



Pike Lake Preserver

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The Pike Lake Area Association Fall Banquet

Thursday, October 13, 2022

The Cast Iron

5906 Old Miller Trunk Highway

Program

PLAA has extended an invitation to each of the 3 Sheriff candidates running for election this November - Jason Lukovsky, Gordon Ramsay, and Chad Walsh – to attend the banquet and give a short talk on issues affecting the Pike Lake area. All 3 candidates have responded that they will attend. Come with questions and concerns for the candidates. Additionally, there will be PLAA business regarding voting on a By-Law update published previously, and any other business that is presented.

Happy Hour – 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Buffet Dinner – 6:30 PM

Program – during / after the dinner

Menu

Fettuccini Pasta with your choice of Alfredo
Chicken or Red Sauce with Italian Sausage,
Caesar Salad & Breadsticks



**\$22 per person,
includes tax & tip**



NEW THIS YEAR

YOUR PAID 2022 PLAA MEMBERSHIP GETS YOU ONE FREE MEAL TICKET!!

(If your mailing label on this newsletter shows '2022'
you get a free meal!)

Dianne Ahlers has once again arranged for some great raffle items from PLAA Business members, including a sweet water tube, tow rope, and pump, from RJ Sports (pictured below). Raffle tickets will be \$1 each, buy as many as you want!

**Please RSVP to Dianne Ahlers by
October 11 at 218-269-6141**

Hope to see YOU there!



PLAA Membership Additional Contributions

Several years ago, the Dwan family gave a significant contribution to the PLAA to start an Exotic Species fund. The purpose of the fund was to help stop the spread of invasive species into Pike Lake by starting a watercraft inspection station at the boat landing, and to help with control of exotic species already in the lake. Since the fund was established, each year the PLAA membership form has had a line item for making additional \$ contributions to the fund. To date, including the initial funding from the Dwan family, the fund has over \$9000 in contributions, and has spent about \$2000 on supplies, testing, and watercraft inspections, leaving the fund with a balance over \$7000. With St. Louis County and Canosia Township assuming most of the cost of running the watercraft inspection, and with the current balance in the Exotic Species fund, the PLAA Board has decided to expand the additional contribution line item. The Board has proposed adding line items for: Music on the Lake, Fireworks, Family events, and Pike Lake School events. Funds could then be used to help support these activities. Come to the October banquet and give us your feedback!

Minnesota Lake and Rivers Membership

The PLAA is a member of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR). The MLR website has links to numerous articles of interest to lake shore owners. Use the link <https://mnlakesandrivers.org/> to access their website. And, the links below are interesting articles pertinent to Pike Lake.

Study of Wake and Prop Thrust Impacts on Lake Ecology

<https://crowdfund.umn.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.personalCampaign&participantID=1592>

Copper Treatment Shows Promise to Control Zebra Mussel Density in Lakes

<https://mnlakesandrivers.org/copper-treatment-shows-promise-to-control-zebra-mussel-density-in-lakes/>

Lake Associations Protect Loons with Get the Lead Out

<https://mnlakesandrivers.org/lake-associations-protect-loons-with-get-the-lead-out/>

Community Spotlight

Many of us find ourselves chauffeuring our recycling to the town hall on a weekly basis. What could seem like a chore, is instead, pleasant and enjoyable. Frank Bolos has been serving as the Canosia Township Recycling Attendant for the last eight years. There seems to be a Pike Lake consensus, Frank is the most helpful and kind gentleman you will come across. When asked about us recyclers, Frank responded, “99.9% are very courteous and very interested in doing what we ask. The rules are pretty simple. Yeah, most everybody is good people”. When asked what recyclers might not know, he responded “There’s a very little-known bit of information that the sanitary district doesn’t want plant pots, even though people may have cleaned them thoroughly...and the same with plastic oil bottles and Styrofoam”.

Honorable mention: Since the original write up, I’ve met Bob, the other recycling attendant. He seems to be cut from the same mold. Frank and Bob, on behalf of Pike Lake, we thank you and appreciate you.



