

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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(Top) Dave & Penny Hogberg gathering (Bottom) Steve & Kelly Bruggeman's annual broomball day was also on February 23rd, complete with a bowling lane on the ice and giant beer pong!

Fun on the Ice

DAVE HOGBERG

One of the large groups enjoying the ice on February 23rd was a friends and family ice fishing gathering hosted by Dave and Penny Hogberg, their daughter Kelli and son-in-law Matt Bronder. Participants ranged from 3 years old to "old enough not wanting to divulge their age"! The only fish caught were perch. The biggest fish came in at 5.5 inches and the highest total weight tipped the scales at 5 oz. The bar has been set for what hopes to be an annual event! If you see us on the ice next year come join us!

Lake Restoration

JOHN SEDEY

You should have received your notices regarding weed treatment of your personal lakeshore frontage from Lakeshore Restoration of Rogers, the firm that also does the Curly Leaf Pondweed treatments of the bay areas for the Association.

The Association pays the DNR fee to cover all MEMBERS who sign up to purchase treatments by Lakeshore Restoration. If you are not a member of the Association by April 5, 2013, you will have to pay \$40 for a DNR permit, in addition to the cost of the treatments. Just another benefit of Association membership!

Membership notices that were mailed to your winter address in December and February, in addition to an email to non-members on April

1, contained information regarding this membership benefit, among many others.

Our water quality has continued to slowly improve over the past several years due the institution of several good environmental practices. Certainly, the decisions of individuals to treat weeds in front of their own lakeshore and the Association's initiative to tackle the invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed have contributed to this.

This is not a commercial message for Lakeshore Restoration, but certainly is one for our clean lake initiatives. You may choose any reputable firm or products you would like. We just want to advise you of the DNR required permit to treat.

Community Calendar

All City Garage Sale
Saturday, May 4

PLIA Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 18
9 a.m., City Park Pavilion

Chamber 11th Annual
Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, May 25, 11-2

Farmer's Market Opens
Saturday, June 1

First Concert in the Park
Friday, June 14, 7 p.m.
*see the full concert schedule:
[www.annandaleonline.com/](http://www.annandaleonline.com/events)
events

Annandale's 123rd 4th of July
Celebration, July 3-7

Pleasant Lake Boat Parade
Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m.

28th Annual HOLT Triathlon
Sunday, July 21

PLIA Fiesta Party
Saturday, August 10
2-6 p.m., City Park Pavilion

Pleasant Lake Neighborhood
Fishing Contest
Saturday, Aug. 17



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President's Letter: No-Wake Ordinance

JOHN SEDEY

As we emerge from the winter that would never end, there is definitely a pent-up sense of relief and expectations for the summer to do's, barbeques, and "liquid" water activities.

This winter we were able to work with the Wright County attorney's office to get Pleasant Lake included in their Water Surface Use Ordinance. The provision for our lake is that a 300-foot no wake regulation will be enforced whenever the gate on the outlet leading to Clearwater Lake is closed. This has occurred twice in the past ten years that I am aware of—the high waters of 2002 and 2012.

As you know, in 2012 substantial damage, due to high waters, took place on several areas of the lake and is still evident at the Regional Park. We have had testimony from the DNR and our Watershed District that watercraft wakes contribute to the erosion. As good stewards of our lake, your Association will continue to advocate for practices that contribute to clean water and lakeshore management.

In 2012 Wright County adopted an emergency ordinance

which included a whole lake, no-wake provision for Pleasant Lake. The Association advocated for that, as you recall the severity of erosion issues cited above.

This newly enacted ordinance provides for the no-wake provision to be in effect within 300 feet of the shoreline, and only when the outlet gate is closed. Incidentally, the closing of the gate is determined by DNR law and is tied to the water level on the dam at Grass Lake. The gate is controlled by the Watershed District.

We will be sharing information regarding the ordinance at our general membership meeting. It is anticipated that we will have experts in attendance who can explain the ordinance and why your Association leadership chose to advocate to the County on behalf of all people enjoy Pleasant Lake.

As you know, our annual spring meeting is always focused on major issues that are of interest to lakeshore owners.

See you on Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m. at the Park Pavilion!

Pleasant Faces

TIM HABLE

In this issue, we will share the stories of 3 Pleasant Lake families, as we get to better know our neighbors. We wanted to know how they got here, how their families use the lake, and anything special they've experienced on Pleasant Lake or in Annandale.



The Miller's

Amy Miller is a newly-elected PLIA board member, and the designer of this newsletter. Married to Jim, they were both born and raised in Annandale and are now busy raising two young fishermen, Weston (6) and Grady (4).

"My family has been in this area since the late 1800's, when my great-grandfather settled on Clearwater Lake. Fred Shattuck ran a resort there in those early days, so I guess you could say my family has always been here. Jim's family has been here since 1950, when his grandparents, Lee and Doris, purchased

an existing jewelry business on main street and renamed it Miller's Jewelry."

