



# Spring Lake Association

## 2020 SLA CALENDAR

Spring 2020

February 29

**LEAP YEAR WINTER PARTY**  
Boathouse Brothers Brewing  
*Thanks to all of you who attended our first event of the season.*

April 19

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
The Wilds Golf Clubhouse  
*(Due to the coronavirus, please check our website for updates regarding this meeting.)*

July 4

**4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE**  
Meet on West side at 4 pm

August 1

**CONCERT IN THE PARK**  
Raymond Park

September 7

**PICK YOUR PADDLE**  
Dan Kelly's Beach

October 10

**BONFIRE AND SMORES**  
Raymond Park

## Boat Slip Rentals Rules Clarified by City

The Prior Lake City Council has approved multiple amendments to the City Code related to boat slips and mooring facilities. The purpose was to clarify language related to boat slip rental and controlled access lots.

A Personal Boat Slip allows the mooring of five or fewer restricted watercraft for personal use by the owners or tenants of residential riparian lots. A Restricted Watercraft is defined as, watercraft for use on or stored on the public waters except: Watercraft 16 feet or less in length which uses no motor or a motor of 10 horsepower or less; and watercraft 20 feet or less in length, which uses no motor and is propelled solely by human power.

Personal Boat Slip amendments included:

- A revision from a maximum of six slips to a maximum of five slips per property.
- A new 10-foot dock setback requirement from the side property line if three or more boat slips exist.
- Language added to clarify all restricted watercraft moored at the lot shall be owned and registered to the owner of property (or immediate family) or property tenant (or immediate family), not both.
- An allowance for a boarder to place a total of one slip, provided the property owner is

not using slip(s). If property owner has a slip, then a boarder would not be permitted to have a slip.

•Specific language added to clarify rental of slips is prohibited.

A Controlled Access Lot (Homeowner Association Lot) is a riparian parcel of land used as a mooring facility for non-riparian lot owners with access to public waters. Amendments to the Controlled Access Lot regulations included:

- A revision of the boat slip to shoreline ratio from a maximum of one slip per 18.75 feet of shoreline to one slip per 40 shore feet.
- A requirement that shoreline counted in the boat slip ratio must be usable (no wetlands, marsh, bog, etc.)
- A requirement that land counted in the shoreline length must abut or lie within 10 feet of navigable water.
- Language requiring watercraft to be owned and registered to owners or tenants in the subdivision or their immediate family. It is not the intent of this ordinance to affect the operation of any current legally existing HOA controlled access lot. All legally existing controlled access lots would be allowed to continue as they are currently approved.

## 2020 FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PLANT NATIVE FLOWERS AND POLLINATOR HABITAT

The Scott Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWC), Scott Watershed Management Organization, Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District and Lower Minnesota River Watershed District have received a grant through the Lawn to Legumes program. The grant will provide funding and technical assistance for landowners to install pollinator-friendly landscaping.

Eligible participants include neighborhoods, townhomes, rental properties and any other area of privately owned land. Lawns to Legumes aims to create large spaces of pollinator habitat "called Demonstration Neighborhoods" to help restore the endangered Rusty Patched Bumblebee in Minnesota.

Projects can be tailored and can include options such as adding native

flower patches to enhance shoreline, raingardens, low-growing flowering species and/or converting lawns to larger pollinator meadows.

SSWC is also offering a free Raingarden Workshop April 15 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Spring Lake Town Hall, 20381 Fairlawn Avenue. Persons may RSVP at [scottswcd.org](http://scottswcd.org) or contact Shelby Roberts at the Scott SWCD at 952-492-5448.





# SLA Events Brings Lake Residents Together

Spring Lake Association hosts social events throughout the year to bring everyone together to help create a sense of community to our lake. These events are made possible by our sponsors and the Spring Lake Association. Below is a summary of 2019 and a look ahead to 2020!

**WINTER:** In 2019, the Winter Progressive Event was changed to a Winter Party at the Boathouse Brewing due to icy conditions! In 2020, we hosted a Leap Year Winter Party at the Boathouse. This was a great way to celebrate February 29th and see our neighbors and friends. In 2021, we are looking for suggestions for a Winter Event, possibly on the lake? We would love to hear your ideas!

**MEETING:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19 for our Annual Meeting! We hold our Annual Meeting every year in April at the Wilds Golf Course. This business meeting is a great way for members to learn about Spring Lake conditions, lake safety, updates that affect Spring Lake as well as Spring Lake Association information. During this year's meeting we are holding board elections. See the article in this newsletter or visit the SLA website ([www.springlakeassociation.org](http://www.springlakeassociation.org)) for more details. You will also have the opportunity to view and purchase new SLA apparel.

**PARADE:** The 4th of July Boat Parade is a much-anticipated event each year. In 2019, we had several boats decorated with red, white and blue, filled with family and friends, listening to their favorite tunes while cruising the shoreline. Start planning your decorations and plan to join in on the fun in 2020!

