



Eagle Lake News

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Geese ~ Love Them or Hate Them...

Goose Control can be a challenge for many lake residents. There are many methods of control that may work for some but not for others. Here are a few facts about some common goose control methods.

A lawn that extends to the water's edge is an inviting area for Geese. An example of this is at the channel entrance on the eastside of the lake. The lawn leading from this corner lot once looked like a beautiful golf fairway. In the spring it looked like a game reserve for hundreds of geese. The homeowner now has that once manicured lawn transformed into a lovely natural grass and flower area. Fences are an-

other option. Many people do not like a fence, but fences are effective and can also be made of natural materials. A natural barrier comprised of tall grassy areas, or large rocks can work extremely well too, and fishing line properly installed can also be quite effective. One thing to consider is that if you have a fence but your neighbor does not the geese can still be a problem.

Remember geese are protected, and shooting them can lead to a large fine and even jail time! Do not feed the geese either, that is also against the law.

As much of a nuisance as they can be, geese are hearty animals, and good parents, which

is why they rapidly increase in numbers. Their life Span can be up to 20 years (more typically 12-15 years). They mate for life, and return to the area where they were born.

Check online for other goose control ideas.

Below: John Garritsen's dog fending off a Goose



We want to keep you informed...

In order to provide you with the most current information about Eagle Lake we need to have your current contact information.

Please send to Travis Theiss at tntheiss@gmail.com

2011 Annual Meeting Highlights

The Eagle Lake Preservation Association's (ELPA) Annual Meeting was held on May 10, 2011 at Thoresen Park. Twenty-two people were in attendance. Discussion was held on the following:

- Advance and protect interest of Eagle Lake Community
- Community education
- Evaluation and monitoring to protect water quality
- Maintaining delicate ecological balance
- Fish & wildlife management
- Partnership with City of MG & Three Rivers Park District to improve lake water quality

Other business that was completed:

- Lake Quality and MG Lake Quality Commission report
- Social events were planned
- Elections and committee signups were held

Our current account is just over \$4800. Dues paying membership has increased this year. We are currently in the process of filing for non-profit status 501(c)(3). Once non-profit status is achieved, dues and donations will be tax deductible, and we will be able to start applying for government grants.



In 2010 the quality of Eagle Lake was downgraded from a B to a C...moving closer to impaired status!

Water Quality Corner

Calling all talented residents... this means you!

Eagle Lake water quality is steadily going downhill. Our lake used to be rated one of the cleanest in the city with a score of B. In 2010 our lake quality was downgraded to a C, and we are very close to becoming listing as an impaired lake in the state of Minnesota. As highlighted in the last issue of the Eagle Lake News, real estate studies across the country have established a direct link to lakeshore property values and clarity of lake water. As an Eagle Lake home-

owner you have a vested interest in protecting your investment in your property – which includes Eagle Lake.

The ELPA is a group of concerned homeowners who are actively working to protect Eagle Lake, we are working hard to increase awareness and make positive changes for our lake, but our resources are stretched thin. We have many talented and experienced individuals on the lake; please consider contributing your time and unique expertise to help us out...our lake and the invest-

ment you've made in your lakeshore property depend on it! Just some of the areas in which we need help include; communications & publishing, education, fund raising, grant writing, web design & technology and membership drive, as well as many other areas of need! Perhaps you're great at networking and have some useful contacts, or maybe you're a great writer, educator, web designer, fund raiser, marketing whiz, community organizer, graphic designer, etc., whatever your talents...we need you!

Thank you!

Help Eagle Lake!

We need more involvement from residents for the good of our lake!

Please consider signing up for a committee or other volunteer position!

Volunteer for an ELPA Committee

One of ELPA's goals this year is to continue working on establishing committees with regularly scheduled meetings. We are currently looking for volunteers for the committees. While this is not a huge time commitment, it is extremely valuable to our organization. We need active members who can share their ideas and knowledge to help

build a stronger voice for our lake community.

We currently have 4 committees: Water Quality, Communication, Education, and a Social Committee. A description of each committee and its goals is available on the ELPA website at <http://eagle-lake.org>. Both the Education and Communications committees really need additional volunteers, but if

you are more interested in Social or Water Quality committee participation, please let us know.

For more information, contact Travis Theiss at tntheiss@gmail.com and he will set you up with the appropriate committee contact. Please consider volunteering and helping out our lake!

2011 Eagle Lake Fall Festival...fun had by all!



The first Annual Eagle Lake Fall Festival was held on Sunday, September 25th 2011. We were very pleased that more than 63 people came to join in on this fun event. Attendees had the opportunity to meet and socialize with many of their lake neighbors, and enjoy some fun and refreshments. Hot dogs, ice cream sandwiches and lemonade were served.

