

# Pequawaywan Lakes Association News

Spring 2013

## What a difference a year makes

Last year at this time, the ice was out on both lakes by early April and things were beginning to look green. This April set a different sort of record — for the most snow in a month — 51 inches in Duluth!

While the amount of snow was good news for the drought, it was not good news for cabin fever. Luckily, warmth seems to be on the way. However, a little ice might linger for the fishing opener.

## Faster Internet could be on the horizon

The Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative (CVII) continues to work to get us better Internet access. Over the last few months, there were two studies done to give us better idea of the challenges and opportunities. You can read summaries of the report on CVII's new website at [connectcloquetvalley.com](http://connectcloquetvalley.com).

One promising development is that Coop Light and Power (CLP) is beginning to build a series of towers in Normama and North Star townships to host Internet service and for advanced utility metering. The towers are 160 feet tall and will each serve a radius of about 3 miles. We hope they will offer this same wireless service in Pequawaywan Township.

CLP is offering service at two levels — 3 MBPS and 7 MBPS, for \$50/month and \$60/month respectively. The current maximum speed for Frontier is 1 MBPS but most of the time that speed cannot be reached, making it difficult to do things like streaming videos.

There is an initial installation cost but no contract requirement. So, seasonal home owners can install the equipment and purchase service by the month.

Please fill out this short [online form](#) to indicate interest.

**Learn more about CLP's wireless internet service Tuesday, July 9.**

**CLP's Kevin Olson will make a presentation and answer questions after the township business meeting at 7:30. Meeting is at the Fire Hall.**

Check out the Association's website — [www.PequawaywanLakes.com](http://www.PequawaywanLakes.com). There's information on shoreline and lake protection, where to get answers on zoning and permits, and a list of recommended service providers and vendors.

## Calendar

**Lake Association Meetings:** Meetings start at 10 a.m. at the Fire Hall on #44.

**May 18** General information, committee reports, planning of summer activities

**June 8** Lori Walewski, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, on hummingbirds

**July 13** Program TBA

**Aug. 10** Jesse Schomberg of MN Sea Grant on rain gardens. Annual meeting and elections

**Sept. 7** Dr. John Green, Professor Emeritus, from UMD, on area geology

Association committees will present information throughout the summer. Visit the Association's website at [www.pequawaywanlakes.com](http://www.pequawaywanlakes.com) for updates and program topics.

**Road Cleanup: Monday, May 20.** Meet at the Fire Hall at 9 a.m. for coffee/rolls, followed by the cleanup.

**Yard Waste Day: Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Held at the gravel pit near the south end of the Big Lake. No branches larger than 8" in diameter.

**Fire Department Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, July 7,** from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fire Hall.

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Keep up-to-date on lake news

We lost two long-time members of the Pequaywan Lakes community this year -- Gin Wanner and Ted Wasnick. Here are their obituaries. Our sympathies to their families.

**Virginia “Ginny” Wanner** died on Sunday, March 24. After a courageous battle with old age, at 94 she declared herself the winner and left this life on her own terms choosing to fight no more. She now joins her husband of nearly 70 years Frank Wanner who left two years ago.

Virginia was born on Dec. 4, 1918 in Duluth where she would live for most of her life, graduating from Denfeld High School, being a wonderful wife, raising a son and making lifelong friends. Retirement years (over 30) were split between the cabin and Dunedin, Florida. Two years ago she returned to Duluth following Frank’s death and took up residence at St. Ann’s where she made many more good friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents Ross and Edith Gatlin; brother Dean (Betty) Gatlin; sisters Shirley Maas and Margaret (Cliff) Siverson; brother and sisters-in-laws and many good friends.

Surviving her and missing Virginia are her son Frank and daughter-in-law Renee; grandchildren Ben (Jennifer) Wanner, Tim (Jennifer) Wanner; great grandchildren, Ella and Otis Wanner, and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Theodore M. Wasnick**, 82, of Pequaywan Lake Township, Duluth, passed away Feb 23.

Survived by wife, Joan; daughters, Terry (Greg) Kemnitz and Joan (Jim) Hradecky; son, Steve (Shawn) Wasnick; grandchildren, Trace and Charlie Wasnick, Joe and Ellie Hradecky; brother, Bill and many wonderful friends.

**SERVICE:** 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, in French River Church, 5310 Ryan Rd, Duluth, MN 55804. Visitation at 10 a.m. Memorials preferred to French River Church (218) 525-5659.

**Valley Homemakers** — The annual first gathering will be cleaning of Lakeside Chapel Wednesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. After the cleaning, the group will meet for supper at the Pequaywan Inn. Meetings continue into December on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

**Lakeside Chapel** — Services begin Sunday, May 26, at 10 a.m., 8905 Pequaywan Lake Road, and continue through Labor Day.

