



# Pike Lake Preserver

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## President's Report

Spring has finally arrived and summer is just around the corner. Pike Lake Area Association might have an event, or two, to add to your summer calendar.

The PLAA annual June meeting is scheduled for 7 PM June 8th at the Grand Lake Townhall. Everyone is welcome! We will have ongoing updates on the lake water quality and will be sharing the results of the member survey ranking their priorities. How to find and take the survey is located in the newsletter. There will be some open board positions so we are looking for community members to become a part of the board, and if that is not enough to tempt you, we will have a drawing for Super One, Cast Iron, and Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club gift cards just for coming! We hope to see you there!

We are happy to announce that the Pike Lake Area Association tradition of providing the 4th of July breakfast will be back this year. It will be held at the Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club from 8 - 10 AM on the 4th at the Event Center. The boat parade will follow at noon. The breakfast started many years ago with a couple of neighbors getting their families together for breakfast and grew into breakfast for 300+ people at the town hall prior to the pandemic. A big thank you to all the folks over the years that helped to put on this event. PLAA has simplified things by hiring the PLGAB to do the cooking so all our members will be able to enjoy the 4th of July holiday.

One of the positions that will be open will be the president. It was a tough decision but I have sold our family home on the lake. Pike Lake will always be home and some of my best memories were made on or around the lake. It will be bittersweet to visit but as retirement looms it was time to simplify.

Wishing you all the best!

Cyndee Parsons



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mark your calendar!

**June 3** – Annual Pike Lake Rummage Sales around the lake

**June 8** – PLAA Annual Meeting, 7pm, Grand Lake Town Hall

**July 4** – PLAA Pancake Breakfast 8am-10am, Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club

**July 4** – Annual Pontoon Parade, noon, start at Boat Landing

**August 5** – Music on the Lake, 6pm, waterfront of Humes 5830 N Pike Lake Road

**August 13** – Music on the Lake, 4pm, waterfront of Prusak 4882 W Pike Lake Road (stormy weather backup Cast Iron Bar)

Keep up to date on activities by joining the Pike Lake Area Association (Duluth MN) Facebook group

## Pike Lake Area Association 4<sup>th</sup> of July Breakfast returns!

After several years of not having the annual pancake breakfast, this year's edition will take place on – you guessed it – July 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8am to 10am. This year's breakfast will be held at the Pike Lake Golf and Beach Club Event Center. Come meet your neighbors and start off your holiday early, all are welcome. Your PLAA membership dollars support this free breakfast. However, donations of non-perishable food items or cash for the Second Harvest Food Bank are always appreciated and will be collected at breakfast. And, if coffee and juice for breakfast doesn't float your boat (or pontoon), the Event Center will have a cash bar for Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's. See you there!

## Treasurer's Report

### Treasurer Report Pike Lake Area Association Year End 2022

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Republic Bank Beginning Checking balance 1/1/2022 | 11,665.94               |
| Western Bank Beginning Checking balance 1/1/2022  | 16,798.44               |
| <b>Income - Republic Bank</b>                     |                         |
| Interest Income                                   | 0.54                    |
| <b>Income - Western Bank</b>                      |                         |
| Memberships-Residential                           | 3,830.00                |
| Memberships-Business                              | 400.00                  |
| Events – Fall Banquet                             | 592.00                  |
| Exotic Species Prevention Program                 | <u>1,935.00</u>         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                               | <b>6,757.54</b>         |
| <b>Expenses - Republic Bank</b>                   |                         |
| Newsletters / Mailings                            | 1,270.28                |
| Events- Pike Lake Rummage Sale                    | 36.35                   |
| Events- Fairway to Scareway                       | 189.15                  |
| Events- Movie Night                               | 465.00                  |
| PLA Web page                                      | 96.00                   |
| <b>Expenses - Western Bank</b>                    |                         |
| Grand Lake Fire Department Contribution           | 1,500.00                |
| Canosia Fire Department Contribution              | 1,500.00                |
| MN Lakes Assoc. Membership Dues                   | 150.00                  |
| Events- Fall Banquet                              | <u>1,401.19</u>         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                             | <b>6,607.97</b>         |
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| Republic Bank Ending Checking balance 12/31/2022  | 9,609.70                |
| Western Bank Ending Checking balance 12/31/2022   | 19,004.25               |
| Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit               | <u>15,000.00</u>        |
| <b>PLAA Checking &amp; Reserve Fund Total</b>     | <b><u>43,613.95</u></b> |

## ANNUAL PIKE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at the Grand Lake Town Hall. This is your chance to make your voice heard on issues important to you and the Pike Lake area. Get up to date on topics of interest to property owners around the Lake and area. This year's meeting will have elections for open officer positions, including President, a vote on some By-Law changes, and a chance for you to win a \$25 gift card to Super One, Cast Iron, or Pike Lake Golf Club. Plus, Roger Anderson will be giving an update on plans for the Beach Club and condos. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

## Music on the Lake Sponsorship

On December 13, 2019, my life changed forever... we closed on our home at 5830 N. Pike Lake Road. My wife and our son (just over 1 at the time) moved from Duluth Heights to the lake – truly a dream come true. Little did we know, though, that a worldwide pandemic would change so much about the world for us and so many others within just a few months. In retrospect and as a “glass half full” guy, this meant so many good things (for us).

One of those good things were the litany of “lake concerts” that occurred in the summer of 2020 as a result of homeowner action. I distinctly remember an evening on the southwest corner of the lake anchored in front of the Goldfine's, listening to “Beer Money” play their set. It was calm, warm, and despite that we were all physically a boat length apart, we were a community. It's still one of my most memorable nights on the lake.