There were children's activities, including face painting, balloon animals, baseball and games. Door prizes supplied by local business were given out, and there were also educational opportunities for homeowners to learn more about water quality and the ELPA. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend! We would also like to extend a BIG Thank You to all of the

local businesses and vendors who donated door prizes to the Eagle Lake Fall Festival:

- Weeders Digest
- Water Restoration
- Henry's Café
- Perkins
- Eagle Lake BP
- Mountain Mudd

We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Eagle Lake Fall Festival!

The Importance of Association Membership

Association Objectives:

1. Advance and protect interests of Eagle Lake Community
2. Community education
3. Evaluate, monitor and protect water quality
4. Maintain delicate ecological balance
5. Fish & wildlife management
6. Partner with the City of Maple Grove, Shingle Creek Watershed & Three Rivers Park District to improve lake water quality

Membership Benefits:

- Protect property values
- Strong associations are better able to access vital project funding
- Public education through expert speakers, association annual meeting and ELPA website and quarterly newsletter
- Foster a sense of community
- Discussion forum
- Lake quality monitoring
- Partner with other lake associations

ELPA Board of Directors:

- Travis Theiss** ~
ELPA President/Treasurer
- Jennifer Tieva** ~
ELPA Vice President
- Larry McGough** ~
ELPA Board Member & Lake Quality Commissioner
- Becky Fahrenbruch** ~
ELPA Secretary
- Karen Karbo** ~
ELPA Board Member
- Roger Hamm** ~
ELPA Board Member
- John Garritsen** ~
ELPA Board Member
- Philip Ainsworth** ~
ELPA Board Member
- Bob & Sheri Lundstrom** ~
ELPA Board Members
Pike Lake Representatives



The Eagle Lake Preservation Association is currently seeking additional committee members, please consider volunteering your time!

Thank you to all who paid 2011 dues, and/or made additional donations!



Please Join Today!

The purpose of the Eagle Lake Preservation Association is to educate the community regarding the wise use, management, and preservation of Eagle Lake and its surrounding watershed in order to maintain the delicate ecological balance which must be kept between the Lake, the adjacent shore land, and its surrounding watershed and encourage such use, management and preservation.

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

Membership Form

2012 Dues: \$30.00

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

Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Please Make Checks Payable to:
Eagle Lake Preservation Association

Send payments to:
6217 Eagle Lake Drive
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Questions?
Phone: 763-424-5840
Website: <http://eagle-lake.org>

Additional donations are accepted at any time and greatly appreciated!

All proceeds go directly toward Eagle Lake preservation efforts



6217 Eagle Lake Drive
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Address Service Requested

Find us on the internet:

<http://eagle-lake.org/>

Meet the Board...

Your Eagle Lake Preservation Association Board Members:

Travis Theiss, President/Treasurer

6217 Eagle Lake Drive, 4 years on Eagle Lake
Wife Jill, children Toren (3 years) & Jaida (1 year)
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: I love everything about living on the lake, the friendly neighbors, water sports on the lake, canoeing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing, the wonderful sunsets... ALL of it! If you see me on the lake, please come say hi and let me know what we can do to improve your lake experience!

Jennifer Tieva, Vice President

6553 Eagle Lake Drive, my husband Mike purchased our home in 2004, we were married in 2008. Children Elliana (3), Elias (21 months) & Ethan (6 months)
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: having great family recreation right outside our door, fantastic lake neighbors and of course the beautiful sunsets

Becky Fahrenbruch, Secretary

6435 Eagle Lake Drive, 1 year on the lake - just moved in Oct 15, 2010
Husband Jeff, children Trinity (6) & Peyton (4)
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: waterskiing, wakeboarding and family activities

Karen Karbo, Board Member

6500 Eagle Lake Drive, 26 years on Eagle Lake
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: Peace, wildlife, and protecting water quality for future generations

Roger Hamm, Board Member

6223 Eagle Lake Drive – moved to Eagle Lake July 4th weekend, 1993
Wife Margaret, daughter Sydney (15)
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: Sunsets, Wildlife and Fishing

Philip Ainsworth, Board Member

6550 Balsam Lane N, 25 years on Eagle Lake
Wife Judy, 2 grown children ~, Matt (21), Megan (27 & married to Brian Dyste)
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: Water ski, pontoon

Larry Mcgough, Lake Quality Commissioner

6181 Eagle Lake drive, living on Eagle Lake since 1993
Wife Maureen – kindergarten teacher at Cedar Island, grown children Matt and Megan
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: lake view and friendly neighbors

John Garritsen, Board Member

10775 69th Ave N, 26 years on the lake
Wife Connie, children at home; Sabrina, Cooper (dog), not at home; 5 children, 4 grand children
Favorite thing(s) about Eagle Lake: The great view every morning. The greatest disappointment is watching the changes over the years.

Bob & Sheri Lundstrom, Pike Lake Board Representatives

6100 Deerwood Lane N., 2.5 years on Pike Lake
3 children 4 grandchildren
Favorite thing(s) about Pike Lake: Love the view and serenity