Fourth of July Parade

Well, the weather didn’t cooperate this year for the annual boat parade. Even so, several hardy souls ventured out and had fun anyway. With the parade rescheduled to the following weekend, participants enjoyed much better weather, and many of those hardy souls came out again for a trip around the lake! Thanks to all who participated in one or both of the parades, let’s hope for better weather next year.....



Treasurer's Report

Pike Lake Area Association

Republic Bank Beginning Checking balance 1/1/2022	11,665.94
Western Bank Beginning Checking balance 1/1/2022	16,798.44
Income - Republic Bank	
Interest Income	0.37
Income - Western Bank	
Memberships-Residential	3,130.00
Memberships-Business	350.00
Exotic Species Prevention Program	1,720.00
Contribution	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	5,200.37
Expenses - Republic Bank	
Newsletters / Mailings	891.47
Events- Pike Lake Rummage Sale	36.35
Events- Movie Night	465.00
PLA Web page	96.00
Environmental testing	0.00
Expenses - Western Bank	
Grand Lake Fire Department	1,500.00
Canosia Fire Department	1,500.00
MN Lakes Assoc. Membership Dues	150.00
CD purchase	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	4,638.82
Republic Bank Ending Checking balance 08/31/2022	10,177.49
Western Bank Ending Checking balance 08/31/2022	18,848.44
Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit	<u>15,000.00</u>
PLAA Checking & Reserve Fund Total	<u>44,025.93</u>

Music on the Lake!

More than 35 watercraft – kayaks, pontoons, ski boats, fishing boats – turned out on Labor Day to hear the band Boxcar, sponsored by the Humes family. A perfect afternoon to soak up the sun and the sounds. The PLAA Board has proposed funding more of these music gatherings by asking for additional contributions along with your membership renewal. Come to the October banquet and share your thoughts about this and other potential contributions.



Recent PLAWCS Correspondence

Following is a response to an anonymous letter that was circulated among several homes in the Pike Lake area. Kevin and Brian both suggested this email be shared to PLAWCS users.

From: Kevin Comnick <canosiacomnick@gmail.com>
 Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 7:35 PM
 To: Brian Daugherty
 Subject: PLAWCS

Hello Brian,

The Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club Development has been approved by the WLSSD, MPCA, as well as the PLAWCS Board of Directors. Any additional hookups to the PLAWCS System is determined by the amount of flow that the WLSSD allows. This was a very well discussed and thought out process prior to any approval that Mr. Anderson requested and received. Be assured that PLAWCS and the WLSSD will not allow any additional capacity that is not approved. Mr. Anderson has been approved for the additional flow for the project that he has proposed. The WLSSD does not consider if the properties being built are year round or seasonal.

The Flow allocated reflects all housing to be year around. There is no seasonal flow rate.

The flow rate is the same for all of the proposed housing That rate is determined by the WLSSD.

The PLAWCS System has some additional flow for future development. Thanks for reaching out to ask very important questions. I am always available for any questions you may have going forward. The integrity of the PLAWCS System is the single most important responsibility I make my decisions on.

Thank You,
 Kevin L. Comnick
 PLAWCS Chairman

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2022 PIKE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION (PLAA) RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

If your mailing label has '2022' printed on it, your membership is current – Thank you!

Name & Pike Lake address: _____

Mailing address: (if different) _____

Pike Lake Area Association 2022 (January-December) Dues \$ _____
\$35.00 for Residential, \$50.00 for Business (please enclose business card)

Additional contribution for Exotic Species boat inspection/education program \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail Invoice to: PLAA, c/o Cindy Lundeen, 5772 N Pike Lake RD, Duluth, MN 55811
If you have any questions, please call Cindy Lundeen – 218.348.7747.

Be more connected to your community. Membership has its benefits!

“Our mission is to preserve the environmental integrity of Pike Lake and the contiguous area, guaranteeing the ongoing availability of the lake for recreational use. We also wish to serve as a vehicle of information regarding the interests of the property owners who live around and on Pike Lake”