



# Lake Sarah Summer

LSIA Summer 2021 Newsletter

Issue #77



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## Upcoming Events

**Please mark your calendar!**

- **July 19** - Summer General Membership Meeting and Ice Cream Social!
- **October 18** – Fall General Membership Meeting
  - 6:30 social hour/7:00pm meeting
  - Venue/format TBD

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## 25th Annual Lake Sarah Independence Day Boat Parade!

Over 20 families participated in this family fun event this year along with many shore spectators cheering them on!





# **Ice Cream Social**

**Monday evening July 19 @ 7:00pm**

**Shady Beach Circle**

Rather than a picnic this year, LSIA is hosting an Ice Cream Social. Come and meet the LSIA board and other lake neighbors. Lakes Ice Cream and Treats truck (owned and operated by the Foster Family on Lake Sarah) will be at our event serving up ice cream treats to all!

We will have a brief meeting (10 minutes) and be available to answer any questions you may have about the lake association and our water quality management.



**Bring the family and celebrate summer with ice cream!**

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## **LSIA Membership Update**

Thank you to all who have renewed their LSIA membership this year. We are close to reaching our goal of 150 paid members! Your continued support allows the lake association to help fund our ongoing fight against aquatic invasive weeds, support the fishery by stocking walleye and sponsor meetings and social events.

If you have not already sent in your membership donation, please send it by AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be submitting our membership list to Randy's in August to update the LSIA member discount.

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## **Board Members Needed**

LSIA is always looking for a few lake neighbors to volunteer some time to help on the board. We have about 4 board meetings a year and 3 general membership meetings. The main mission of the lake association is to improve the quality of Lake Sarah. Being a board member is a great way to learn about the lake, volunteer in your community and meet some lake neighbors! If you are interested please feel free to contact any board member or send us an email at [lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com)

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## **Weed treatment update**

Our AIS weed treatments have been completed for 2021, including the treatment of 95 acres of curly leaf pondweed in May, and 29 acres of EWM in June. While we sought out approval for additional EWM treatment acreage from the DNR, they determined our request should be dialed back to the 29-acre total. LSIA will be meeting with our partners at the DNR this fall to review our LVMP and determine best steps forward as we continue to battle both CLP and EWM.

Weed conditions in many areas of the lake have proven challenging this year, with vegetation growth spurred on by considerable sun, heat, and the ensuing low water levels. Nevertheless, our AIS-specific targeting effort continues to make good headway with broad effectiveness in knocking back the specific species that we set out to treat, namely CLP and EWM. LSIA appreciates your support in our lake-wide AIS fight; if you have not already donated to our AIS treatment effort, you can do so now at [lakesarah.com](http://lakesarah.com) or mail a check to LSIA PO Box 25 Loretto MN. 55357

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## Boat storage

LSIA is partnering with Moorhouse Motorsports to offer a group discount on winter boat storage! Assuming we can get ten total boats stored with Moorhouse, we qualify for a group rate! Moorhouse has an assortment of indoor/outdoor options available, as well as winterization, and fall pick-up and spring drop-off! Contact Marcus Zahn for more information: [marcus.zahn@gmail.com](mailto:marcus.zahn@gmail.com)

