

You won't want to miss what's happening on Kimble Lake!



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Annual Meeting

Your KLID and KLHA Boards are planning to hold the annual meetings at the Ideal Community Center on August 8, 8:00 AM. If state and local guidelines at that time dictate, we may need to reconsider the location or perhaps create an electronic meeting of property owners. For now, though, let's all hope and plan for a joyous meeting of Kimble Lake property owners on August 8!

You should receive the LID's Notice of Annual Meeting and the ballot to elect board members in early July. You will be notified of any location or date changes via email or the website [link](#). Materials for the meeting are available [here](#).

If you have not done so already, please send your KLHA membership form and dues.

Social Committee Lake Activities Update

The Committee is planning to proceed with the early July activities that allow appropriate social distancing. In the event of any changes, an email will be sent to the newsletter distribution list and an update will be posted to the website.

Kimble Photo Contest: Enter your photo's no later than July 31 in this contest showing the beauty of Kimble Lake. To date we have 10 entries. Contest rules below.

1. Unaltered photos must portray Kimble Lake scenery or lake life activities. Limit of two entries per person. Please make sure you stay a safe distance, at least 75 feet, for pictures of the loons.
2. Email photos by July 31st to Kimble.Kontest@gmail.com with subject line: "photo contest".
3. Please include your full name and phone # along with your submission(s) and a title or description, if relevant.
4. Photos will be assembled and made available to the KLHA community for voting within the first two weeks of August.

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

7th Annual Kimble Fishing Kontest: Jim Rusch is once again coordinating this event scheduled for Saturday July 4 from sunrise to sunset. Grab your favorite fishing partners and join in this fun contest. See the Kontest Rules at [link](#). In summary you must register your team before the kontest ends at sunset on the 4th and entries must be received by 10:00 PM that day. Prizes awarded in several categories.

BOAT PARADE: Take a tour around Kimble Lake on our Independence Day Boat Parade & Cocktail Cruise! Decorations are optional, but we'd love to see your star-spangled spirit! Meet at boat landing by 4:30 PM on July 4th. The parade may be cancelled due to inclement weather. You will be notified via email. If you have extra room on your boat, please ask a "boatless" neighbor if they would like to join you.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE, A SWEET CELEBRATION! HERE'S THE SCOOP: Although the Ice Cream Social is cancelled this year, please cruise by Kathy & Blake Mohr's dock at the conclusion of the boat parade for a GRAB & GO ICE CREAM SANDWICH for everyone on your boat! They are located 4 cabins east of the boat ramp.

New Homeowners

Many people have commented that they like the articles on new homeowners. However, KLHA sometimes has a difficult time getting contact info for new homeowners. If you have a new neighbor, please provide their contact info to or have them reach out to Jan Lodico or Dave Rysdam. Jan and Dave will coordinate adding them to the directory, email distribution list and organizing a future newsletter article.

In the past, we have missed publishing articles on homeowners and it has also been suggested that we do articles on long time residents also. To that end, we have articles on two families that purchased many years ago but never had an article.

The Usle's

Val and Maureen Usle have been summer residents at the lake for the past 10 years but their family has a long history on Kimble. Val's grandfather, Henry Forstner, built the first cabin on the lake. Though he spent most of his life in California, Val still remembers visiting the cabin as a young boy and wanted to capture that same excitement and lake experience for their sons. Lakefront property in CA was too expensive and that led to looking for property on Kimble where they found Jean and Kent Larson's first lake cabin for sale. Val and Maureen are blessed to still have family on the lake (Forstner cabin on South Kimble Road) and in the area.

Over the past 10 years they have done extensive remodeling to the home they purchased on the southeast bay and Bass Creek including adding a screen porch and renovating half the garage into a guest bunkhouse. Val & Maureen also had the original door to the Forstner family cabin made into a porch table with memorabilia under glass. Val says one of their favorite things about the lake is hearing the loon calls. They also love the community feel and said that in one summer at the cabin we will talk more with our neighbors than a decade of time in California where people tend to stick to themselves.

Maureen is an elementary school teacher. Here are her comments when asked about teaching in the COVID environment. "I taught remotely during the last 3 months of school, but efforts are underway to bring kids back in September. What that will look like is still in the planning stages, and will be based on county recommendations for social distancing, etc. Not sure how we'll keep 6 year-olds away from each other while on the playground, though! We teachers will most likely be wearing masks &/or face shields. It is going to be a challenge, to be sure!"

Val who retired from Walt Disney Imagineering after forty+ years, recently published a book on Theme Park Project Management (editor note: this is available on Amazon, if you are interested), and has been called to active duty for the State Guard several months this year. He came off active duty two weeks ago. His first round of seven weeks started in March when he was activated to help stand-up Federal Medical Stations (low acuity FEMA hospitals in a box) and N-95 Mask Decon Stations up and down the State. As CA cases did not go the way of NY, things leveled off and he was demobilized. Two weeks later he was activated on the civil disturbance mission and covered the overnight shift in our unit's Tactical Operation Center. Then, as the Guard was pulled from food bank missions to hit the streets, he was sent to Fremont California to man a food bank there and is happy to be

back home now. Thank you for your service Val.

The Usle's have two sons & a daughter-in-law who live in CA. Maureen & Val met on a blind date in California, but soon discovered they were related by marriage of ancestors in Minnesota! They plan to come to the lake in early July and look forward to catching up with the lake community.



