

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Late 2019

Where Did Summer Go?

GALE BERGSTROM (Newsletter Editor)

Well, another summer has flown by. It seems to take forever for the last bit of ice to leave the lake, but in a blink of an eye, the leaves have turned and snow flurries are flying.

The ACT 'Concert in the Park' series at the Annandale City Park once again entertained the community. The music of a variety of bands livened the air, had our toes tapping, and some of us singing along.

The imaginations of the lake residents reigned supreme in the boat parade. A great variety of participants definitely had fun entertaining the small crowds gathered on docks around the lake.

Despite the rain, Jeff Harkman, family and friends represented PLIA in the Fourth of July parade with a smile. That evening, under clear skies, the lake residents participated in the very first 'Oak on the Water, Fire in the Sky' event, giving life to a brand-new tradition! How exciting!

The weather was just right for the Heart of the Lakes triathlon (H.O.L.T) – bright and sunny, cooler than last year, perfect for a triathlon. Swimmers charged the lake, churning it up with arms and legs moving in a rhythmic motion, then danced out onto the sand ready to tackle biking and running.



1st Place: Game of Lake Homes



2nd Place: Joe Mauer's Retirement Party



3rd Place: How the Grinch Stole Annandale

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Community Calendar

Annandale HS Fall Play

AHS Auditorium
November 22 and 23

Annandale Area Holiday Home Tour

Saturday, November 23
11:30 am – 4 pm

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30

Christmas Village Event

Pioneer Park
Saturday, December 7

CPR Holiday Train

Oak Avenue Crossing
Thursday, Dec. 12, 7:30 pm

PLIA Board Meetings

Corinna Township
Saturday, December 14, 9 am

Main Street Holiday

Downtown, Annandale
Saturday, December 14, 2 - 7 pm

Rock n Roll Xmas Spectacular

AHS Auditorium
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:30 pm

New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Clock Tower Park
Tuesday, December 31, 9 pm

PLIA Board Meetings

Corinna Township
Saturday, February 8, 9 am

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 8

AIS Update KEVIN BERGSTROM (Vice President)

As you know, we have three aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the lake, Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP), Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), and Starry Stonewort (SS). We took action to control each of these with an intense focus on SS.

For CLP we treated 15 acres total - 5 acres each by the county park, city park and the west end of the lake. While CLP is pervasive in the lake, we continue with treatment to avoid boat navigation issues.

For EWM we treated 1 acre just west of the city landing. The area of EWM has been reduced, but is still there. For SS located by the county landing, we completed a survey, diving, and manual harvesting six times over the season. We chemically treated the area four times with Cutrine Plus. We have been able to control the spread with no new SS found in other parts of the lake. This intense and expensive management of AIS will be ongoing for years to come.

Where Did Summer Go? *Continued*

August brought the annual board meeting and picnic. Thank you to all who attended and stayed to dine on yummy tacos, salads, and desserts. The next day we celebrated our community at Field to Feast. The food was wonderful and conversation fabulous! We are so lucky!

Then Labor Day weekend came, and our seasonal calendar turned a page. Summer gone, fall beginning. Soon the snow will fly, the lake will freeze, and we will see the winter wonderland that is Pleasant Lake!



Heart of the Lakes Triathlon



Field to Feast



PLIA Meeting and Picnic



July 4th Parade

PLIA Historian



Welcome, Barb Lundberg, to the role of PLIA historian. We are so pleased that you are joining PLIA! This position was created in an effort to gather, organize and preserve photos, documents, and artifacts depicting Pleasant Lake over the years.



Interested in being on the PLIA Board? Know someone who would be a great addition to the board? Contact us at pliamn@yahoo.com.

Fundraiser Update- What is a QCD?

JIM KELSO (Director)

Thanks to the generosity of **only 55%** of our members (plus the City of Annandale and Wright County Parks), we have raised \$17,000 or nearly 68% of our 2019 goal.

Remember that our association continues its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as approved by the IRS -- meaning

donations are deductible for members who itemize.