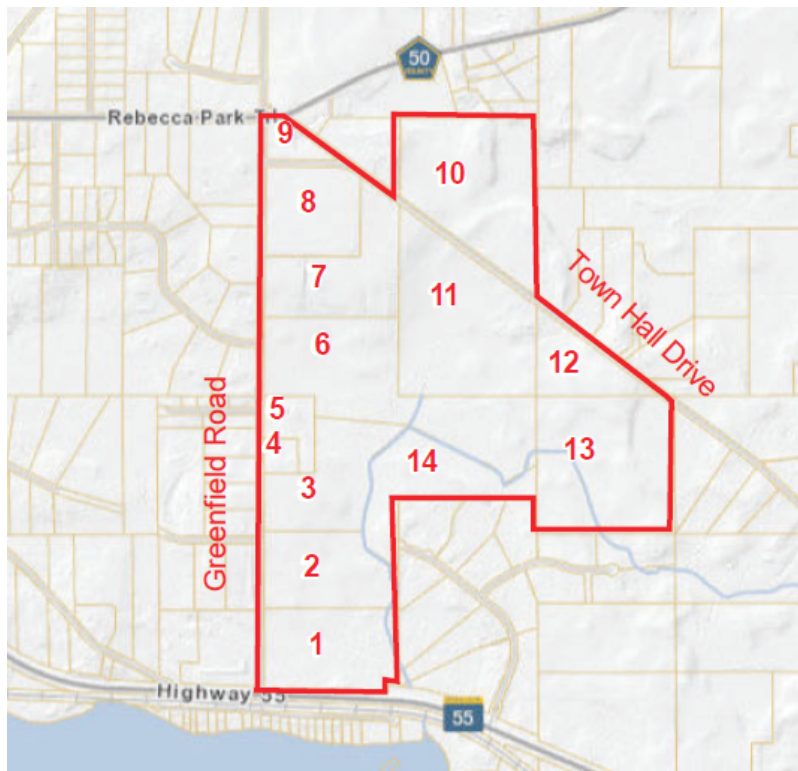


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## Watershed Update – from Joe Baker

Hope all in the LSIA are enjoying this summer – and was great to see so many boats in the boat parade!

I'm excited to share that the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission (PSCWMC) is actively partnering in a study to improve the natural resources and identify and implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) for the lower Dance Hall Creek area located north of Lake Sarah's west bay and north of Highway 55, and between Greenfield Road and Town Hall Drive (see the map below).



Hennepin County, in partnership with the city of Greenfield and the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission, are pursuing the study of 14 properties which are transitioning from agricultural row crop farmland to rural residential homes and/or hobby farms. This is an opportune time to reach out to these new property owners, and begin to learn of their specific development ideas and hopefully align them to what would be some ideal BMP improvements for the natural resources in this area, especially the quality of surface water. Surface water is rainfall or snow melt that flows over the land with its destination to a pond, wetland, stream, or lake. Much of the surface water from these 14 properties flows into Lake Sarah via Dance Hall Creek.

**As about 70% of Lake Sarah's water comes from the Dance Hall Creek sub-watershed, this is the most critical area we can focus on for most cost effectively further reducing the external phosphorus loading into Lake Sarah.**

What will the study do? **First**, the study will look at the 14 parcels as one large area and create maps that locate existing buildings and natural features such as wetlands, native plant areas, ponds, and streams. **Second**, the consultant team will create a plan for the study area--identifying existing and planned housing and buildings, along with optimal areas for surface water storage and infiltration (wetlands and ponds) and native plant restoration. **Third**, based on the wide area plan, the consultant teams will recommend natural resource improvements for the individual properties and general locations for planned buildings and driveways. The recommendations will be graphically represented by property diagrams in order to provide information to the property owners. While property owners are under no obligation to follow the recommendations, we hope they see the holistic benefits of these BMP's and take advantage of our funding assistance in order to implement them.

Initial property owner meetings are already ongoing, and we expect to complete this study by September 2021. So far it appears landowners are receptive, and we are optimistic we can help fund and implement meaningful BMP improvements to this lower Dance Hall Creek area.

If you have questions regarding this study - or you have a shoreline restoration you'd like to discuss (which we have funding to assist with) - feel free to contact Joe Baker at (612) 868-8702. Thanks!

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# Financial Report

Please view the most recent Lake Sarah Improvement Association financial report.

