

EAGLE LAKE NEWS

A publication for homeowners on Eagle Lake and Pike Lake in Maple Grove, MN



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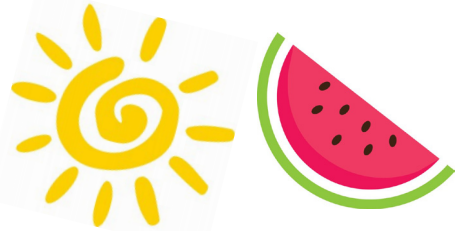
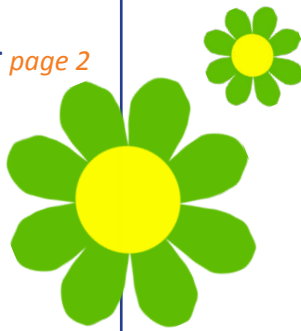
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FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Get the family together and come out on the lake on Thursday nights this summer!

Starting as it warms up in May.

We usually pick the calmest part of the lake and start tying up the boats any time after 5:30pm.

Snacks, music, tubes, kayaks, paddle boards encouraged. Please forward the invite to others. See you soon!



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

JOIN US for the **Eagle/Pike Lake Boat Parade** at **2pm**.

Meet by the Three Rivers fishing pier. We will be moving in a clockwise direction.

Feel free to decorate your boat! Also we love to wave to the people on the docks!



Lakeshore Property Owners Vegetation Management and Removal Rights

The ELPA is often asked by lakeshore property owners what they can do to manage and/or remove the non-indigenous narrow leaf cattail and other unpleasant vegetation growing along and around their shoreline. Below is an excerpt from Minnesota's DNR website. www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html

Please note – an ELPA board member contacted the DNR office to discuss the permitting process. The DNR representative said that the permitting process is both EASY and FREE.



When a permit is NOT needed

If you are a lakeshore property owner who wants to create or maintain a swimming or boat-docking area, you may cut or pull submerged vegetation, such as Elodea, without a DNR permit under certain conditions:

- First, the area to be cleared must be no larger than 2,500 square feet.
- Second, the cleared area must not extend more than 50 feet along the shoreline or one-half the length of your shoreline, whichever is less.

A boat channel up to 15 feet wide, and as long as necessary to reach open water, may also be cleared, through submerged vegetation. (The boat channel is in addition to the 2,500 square feet allowed). The cutting or pulling may be done by hand or with hand-operated or powered equipment that does not significantly alter the course, current, or cross-section of the lake bottom. Such control cannot be done with draglines, bulldozers, hydraulic jets, suction dredges, automated aquatic plant control devices, or other powered earth-moving equipment. After you have cut or pulled aquatic plants, you must dispose of them on land to prevent them from drifting onto your neighbor's property or washing back into the lake. In addition, a channel 15 feet wide through floating-leaf vegetation extending to open water may be maintained by mechanical means without a permit. Any other destruction of floating-leaf vegetation requires a permit. If you have questions on control activities that do not require a permit, please contact your local DNR office.

If you plan to dispose of the aquatic vegetation someplace other than on your property you will need to download the aquatic plant transport authorization form. This form allows you to transport the aquatic vegetation to a suitable location for disposal.

A DNR permit is not needed to gather aquatic plants for personal use (except for wild rice) or for constructing a shooting or observation blind.



Control methods which MUST HAVE a permit

- Destruction of any emergent vegetation (for example, cattails and bulrushes).
- Cutting or pulling by hand, or by mechanical means, submerged vegetation in an area larger than 2,500 square feet.
- Applying herbicides or algicides.
- Moving or removing a bog of any size that is free-floating or lodged in any area other than its place of origin in public waters.
- Physical removal of floating-leaf vegetation from an area larger than a channel 15 feet wide extending to open water.
- Transplanting aquatic plants into public waters.
- Use of automated aquatic plant control devices (such as the Crary WeedRoller).

Applying for a permit

To apply for a permit, contact MnDNR, Central Regional Office at 651-259-5800



NEW HOMEOWNERS!

If you're new to the neighborhood and would like to receive ELPA announcements, **please contact Shannon Poppe Grabinger**, ELPA Board member by email; smpoppe@yahoo.com or telephone; **612-236-7369** and provide your:

Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address

Eco-drain and street sweeping questions? Contact Maple Grove Public Works: 763-494-6370

PLEDGE TO PLANT FOR POLLINATORS & CLEAN WATER PROJECT LAUNCH

The West Metro Water Alliance, along Metro Blooms, Blue Thumb and Wild Ones, launched the Pledge to Plant for Pollinators and Clean Water Project in February with the goal to encourage private land owners to install 10,000 wildflower plantings in the next three years to protect pollinators and the health of area waters.



In the Twin Cities metropolitan area and other regional population centers, turf grass and other impervious surfaces are concentrated and prevent water infiltration, leading to increased flow on the surface of the land, and much more rapid flow into streams. The Environmental Protection Agency identifies runoff as the leading water quality threat to our urban lakes and streams.

In 2015, American beekeepers lost 40% of their colonies. Monarch butterfly populations are struggling and research suggests other pollinators are also suffering serious declines due to loss of habitat and overuse of pesticides. Managed landscapes on public and private properties, including raingardens, stormwater ponds, and shoreline plantings, provide the opportunity for increasing diversity through blooming native patches that connect pollinator corridors while helping to keep water clean by capturing and filtering runoff.

The Pledge to Plant education and engagement partnership will encourage new or expanded “pollinator-friendly” native plantings and map existing native plantings to create a baseline of pollinator-friendly stormwater best management practices.

By leveraging both the mandates on local governments to educate the public on water quality and the growing public awareness of the plight of pollinators, this project achieves shared goals. New educational resources and exhibits will be developed to foster positive social pressure for converting impervious and turf areas to native pollinator habitats for clean water. Learn more about Pledge to Plant here: www.bluthumb.org/pledge



The purpose of the Eagle Lake Preservation Association is to educate the community in the wise use, management and preservation of Eagle Lake and its surrounding watershed with the goal of maintaining the delicate ecological balance between the Lake, the adjacent shore land and its surrounding watershed.

Protect your investment! Keeping our lake clean will help us maintain our lakeshore property values, while contributing to the entire community by offering aesthetic value and a convenient place for safe recreation.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

2016 Tax Deductible Membership Dues:

Lakeshore Homeowner	\$50.00
Friends of Eagle/Pike Lake	\$25.00

Please consider making a tax deductible contribution by paying annual membership dues. These funds are vital to the preservation efforts of Eagle/Pike Lakes! Thank you!

Name

Address

Email

Phone

Please Make Checks Payable to: Eagle Lake Preservation Association

Send payments to:
6435 Eagle Lake Drive Maple Grove, MN

Payments can now be made via PayPal! If you wish to pay membership dues, or make additional donations via PayPal please use the link located on the Membership page of our website at www.eagle-lake.org. Click on Membership, then the yellow PayPal “Buy Now” button.

All proceeds benefit Eagle/Pike Lake preservation



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ELPA



ANNUAL MEETING!

TUESDAY
MAY 17TH
at 6:30PM

Eagle Lake Community Building Thoresen Park
6359 Eagle Lake Drive

Light refreshments will be served

AGENDA

- Meet & Greet | Introductions
- 2015 ELPA Accomplishments & Membership
- 2016 ELPA Goals
- Treasurer's Report
- 2016 Grant Initiatives (presentation from Fortin Consulting)
- Volunteer Committee Review
- Annual Events
- Board Member Nominations
- Homeowners Comments