

# Spring Lake Association (SLA) Celebrates 70 Years in 2022!

Seven decades | that's quite a milestone! We're looking forward to incorporating our 70th Anniversary throughout the year with increased member communications through quarterly newsletters. We will highlight upcoming social and educational opportunities, improvements in lake quality and sharing Spring Lake history and fun facts. Who remembers that there was a bar on the corner of Sunset Ave and Shoreline Blvd or that there was a public beach on the east side of Spring Lake? We'd love to hear your stories and see pictures from the past 70 years!

Please send your stories and pictures to board.sla@gmail.com.

We also felt that this milestone deserves a couple more changes:

**New Logo** | Our Spring Lake Association Logo has been redesigned! We hope that these new logos embody and represent the positive qualities of Spring Lake that have served as an inspiration for the Spring Lake Association.

#### New Website | www.SpringLakeAssociation.org

Our Spring Lake Association Website has been redesigned! We hope this site is user friendly and becomes your one-stop for information about Spring Lake Association!

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM



The 2022 SLA Membership drive is now open! Please use the form below and pay via check or visit our website and pay via paypal!

Name:	Email:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Quality & Education Initiatives If your donation is \$50 or high 70th Anniversary Leese-Fit 70th Anniversary T-Shirt (E (Donations made by May 1 wi Pay with Check by Mail   Com with payment to P.O. Box 63	rly Dues (January - December) ding a donation to help with Spring La	rt size) e out to Spring Lake Associa	PRING LAKE ASSOCIATION	
Business Sponsorship: Click he	re if you would like us to contact you	about a business sponsors	ship.	

# **SLA Calendar**

In an effort to continue to grow our Spring Lake Association community and have some fun, we are excited to announce this year's events. We hope you will add our events to your calendar, save the dates and plan to join us!

Saturday, February 12 | Snow Sport Celebration Send Guess By Monday, March 7 | Ice Out Challenge Sunday, April 24 | Annual Meeting Monday, May 30 | Pick Your Paddle (Memorial Day) Saturday, June 18 | Father's Day Kids Fishing Event Saturday, August 13 | Summer Concert Monday, September 5 | Pick Your Paddle (Labor Day) Saturday, October 8 | Bonfire & Smores

Visit our Website at www.SpringLakeAssociation.org for updated details regarding our events.

#### SLA Gold Sponsors | Thank You!



SLA Silver Sponsors | Thank You! Prior Lake/Savage Rental Centers Solar Shield | Viking Liquor Barrel



### Presidents Message From Wes Steffan

This past Fall, we conducted a survey for current and past members in an effort to ensure that we were working on Initiatives

that are most important to you. The survey results indicated that Water Quality tops this list! We would like to thank all who provided feedback and comments. In 2022 we plan to celebrate our 70th Year and the feedback provided was incorporated into establishing the following objectives for next year!

#### SLA 2022 Objectives

- Incorporate 70th Anniversary in all 2022 Activities
- Work with our Lake Partners to Improve Lake Quality
- Increase Member Engagement through Communication, Education and Activities
- Increase Sponsor Engagement

#### **SLA Survey Results**

Below is a percent of votes for Extremely Important

- Water Quality | 85%
- Fish Stocking | 26%
- Water Quality Fundraising | 92% Yes
- Social Events | 18%
  - Summer Concert | 70%
  - Free Ice Cream on the Lake | 44%
  - Winter Gathering | 43%
  - Pick Your Paddle | 41%
  - Bonfire & Smores | 39%
  - Kid's Fishing Event | 34%
- Communication Method
  - Email | 90%
  - Facebook | 41%
  - Mailing | 18%
  - Text Messages | 18%
  - Website | 10%
  - Phone Calls | 3%

# We will share more information regarding the survey at the Annual Meeting in April!

#### New Board Members Needed

The Spring Lake Association is looking for up to three lake passionate individuals to serve on our ten member Board. We have recently revised our by-laws and board position terms now run for two years as opposed to the previous three year requirement. Interested members will be involved in directing the work of the Association to accomplish its mission of educating and uniting residents and users of Spring Lake in a common cause of lake preservation and improvement.

Board members are expected to attend in monthly meetings, participate or chair one of our committees, be passionate about Spring Lake and be committed to doing what is necessary to help the Association educate and unite our members and users of the lake.

If you are someone who likes to give back to the community, please consider joining our Association as a Board member. If you are interested, send an email to <u>Board.SLA@gmail.com</u>.

# **SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATION**

### SLA 70th Anniversary Wine

Spring Lake Association is partnering with our Sponsor **Viking Liquor Barrel** in Prior Lake to feature a Spring Lake Association 70th Anniversary Wine of the Quarter. The first quarter 2022 wine is:





# 2021 Photo of the Year!

Photo Submitted by Scott Knutson! This is a shot of my daughter on her paddle board, taken basically from water level - I was in the lake with the camera just above the water. The sky was so unique that evening and the way it reflected off the water was simply magical!

## **Clean Water Starts With You!**

Did you know that there are things that you can do this winter to help with water quality?

Stormwater that runs off your yard and driveway eventually makes its way to the lake – often faster than you think! That water not only adds to lake levels, it also carries sediment, nutrients, and other harmful chemicals into the lake. Any time you keep water where it falls, you prevent problems to our lakes. Simple actions such as directing downspouts to grassy areas, managing leaves, minimizing salt use, or cleaning up after your pet all add up to big improvements for our lakes and streams.

All de-icers, including rock salt, are harmful to our environment. When snow melts, de-icers travel to our lakes and rivers through storm drains. Just one teaspoon of salt can

#### **SLA Online Store**

Spring Lake Association is once again partnering with **Paar Sports** in Prior Lake to bring you Spring Lake Association Apparel.

Apparel is decorated with silk screen, tackle twill and embroidery, and all features our new SLA Logo! Below are a few items that you will find on the online store.

Visit our online store from our website and order your New Spring Lake Association items today!



pollute five gallons of water, and it never disappears or breaks down. The only way to keep salt out of our environment is to minimize usage in the first place. To reduce the impact on salts to our environment try these tips:

- Reduce Salt Use
- Remove as much snow as possible with a shovel or snow blower
- Use sand for traction instead of rock salt.
- Less than 4 cups of product will cover an average twocar driveway and sidewalk.
- Clean up after your pet. This includes on the ice this winter! Poorly managed animal waste can present a serious threat to our soil, groundwater, our fish and our health. Contaminants in animal waste contain E-coli bacteria, phosphorus, and other nutrients that cause excessive aquatic plant and algae growth.