



Potter Lake News

June 15, 2026 Spring/Summer

A Word from the Chair

Hello Potter Lake Riparian Owners,

Another summer on the lake is upon us! It has been quite a mix of weather over the past couple of months. As you know, April was our wettest on record! All of that rain, nearly 11", put our new dam to the test. With the exception of the 6" of rain that fell in 4 days mid-April, we were able to keep lake levels pretty close to 8.8 feet (per Town Ordinance). Charting precipitation, water levels, and dam adjustments throughout the season will inform our decisions moving forward.

I am sure you have seen our new harvester out on the lake. Between effective weed harvesting and the focused use of chemical treatments, we are working to manage our lake environment well into the future.

See you on the lake,
Cathy Schulz, PLPRD Chairperson
cathyschulzplprdchair@gmail.com



Fourth of July Celebrations

Mark your calendars for July 3, 2026!

Lighting of the Lake - Flares will be sold for \$5.00, on weekends from 8-1 pm or 2-7 pm at the boat launch beginning June 20th, or picked up from Karen Winkleman by calling 414-791-7812.

Boat Parade – "**America 250**." Let's celebrate our country with patriotically decorated boats. We meet at the east end of the lake, near the boat launch, at 6:45 pm, and proceed counter-clockwise around the lake. There will be a designated lead boat! More information will be shared as we get closer to the date.



Support the fireworks display on Potter Lake on July 3rd! Thank you to the Froehlich family for organizing this wonderful event! [Click here](#) for more information on how to donate!

PLPRD Updates

The PLPRD held a special board meeting on April 28, 2026, and the Spring Meeting was held on May 16, 2026. Minutes from both meetings are available on the website's [Meetings](#) page.

This year, we will form a water sampling committee to monitor water clarity and quality. Committee members will take samples and share them with the DNR 2-3 times per year. This will provide us with valuable information. Please contact chairperson@potterslake.org if you would like more information on participating.

Deputy Chief Runge from the Town of East Troy Police Department discussed 2026 enforcement plans and safety initiatives. The department hopes to partner with the DNR to conduct water patrols of Potter Lake. Deputy Chief Runge stressed that safety concerns should be reported using the non-emergency number (262) 642-3700. Serious violations should be reported immediately using 911. When possible, include the date and time, registration numbers, and photos/videos in your report.

We have updated our mail distribution system to MailChimp after encountering difficulties with the free Gmail system. Please email chairperson@potterslake.org if you are not receiving emails.

Updated lake rules were shared at the meeting. The new BLUE rule sheets have been distributed to all riparian owners. Please discard old yellow lake rule sheets from previous years! Riparian owners at the Spring Meeting also approved a depth map of the lake. You can find this on the website's [rules page](#). There is also new signage at the boat launch. Thank you to PLPRD riparian owner Bill Roeber for creating and donating the signs.



PLPRD Commissioners

Elected Commissioners

Chairperson: Cathy Schulz

Secretary: Chuck DeWall

Treasurer: Matt Wessels

Appointed Commissioners:

Town of East Troy Representative:

Thad Seymour

Walworth County Representative:

(open)

See the [Contact](#) page on the Potter Lake website for contact information.

Fish Stocking Committee Update

The Fishing Committee is pleased to announce that, in conjunction with Travis Motl of the DNR and Mike Robinson from Keystone Hatcheries, nearly 3,000 fish were stocked in Potter Lake on Monday, May 11. The breakdown was 1,245 Yellow Perch and 1,664 Black Crappie, all 4-6-inch yearlings. Crappies reach maturity for spawning between 2 and 3 years, and perch between 2 and 4. We could see a new crappie spawn as early as next spring.

Ultimately, our lake does not need additional predatory fish (largemouth bass or northerns), as these species have become self-sustaining. The DNR did not want us to stock large panfish, as we already have a healthy population. This is how we came to agree on yellow perch and black crappie as the appropriate species to stock.

Healthy fish populations are a cornerstone of functional lakes, supporting biodiversity and serving as an essential component of water quality

management. We hope you, your family, and guests enjoy this first step toward renewing our commitment to improved fishing on Potter Lake.



We should all believe in something. I believe I will go fishing. -Henry David Thoreau

Directory & Welcome Committee News

A New Directory is coming your way!

To help maintain open communications among our wonderful lake community, a 2026 Potter Lake Riparian Owner Directory is in the works.

All Riparian Owners have been asked to update /edit/verify their information for the 2026 Directory. To ensure your information is correct, we ask everyone to respond as soon as possible, even if you have no changes from the last directory.

If you did not receive the email, please check your junk/spam folder first. If you still cannot find it, please reach out to welcome@potterslake.org for a new one. Flyers were also shared, and can be mailed to:

Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
PO Box 808
East Troy, WI 53120

All residents will have their property's owner name and address listed, as this is public record. Owners may choose which, if any, emails and phone numbers are listed. We anticipate the Directory to be available in August/late summer.

Welcome Update

The Welcome Committee continues to welcome new riparian owners to the lake with a Welcome Packet, which includes a welcome letter, a copy of the lake rules, a directory, and information to help new lake owners find resources for lake living.

Please help us identify new owners to the lake! We'd rather be told 2 or 3 times than miss someone. A quick email to welcome@potterslake.org with the new owners' names and contact information is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

Friday, July 3, 2026 – All Day

Fourth of July Celebration on Potter Lake

Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 9:00 AM

PLPRD Budget & Annual Meetings at the Town of East Troy Town Hall