



# THE PELICAN BRIEF

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

## Testing for Water Quality

Water quality in our Pelican Group of Lakes is above average. In summary, that was the report presented to those attending the PGOLID annual meeting in August.

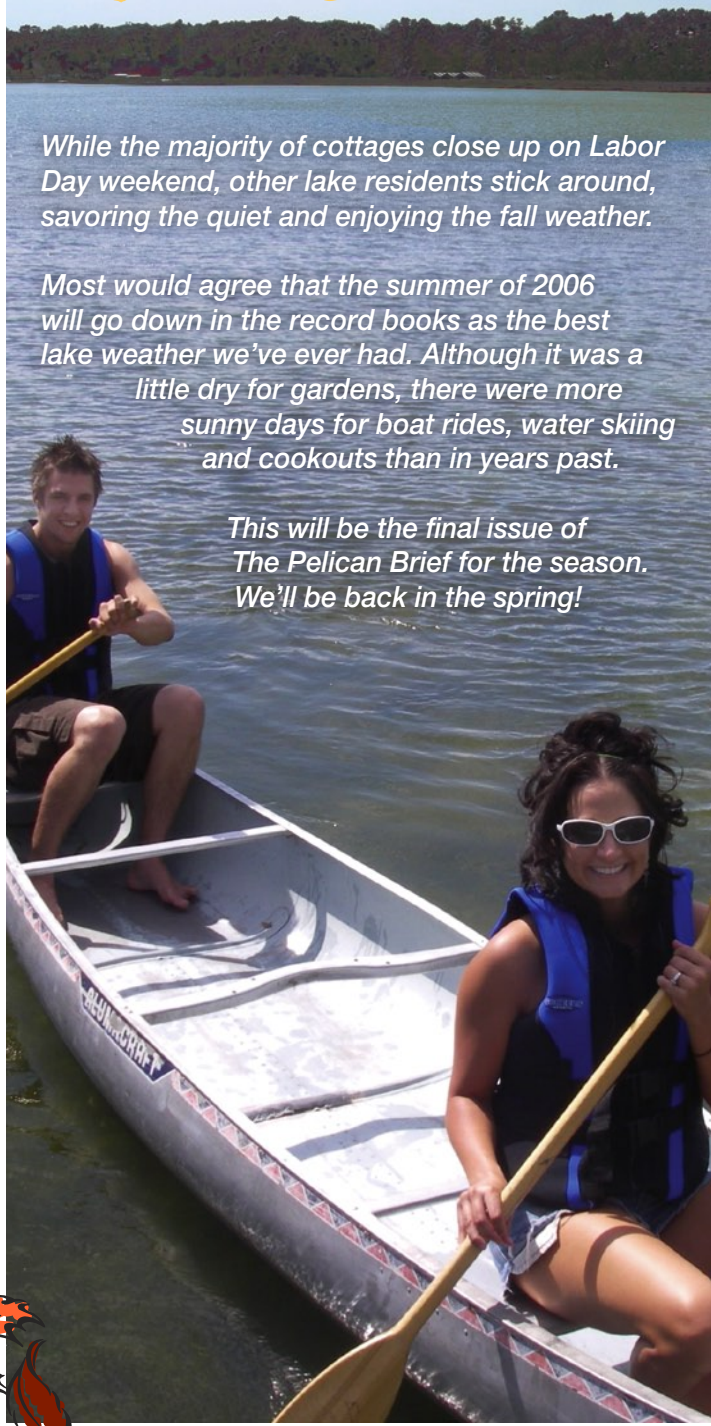
For the past year, the lake coordinator hired by PGOLID has been testing the lakes periodically. The testing discovered an unfavorable weed called Curlyleaf Pond Weed, which was caught early in its development and successfully treated. The 2007 budget includes funding for the lake coordinator to continue his work, testing for water quality and watching for any potential problems on our lakes.

In other action at the meeting Vance Stueness, Lisa Wheeler and Jonal Uglem were elected to serve three year terms on the board.

About 50 residents of our Pelican Group of lakes attended the annual meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>.



