP (stand up and paddle) board operators **MUST** wear lifejackets.

Mr. Weiss did mention that there are **MORE** good boat operators than bad. He also commented that, on a large lake such as Pelican, with the number of people and activities, there are very few accidents. He feels that people on Pelican look out for each other. He also said that when he does stop and question people they are very friendly and cooperative.

You may reach him by calling 218.770.7414 (leave a message).



Check out www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/ for more on the Minnesota boating laws.

WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT US ONLINE

PLPOA

If you want to report lost or found items... If you want to know how many cottages there are on the lake... If you want the name of the PLPOA Board member nearest you... If you want a past issue of The Pelican Brief... If you want to share a photo... If you want to donate to the fireworks display... It's all right at your fingertips.

visit us online at www.pelicanlakemn.org

On our Pelican Lake website, there is lots of information about our lakes, our governing bodies and lake events. Like this newsletter, the web page is prepared and updated by PLPOA members who volunteer their time and talents.



YUMMY FRENCH BREAD

RECIPE CORNER

- 1 cup Mayo or Miracle Whip
- 2 cups shredded cheese (any kind)
- Small jar of sliced olives (any kind)

Mix together and spread on two halves of French bread. Sprinkle with seasoned salt. Bake at 375° for 15 minutes.



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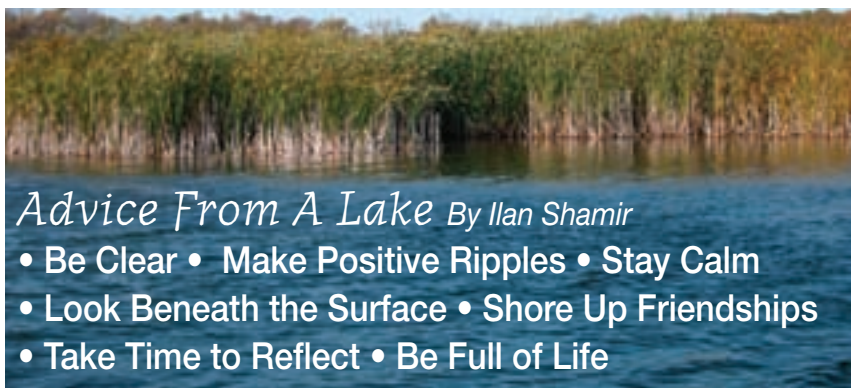
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LATE SUMMER 2011 • Calendar of Events

8/13/11	Saturday	8:45 am	PGOLID early registration (note:NEW TIME)
		9:00 am	PGOLID Annual Meeting • Fair Hills
8/26/11	Friday	4:00 pm	PLPOA Board Meeting • Fair Hills
		5:30 pm	Social • PLPOA Lake Volunteers
		6:30 pm	Appreciation Dinner • PLPOA Lake Volunteers
9/10/11	Saturday	8:30 am	PLPOA Executive Board Meeting • Fair Hills
9/21/11	Wednesday	7:00 pm	PGOLID Board Meeting • RMB Labs



Advice From A Lake By Ilan Shamir

- Be Clear • Make Positive Ripples • Stay Calm
- Look Beneath the Surface • Shore Up Friendships
- Take Time to Reflect • Be Full of Life

Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID)

Box 336, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

July 18, 2011

Dear Property Owner,

The Annual Meeting of the Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) will be held Saturday, August 13th at Fair Hills Resort.

Please recall that the PGOLID is a government body made up of property owners in the district surrounding the four lakes of Big Pelican, Little Pelican, Bass, and Fish. The business of the PGOLID membership is conducted at this Annual Meeting. This includes: election of PGOLID Board Members (directors), approving projects estimated to be more than \$5000 and setting a budget for the following year. The Board consists of nine (9) property owners, each serving three (3) year terms. Each year three Board seats are up for election. Certified property owners may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots will be available from Michael R. Smith, Ltd., 125 North Union Ave., Fergus Falls, MN, 56537 until noon Friday, August 12th. The original ballots (no photocopies) must be returned to Michael R. Smith, Ltd by noon Friday, August 12th or delivered to the Annual Meeting in the appropriate envelope (provided with the ballot), which must include the legible name of the voter and their signature.

To be eligible to vote you must be a PGOLID property owner, defined as anyone of voting age, listed on the deed, or trust designee, owning one or more pieces of property in the LID. An individual may only cast one vote, even if they own more than one parcel in the LID. Please share this letter with persons owning property with you. Please review our official website: www.PGOLID.org for additional information on the Annual Meeting and the Lake Improvement District.

Enclosed with this letter are several important documents for your review and information. If you come to the Annual Meeting, please have them in hand.

Enclosures:

1. Agenda and Annual Meeting Rules
2. 2010 Annual Meeting draft minutes
3. Overview Report from Board
4. 2011 Financial Reports (YTD & projected)
5. 2012 Budget Proposal
6. Candidate statements

Plan to attend your Annual Meeting of the PGOLID and participate in the decisions that spend some of your property tax dollars.

The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Fair Hills Resort. Voter registration will begin at 8:45 .a.m. and voting will begin AFTER the candidate presentations.

All the Best,

Doug Oksendahl
President
PGOLID Board of Directors

2011 PGOLID Election Candidate Statements

Gary Hart – Pelican Beach

My name is Gary Hart and I am running for my second term on the PGOLID board. My portfolio for the past two years has been that of pest control (mosquitoes and tent caterpillars). I have been a resident of Pelican Lake for twenty two years both full and part-time. I am currently supervisor and administrator on the Scambler Township board and also serve on the planning and zoning board for the township. I have been involved with the township since retirement which was in the spring of 2004. Prior to retirement, I managed Hornbacher's Foods at Northport in Fargo. I am married to Karen Hart, your next PLPOA president, and have two grown children and two wonderful grandchildren who hopefully will someday take our place on the lake. I would appreciate your support for a second and final term on the board. Respectfully Gary Hart!

Suzanne Lervick – Oak Grove

When my friend and neighbor, Ed Johnson, approached me regarding a position on the PGOLID board, I must admit to some reservations. I have followed the board only through various environmental reports.

What intrigues me about serving in this capacity is the privilege of maintaining the wonderful environment that is our Pelican system of lakes. I have been spending a portion of summers on Pelican Lake since 1943. My parents were from Barnesville and Pelican Rapids, so this area always felt like home, even though I was raised in western North Dakota.

It would be my hope that I could translate my passion for our lakes into the good caretaking that I know all of us desire.

I was trained to be a teacher, so I know the value of instruction when we hope to influence people. We must encourage all who enjoy our lakes to carefully preserve what we enjoy so the generations coming may have the same wonderful experiences.

Nick Valentine – Haugen's Point

I have been on Pelican Lake for 14 years and have developed a deep appreciation for the lake's beauty in every season, for its recreational offerings and for how it enhances the lives of so many families.

I believe that my service on the PGOLID board allows me to stay involved in protecting and enhancing the quality of our lake resource and addressing the problems that threaten that resource. For the last three years I have served as Treasurer for the board and have set a fiscal direction that has conservatively managed tax requests to reduce the board's reserves to smaller, yet prudent levels.

I would like to continue my board involvement for an additional 3 year term.