The O'Neils

Mike and Joanna O'Neil purchased their lake cabin almost 5 years ago. The O'Neil's were looking for the opportunity to raise their family in something different from the North Suburbs. Mike said they rented a small cabin on Little Pelican after gaining employment at Pequot Lakes School District. Then they started their search for their own place hoping to find a lake and property that met their "wants" that included solitude, water quality, and fishing. After several walkthroughs they saw the potential in turning their Kimble cabin into a home, but most importantly, it was a fall pontoon ride with Jim and Cathy Rusch that sealed the deal. "Not a soul on the lake, not a ripple in the water, and water clarity that cannot be replicated", they said.

This is their full-time residence with hopes and dreams (and an approved variance) of making it THEIR HOME with a renovation this summer. They have two boys, Henry and George. Henry just turned 10 and is heading into 4th grade. George is 6 and will be a 1st grader this fall. Everyone in the family is an avid outdoors enthusiast. The boys are learning to love dock fishing and Mike says you can probably tell by the lures in the trees around their place. "Some of you know that our boys love to support their neighbors with odd jobs", stated Mike. "From watering your flowers to trapping muskrats, Henry and George are starting their entrepreneurial spirit early!"

"We feel blessed to have Kimble as a year-round playground for our boys. There are days where we love the solitude, and there's days where we love the action. We love greeting the pontoon traffic and appreciate everyone's tolerance of two little boys who prefer to swim in their underwear as opposed to being hassled with running in to get their swimsuits! We appreciate having great neighbors and appreciate being a great neighbor too. Regardless, we love where we live!" Mike exclaimed.

Joanna and Mike are high school sweethearts who both graduated with their degrees from the University of North Dakota ("Go Sioux" at the time, but now "Go Hawks"). They're proud UND alumni.



Loon Update

In early June, we notified you that the pair of loons that nest near Gary and Barb Schwartz's home successfully hatched 2 babies. The babies are doing well and have grown substantially since they arrived in early June. They are starting to put their heads into the water. The parents are constantly feeding the pair and they have spent considerable time in the bays near many docks. The other pair that nest in "Ossie Bay" continue to be on their nest so hopefully they will have some good news in the next couple weeks.



Courtesy of David Smidt

Be especially careful boating around the babies as they are hard to see and can not dive to get out of your way yet. Please stay at least 75 feet away at all times.

Note: The Photo was taken on June 5 shortly after the hatch from a safe distance and then enlarged to better show the babies.

Local Service Updates:

We are providing two updates on local services that lake residents have sent in as a public service. In no way is the Lake Association or Editor endorsing any products or services.

- **Curbside recycling:** Pequot Sanitation now offers co-mingled recycling for many if not all their Kimble Lake customers. The service is every other week and is only \$4 per pick up - although they indicated to the editor that the service may be free to full time service customers. They provide a dedicated recycling bin that you place along the road just like your garbage container. This is a great alternative after Crosslake closed their recycling center and lets you avoid the inconvenience of sorting and hauling everything to the Transfer Station. Please call Pequot Sanitation at 218-568-4630 to verify they service your road if you are interested and to sign up. At this [LINK](#) you will find their 2019 recycling flyer. Note: It is not known if other providers servicing Kimble Lake provide curbside recycling services.
- **Pizza delivery:** Tasty Pizza North delivers pizza and other menu items to houses around the lake if you are looking for delivery rather than pickup or dine in options.

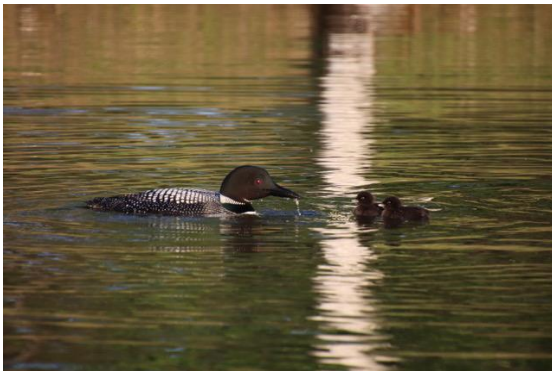
Short Notes

1. **Kimble Gear and Apparel:** Jesse Brekke continues to look for input on what items you would like to see made available. If you have input, please email Jesse at jdeanb81@gmail.com.
2. We are always interested in additional volunteers to **monitor the access**. If interested contact Tom Mahoney or Dave Rysdam.
3. We still need a **newsletter editor**. If interested reach out to Dave Rysdam
4. **Kimble Marketplace.** If you have something to sell, give away or are looking for something please notify Dave Rysdam to be included in the next newsletter in mid July.
 - o Jim Rusch has an 18 foot Old Towne fiberglass canoe for sale ... \$200 OBO. If interested call 612-961-0120.

Pictures from Around the Lake

If you have a picture to share, an article, an idea for an article or something else to share, please reach out to Dave.

Here are some pictures submitted for publication since the last newsletter.



Feeding the Babies From David Smidt



Gary Schwartz sent this picture of his pet eagle. Gary reports he is trying to teach the eagle to catch walleyes for him.



Jack and Kate Larsen's Friend prepares to land on Kimble. Picture from Kent Larson



The Larson Family and Friends celebrating a recent Kayak adventure into Ossie.

Picture from Karen Rysdam

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OUR MISSION:

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association is organized to encourage wise use and preservation of Kimble Lake to maintain the ecological balance that must exist between the lake and adjacent shore land. The association will work to keep this lake and its surrounding watershed in good condition. Further, the association will consider, recommend and endeavor, through responsible means, to bring about appropriate action by agencies of government and private individuals to realize effective management and preservation of the valuable resources of Kimble Lake and its adjacent shore land.

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The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association was formed in 2002. Membership costs \$40 per year, due at the time of the annual meeting. Join today! Simply download the [KLHA Membership form](#) and send payment to:

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