

LITTLE PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION

June 20, 2026 Newsletter

P. O. Box 62, Perham, MN 56573

LittlePineLake.org

LPLA BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS 2026

Ken Krajsa – President 2026-2027

Bob Kochmann – Vice President 2025-2026

Andi Bucholz – Secretary 2026-2028

Kay Harper – Treasurer 2025-2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Andi Bucholz – Elected 2026

Ray Ehly – Reelected 2025

Kay Harper – Elected 2024

Jon Chose – Elected 2025

Bob Kochmann – Elected 2024

Daryl Kowitz – Reelected 2024

Ken Krajsa – Elected 2026

John Martodam – Re-elected 2025

Madge Murphy – Re-elected 2024

Paul Dorn – Elected 2026

Board Members are elected to serve a 3-year term. 4
Officers are elected by the Board to serve a 2-year
term as named officers.

**Currently, LPLA has 1 board position opening.
Please consider joining the LPLA Board or
encourage someone you know!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ryan Jundt and Gary Layman
for their many years of service to the Little
Pine Lake Association!

SUMMER EVENTS REMINDER

Ring of Peace – Friday, July 3rd – After dusk,
light luminaria bags!

Sand Sculpture – Saturday, July 4th Paul
Miller Park – 10AM (Volunteers needed)

Boat Parade – Saturday, July 4th Paul Miller
Park – 1PM Counter-clockwise rotation.

Check in at Paul Miller Park to get a boat

number! 2026 Themes: Patriotic,

Superheroes

Annual LID Meeting – Saturday, July 25th
9 a.m. Big Pine Lodge (8:30 rolls and coffee)

LPLA Best Ball Golf Tournament – August
8th – Lakeside 10:00 AM tee time. Contact
Daryl Kowitz (218.443.0537) to register a
team

LPLA Picnic – August 8th – 4:00-6:00PM at
Zorbaz. Bring a dessert to share!

Breakfast on the Farm – Sat. Aug 1, 2026
7 am-12 pm, Ron Doll & Family Farm,
Perham.

LPLA 2026 BEACH CAPTAINS

Carol Schmitz - 44270 N Little Pine Rd

Cliff Weber - 45563 Red Pine Trail

Randy Long - 44605 Yellow Pine Dr

Jeff Dolby - 47037 Benny Lane

Jon Chose - 43842 N Little Pine Rd

Rob Evans - 45310 N Little Pine Rd

Ken Krajsa - 45518 N. Little Pine RD

Mark Halbakken - 46611 Benny Lane

Ryan & Jason Jundt - 44633 Yellow Pine Dr

Terri Haugen - 46216 Little Pine Loop

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 annual meeting was held at 9 am on Saturday, June 13th at Lakeside Golf Club with 55 + in attendance. Guest Speakers included Jodi Teich, OTC Engineer, Wes Keller, Houston Engineering, and Steve Henry, AIS Technician.

Steve outlined the techniques and procedures used in surveying lakes for invasive species. Permits for surveying and treating invasive species are issued by OTC. 3 areas on LPL were treated for Curly Leaf Pond Weed this spring for a cost of approximately \$7000 which was paid by the Lakes Improvement District. There is no current treatment that eradicates CLPW, but early detection and treatment can help slow its spread.

Jodi Teich and Wes Keller presented on the Hwy 51 Culvert Project. This project encompasses collaborative efforts from OTC Engineers, Houston Engineering, DNR officials, and MN DOT. Possible solution scenarios to the issue of varied water levels on either side of the culvert and deteriorating structure include: Removing the culvert, constructing a box culvert, or constructing a high-water pipe in place of the existing culvert. Cost differs with each scenario/project. OTC Engineers and Houston Engineering will forward their report and recommendations to the OTC Commissioners.

Daryl Kowitz, LPLA and LID Board Member, provided updates on water quality testing which continues to show good results.

John Martodam provided information on fishing/boat traffic on LPL. The DNR will be conducting a gill net survey in late June. Results will guide decisions on stocking LPL with walleye fingerlings.