**CONCERT:** The big event of the 2019 was the 2nd Annual Spring Lake Concert at Raymond Park. Back by popular demand, the music was provided by Bootleg. The weather could not have been nicer for an evening concert in the park! The turnout was fabulous with an estimated 300 attendees dancing, singing and socializing in the park, while over 2 dozen boats listened and enjoyed the music from their boats near the park shoreline. We have already scheduled our 3rd Annual Spring Lake Concert for August 1! Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

**PADDLE:** New in 2019; Pick Your Paddle was a great way to start the Labor Day morning! The event took place at SLA President Dan Kelly's Sunset Beach! A continental breakfast and Bloody Mary Bar was provided by Lauren Peters of RE/MAX Preferred. Fifty-three paddlers navigated around the lake on their paddle boards, kayaks and canoes. This was such a great event, that we have added it to the 2020 calendar as well!



**SMORES:** The final event of the year was the Bonfire and Smores at Raymond Park in October. Approximately 40 Spring Lakers roasted marshmallows and enjoyed other bonfire treats around a few fires at the park. The kids enjoyed a Halloween hunt game with candy filled eggs hidden in the park.

We hope you enjoyed our 2019 events and hope that you will join in on the fun in 2020!



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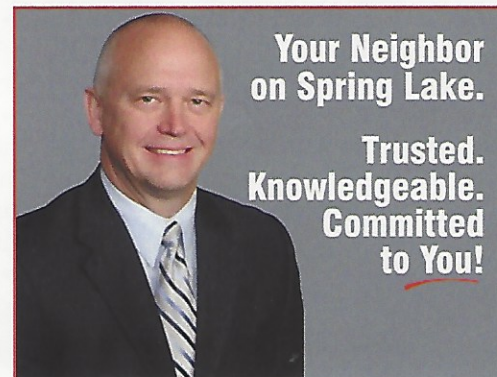
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# Spring Lake

## Spring Lake Regional Park Offers Diverse Habitats

The parks and recreational areas many Minnesotans enjoy are often the result of the work of numerous organizations over many years of time. The master plans of parks and trail networks generally do not come with funding attached, but rather anticipated future funding.

The Spring Lake Regional Park history is no different. In 1968, the Scott County Board formed a Parks and Recreation committee and eventually the Scott County commissioners selected the Greenwald Property, a 143-acre parcel which bordered both Spring Lake and Prior Lake. The board negotiated a five year purchase plan for \$1,000 per acre and this purchase become part of what is now Spring Lake Regional Park.

The Metropolitan Regional Park System, including Scott County and nine other regional park-implementing agencies, was created by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1975. The state statute identifies the Metropolitan Council's role in establishing and updating plans for metropolitan park systems, while placing ownership and operations of the system in local city or county control.

The Spring Lake Regional Park boundary plan was adjusted in 2005, following an agreement with Scott County to sell land to the City of Prior Lake for a future city park. In exchange, money was used by Scott County to acquire land for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park, which is located four miles south of Prior Lake in rural Scott County.

In early 2006, the Scott County Board retained a consultant to collaborate with county staff and county citizens to complete a comprehensive master plan for Spring Lake Regional Park. The County Board, Scott County Parks Advisory Committee and the Spring Lake Regional Park Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee, all contributed to the Master Plan effort.

In December 2010, the Scott County Board and the Three Rivers Park District Board established a joint powers agreement. Under that agreement, the Three Rivers Park District takes a leading role in operating and maintaining the park and trail units owned by Scott County, in

addition to any Three Rivers-owned properties within Scott County. The county will provide operating resources (staff, trail maintenance agreements, county programs, volunteers) for properties in Scott County.

Spring Lake Regional Park was officially opened for public use in 2012. The park is now roughly 367 acres, with 4.4 miles of paved trails and internal trail loops which connect with many surrounding neighborhoods. Eventually, Spring Lake Regional Park will connect to the Scott West Regional Trail. Since the park has been opened, the following improvements have been implemented: dog park, parking lot (in partnership with City of Prior Lake), latrines, as well as forest enhancement and invasive species management on 170 acres,

shoreline restoration and the Arctic Lake trail loop expansion project (in Partnership with the Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community).

The future scale plans for the park include features such as a four season pavilion, play area, fishing piers and picnic areas on the shore of Spring Lake along County Road 12. As adopted as part of the Scott County 2040 Parks and Trails plan, the Spring Lake Regional Park shoreline development is one of four major development priorities over the next ten years.

While funding and plans of construction are not definite at this time, area residents should anticipate work on this Scott County owned property to be finalized in the not too distant future.





# Association

*There's a new sheriff in town*

## Deputy Edwinson To Patrol Area Lakes

Scott County Sheriff Luke Hennen has assigned Deputy Jacob Edwinson to patrol area lakes full time this summer. Mr. Edwinson, who obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State Mankato, previously worked for the Cannon Falls Police Department prior to joining Scott County's force in 2017. The deputy said he is focused on the safety of lake users and the education of all local lake users whether they are boating, snowmobiling or riding their ATV's.



In his free time, the new deputy enjoys camping in our state parks.

