

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Late 2022

President's Letter

KEVIN BERGSTROM

I am completing my first year as President, and the board has continued to build on our previous successes.

We continue to aggressively treat AIS, concentrating on controlling Starry Stonewort, and have it isolated to the county landing.

We continue to drive towards our 2022 AIS campaign fundraising goal. Please consider making a donation prior to the end of the year! Your donations are very important to our management of the AIS. Remember you now have the option of using PayPal! It is as easy as could be! Search for Pliamn@yahoo.com in PayPal or use the 'Donate' button at www.PLIAMn.com.

Finally, we have 3 board members that will be leaving at the end of the year - Jeff Harkman, President Emeritus, Jim Kelso, Treasurer, and John Sedey, President Emeritus. All three of them have had a significant, positive impact on PLIA, and I cannot thank them enough for all their contributions.

While Kelli Bronder has volunteered to be our new Treasurer, and has been working with Jim to transition, the board is currently looking for a few people willing to take on a Director position. We need people who are interested in helping to preserve Pleasant Lake for generations to come. Worried about making a huge time commitment? We have 4 to 5 meetings a year - and for most we can ZOOM if that works better for you. If you have any interest or questions, PLEASE contact PLIAMN@yahoo.com!

It is a pleasure to work with these and other volunteer board members, and a great pleasure to continue to do what is best for Pleasant Lake.

Community Calendar

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24

Small Business Saturday

November 26

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Clock Tower Park

Saturday, November 26

Pioneer Park Village Christmas

Saturday, December 10,

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Main Street Holiday

Saturday, December 10

CPR Holiday Train

Oak Avenue Crossing

Wednesday, December 14,

Approx. 7:15 pm

Lions' Breakfast with Santa

Tentatively December 18

New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Clock Tower Park

Sunday, December 31

Fall Membership & Fundraising Update

JIM KELSO, Treasurer

I'm pleased to report great news: 100 of the 127 residential property owners have paid 2022 membership dues. That's a record 78.7%!

Most of you will recall that 2022 is the final year of our 5 year campaign to raise \$25,000 annually -- \$125,000 in total-- to manage current and future AIS threats to Pleasant Lake. So far this year 82 members have generously donated \$11,273. That puts us at only 64.5% of our goal. With less than 2 months remaining, there's still time for you to donate, or even make a second donation, before the campaign ends on December 31st. A final campaign report will be published in the Spring 2023 newsletter.

Remember that the PLIA has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS, meaning that donations are deductible for members who itemize. Also, if you need to take an RMD from your IRA this year, please consider a QCD to the PLIA. That's lots of initials, but it means you can make a tax-free donation from your tax-deferred retirement savings. (Check with your tax professional to do it 'by-the-book'.)

Once again, thanks very much for your financial support of the PLIA!

Lake Cycles

GALE BERGSTROM, Newsletter Editor

Well, another summer has flown by, and the leaves are swirling down in a cloud of color. We began the season with talk of the low water levels and the desperate need for rain. Then it rained. The loons called, the boats pulled wakeboarders and tubers, lines were baited and cast, swimmers splashed in glee, Happy Hours were shared, and sunset cruises were taken. Now the docks have been pulled, the boats put in storage, and the winter gear is poised for service. Sooner or later talk will turn to ice-on dates. Then the lake will come alive again with ice fishing, snowmobiling, and playing in the snow. Don't you just love the cycle of our lake?



Happy Hour



2nd Annual PLIA Walk/Run



Oak on the Water



Sunrise



Fall Colors



Sunset

Pleasant Lake Invasive Update

KEVIN BERGSTROM, President

Starry Stonewort (SSW): This year PLIA contracted dives looking for SSW on the county landing 4 times, during which SSW was found twice. The first time it was about a pound, and the second time was a couple of plants. It was manually harvested and treated with Mizzen each time. A dive was also done at the city landing, and none was found.

Overall, there was more SSW at the county landing but we did not find it anywhere else in the lake. Steve McComas, from Blue Water Science, stated after two divers checked the county landing in October, that a couple of small plants were found. We will repeat the same plan next year.

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM): This summer the PLIA had multiple surveys done. No EWM was found for the third year. We will continue to do these surveys, and treat if found.

Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP): We had a delineation survey completed and a chemical treatment applied to a total of 20 acres by the city landing, the county landing, and the West end of the lake. The PLIA plans on treating 20 acres next year.

Zebra Mussels: We will continue to monitor the effect on the lake. I'm sure you have noticed a significant amount of mussels on your docks and lifts this Fall.

Finally, the PLIA had a **whole lake survey** completed in October to look for any new areas of invasive species and treat them. No new AIS were found during this survey.

Note: Every year the PLIA applies for DNR grant money to help pay for treatments. This year we did not receive any as the funds were distributed by a lottery system. This makes your AIS donation even more important! Thank you!



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Thank you, Kelli Bronder!

A big 'thank you' goes out to Kelli Bronder for agreeing to be the new PLIA Treasurer. Kelli has been a member of the board for over a year and is now working with Jim Kelso to ensure a smooth transition. Thanks, Kelli! We know you will do a fantastic job!

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Pleasant Lake Community Bulletin Board, Annandale, MN is our private group for Pleasant Lake property owners. Join us!

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Our advertising businesses, Oak Realty and Dingmann Marine for sponsoring 'Oak on the Water', The Schmidts for driving Candidates in the Boat Parade, Maggie Nilson for the newsletter layout, Jill Gruys and Kelli Bronder for their work on fundraising and social events, lake residents for sharing pictures of Pleasant Lake life, and Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Print in St. Paul, for donating our newsletter printing.

Pleasant Lake History Corner

The last remaining cabin from the Hahn's Resort was demolished this fall. Several neighbors have also replaced other resort cabins through the years. Enjoy your new lake home, Larsons!





Candidates



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Are you interested in joining the PLIA board? Or maybe you know someone who would like to join? The PLIA board needs new members! Join this group of great people and help make a difference for Pleasant Lake! We would love to hear from you!

