



PLAA Summer Newsletter

July 2025



Lakeside Ledger – Summer Edition

A cheerful splash of updates, community progress, and sunny vibes from around the lake!



Lake Update: A Clear Win (With a Few Ripples)

What a difference a year makes! The lake has been looking absolutely gorgeous this spring—clear, calm, and thriving. While there's still a small patch of curly pondweed hanging on near the south end, it's nothing like the full-on invasion we saw last year. Thanks to strategic action by the Trustees last fall and early this spring, we've seen a dramatic improvement. Teamwork makes the lake work! That said, Mother Nature tossed us a curveball in mid-June when heavy rains caused a significant runoff event—bringing with it some unwanted phosphorus and triggering a brief algae bloom. If you noticed the water looking a little green, that was the culprit. Fortunately, the Trustees were one step ahead, quickly treating the water with a clarifying solution and lake-safe dye to help curb algae growth and keep things under control. Water samples were also taken and sent to the lab for testing. The results showed high levels of E. coli, particularly near the Big Beach—most likely due to our local geese population. Additional testing is planned before the 4th of July weekend, and results will be posted. Safety remains our top priority!



Beach & Beautification: Sandy Toes & Community Cheers

Big news from the beach—we've got **brand-new sand**! Just before our Spring Clean-Up, a whopping **20 TONS** of fresh, golden beach sand was delivered and spread out across our shoreline. That's right—twenty. Tons. A huge shoutout to the amazing volunteers who turned sand spreading into a full-blown fitness event during the annual Spring Cleanup Day. You brought the energy, the enthusiasm, and probably a few sore muscles. For those who couldn't make it... we won't say you *missed out*, but let's just say the fun was real (and so was the cardio). Now the beach is looking better than ever—soft, clean, and ready for sunbathing, castle-building, or simply sinking your feet in. Come enjoy the fresh fluff!



Building Committee: A New Chapter Begins

Exciting things are happening on the west side of the lake! A couple lots have recently sold, and the first wave of construction is already underway. Get ready to welcome a brand-new **A-frame cabin** to the neighborhood! A-frames are known for their cozy, timeless design—and this one promises to bring a stylish new energy to the community. It's always a thrill to see the lake grow in charm and character as new families join us and fresh foundations take root. Stay tuned for progress photos and updates as construction continues!



Road Report: Smooth Travels Ahead

Winter was not kind to our roads this year, but the Trustees were quick to act—allocating additional funds to the road budget to prevent long-term damage and preserve our infrastructure. We're happy to report that **GAR Paving** has locked in last year's pricing and began work in June. If the weather behaves, all road improvements should be wrapped up by the week of July 4th! That means smooth, safe drives all summer and fall long.

As always, please drive with caution around active work zones and respect posted speed limits for the safety of both crews and neighbors.



Fishing Etiquette Reminder: Respect the Rules of the Lake

Residents in good standing are welcome to catch and keep fish from our beautiful lake. However, for visiting anglers—including those staying in VRBOs, Airbnbs, and other rentals—catch-and-release only is the rule. This applies not only to fish but also to frogs, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife.



Rental property owners: Please make sure your guests are informed. Protecting our lake's balance is a shared responsibility—we all play a part.

Membership Dues Update: Collections in Motion

The Board of Trustees has officially engaged Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A., a respected legal firm, to begin pursuing unpaid membership dues from property owners who have not paid or arranged for payment. This step—approved at the last Annual Meeting—reflects our collective commitment to fairness and the ongoing care of our private lake community. The initial phase will focus on collections, with legal action pursued only if necessary.



We deeply appreciate those who've fulfilled their obligations and encourage open communication from all members.



Annual Meeting of Members: Join the Conversation!

Sunday, August 17

Near the Big Beach (same location as last year)

Our Annual Meeting is more than a formality—it's a chance to shape the future of our community.

This year, four trustee seats are up for election:

- 1 seat for a one-year term
- 3 seats for two-year terms

Interested in serving on the Board of Trustees or joining a committee (Lake, Roads, Building, Beach & Beautification)? We'd love to have your ideas and energy!

See the enclosed sheet to submit agenda items or nominate yourself (or a neighbor) for a trustee position.

Your Current Trustees:

- **Phillip Hamer – President**
- **Chris Ott – Vice President**
- **Stu Sarkisian – Trustee**
- **Monica Palivoda – Secretary**

A Personal Invitation from Your PLAA President:

Hi neighbors,

As your PLAA president, I want to personally invite you to consider joining our Board. We have four (4) open seats coming up, and this is a fantastic way to get involved and help shape the future of our community.

Serving on the board isn't about endless meetings or headaches — it's about making a positive difference with a manageable time commitment. You'll get to:

- Influence decisions that affect our neighborhood's safety, appearance, and property values.
- Connect with neighbors and work together to keep our community a great place to live.
- Learn valuable leadership and teamwork skills.
- Bring fresh ideas and new energy to our board.

If you care about our neighborhood and want to have a say in how it's run, please reach out to me at Trustees@littlepundersonlake.com. I'm happy to answer any questions and walk you through what's involved. Thanks for considering this opportunity to help make our community even better!

In Summary: ✨

From clean waters to sandy beaches, from new cabins to better roads—there's a lot to celebrate this season at the lake. Thanks to everyone who continues to pitch in, show up, and keep this community vibrant and strong.

Here's to a summer of sunshine, laughter, and lakeside living at its finest!

With gratitude, —**The Trustees**



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