

2026

SLA Calendar of Events

We hope you will add our events to your calendar, save the dates & plan to join us!

SAVE THE DATE

SLA Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 23

Location: Wilds Golf Club

Annual Meeting Schedule

6:00 pm Registration / Social Hour

& Appetizers / Cash Bar

6:30 pm Annual Meeting

7:45 pm Prize Drawing

May 25 | Spring Into Summer - Memorial Day

June 5-7 | Take a Kid Fishing

July 4 | 4th of July Boat Parade & Boat Decorating Contest

July 18 | Summer Concert

August 4 | Night to Unite

TBD | Fall Into Fall Event

SAVE THE DATE

July 18 | Summer Concert with

Boogie Wonderland Band and

Ol' Smoky BBQ Food Truck

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Spring Lake Regional Park - Lakeside

New Boater Education Law

Starting on July 1, 2025, a new law requires some adults & youth who operate motorboats, including personal watercraft, to have a valid watercraft operator's permit (boater safety certificate).

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June 30, 2004 July 1, 2025

June 30, 2000 July 1, 2026

June 30, 1996 July 1, 2027

June 30, 1987 July 1, 2028

[CLICK HERE](#) to connect to the DNR website to learn about the law and complete the Boat Certification Training.



2026 Photo of the Year by Pam Knutson

April 2026

President's Message from Wesley Steffan



I hope this message finds you well and that you are enjoying the seasonal changes that we enjoy here in Minnesota and on Spring Lake. I feel fortunate to be a part of this community of property owners and lake enthusiasts.

Here is a look at some key highlights and ongoing initiatives:

Water Quality: The Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) has been diligently working on projects up-stream of Spring Lake to help reduce the amount of phosphorous entering the lake. See PLSLWD article on page 7.

Community Events and Engagement: This past season we hosted a series of successful events, from the Annual Meeting to the Summer Concert to Night to Unite. All of the Spring Lake Association (SLA) events are hosted in an effort to bring our lake community closer together. Please **SAVE THE DATE** for this year's **SLA Annual Meeting** which will be held on **Thursday, April 23**.

Senior Class of 2026: As a way for us to give back to the greater community, SLA has established a High School Scholarship. See scholarship article on page 4.

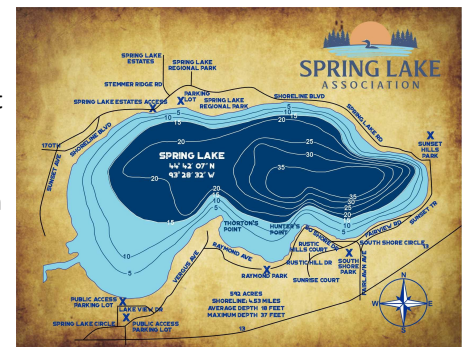
Lake Improvement: In 2025, the SLA worked with the DNR to improve the boat launch and worked with local partners to reinforce safe boating and driving practices. We also created Safety Tips for paddling and posted a sign at the new Spring Lake Regional Park. Reminders about boating etiquette and responsible noise levels are posted at the boat landing to ensure everyone can enjoy the lake safely and respectfully.

Own your Wake: In 2026 we made updates to Spring Lake Map as a reminder that it is recommended to boat a minimum distance of 200 feet from shore and other boats using the lake. For water-related activities, which create large wakes, boat in the center of the lake and in water depths greater than 15'. The dark blue section on the lake map delineates water depths of 15' or more.

New SLA Sponsors: We are excited to announce that we have **four new GOLD Sponsors for 2026!**

Kia /Hyundai of Mankato, RE/MAX Advantage Plus - Kurt Peterson, Pinnacle Family Homes and PLate on Main. We have included their ads as well as their bio in this edition. We hope that you will frequent, not only our new sponsors but, all of our SLA Sponsors!

We hope you all have a fun and enjoyable Summer on Spring Lake!



