



# Potter Lake News

## Spring, 2025

### A Word from the Chair

Hello Potter Lake Homeowners,

It has been another interesting Wisconsin winter here on Potter Lake. Compared to last winter, this past winter has been a bit colder. While there was below-average snowfall, we did have a bit more than the 2023-2024 winter. Winter 2024-2025 afforded many more opportunities for walking or snowshoeing, ice-fishing, skating, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. In early March, Walworth County was in a D2 Severe Drought condition, but by March 28<sup>th</sup>, conditions had improved to D1, Moderate Drought. Hopefully, precipitation will continue to pick up in April and May.

This newsletter contains information to be aware of as we move into spring and summer on Potter Lake, including:

- Join the PLPRD Board
- Information on the activities of the PLPRD
- Updates on the website
- Information on Native Plantings
- Wake-boat discussions

See you on the lake,

Cathy Schulz, PLPRD Chairperson

[chairperson@potterslake.org](mailto:chairperson@potterslake.org)

### PLPRD Updates

Though it has been a relatively quiet few months, the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District board continues to protect and maintain Potter Lake. A Special Board Meeting was held on January 25, 2025. At that time, the annual audit of banking records was completed. The board also approved amended policies and procedures related to dam management and payroll verbiage and discussed other items of interest. [Minutes](#) of this meeting are posted on the website. They will be approved at the Spring meeting on May 17, 2025.

As you know, the dam was completed in October 2024. The dam truly functions more as a spillway. As we are not connected to other bodies of water, the dam's purpose is to prevent lake levels from getting too high. The Town of East Troy ordinance requires Potter Lake to enact Slow No-Wake restrictions if the water level exceeds 8.8 feet at the marker level on the dam. The operating system of the dam is designed to be completely closed when water levels are below 8.8 feet and opened to varying apertures to release water when the level is over 8.8 feet. With the improved dam and larger drainage pipes, the hope is to react quickly to high water and reduce the times needed to enact Slow No-Wake.

**TOWN REPRESENTATIVE**  
OPEN BOARD POSITION

**VOLUNTEER**

- ✓ LAKE DISTRICT BOARD COMMISSIONER POSITION
- ✓ A LIAISON BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE LAKE DISTRICT
- ✓ ATTENDS LAKE DISTRICT MEETINGS
- ✓ MUST BE A POTTER LAKE PROPERTY OWNER HOWEVER, NOT MANDATORY TO BE A FULL-TIME RESIDENT

AVERAGE MONTHLY COMMITMENT IS 0.5-1.0 HOUR DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF YEAR & MEETING DATES

Great opportunity for someone to get involved in serving on the Lake District!

Contact: Cathy Schulz, Chairperson  
[chairperson@potterslake.org](mailto:chairperson@potterslake.org)

### Join Us on the PLPRD!

Here is an excellent opportunity to be involved with the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

The Town Representative is one of the board positions, providing guidance in keeping Potter Lake a special place without a significant time commitment!

We are looking to fill this position by **April 30, 2025**. Contact Cathy Schulz at [chairperson@potterslake.org](mailto:chairperson@potterslake.org) for more information.

## PLPRD Commissioners

### Elected Commissioners

Chairperson: Cathy Schulz

Secretary: Chuck DeWall

Treasurer: Bill Roeber

### Appointed Commissioners:

Walworth County Representative:

MaryJo Jones

Town of East Troy Representative:

Elizabeth Sanders

See the [Contact](#) page of the website for contact information.

## PLPRD Website

The Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District's new and improved website, [potterslake.org](http://potterslake.org), has been up and running for a few months. On the site, you will find information about Potter Lake, the PLPRD's efforts, links to many resources, and much more. To keep current on all things Potter Lake, check the website frequently. Some areas you may find interesting are:

- ❖ [Latest News](#)
- ❖ [History of Potter Lake](#)
- ❖ [Lake Rules](#)
- ❖ [Gallery of photos](#)
- ❖ [Resources](#)

If you wish to subscribe to the website and receive an email when new content is available, please complete this form: [Subscribe](#).

Please also consider sharing photos of our beautiful lake using this form: [Website Photos](#).

This year's fireworks display is planned for July 5, 2025. Kathy and Gary Froehlich, who collect donations and organize the annual celebration, make this display possible. Please plan to enjoy this special time on the lake. Donations can be sent via Venmo to Gary Froehlich or placed in the locked collection box at the mailbox at W920 Shorewood Drive.



## Spring Planting Time

The snow and cold weather have ended, barring a spring surprise! Many of us will begin working on getting our yards ready. New this year, the Compost Site will be open every Saturday, starting April 5, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Town of East Troy, Village of East Troy, and Town of Troy residents will now have use of the site. Check out the Compost Site Page on the [Town Website](#) for more information.

The fall newsletter had a link to creating a [Native Shoreline Garden](#). This informative guide helps the homeowner plan and set up a shoreline garden. Another consideration for shoreline landscaping is runoff. Runoff from waterfront property can impact lake water quality and cause erosion problems. This [Self-Evaluation Checklist](#) can help you assess the need for water quality improvements on your property. You may also want to incorporate native plants for improved wildlife habitat and cleaner water. This [Guide on 112 Species of Native Plants](#) is an excellent resource. Happy Gardening!



## Wake Boats/Wake Sports

You probably know there has been much conversation about using wake boats on inland lakes. There have been a few presentations at Town of East Troy Board meetings, and several organizations have shared information. The PLPRD was asked to host the Walworth County Lakes Association for what turned out to be an online meeting in February. Though we know this is a trending issue, the PLPRD has not taken any position on using wake boats on Potter Lake. We are monitoring information presented in the area and will continue to do so. The Town of East Troy Annual Meeting of the Electors will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. Agenda Item 8 is: *Discussion and Advisory motion regarding the need to have/or develop an ordinance regarding Wake Boat surfing on Town lakes*. Residents are encouraged to attend.

### Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm:**

Town of East Troy Annual Meeting of the Electors

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am:**

PLPRD Spring Meeting at East Troy Town Hall