|    |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
|----|--|-----|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1  |  |     | Lake Sarah Improvement Association |          |          |          | Prepared by Mike Malone |                                     |       |
| 2  |  |     | Financial Statement                |          |          |          | 7/12/2021               |                                     |       |
| 3  |  |     | 6/30/2021                          |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 4  |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 5  |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 6  |  |     | ###                                | 2018     | 2019     | 2020     | 2021                    | 2021                                |       |
| 7  |  |     |                                    |          |          |          | YTD 6/30/21             | APPROVED                            |       |
| 8  |  |     |                                    | ACTUAL   | ACTUAL   | ACTUAL   | ACTUAL                  | BUDGET                              | NOTES |
| 9  | Assets:                                      |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 10 | Beginning checking (Jan1st)                  | ### | \$31,981                           | \$31,256 | \$28,211 | \$24,605 | \$24,605                |                                     |       |
| 11 | PayPal cash balance                          | ### | 83                                 | 34       | 68       | 34       | 34                      |                                     |       |
| 12 | Outstanding checks written                   |     |                                    |          |          | (600)    | (600)                   |                                     |       |
| 13 | 21st century CD - 12 month (0805)            | ### | 8,985                              | 8,994    | 23,092   | 23,395   | 23,395                  |                                     |       |
| 14 | 21st century CD - 18 month (0389)            | ### | 37,056                             | 37,092   | 23,208   | 23,628   | 23,628                  |                                     |       |
| 15 | Total Beginning Cash Balance:                | ### | \$78,105                           | \$77,376 | \$74,579 | \$71,062 | \$71,062                |                                     |       |
| 16 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 17 | Receipts:                                    |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 18 | Membership for 2018                          | #   | 4,690                              | -        | -        | -        | -                       | 150 x \$35 budgeted in 2021         |       |
| 19 | Membership for 2020                          |     |                                    | 35       | 5,180    | -        | -                       | 149 members in 2020                 |       |
| 20 | Membership for 2019                          |     |                                    | 4,925    | -        | -        | -                       | 141 members in 2019                 |       |
| 21 | Membership for 2021                          | #   | -                                  | -        | 70       | 4,865    | 5,250                   | 141 members to date in 2021         |       |
| 22 | Contributions - Walleye Fund                 | ### | 380                                | 845      | 1,170    | 1,725    | 1,200                   | 36 donations to date in 2021        |       |
| 23 | Contributions - Water Quality                | ### | 15,125                             | 15,555   | 15,860   | 14,020   | -                       | 96 donations to date in 2021        |       |
| 24 | Contributions - Curly Leaf                   | ### | -                                  | -        | -        | -        | 16,500                  | 110 x \$150 budgeted in 2021        |       |
| 25 | Contributions - Other                        | ### | 1,594                              | 500      | 500      | -        | 500                     | channel treatment / RBC             |       |
| 26 | Interest -- checking                         | # 6 | 6                                  | 6        | 5        | 3        | 5                       |                                     |       |
| 27 | Interest -- CD's                             | ### | 46                                 | 326      | 723      | 94       | 188                     | new lower CD rates                  |       |
| 28 |  | #   |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 29 | Total Receipts:                              | ### | 21,842                             | 22,192   | 23,507   | 20,706   | 23,643                  |                                     |       |
| 30 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 31 | Disbursements:                               |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 32 | Supplies, Printing/Mailing, PO box (new)     | ### | 134                                | 64       | 561      | 683      | 600                     | hard copy newsletter / updates      |       |
| 33 | Directory                                    | ### | 35                                 | 21       | -        | -        | 25                      |                                     |       |
| 34 | Membership/Board meetings                    | ### | -                                  | -        | -        | -        | 100                     |                                     |       |
| 35 | Spring Meeting                               | ### | -                                  | 82       | -        | -        | -                       | cancelled for COVID                 |       |
| 36 | Boat Parade / Ice-Out contest (prizes)       | ### | 200                                | 150      | -        | -        | 100                     |                                     |       |
| 37 | Biff at Public Access                        | ### | -                                  | -        | -        | -        | -                       |                                     |       |
| 38 | Biff at Picnic Grounds                       | ### | 283                                | 266      | -        | -        | -                       |                                     |       |
| 39 | Water Quality materials / equipment          | ### | 100                                | -        | -        | -        | -                       |                                     |       |
| 40 | Water Quality Seminars / insurance / meeting | ### | -                                  | 654      | 754      | 654      | 750                     |                                     |       |
| 41 | Summer Picnic/Annual meeting                 | ### | 741                                | 693      | -        | -        | 500                     |                                     |       |
| 42 | Fall Meeting                                 | ### | 84                                 | 78       | -        | -        | 75                      |                                     |       |
| 43 | Winterfest                                   | ### | -                                  | -        | -        | -        | -                       |                                     |       |
| 44 | Walleye Program                              | ### | 1,000                              | 1,400    | 2,200    | -        | 2,400                   | match donations                     |       |
| 45 | Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)             | ### | 31,354                             | 34,798   | 35,694   | 25,422   | 36,000                  | CLP \$30, EWM \$4, AIS \$2 budgeted |       |
| 46 | Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)         | ### | (11,551)                           | (13,398) | (12,326) | -        | (12,000)                | DNR \$0, PSC/TRPD \$12 budgeted     |       |
| 47 | Hennepin County AIS Survey Grant (Cost)      |     |                                    | 4,203    | 6,861    | 6,755    | -                       | Paid to Fortin / AIS                |       |
| 48 | Hennepin County AIS Survey Grant (Proceeds)  |     |                                    | (4,203)  | (6,861)  | (6,755)  | -                       | from Hennepin County                |       |
| 49 | PayPal fees                                  | ### | 155                                | 181      | 141      | 172      | 150                     |                                     |       |
| 50 | Other Fees                                   | ### | 35                                 | -        | -        | -        | -                       | reconciling item                    |       |
| 51 | Total Disbursements:                         | ### | 22,569                             | 24,989   | 27,025   | 26,930   | 28,700                  |                                     |       |
| 52 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 53 | Overage / (Deficit)                          | ### | (727)                              | (2,797)  | (3,517)  | (6,224)  | (5,057)                 |                                     |       |
| 54 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 55 | TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:                       | ### | \$77,378                           | \$74,579 | \$71,062 | \$64,838 | \$66,005                |                                     |       |
| 56 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 57 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 58 | Reconciliation                               |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 59 | 8-mo CD - 7378                               | ### | -                                  | -        | -        | -        | -                       |                                     |       |
| 60 | PayPal cash balance                          | ### | 34                                 | 68       | 34       | 682      |                         |                                     |       |
| 61 | 12-mo CD - 0805 at 0.45% rate matures        | ### | 8,994                              | 23,092   | 23,395   | 23,448   |                         |                                     |       |
| 62 | 8-mo CD - 0003                               | ### | -                                  | -        | -        | -        |                         |                                     |       |
| 63 | 18-mo CD - 0389 at 0.35% rate matures        | ### | 37,092                             | 23,208   | 23,628   | 23,669   |                         |                                     |       |
| 64 | Outstanding checks written                   |     | -                                  | -        | (600)    | -        |                         |                                     |       |
| 65 | Deposits in transit                          |     | -                                  | -        | -        | -        |                         |                                     |       |
| 66 | Checking                                     | ### | 31,256                             | 28,211   | 24,605   | 17,039   |                         |                                     |       |
| 67 | Total  | ### | \$77,376                           | \$74,579 | \$71,062 | \$64,838 |                         |                                     |       |
| 68 | Difference                                   | ### | 2                                  | (0)      | (0)      | 0        |                         |                                     |       |
| 69 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |
| 70 |  |     |                                    |          |          |          |                         |                                     |       |

LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



# Lake Sarah Improvement Association

## 2021 Membership Form

Please complete the form below and return to ensure that we have your correct information.

|  |       |     |
|--|-------|-----|
| <b>Member Information:</b>             |       |     |
| Name(s)                                |       |     |
| Address                                |       |     |
| City                                   | State | ZIP |
| Lake Address (if different from above) |       |     |
| Telephone(s)                           |       |     |
| Email(s)                               |       |     |
|  |       |     |

Thanks for supporting LSIA! We are looking forward to another great year on Lake Sarah!

|   |                       |                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>2021 Membership Fee:</b>   |                       | <b>\$ 35.00</b> |
| \$150 suggested for the annual AIS weed treatment program                           | Water Quality Fund    |                 |
| Your donations have provided 10,400 fingerlings and 290,000 walleye fry since 2006! | Walleye Stocking Fund |                 |
|   | Other                 |                 |
| *All fees and donations to LSIA are tax deductible                                  | Total:                |                 |

Make checks payable to LSIA and mail to: **LSIA , P.O. BOX 25, LORETTO, MN 55357**

You may also pay with PayPal on <http://www.lakesarah.com/lakesarahassociation/lsiamembershipinfo.html>

Interested in getting more involved?

**Volunteer on one of our many committees!**

Please check here to be contacted with more info or contact any board member!

Board of Directors ☐    Water Quality / Weed Control ☐    Summer Picnic/Boat Parade/Special events ☐  
 Membership / Directory ☐    Ice Clean up ☐    Public Access Cleanup ☐    Spring mailing help ☐