Dan Bucholz, District 1 OTC Commissioner, discussed the future home pick-up recycling option that will soon be offered to OTC residents, and the Otter Express bus service offered to Perham area residents within a 13-mile radius for a fee of \$2.00/ride. *(218-998-3002 to schedule a bus ride)*

2026 BOAT PARADE

The LPLA Boat Parade is on July 4th at Paul Miller Park at 1PM. There are 2 Themes: Patriotic, Superheroes. The parade will go in a Counter-clockwise rotation. For decorations to be seen, place them on the right side of boats. Please check in with the lead boat at Paul Miller Park to get a laminated number. Prizes will be awarded for the top two boats in each category (\$100, \$75), best decorated dock (\$100), and noisiest dock (\$50).

Participants in the dock contests: **Make sure to have a sign with your last name that the boats can read so that we can identify winners for the dock contests!*

To win any of these prizes, you must be a member of the LPLA.

Vote for the boat parade winners by going to the littlepinelake.org website!

For written instructions ***see the last page of the newsletter:*** *How to vote for a boat in the 2026 Boat Parade.*

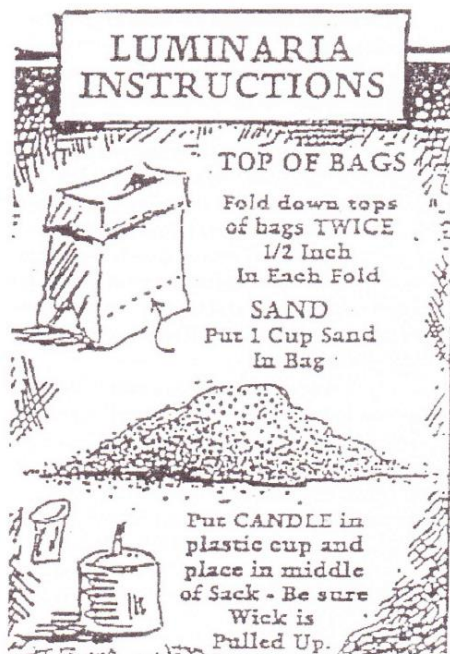
2027 Boat Parade

There were no suggestions submitted for the fun themed category of the boat parade at the annual meeting 6/13/26. The 2027 Boat Parade will still have 2 categories for voting and prizes: Patriotic, and an Open category. Entrants in the open category will decorate however they wish. Again, the patriotic theme will always be one of the 2 themes for boat parade prizes.

We will try again to gather lake residents' ideas for the fun theme at next year's annual meeting!

RING OF PEACE

The Ring of Peace started many years ago by Jerry Moriarity to signify our hope for peace in the world. Below is a diagram for assembling the luminary which is to be displayed at dusk on July 3rd. This display is optional.



2026 ANNUAL PICNIC & GOLF TOURNAMENT

The LPLA annual picnic will be held August 8th at Zorbaz. The North room has been reserved. The LPLA will provide pizza, serving from 4-6:00PM. You must be a paid member of the LPLA for admission to the picnic. If you have family /friends at your house/cabin, bring them along! Desserts to share are welcome!

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Lakeside Golf Course on August 8th starting at 10:00 AM. Participants are responsible for green fees. Contact Daryl Kowitz (218.443.0537) to register a team by July 31st.

LPLA Membership

We are up to 157 paid members at this print date. If you haven't paid dues yet to become a member, it is not too late. Please consider joining us! Contact any board member or beach captain for information.

Thank you for making Little Pine Lake such a welcoming, connected community for year-round residents, summer residents, and visitors!

How to vote for the 2026 LPLA Boat Parade

Go to: littlepinelake.org . The link to vote will be on the homepage and on the July 4th page. Click on the 2026 Boat Parade voting link to vote for your favorite boat in BOTH themes: Patriotic and Superheroes. (Every residence will get one vote in each category.)

The voting poll will close after the last boat has passed the last shoreline house or cabin on the parade route.

*Results will be available immediately. **Prize money will be handed to participants upon return to Paul Miller Park after turning in the boat numbers to the lead boat.** Winning boats/docks will be listed on the LPLA website. NOTE: Prize money not collected by the winning boats at the *end of the parade* will be added back into the LPLA general fund for future July 4th activities.

If a LPLA member does not use a smartphone or have computer internet, they may call Andi: 218-849- 0229 with their choice of boat selections anytime during the boat parade but before the voting poll closes!