Spring Lake Township Memorial Bench Program

The Spring Lake Association is proud to announce the Memorial Bench Program offered through Spring Lake Township. This program provides family and friends the opportunity to honor a loved one by placing a memorial bench in one of the Township's beautiful parks. A donation is made to Spring Lake Township, and in exchange, the Township will purchase and install a memorial bench at the park location selected by the donor.



The first bench has been placed in honor of Jack and Joyce DeJoy, long-time Spring Lake residents who called the Spring Lake home for more than 55 years. Jack built his dream home on Spring Lake in 1970, where he raised his five children. In 1984, he married the love of his life, Joyce, embracing not only her but also her daughter, Kelly Jo, whom he proudly adopted as his own.

Jack passed away on September 28, 2024, and was preceded in death by Joyce who passed peacefully on July 15, 2020. Throughout the years, Jack cherished fishing, waterskiing, and boating on Spring Lake with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Jack and Joyce shared a passion for classic cars, Jack's Italian heritage, and most of all, the Spring Lake community they loved so deeply. They will be dearly missed.



The memorial bench honoring Jack and Joyce has been placed at South Shore Park in their former neighborhood, overlooking the waters of Spring Lake.

If you are interested in learning more about placing a memorial bench in Spring Lake Township, please visit <https://springlaketownship.com/parks/>.

Aquatic Invasive Species & Understanding Lake Buoys on Spring Lake



As boating season approaches, the Scott County Sheriff's Office would like to share a few reminders to help keep Spring Lake safe, navigable, and protected for everyone who enjoys it.

Aquatic invasive species continue to be a concern on lakes throughout Minnesota. Invasive plants and organisms can spread easily from one lake to another on boats, trailers, and equipment. Before leaving the access, boaters are reminded to: **REMOVE** all plants, animals, and debris from boats and trailers. **DRAIN** water from motors, live wells, and ballast tanks. Properly **DISPOSE** of bait and unwanted aquatic vegetation. **These actions are required by law and are critical to protecting Spring Lake.**

Boaters should also be aware of the purpose of hazard and rock buoys placed on the lake. These buoys are intended to warn boaters that a hazard exists in the general area, such as rocks or shallow water. They do not mark the exact location of the hazard. Hazards may extend beyond the buoy, so boaters should slow down and navigate cautiously whenever one is encountered.

At the Spring Lake boat access boaters will notice red and green channel markers placed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These markers help guide boaters through safer travel routes when entering or exiting the lake. When returning toward the access: **Red markers** should be kept on your right (starboard) side. **Green markers** should be kept on your left (port) side.

Understanding aquatic invasive species prevention requirements and the meaning of lake buoys helps ensure a safer and more enjoyable boating experience for all Spring Lake users.

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Spring Lake Township Parks



Both Raymond Park and South Shore Park are charming neighborhood gems located near Spring Lake in Spring Lake Township. These walkable parks are primarily used by residents in the neighborhood.

As part of the approved Orderly Annexation Agreement, the City of Prior Lake provided Spring Lake Township (SLT) with ownership of Raymond and South Shore Park in early Spring of 2025. SLT followed by creating neighborhood focus groups referred to as "Friends of Raymond Park" and "Friends of South Shore Park". These groups were formed to identify and prioritize what the residents would like to see in terms of park projects, both near and long term.

In 2025 our initial group meeting drew more than 20 interested residents. SLT proposed that each park have a park liaison lead, who would communicate with residents interested in the respective parks. The liaisons are responsible for bringing residents proposals to SLT staff and park liaison Supervisor, Lisa Quinn. SLT Parks is considering a request for a community resource fund to be used in the future for special projects in the parks for possible implementation in late 2026 or early 2027.

Raymond Park | In Fall 2025, SLT received much valued feedback including a push to revitalize the Oak savanna. Oak savanna are transitional zones where prairies and oak woodlands meet, characterized by scattered oak trees and prairie-like mix of wildflowers and grasses. Forestry mulching was also completed in the Fall to remove Buckthorn in the center, and supplemented with chemical treatment to keep it at bay, which will allow the Oaks in that area to flourish. Spring 2026 approved projects include updating the biffy shelter to be ADA compliant, adding new waste and recycling bins, fescue grass plantings in the inner ring (middle) and possibly some reclamation projects along the viewing port near the creek, in the Ducks Unlimited Wetlands, and near the pavilion.

