

EAGLE LAKE SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

Website: www.eaglelakeotc.com

As we welcome another spring at Eagle Lake, I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself.

My name is Rick Peterson, and I currently serve as President of the Eagle Lake Lakeshore Association (ELLA). I grew up in Elbow Lake, and my family has enjoyed a seasonal cabin on Eagle Lake for over 70 years. Some of my fondest memories come from time spent here - bonfires, swimming, water skiing, and long summer days on the lake.

Today, my wife Pam and I live in Red Wing, Minnesota, and we're eagerly looking forward to opening up the cabin and enjoying another wonderful season at Eagle Lake.

Important Dates to Remember

April 11 – Ditch Clean-Up Day

Join us at 9:00 AM at the Eagle Lake Park shelter as we work together to clean local ditches. With enough volunteers, this typically takes about an hour. Please check the website the day before in case weather requires a schedule change.

May 16 – OTTER TAIL COLA “Hot Topics” Event

Hosted at Thumper Pond Golf Course in Ottertail, this informative event runs from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and includes breakfast. There is no cost to attend. Visit our website for a link to OTCCOLA and details on speakers and topics.

June 27 – ELLA Annual Meeting

This meeting will be held at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church. Breakfast begins at 8:00 AM, followed by the meeting at 9:00 AM. We encourage all members to attend and participate.

July 4 – Annual Boat Parade

The parade begins at 1:30 PM from the southwest corner of the lake (near our cabin). In case of inclement weather, please check the website for updates or a possible move to July 5.

Participants who complete the parade will receive a commemorative 2026 Eagle Lake beach towel, available for pickup at the Fjoslien home after the parade. Additional towels will also be available for purchase.

We're looking forward to another great season together on Eagle Lake. Thank you for being part of this wonderful community!

Rick Peterson
President, Eagle Lake Lakeshore Association (ELLA)

Membership Information

Please consider this your 2026 annual dues notice.

Annual membership dues are **\$30.00** and help support the ongoing efforts of the Eagle Lake Lakeshore Association.

Payment options:

- Pay by check or cash at the ELLA Annual Meeting on June 27
- Mail a check to:
ELLA
PO Box 22
Battle Lake, MN 56515
- Pay online at: www.eaglelakeotc.com/ella

If you have any updates to your address, phone number, or email, please include them with your payment or send them to: eaglelakeotc@gmail.com

Lake Update

As we head into the 2026 season, we're encouraged by the continued efforts to keep Eagle Lake clean and healthy. Maintaining good water quality remains a top priority for ELLA, and we appreciate the cooperation of all lakeshore owners in protecting our shared resource.

Please continue to be mindful of shoreline management, limit the use of fertilizers near the lake, and watch for any signs of invasive species. Working together, we can help preserve Eagle Lake for future generations to enjoy.

We also want to make everyone aware that **Starry Stonewort**, an invasive aquatic species, has recently been identified in Lake Anne near Underwood. While it has not been found in Eagle Lake, this serves as an important reminder that we must remain vigilant.

To help prevent the spread of invasive species:

- Always **clean, drain, and dry** your boat and equipment before entering or leaving the lake.
- Remove all visible vegetation from boats, trailers, and lifts.
- Avoid transporting water from one lake to another.

Early prevention is critical - once established, invasive species can be extremely difficult and costly to manage.

Culvert Replacement Update

The culvert that helps maintain the water level of Eagle Lake is scheduled to be replaced later this year. The project was originally planned for last fall, but colder weather arrived earlier than expected, making it too late in the season to complete the work. The ELID will share more details as the project timeline is finalized.

Safety Reminders

With increased activity on the lake during the summer months, safety is more important than ever:

- Be mindful of **no-wake zones**. No wake within 200' of shore and docks.
- Wake boats should only operate in the middle of the lake in depths of 20' or greater.
- Always have **life jackets** available for all passengers.
- **Jet Skis** (Personal Watercrafts) must adhere to 9:30AM to one hour before sunset operating hours.
 - **No-Wake** within 150' of shore, docks, swimmers, moored, anchored, or non-motorized watercraft.
 - This is per Minnesota Statute 86B.313 Personal Watercraft; Regulations
- Keep a safe distance from swimmers, docks, and other boats.
- Operate watercraft responsibly and avoid impaired boating.
- Observe local boating regulations and respect fellow lake users.

A safe lake is a fun lake - thank you for doing your part!

Road Update

We'd like to thank the Eagle Lake Township for recent improvements to the road around Eagle Lake. The road has been seal coated and treated with an oil and pebble (chip seal) application, which will help extend its life for many years to come.

In addition, the township has done an outstanding job this past winter keeping the road clear of snow and ice. Their continued efforts help ensure safe and reliable access for all residents and visitors. We appreciate their hard work and commitment.

Thank You, Volunteers

And last but not least, a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers who give their time and effort to support Eagle Lake. Whether helping with clean-up days, organizing events, or serving behind the scenes, your contributions make a meaningful difference and help keep our lake community strong.