"There was no question Annandale would be our home. Jim and I grew up together here, attending school in Annandale. When we graduated, we both attended college in St. Paul. We married and lived in the apartment above the jewelry store, which is a tradition in the Miller family! We moved onto Pleasant in 2007."

"We both grew up on or near water, myself on Clearwater and Jim on Lake John. There was no doubt that we dreamed of a place on the lake. Weston is our passionate fisherman, and both boys love to swim and be in the boat. My peace is kayaking in the early morning and late evenings when the sun is coming up or going down. We also love to ice fish, snowmobile and snowshoe on the lake in the winter."

Both Amy and Jim work in the community. Amy splits her time between Oak Realty, Miller's Jewelry and home with the boys. Jim is the third generation jeweler, and when he's not at the store, he's likely golfing or casting a line with the boys.



The Nilson's

Lake, Annandale, at both locations.

Maggie is originally from upstate NY and husband CJ is from Blue Earth. Both moved to the city area for work, and met when CJ was Maggie's sales rep for a hearing aid company. They married and lived in Shakopee from 2003 to February 2011. Their son Jack was born in 2006, and daughter Katie in 2007.

"We liked the Shakopee area, but since we both were from a small town, we wanted the same for our kids. We had driven through the Annandale area a few times on our way back from the cabin when I-94 would be backed up. We fell in love with the small town feel, the lake accessibility and the reputation of the school system.

Our plan was to move before Jack reached second grade. However, an opportunity presented itself that we couldn't resist and moved here 6 months before he started kindergarten. We've loved every moment since.

When we were looking for a home, we looked for lake property or lake access. Our family has several avid fishermen. We've taken great delight in fishing off the dock in the spring for bass and sunnies. Then moving out to the middle of the lake for anything that will bite as we go through the summer. Jack and Katie learned the joy of tubing and jumping off the back of the pontoon over and over again.

We've met some of the warmest and kindest families here in Annandale that we now call friends. We take great joy in being part of the many small town activities - the summer fishing

Maggie Nilson has been involved with the lake association for about two years, which means she's been a member since the very first days of living here. Maggie designed the website and our facebook connection, so you can find Pleasant

contest on Pleasant, the 4th of July, the Holiday Train, the Lions breakfast with Santa at Lampi's, cheering for the Cardinal football and basketball teams, just to name a few. We also think the town has much to offer in terms of shops, stores and services."

CJ is a Sales Director for a national company. Maggie works part-time as an Audiologist and part-time as a marketing person for an online company.

Dave Haugland's family has given our association the wonderful opportunity to print your newsletters free of charge at his printing company, Impressive Prints, in St. Paul. He shared his background with Pleasant Lake and the Annandale area.



The Haugland's

"We love our cabin on the lake. We purchased the cabin from Nancy's parents back in '95. But our love of the lake actually started when we were children. Nancy's parents bought the lot when Nancy was a baby, and eventually built their

cabin. Virtually all her summers were spent here with family and friends. My grandparents built a cabin on Pleasant when I was a young boy. This is where we both learned to swim, fish, waterski and enjoy all that is Annandale. But, Nancy and I never realized this until we met at college. During a casual conversation, she mentioned Pleasant Lake and I quickly responded, "You mean in Annandale?" The stories then began to flow. This town and this lake hold a lifetime of memories for all of us and we're happy to have had the opportunity to give our children, Ryan and Hannah, the same memories. We've hosted many friends and family at our cabin for wonderful summer weekends. We've always enjoyed our annual 4th of July gatherings with the same five families for nearly 20 years. We have also been fortunate to have great neighbors that have turned into great life-long friendships.

501c3 Update

How will being a 501c3 benefit the Pleasant Lake association? One of the primary benefits of being tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) is the ability to accept contributions and donations that are tax-deductible to the donor. Additional benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Ability to apply for grants and other public or private allocations available only to IRS-recognized, 501(c)(3) organizations
- The public legitimacy of IRS recognition
- Discounts on US Postal bulk-mail rates and other services

Our 501C3 application is presently under review at the IRS. It was submitted at the end of December. We hope to hear something soon.

A special thank you to our current members for your support!

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| Ron and Doretta Nelson | Dave and Gloria Warner | Merle and Pat Marohn | Mike and Katie Joyce | Thomas and Barbara Monson |
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Membership Renewal Form (Remit to PLIA, PO Box 71)

NAME

PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

LAKE ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS (Print Clearly)

PRIMARY PHONE LAKE PHONE

Annual Membership Dues..... \$35.00
 (Not Tax Deductable, Membership is Jan 1-Dec 31)

*Water Quality\$ _____
 Improvement Fund (Voluntary Donation)

Your support allows us to continue programs of improving water quality, however dues alone are not enabling us to treat all of the area that should be for Curly Leaf Pondweed. Any additional donations will enhance our efforts in keeping our lake clean and this invasive plant in check.

Total: \$ _____