South Shore Park | Spring 2026 projects include tree plantings along with continued efforts to treat the Ash Trees that are existing in the park, a sand revitalization project under the existing play equipment, a continuation of the memorial bench program, adding new waste and recycling bins, a dog bag station as well as updated maintenance protocols.

A sign highlighting the unique features of each park will be installed in Spring 2026. **We are currently creating a Park Volunteer Group** | The SLT Park Liaisons for 2026 are Sam Dennis for South Shore Park and Tom Quinn for Raymond Park. If you are interested in joining the group, please send an email to either Tom at quinnthomas59@gmail.com, or Samantha at sdennis2520@gmail.com.

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The Spring Lake Association is proud to announce that we will be awarding two - \$500 Scholarships to recognize 2026 Graduating Seniors from Prior Lake High School (PLHS) who demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship, water quality and conservation. Students who plan on pursuing post-secondary education in a variety of environmental fields will be eligible for this scholarship. Interested students are required to submit a 300-400 word essay. Students can apply by accessing PLHS "Naviance" via their Student Portal. Once logged in, follow this path to see available scholarships: Colleges tab ⇒ Scholarships and Money ⇒ Scholarship List. Essays need to be submitted to the Prior Lake-Savage School District by April 15, 2026. Scholarship winners will be announced at the June 1, 2026 Award Ceremony.



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Water Ski Club Returns Home to Spring Lake



Water skiing has deep roots on Spring Lake, and today that tradition is being proudly carried forward by the Spring Lake Water Ski Club (SLWSC). While the SLWSC is being officially reintroduced, its story stretches back more than 70 years and remains close-

ly tied to the families, memories, and summers that define life on Spring Lake.

Spring Lake first became a hub for organized water skiing in the early 1950s with the formation of the original SLWSC. The SLWSC quickly became a centerpiece of summer life and was best known for its Fourth of July ski shows, which drew crowds to the shoreline year after year. For nearly three decades, these performances helped shape the lake's summer traditions.

In 1957, the Prior Lake Water Ski Association (PLWSA) was founded and became one of the region's most established water ski organizations. By the late 1970s, many skiers were members of both clubs, strengthening the connection between the lakes. When the original Spring Lake Water Ski Club disbanded in 1979, water skiing continued on Spring Lake through regular practices, family ski nights, and tournaments hosted by the PLWSA. A ski jump remained on Spring Lake each summer until 2017, and a slalom course continued in use through 2024, reinforcing Spring Lake's long-standing role as an important training and performance site.

Beginning in the summer of 2026, interested residents will once again revive this legacy by reintroducing the Spring Lake Water Ski Club. As part of this renewal, the slalom course will also return in 2026, restoring a key element of the lake's skiing

heritage and creating new opportunities for skill development and recreation. The club's mission remains timeless: to promote water skiing, water safety, community, and good sportsmanship while building confidence, leadership, and lifelong friendships.

The SLWSC is a nonprofit organization made up of Spring Lake residents and community members who want to see this tradition thrive. The club is proud to be supported by the Spring Lake Association as a sponsor, helping ensure a strong and successful relaunch.

Now is the time to get involved. We are actively seeking members, skiers, boat drivers, spotters, event organizers, and volunteers to help both on and off the water. Whether you are an experienced skier or simply want to support a great lake tradition, we need your energy and participation to make SLWSC a success. Join us and be part of bringing water skiing back home to Spring Lake. Email SpringLakeWaterSkiClub@gmail.com today to become a member or volunteer and help shape the next generation of Spring Lake skiing.

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Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) Updates

Spring Lake has seen a downturn in water quality in recent years due to too many nutrients washing over the land and into the lake. When heavy rain returns after dry periods, like the 2021-2023 drought, even more nutrients were flushed into the lake. High amounts of the nutrient phosphorus often lead to algae blooms in the heat of summer. Because Spring Lake receives these nutrients first, it feels the impact more than the downstream Prior Lakes. The PLSLWD has been working with partners and the community to prevent these extra nutrients from reaching Spring Lake.



