



Eagle Lake Improvement Association (ELIA)

Willmar MN | Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Sump Pump

To prevent flooding and sewer backups, the City of Willmar requests that residents connected to the Eagle Lake sanitary sewer discharge their sump pumps to the lawn or street from April 1st to October 31st.

Shoreline Damage - Ice Heaves

Many Eagle Lake residents experienced 'ice-jacking' this winter, resulting in large ice heaves on the shoreline. The Eagle Lake Board has been in contact with Emily Wolf, Spicer area hydrologist from the DNR. If you need to repair your shoreline, please use the checklist in the link below to follow proper guidelines. If you need further assistance or have additional questions, please call Emily Wolf at (320) 409-2042. [Checklist - Shoreline Alterations: Ice Ridges](#)



Carp Removal 2025

We extend our gratitude to the Eagle Lake residents who have generously contributed to the 2025 Carp Removal Fund. For those who haven't yet donated, the Eagle Lake Board has sent out a letter detailing our achievements in carp removal and outlining our goals for the next two years.

We have received a \$7,500 matching grant from Kandiyohi County Aquatic Invasive Species. Please review the letter you received and consider donating to this important project. Whether you enjoy fishing, boating, swimming, or simply admiring the lake, these efforts are yielding positive results and will help protect your investment for years to come.

We have included the 2025 membership form. Eagle Lake dues remain at \$50 per household. You can pay your membership dues and donate to the carp removal fund simultaneously. Please indicate the amounts for dues and carp fund donations in the memo. We appreciate your continued support!



Membership Dues

- Pay online: [Click here](#) to pay via Venmo & fill out the online form.
- Pay by check: [Visit our website](#) to download the membership due form.

Dead Geese

Many residents have raised concerns about the dead geese on Eagle Lake. The DNR has taken samples and confirmed that the geese likely died from Avian Flu. The Eagle Lake Board of Directors consulted the DNR regarding the necessity and guidelines for removal. The DNR recommended leaving the carcasses to sink to the bottom of the lake once the ice melts. Most geese have since decayed or been scavenged. If you need to remove carcasses from your shoreline, please use rubber gloves, double bag them, seal the bags, and place them in your garbage can. West Central Sanitation has approved this method.



2024 Annual Meeting Recap

- Recognize new Eagle Lake members
- Recognize deceased Eagle Lake residents
- Introduction of board members
- Election of new board members: Virginia Fabrizio
- Re-election of board members: Dale Neal and Lisa Weckwerth
- Carp removal update
- Speaker - Emily Wolf, Spicer Area Hydrologist, Region 4 Ecological and Water Resources, MN DNR
- Update on North Eagle Lake Road Trail - Project is expected to begin in 2027
- Membership - We have 204 paid members in 2024
 - Our goal for 2025 is to reach 210 paid members.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Chee Wee Chong for his dedicated service and contributions to Eagle Lake, including taking photos, organizing newsletters, managing the website, and handling email communications. If you see him, please express your gratitude!

The elected officers of the board are as follows:

- Wyatt Weckwerth - President
- Virginia Fabrizio - Vice President
- Lindsay Marks - Secretary
- Dan Pomranke - Treasurer

[Check out more photos on the Eagle Lake Facebook page here.](#)



Welcome New Board Member - Virginia Fabrizio

Virginia and her husband Martin have been residents of Eagle Lake since May 2013. Married for 31 years, they have three children: Margaret (27), Jonah (25), and Clara (22).

Virginia grew up in the Twin Cities. After marrying Martin, they lived in Australia for 2½ years, then spent 15 years in Redwood Falls, MN, and have now been in Willmar for nearly 12 years.

Virginia has been with Elmquist Jewelers for 11 years. She is an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Willmar. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, biking with her husband, walking with neighbors, snow skiing, horseback riding, and enjoying 'wine night' with the neighborhood ladies.

They love living on the lake, enjoying summer fires in the backyard and waving to neighbors passing by on their pontoons and boats. This summer marks their second with their new pontoon, so be sure to wave if you see them.



Thank You!

The Eagle Lake Board extends heartfelt gratitude to former President Myron Macik for his many years of dedicated service. His humor, charm, and balanced perspective will be greatly missed at our meetings. We look forward to seeing him out on the lake.



Ice-On: December 12, 2024

Ice-Off: March 28, 2025

[View the historical dates for Ice-On and Ice-Off here.](#)

4th of July Boat Parade

- The boat parade will start in a counterclockwise direction this year.
- Registration will begin at the boat landing at 1:45 p.m.
- Be prepared to give your family's name.
- Candy will be provided by the Eagle Lake Improvement Association.

We're seeking volunteers with jet skis to distribute candy closer to the docks to address safety concerns and reduce unclaimed or wasted candy bags. We need 6 jet skis with 2 people per jet ski. If you're interested in helping with this fun annual event, please contact Dan Pomranke at (320) 894-7113.

Upcoming Events

- **Garage Sales - Friday & Saturday, May 9 & 10**
 - Please note that this year's sales will begin on Friday.
 - This event will be advertised in the West Central Tribune, the Lakes Area Review and at Barney's.
- **Boat Parade - Friday, July 4**
- **Summer Picnic - Friday, August 1**
- **Leaf Pickup - Saturday, November 1**
- **Winter Social - January 9, 2026**

Mission Statement

We are a non-profit organization committed to enhancing, preserving, and protecting the quality of Eagle Lake and its watershed. In collaboration with public agencies, we promote responsible environmental practices and provide information and opportunities to unite the Eagle Lake community through recreation, social, and civic activities.