**Recycling** — North Star Recycling Center is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, accepting cans, glass, plastic, paper, and cardboard.

**Township News** — Congratulations to Scott Mead who was re-elected to a three-year term as township supervisor and to Keith Stoneburner who was re-elected treasurer. Township meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the Fire Hall. Minutes are posted on: [Pequaywantownship.org](http://Pequaywantownship.org)

## Invasives species still a threat

If you take your boat to other lakes, or if you let friends bring their boats to our lake, you could introduce zebra mussels, milfoil, spiny water fleas or other invasives into our clean waters.

Once introduced, these invasives are difficult, if not impossible, to get rid of. **And the cost of doing so would be born by property owners — US!**

They cling to boat, docks, rafts, and, in the case of motors, make them inoperable. They destroy native fish, make swimming impossible, and lower property values. Don’t let this happen!

**Recommended actions** — Some species are small and difficult to see at the access, so to remove or kill them before transporting your watercraft to other waters, either:

- Rinse your boat and boating equipment with hot tap water (over 120° F);
- Spray your boat and trailer with a high pressure sprayer. (The hot water sprayers at a car wash can be used);
- Dry your boat and equipment **for at least 5 days** before putting it back in our lakes.

# Greetings from the Pequaywan Lake Fire & EMS Department

We had an average year in 2012 for calls with three fires, nine medical and one search and rescue.

Ted Wallace retired from the department in February. Thank you, Ted, for your many years of service. We also have one new member — Joel Bamford, who joined in June 2012 as a Fire Prevention Specialist.

We currently have two openings for Fire Fighter 1 and First Responders. If interested, please contact Chief John Lucia at 218-391-8232 or come to our monthly meeting, which are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Fire Hall.

As of Jan.1, we are 100% compliant with the new nationwide Armer Radio System. This involved many hours of training for our members, but it seems to be a better system with better radio coverage and clarity. Thank you to all our members for completing this training.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast is set for Sunday, July 7, from 8 a.m. to noon. Hope to see you all there!

Let's hope for a fun and safe spring and summer season.

*Chief John Lucia*

## Do your part to protect loons

- While baby loons are cute to look at, keep a good distance away to avoid stressing baby and parents.
- Protect native vegetation on all shores. Loons often nest on natural shorelines and use natural materials to build nests.
- Conserve electricity. Mercury emissions contaminate lakes and loon food.
- Dispose of household garbage properly. Garbage draws raccoons, foxes, gulls and eagles which prey on loon eggs.
- Be an ethical angler. Never fish or cast near loon nests or swimming loons and properly dispose of extra bait and trash.
- Keep dogs and cats away from loon and nests. Pets disturb nesting loons and destroy loon eggs.
- Use only Phosphorus-free fertilizer. Fertilizer can run off into lakes increasing aquatic (weed) growth, making it difficult for loons to swim and find food.

## Association Meeting Minutes Sept. 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Mead at 10 a.m. with approximately 35 in attendance.

Jim Guldseth, treasurer, reported dues income of \$20 had been received. Expenses from picnic and loon speakers were \$365.41. Balance as of Sept. 1 was \$18,768.15.

**Loon Report:** Three adults have been seen on the Big Lake. No current report on Little Pequaywan.

**Clarity:** Lake clarity has been poor since heavy rains earlier in the year. Normally clarity has been at 10 feet; this year the best has been 5.5 feet. Lake levels still high for this time of year and weedy due to the heat.

**Road Cleanup:** Volunteers for road cleanup should meet at 9:00 at the fire hall on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

**Brush Day:** Brush day will be Saturday Sept. 8, from 9:00-1:00. Thanks to Scott and Phyllis Mead, Joel Bamford, and Lee Kaplan for help at past brush days and especially to Dick and Marialice Arndt for their hard work on this project.

**Program Ideas:** Ideas for future program presentations were discussed of which shoreline planting and discouraging geese was noted. The program committee consists of Marilyn Bamford, Barb Granquist, Jan and Kay Kolehmainen, and Kathy King.

A topic for further discussion is the purchase of a canopy to use for the annual picnic, something easier to put up and take down. A canopy ad was available to view for a 10'x20' which would cost \$500 plus shipping and tax.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Secretary Marialice Arndt*

## Pequaywan Lakes Association Membership Dues

Please send this form or bring it to an Association meeting along with your \$10 check (made out to Pequaywan Lakes Association) to: Jim Guldseth

14550 Beverley Lane

Savage, MN 55378

Even if you pay in person, please attach this form to your payment. It makes it easier for Jim to match payment to name.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin Address \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: You only have include information that has changed from last year.***

***New members – please complete the entire form.***

Cabin Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Corrections or additions to your listing in the Lake Directory \_\_\_\_\_

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