



Potter Lake News

Summer, 2025

A Word from the Chair

Hello Potter Lake Riparian Owners,

Welcome to another recreation season on Potter Lake! Though we started with less precipitation than average, recent rainfall events have improved conditions on the lake. Hopefully, Mother Nature will cooperate over the next few months.

This newsletter contains information to be aware of as we move into summer on Potter Lake, including:

- 4th of July Celebrations on July 5, 2025
- Highlights from the Spring Meeting
- Shoreline vegetation
- New PLPRD commissioner

See you on the lake,
Cathy Schulz, PLPRD Chairperson
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Fourth of July Celebrations

Mark your calendars for July 5, 2025!

Lighting of the Lake - Flares will be sold Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am - 1 pm and then again from 2 pm - 7 pm at the boat launch from June 21st through July 5th, and by Karen Winkleman by calling 414-791-7812.

Boat Parade – "American Bandstand." Choose your favorite band or artist and decorate your boat to fit. Play music and dress accordingly. Boats will meet at the east end of the lake near the boat launch at 6:45 pm and proceed counter-clockwise around the lake.

****Please respect your neighbors and limit personal firework use over the Fourth of July weekend!**

Support the fireworks display on Potter Lake on July 5th! The Froehlich family is collecting donations for this spectacular show. Send your contribution via Venmo to Gary Froehlich or placed in the locked collection box at the mailbox at W920 Shorewood Drive.

PLPRD Updates

The PLPRD Spring Meeting was held on May 17, 2025. Jeff Stelzer, from Lake and Pond Solutions, reported that invasive species in Potter Lake are currently under control, with minimal Eurasian Milfoil—only near the boat launch—and no chemical treatment needed this year. Curly Leaf Pondweed is present but not recommended for treatment due to high costs and its natural die-off by mid-July. Water sampling resumed last year after a long hiatus, and recent results show no concerns, with water clarity remaining decent. Weed harvesting will continue as needed under DNR guidelines. A resident's concern about algae was attributed to phosphates, likely from runoff, prompting a reminder to use phosphate-free fertilizers. Jeff also shared proposed DNR regulation updates (NR 107 and NR 109) that could raise harvesting fees, with public meetings scheduled to gather input.

As part of the treasurer's report, Bill Roeber summarized the total cost of the dam project, which was \$216,756.26. This covers the costs from 2022 to 2024 and includes engineering, construction, surveys, permits, and notices.

Residents are reminded to place their street address number on their pier. This could be essential in an emergency or locating lost or found items!

The minutes of the Spring meeting can be found on the district website's [Meetings](#) page.

Go to potterslake.org to stay up to date on everything happening on Potter Lake!

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The latest feature is a **Lost and Found** article under *Latest News* — be sure to click on the article to view all the details.

We also welcome photos for our **Gallery** page! You can submit your pictures using [this form](#).

Shoreland Vegetation Management & Regulations

By: MaryJo Jones, Walworth County Rep

The Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department has developed an excellent, detailed PowerPoint presentation that provides essential information for all waterfront property owners and residents. This resource is especially valuable for understanding your rights, responsibilities, and options regarding shoreline vegetation.

Topics Covered Include:

- Public Trust Doctrine
- Walworth County Regulations
- Acts Affecting Shoreland Vegetation Management
- Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
- Shoreland Buffer Study
- Routine vs. Non-Routine Maintenance
- Can I Remove Vegetation?
- Permits: Do You Need One?
- Citations & Compliance

This presentation is a must-see for anyone managing shoreline vegetation, planning landscaping near the water, or considering changes to their waterfront property. Stay informed, stay compliant, and help preserve Potter Lake's health for generations to come.

If you would like access to the PowerPoint or need guidance on specific regulations, please contact the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department or visit their website. Here's the direct link to their PowerPoint:

<https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/17033/Heather-Darrin-Vegetation-Presentation>

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM
PLPRD hosts WCLA Meeting. [Click](#) for more information.

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM
PLPRD Budget & Annual Meetings at the Town of East Troy Town Hall

PLPRD Commissioners

Elected Commissioners

Chairperson: Cathy Schulz
Secretary: Chuck DeWall
Treasurer: Bill Roeber

Appointed Commissioners:

Walworth County Representative:
MaryJo Jones
Town of East Troy Representative:
Thad Seymour

See the [Contact](#) page of the website for contact information.

Welcome Thad Seymour

As you may know, Liz Sanders has completed her term on the PLPRD. We thank her for her service to Potter Lake. Thad Seymour has accepted the appointment as Town of East Troy Representative. We appreciate his willingness to serve and welcome him to Potter Lake.

Thad and his wife Katie have been on the lake since 2023. Katie has already jumped in to serve on the Welcome Committee. They both bring experience from living on a lake in Central Florida for many years and helping to organize a lake association there. They appreciate the warm welcome from Potter Lake neighbors and look forward to many years of happy family time on the lake.

Thad is retired from a career with technology and healthcare businesses, with a final five-year stint as a senior leader at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He and Katie were married 44 years ago in Madison, where Thad was in graduate school, and they are glad to be able to spend time back in Wisconsin. They have three grown children (Milwaukee, Chicago, and Los Angeles) and two grandchildren nearby. You may see them out walking their two dogs, the youngest of which is a service-dog-in-training with Canine Companions. Katie has raised nine puppies for the non-profit organization, which provides service dogs free of charge to those who need them most.

Welcome to the lake, Thad and Katie, and thanks for your willingness to help us preserve and protect our beautiful Potter Lake