For members who are required to take an RMD from an IRA this year, please consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to our association. A QCD is a **tax free** transfer to the PLIA! That's much more favorable than "tax deferred" or "tax deductible" for you as a donor. So, it's

truly a win-win for you and the PLIA! (Consult a tax professional to make sure you do it "by-the-book".)

A very big THANK-YOU to all members who have made contributions during 2019. We hope that by year end, **all** members will make a donation or a QCD to the PLIA Water Quality Improvement Fund.



Special Thank Yous

Annandale ACT for the 'Concerts in the Park' series and 'Field to Feast'. The Honsey family for chairing the boat parade, and the three boat owners for providing boat transportation for the Annandale Queen/King candidates. Jeff Harkman for arranging the PLIA 4th of July parade entry. Brenda Bauman for organizing the Annual Meeting picnic. Maggie Nilson for doing the newsletter layout. Lake residents for sharing pictures on Facebook.

Oak on the Water - 4th of July

Wow! What a night! Thank you to Oak Realty and Dingmann Marine for bringing this new tradition to Pleasant Lake. We hope you had the opportunity to see the red LED lights from 'Oak on the Water' in person, because it was quite breathtaking! Thank you to Oak Realty for sharing these photos. We are so happy to be a part of this new tradition on Pleasant Lake. Hold on to those LED lights for next year and many more to come!



President's Letter

JEFF HARKMAN (President)

The Pleasant Lake Improvement Association Board is constantly reviewing new ideas and ways to raise incremental funds to fight aquatic invasive species. These initiatives, along with your annual contributions towards the water quality fund, are critical for us to manage invasive species present in Pleasant Lake.

In this newsletter, you will notice something new! Several local businesses are supporting the PLIA by buying ad space to assist us with fighting invasive species. This ultimately benefits the entire community, helping us to ensure Pleasant Lake remains healthy for all to enjoy.

Area businesses supporting our efforts are:

- **Oak Realty**
- **Dingmann Marine**
- **Anchor Dock & Lift**
- **Homestyle Country Cafe**
- **Howard's Plumbing, Heating and AC, Inc.**
- **J & J Marine**
- **Lake Central Bank**
- **Keller Williams - Heart of the Lakes Team**
- **A-1 Marine**
- **Petty Brothers Meats**
- **Southbrook Golf Course**
- **Miller's Jewelry**
- **Café Jules**
- **Kaz Hardware and Rental Center**

Next time you interact with one of these local businesses, please take a minute to "Thank" them for their support of Pleasant Lake. Their support is critical and greatly appreciated!

Happy Fall!



We Need Your Help

Do you have photos or memorabilia of life on Pleasant Lake? PLIA would like to begin highlighting these historical photos on Facebook and in the newsletter. So, please, look through those old photo albums, browse through that box on the closet shelf, check the attic or basement, and send them to us! You can send digital copies to pliamn@yahoo.com, or we can scan them and return your originals. Please help us preserve and share these priceless memories!

Our History Corner

Our highlighted photos come from the early 1960's. They were taken on the north shore of Pleasant. Don't you just love the fancy new BBQ? It still stands today!



We LOVE Our Pleasant Loons!

That's why we are looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to build loon nesting platforms to replace the nesting platforms that were previously on the lake. So, if you are handy and would be willing to take on this project, please contact pliamn@yahoo.com or message us on Facebook.

Thank you for your support. Please be sure to remit your membership dues to:

**Pleasant Lake
Improvement Association
P.O. Box 71
Annandale, MN 55302**



***Annual Membership Dues \$50.00
Membership is from January 1-December 31.**

***AIS Fundraiser \$ _____
Any additional donations will enhance our efforts in keeping our lake clean and combating invasive plants thus improving water quality.**

Total: \$ _____

Current Board Members

President: Jeff Harkman
Secretary: Dave Boie
Treasurer: Jim Kelso

Vice President: Kevin Bergstrom
Director: Steve Miller
Director: Karen Larson

Director: John Sedey
Director: Brenda Bauman
Director: Dave Lundberg

Contact your PLIA Board with questions, comments, concerns at pliamn@yahoo.com

Thank you Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Prints in St. Paul, for donating the printing of our newsletters!