As I joined the Board of PLAA in 2021, one of the things I thought about was how to recreate that night for as many people on the lake as possible. Eventually, my family hosted a concert – now two – at our house. While I found it very much worthwhile, I also discovered that it is expensive!

The topic of lake concerts and the financial burden for lake owners came up for a vote during the PLAA's latest Board meeting in April 2023. As a Board, we consider ways in which we can help all homeowners appreciate the beauty of the lake and be together as a community. As a result, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to subsidize the cost of concerts during the summer of 2023 by \$250 per event in direct payment to the band. The process today is simply to email me at [davidphumes@gmail.com](mailto:davidphumes@gmail.com) with your request, and I will work with the Board on approvals. Depending on the number of requests, we reserve the right to modify this program, but for now, we are starting out with as few rules as possible, expecting all will be respectful of the program!

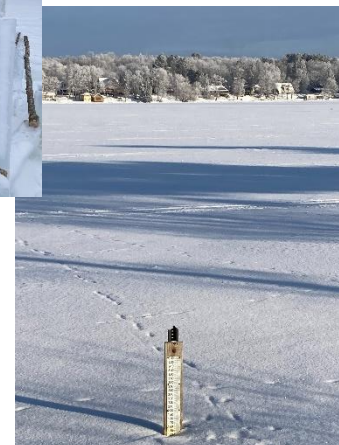
Can't wait to hear from you! Looking forward to another great summer on Pike Lake.

David Humes, Secretary



Polar Plunge?

Lonely water level  
gauge on a December  
Day



Dear Pike Lake Area Resident/Business Owner:

If you were a member of the Pike Lake Area Association (PLAA) in 2022, thank you for your support. We invite you to renew your membership for 2023. If you were not a member, please consider joining in 2023. Your membership dollars support the following programs and activities that protect the lake and create community:

**Protecting our precious lake:**

- Public Landing Boat Inspection and Exotic Species Education Program: With funding from the PLAA, Canosia Township, St. Louis County, and MN DNR, we have kept Eurasian Milfoil and Spiny Water Fleas out so far; let's continue to do so.
- Water purity and clarity testing: Our lake is as clean as it has ever been; but just to be sure, the PLAA sponsors additional testing.
- Membership in MLR (MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates) [mnlakesandrivers.org](http://mnlakesandrivers.org)

**Building a strong community:**

- Spring and Winter Banquets: good food, lively discussions, community updates
- Music on the Lake sponsorship
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July community breakfast
- Fairway to Scareway Halloween sponsor
- Pike Lake Rummage Sale, which we publicize.
- We adopted the roads around the lake for litter pickup.
- Quarterly Newsletters and our website [pikelakeassociation.org](http://pikelakeassociation.org)

**Participation in township, county and state governmental bodies, especially PLAWCS.** PLAA continues to be a constructive partner of the PLAWCS Joint Powers Board.

**Business members:** we publish your business card in one or more newsletters each year to show your support for our community.

Our web site [pikelakeassociation.org](http://pikelakeassociation.org) provides in-depth information on our activities in the above areas; check [pikelakeassociation.org](http://pikelakeassociation.org) for details. Specific dates and plans for 2023 will be provided in our newsletters, one of which you are holding in your hands.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Lundeen, Membership Director  
5772 N Pike Lake RD

..... (please return below with your check made payable to PLAA).....

**2023 PIKE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION (PLAA) RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP**

**Name & Pike Lake address:**

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**Mailing address (if different):**

**Pike Lake Area Association 2023 (January-December) Dues**  
**\$35.00 for Residential, \$50.00 for Business (PLEASE ENCLOSE BUSINESS CARD)**

**Additional contribution used to support PLAA activities including Environmental programs, Family programs, Music on the Lake, & Pike Lake School:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the enclosed return envelope and return your dues as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Lundeen at 218-348-7747. **If your mailing label for this newsletter shows '2023' you have already paid your 2023 membership dues – THANK YOU.**

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**Support these local businesses that support the PLAA**

Business members in 2022 include:

ARROWHEAD CONCRETE WORKS  
NEIL ATKINS CETERA NETWORKS  
DULUTH RUNNING COMPANY  
GROUND EFFECTS DRILLING  
HUP FAMILY DENTISTRY  
NELS FRAME SHOP  
PIKE LAKE GOLF & BEACH CLUB  
KYLE WOJTYSIAK RELIABLE INSURANCE  
TOUNGE & GROOVE WOODWORK

**Pike Lake Area Association Survey**

To better understand PLAAs member and non-member constituents, the Board of Directors of the Pike Lake Area Association has developed the following survey. The purpose of this survey is to better understand areas of value our constituents wish for the PLAA to focus time and resources on.

Today, only approximately 25% of residents of Pike Lake are members of the Association. With ever changing populace and demographics, better understanding lake residents will help PLAA better serve residents, thereby increasing membership and doing better for the Lake.

Whether you are a member today or not, please take 5 minutes to complete the survey. Your information will never be shared, and all answers are confidential. For most, you can use your phone camera to scan the QR code which will bring you to our secure survey. Alternatively, you can manually type in the following URL into a web browser to access the same survey: <https://forms.gle/sVoLHLiJzLjw1Uc49>

Per our bylaws, PLAA does not have authority over the rights of property owners and does not operate as a traditional Homeowner Association.

David Humes, Secretary