## ENJOYING AUTUMN



*While the majority of cottages close up on Labor Day weekend, other lake residents stick around, savoring the quiet and enjoying the fall weather.*

*Most would agree that the summer of 2006 will go down in the record books as the best lake weather we've ever had. Although it was a little dry for gardens, there were more sunny days for boat rides, water skiing and cookouts than in years past.*

*This will be the final issue of The Pelican Brief for the season. We'll be back in the spring!*

## Planning Ahead

### Highway Projects Discussed

The plan to re-route two highways on the north and west sides of Pelican Lake are moving up on the list of Ottertail County construction projects.

Plans to reroute Hwy 9 are included in the county's recently developed Six-Year Plan. A redesigned Hwy 20 would come later.

As proposed, Hwy 9 would move to the west near the Rolling Hills Golf Course, then turn east near Cormorant Village. (See the map, page 2)

Assistant Ottertail County Engineer Charles Grotte said the changes are being proposed because currently lake cottages are too close to Hwy 9 as it curves east around the lake and then swings north again at the Zorbaz corner. These are congested traffic areas with dangerous curves, he said.

### Six Years Later

The next Six-Year Plan would likely include moving a two mile stretch of Hwy 20 which also has high traffic and some homes close to the road. The two miles of highway would be moved  
*(continued on page 2)*

*Newlyweds Nick and Arielle Peterson enjoy an afternoon of canoeing near the Peterson family lake cottage on Bass Lake (Haugen's Point).*

## President's Pen



by  
**Dave  
Majkrzak,**  
president of  
PLPOA

What a fabulous lake season we've had! Not only has the weather been cooperative, but lake residents have contributed in many ways to make this a great year.

More than 800 homeowners were included in the list of dues paying members of the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association this year. I might point out that none of those funds have been used in the Echo Bay lawsuit. The lawsuit is totally funded by private donations.

Similarly, only a small portion of PLPOA dues is spent on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. The majority of the fireworks dollars come from private donations as well.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the many projects of the PLPOA this year and to those who are already in the planning stages for next year's events.

This is the last of the newsletters until next season, but we'll be in touch by mail if we find it necessary to connect with property owners. Have a great winter and we'll look for you again in the spring.

## Highways

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about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile north of where it is now, and would connect with the reconstructed Hwy 9 on the west end.

The current Hwy 20 would then become a lake road used primarily by residents on the north shore of that two mile stretch of the lake.

Grotte said the timing of these projects depends on the availability of Minnesota highway funds and the costs of construction, which continue to climb. The two projects would be paid for by the state with no special assessments



## Going to Court

The fight to stop the proposed Echo Bay development on Fish Lake continues. As this issue of *The Pelican Brief* was going to press, Pelican Lake area residents opposed to the project were going to court. The attorney representing lake residents, Tami Norgard, asked a judge to overrule an Ottertail County Board decision that says an environmental impact statement isn't necessary. It could be several weeks before the judge rules.

Referred to as a *cluster development*, the Echo Bay project would include construction of 209 homes with 60 boat docks if it gets the go ahead from the court. For a closer look at the proposed development check the web site at [www.echobaymn.com](http://www.echobaymn.com).

The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association which is opposed to the Echo Bay project because of its scope and potential environmental impact, reminds residents that the legal fund is entirely separate from PLPOA dues. The legal fund is in need of donations if the fight is to continue. You can contribute by sending a check to:

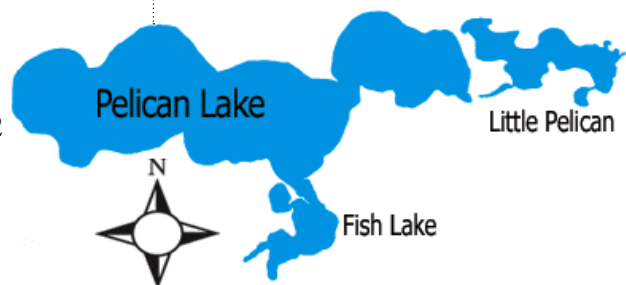
Echo Bay Legal Fund  
c/o PLPOA  
PO Box 1782  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-1782

## Update on Area Development Plans

Work will begin soon to clear buildings and debris from the former Crystal Pierz Marine property on the west end of the lake to make way for a small development of condominiums.

