



# Pike Lake Preserver

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## President's Report

My name is Cyndee Parsons, the new president of the Pike Lake Association. I found a quote in a 2018 newsletter from our out-going president Larry Modean describing being on the Pike Lake Association Board as "important and sort of fun, always interesting". I am looking forward to seeing if Larry's description is correct, I suspect he is spot on. Speaking of Larry Modean, I would like to thank him and Sue Voss for their commitment to our board and community and their time serving on the board over the years. Your service is appreciated!

I grew up on Pike Lake and now welcome the chance to give back to the community that is a large part of my life. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to raise my daughter on Pike Lake in the house that I grew up in. Life doesn't get much better than being a kid on the lake.

One of my favorite days on the lake is the 4th of July. Thank you, Patty and Tom Riley for the boat parade tradition. You may not know me but maybe you know some of the crazy boat decorations we have done over the years like the hippie VW bus, Star Wars TIE fighter (May the 4th be with you!), Mickey Mouse, USA birthday cake, Summer Olympics, Purple Rain, and the pink "Cancer Sucks" to name a few. The next generation is taking over the pontoon boat decorations, I wonder what the boat decoration theme is for this year?

After attending the board meetings for the last year, I am excited by all the positive ideas, the commitment to making our community and lake better, and the programs that are in place for our association. We have had some great discussions and ideas for the future of our community and lake. One of the main topics for our last meeting was the environment and the upcoming fourth of July. The jist of the discussion was to suggest trading your water balloons in for water cannons and try to keep firework debris on land where it is easier to clean up. These are two easy things to help keep our lake clean over the holiday.

Enjoy your time with friends and family, have fun, and be safe. Happy 4th of July!

- Cyndee Parsons

## A Message from the Past President

The Caribou Lake Association is working on a solution about the issue of light pollution. Light pollution effects humans and wildlife such as our beloved loons. We are fortunate to have relatively dark skies in our community. This allows us to see fantastic star constellations, northern lights, meteors, and the space shuttle. Check out the Starry Skies Lake Superior website, [starryskiesLS.org](http://starryskiesLS.org). The Pike Lake Association has received concerns about extremely bright lights or lights pointed in directions that affect others negatively. We are so fortunate to live in this beautiful community and I know we all share the desire to maintain it or even make it better for all of us.

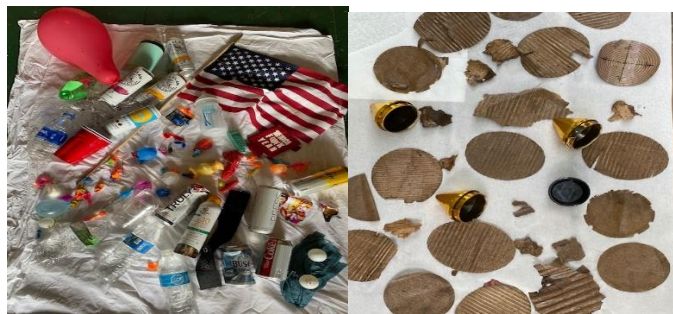
- Larry Modean (past president)



## PLAA Mission is to Preserve the Environmental Integrity of Pike Lake

Hello PLAA Members,

First off, thanks to the Board for volunteering their time and service. At the June 10<sup>th</sup> PLAA Board Meeting the Board asked me to share with you these photographs of the debris I pulled from the lake July 4 and 5, 2020.



The cardboard and plastic (plus unseen toxic heavy metals such as copper, dioxin, barium, cadmium, lithium, antimony, rubidium, strontium, lead, and potassium nitrate) are from fireworks. The assorted debris (water balloons and their rubber fragments, baby bottle, cans, cups, suntan lotion, apple core, watermelon, Yeti and foam can holders, flag, etc.) are from boaters.

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Wouldn't you agree that our neighbors, water, loons, herons, ducks, turtles, fish, eagles, geese, muskrats, and aquatic plants deserve our respect and protection?

Let us be good stewards of our beautiful lake and its wildlife this Holiday and for years to come.

Kind regards,

Pam Solberg-Tapper

### Get the Lead Out to Protect Loons

Get the Lead Out is a program at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency under a cooperative agreement with the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service. The mission of GTLO is to protect and restore the population of common loons in Minnesota by reducing their exposure to lead-based fishing tackle. This is done through education, outreach,

and advocacy and intervention activities that promote the use of lead-free fishing tackle.