The PLSLWD works with Scott Soil and Water Conservation District and landowners to stop excess nutrients at their source by contributing funds to sustainable land management. In 2025 alone, sustainable farming practices prevented over 1,000 lbs. of phosphorus from entering the system. The PLSLWD also completed several projects this past year to capture phosphorus before it reaches Spring Lake. Construction wrapped up in the fall on the Swamp Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filter in Sand Creek Township, which removes phosphorus leaving Swamp Lake. A public tour this fall will show an up-close look at this system. A second iron-enhanced sand filter is planned for 2027 to the southwest of Spring Lake off Marschall Road. Upgrades were also made to the Ferric Chloride Water Treatment Facility south of Spring Lake, with further improvements planned over the next two years. These will strengthen one of our most effective tools for reducing algae blooms by increasing phosphorus removal by 20%.

The PLSLWD has focused our attention on Spring Lake for carp management efforts in 2025 and 2026. We are happy to share that in early March 2026, we removed over 16,000 lbs. of carp.

Residents can look forward to fun and educational events throughout 2026. These will include the 3rd Annual Watershed Week from August 23-29. For updates on PLSLWD projects, events and information on how to get involved, visit plslwd.org or follow @plslwd on Instagram and *Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District* on Facebook.

We would like to thank the community for helping to protect our lakes by attending workshops, reporting carp observations, volunteering, practicing **CLEAN, DRAIN, DISPOSE**, and adopting sustainable land practices on your farms, yards, and shorelines. Shared efforts help protect clean water for everyone.



The Swamp Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter will remove pollutants from water from Swamp Lake, including the nutrient phosphorus, which feeds algae. Swamp Lake is in Sand Creek Township and drains to Spring Lake through County Ditch 13.



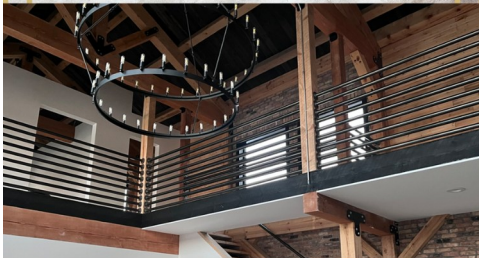
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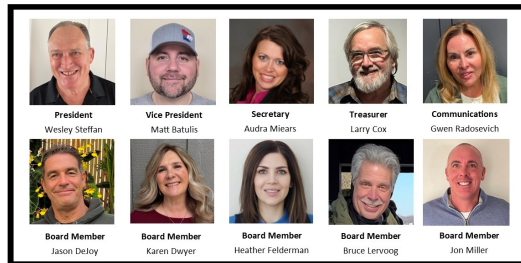


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 Larry Cox | Treasurer | 2024 - 2027
New Gwen Radosevich | Communications | 2026 - 2029

Board Members | Can Serve Three-2-Year Terms

Jason DeJoy | 2023 - 2027 *
New Karen Dwyer | 2026 - 2028
New Heather Felderman | 2026 - 2028
 Bruce Lervoog | 2025 - 2027
New Jon Miller | 2026 - 2028

* Indicates second term

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2026 SLA Board Changes

Welcome and Congratulations to our new Director of Communications and three new board members whose terms start on May 1!

- **Gwen Radosevich** | Communications
- **Karen Dwyer** | Board Member
- **Heather Felderman** | Board Member
- **Jon Miller** | Board Member

Per our bylaws, we had an equal number of applicants to open positions, so we did not hold an election.

- Gwen accepted the Communications Director position due to Sandy's term ending.
- We filled three open board positions due to terms ending.

The following board members will be leaving the board at the end of April 2026:

THANK YOU for all of your contributions to Spring Lake Association!

- **Sandy Sauve** | Communications Director
- **Greg Tillotson** | Board Member
- **Aaron Van Beusekom** | Board Member