Developer Dell Arneson and his partners in this project (all Pelican Lake residents), are making plans for the 77 acres they purchased this summer. In a meeting with the Executive Board of the Pelican Lake Property Owners Association, Arneson said early plans call for approximately 50 residential units to be built, a combination of twin homes and town home buildings. Each unit will be between 1300 and 1600 square feet, with lake views and garages. Road access will be to the back of the buildings. Boat slips will be available in a similar configuration to the current Crystal Pierz set up.

The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association unanimously approved a statement saying it does not object to the development of this property as it is being proposed.



# HARVEST HITS

Wondering what to do with all that zucchini you've harvested, or looking for a new twist on traditional boiled corn on the cob?

We're including a couple of fabulous fall recipes from a few of the great cooks on our lake. We'll try to post a few more on the Pelican Lake web site at [www.pelicanlakemn.org](http://www.pelicanlakemn.org). If you have a great recipe you'd like to share, click on the "Contact Us" link on the web page and send it to us.



\* A reminder to lake residents that the dumpsters placed at the boat landings have been put there to stop littering by boaters, not for residents to dump their weekend garbage on their way out of town. Unfortunately, too many people have been using it as their personal garbage dump and the result has been overflowing dumpsters, making a bigger mess than what the "litter bugs" made in the pre-dumpster days.

\* Copies of *The History of Pelican Lake* are still available and would make a great gift. To purchase a book, call Roald Lund at 863-1642.

\* To keep up with local political activities, many of which affect property taxes at Pelican Lake, you should consider a subscription to *The Press*, the Pelican Rapids weekly newspaper. The subscription is \$29 a year. Call the paper at 863-1421 for more information.

\* A number of lost and found items, including several water skis, have been reported. Check the web site at [www.pelicanlakemn.org](http://www.pelicanlakemn.org) for details or call PLPOA Membership chair Helen De Hollander, 532-7254.

\* One last reminder that membership dues to the PLPOA for this year can still be paid. Helen DeHollander reports that we're only six memberships short of last year's record of 834 paid members.

\* Thank you to all the beach majors and captains who've worked so hard this year. These people are big contributors to our strong lake association.

## Zucchini Bars

From the kitchen of:

Connie Horn  
(Pelican Point)

### Blend:

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1 cup of oil

### Add & Mix:

- 1 TBS. Vanilla
- 2½ cups of flour
- ¼ tsp of baking power
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups of grated zucchini \*

(\*Connie says: Do not peel the zucchini. Use medium to large zucchini and just grate the outer portions of the vegetable using a medium sized grater. Discard the seeds or core.)

### Then Stir In:

- 1 cup of chopped walnuts and ¾ cup of raisins (optional)

### Bake:

Put in greased jelly roll pan and bake at 350° for 20 minutes, (check @ 15 min.) and allow to cool after baking.

### Frosting:

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 2-3 TBS. butter
- ¾-4 cups powdered sugar

### Note:

If you want bars all winter you can freeze the grated zucchini in the oil. When ready to use add the thawed oil and zucchini mixture to the sugar and eggs before adding the flour mixture. Baked bars also freeze very well.

## Grilled Corn on the Cob

From the kitchen of:

Bill & Mary Schlossman  
(Senn's Beach)

- 6 ears of corn with husks
- 1 TBS melted butter
- 1 TBS virgin olive oil
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp cayenne pepper
- juice of half of lime


1. Prepare the grill.
2. Place corn in cold water and soak for 20 minutes
3. Combine butter and remaining ingredients in a small bowl
4. Pull husks back from corn and remove the silks. Brush corn with butter mixture. Wrap husks back around each ear of corn. Grill about 16 minutes until done, turning a few times.

Serve with a lime wedge (optional).





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## Calendar of Events 2006-2007

Sept 23, 2006	8:00 am	PGOLID meeting, Cormorant Hall
Aug 18, 2007		PGOLID Annual Meeting



▲ Steve Danovic (*Liberty Beach*) and his pal Sadie enjoy sitting by the fire pit on an autumn evening.