Lead poisoning is a leading cause of death for loons. The current national estimate is that 25% of loon deaths are caused by lead poisoning.

Loons:

- Consume fish with lead tackle attached. The fish can either still be on the line or broke off with tackle attached.
- Loons pick up pebbles at bottom of lakes to store in their gizzards to help them grind up and digest their food. Sometimes, loons pick up lead tackle at the bottom of a lake and swallow them.
- Strike at fishing tackle being retrieved.

Solutions and things people can do:

- Buy & use lead-free tackle.
- Share about the dangers of lead.
- Encourage others to use lead-free tackle.
- Ask retailers to carry lead-free tackle.
- Dispose of lead tackle properly.
- Make your voice heard to your elected officials.
- Protect yourself from lead when fishing and hunting by washing your hands before eating and drinking.



### Minnesota Personal Watercraft (PWC) Laws

Personal Watercraft are considered motorboats under the law so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats.

**Personal Watercraft:**

- Are required to have a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator.
- Operators and passengers must wear a US Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket.
- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher

- Must travel at no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of: shore, docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft or non-motorized watercraft
- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person on board to act as an observer. Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer
- Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life jacket or clothing of the operator
- **May only operate between 9:30am and one hour before sunset**

**You may not:**

- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate while facing backward
- Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property
- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other boat
- Travel through floating vegetation at greater than a slow no-wake speed

**Age Restrictions:**

- Less than 13 may not operate, even with an adult on board
- 13 years old must either have: someone at least 21 on board, or a watercraft operator's permit and be in continuous visual observation by someone at least 21
- 14-17 years old must either have a watercraft operator's permit or someone at least 21 on board



**ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July – Boat Parade! – Noon  
Led by the Rileys.**

Sorry **NO Breakfast this year** – Please look for an event in the fall.

**Music On the Lake  
Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm**

Along the north shore in front of the Bells - 5860 N Pike Lake Rd

**Music On the Lake – cont.**

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm**

Matt Gumley and the Crew are coming to Pike Lake this summer! Matt, direct-from-Broadway, has been performing on stage and screen since age 5, starring in Broadway shows like "Mary Poppins", "The Addams Family", "Elf, the Musical", and more... Together with his band, they'll rock your socks off and perform 2 hours of all your favorite classic rock/country hits.  
The Kolar's 4877 Lakeway Drive – SE part of lake

**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 & 6:30 pm**

3:30 – Along the north shore in front of 5830 N Pike Lake Rd - red brick house! "The Low Sons" is a five-piece band. They play vintage country classics - Willie, Waylon, Cash etc...

6:30 - Along the south shore in front of 5977 S Pike Lake Road (Rauschenfels). Enjoy music from your boats and pontoons performed by Jimmie Jay Anderson. Indie artist performing newly released original and pop music.  
Check him out at [jimmiejayanderson.com](http://jimmiejayanderson.com) and on Facebook.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pike Lake Association	Bank	
Republic Bank Begin Check balance 1/21		14,147.29
Western Bank Begin Check balance 1/21		9,963.00
Income:		
Memberships	WB	2,505.00
Events-July 4th	WB	1,000.00
Exotic Species Prevention Program	WB	485.00
CD maturity	WB	15,124.44
Interest Income	RB	0.29
Total Income		19,114.73
Expenses - Republic Bank		
Newsletters / Mailings	RB	519.06
Events- Pike Lake Rummage Sale	RB	33.63
MN Lakes Assoc. Membership Dues	RB	150.00
PLA Web page	RB	96.00
Environmental testing	RB	50.00
Expenses - Western Bank		
Western Bank account fees	WB	4.00
CD purchase	WB	15,000.00
Total Expenses		15,852.69
Republic Bank End Check balance 5/21		13,298.89
Western Bank End Check balance 5/21		14,073.44
Reserve Fund Certificate of Deposit		15,000.00
PLA Checking & Reserve Fund Total		42,372.33

- Mark Rauschenfels

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2021 PIKE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION (PLAA) RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

Name & Pike Lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Pike Lake Area Association 2021 (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.

If your mailing label for this newsletter shows '2021' you have already paid your 2021 membership dues - THANK YOU'.

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

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