### PL-SLWD News

## Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Updates Management Plan

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District is nearing the end of the process to update its 10-year Water Resources Management Plan. The 2020 Management Plan lays out all of the District's activities for the next ten years with a focus on three main areas: water quality, water quantity/flooding and aquatic invasive species (AIS).

One of the top priorities for the next decade is to meet the state water quality standards for aquatic recreation on Spring Lake.

The Watershed District will also develop an AIS Plan to prevent new invasive species from entering the large recreational lakes with public access, including Spring Lake.

Many projects and activities are planned over the next ten years to achieve these goals, including an alum treatment and work in the upper watershed.

## Responsible Boat Wakes

The Minnesota Legislature is considering legislation that places a 200 foot setback distance from shore for all wake-surfing activities, regardless of the watercraft. The bill's author maintains the 200 foot no-wake zone addresses concerns over safety and environmental impacts on shorelines.



*Kaden Kelly rides a wake on Spring Lake*

The "Own your wake" campaign by the Minnesota DNR reminds boaters about safe boating practices as well as shoreline protection. It is against state law to operate a watercraft that creates a wake that endangers, harasses or interferes with any person or property.

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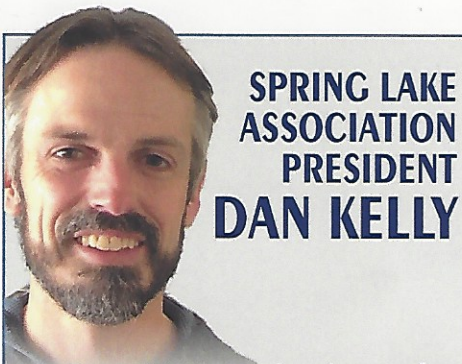
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## May 9th is Walleye Opener Spring Lake Walleyes

The DNR last infused Spring Lake with a sizeable number of walleye fingerlings in 2019 when 8,970 walleyes were released ranging up to six months old. Only 1,672 fingerlings or yearlings were added since 2013 when 9,657, or 330 pounds, of fingerlings were stocked in the 592 acre lake. In 2017 the DNR added 46 adult walleyes. Stocking of fish on Spring Lake occurs only in odd number years thus no walleyes will be added this year.





**SPRING LAKE  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT  
DAN KELLY**

**A Busy Year on Spring Lake**

When I reflect on 2019, I believe this was the year the Spring Lake Association had the most impact. It started with amazing membership levels reaching 133 members strong! This tells me we are doing some things right and people see value in becoming a member. Next was community awareness. This is the first year we have had several organizations come to us for support, communication, and involvement because they recognize us as a solid organization with a lot of influence and very involved members. This was witnessed several times with packed city council meetings.

Last is the great work of the Spring Lake Board and supporting sub-committees. We currently have more involvement at the board and committee level than ever before and that has led to positive strides.

Even with all that momentum the SLA board is hard at work to make 2020 another amazing year. Hopefully you have our calendar of events penciled into your calendar including the third year of our Summer Concert and several other events. We are also excited about the return of our long-term sponsors but also some new faces. This will allow us to provide more events and more opportunities to volunteer time and money for efforts that positively impact Spring Lake.

I would like to invite everyone to attend our Annual Meeting Sunday, April 19th at the Wilds Clubhouse from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm. We have several board openings up for re-election and invite those interested to run for a board position. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about the SLA, enjoy some complimentary appetizers, meet others on and around the lake, renew your 2020 membership and view samples of the new SLA apparel.

**SLA Announces Elections at Annual Meeting**

The SLA Board currently has officers and board of director positions up for election. If you are interested in joining the board, please visit the SLA website to submit your entry. Submissions are due by **midnight, Friday, April 10** and should include a 100 word or less bio with your reasons for wanting to serve.

Officer positions up for election are four year terms for president and treasurer. There are also four board member positions, all two year terms, up for election. Current officers and board members, and those whose terms are expiring, are committed to mentoring the incoming board members during this transition.

On **Monday, April 13**, candidate bios will be emailed to all members and posted on the SLA website for review.

All voting will be done at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, April 19**. You will need to be a paid 2020 member and in attendance at the meeting to vote. The Spring Lake Association is not able to accept votes placed absentee or proxy voting where a member has someone else vote for their household.

The Spring Lake Association and Board are thriving! We are excited to gain new community involvement and expertise as we continually strive to improve the association and the community around us.



SLA Board Members: Front Row: Patsy Lundquist, Jaime Berry. Second Row: Dan Field, Sandy Sauve, Jeff Will, Conrad Ketelson, Kerry Schmid and Dan Kelly. Missing: Christian Morkeberg and Alex Nelson.

**Cheers to Lake Life.**

**From the Brothers  
at Prior Lake's  
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### Are your lake neighbors members?

*Shouldn't everyone who lives on Spring Lake or who uses our valuable natural resource be a dues-paying member?*

*Encourage your neighbors to join for just \$30 per household, annually!*

## SLA ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 19

Residents interested in the environment of Spring Lake are encouraged to attend the SLA Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 19 at the Wilds Clubhouse. Due to the coronavirus, please check our website for updates to this meeting. [www.springlakeassociation.org](http://www.springlakeassociation.org)

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