

IMPORTANT 2026 DATES

MAY 2
8:30 am Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association Board Meeting Zion Lutheran
Church of Amor

MAY 16
10:30 am Adopt-A-Highway Ditch
Cleanup St. James
Catholic Church

JUNE 13
8:30 am Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association Board Meeting Zion Lutheran
Church of Amor

JUNE 20
8:30 am Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association Annual Meeting Zion Lutheran
Church of Amor
Coffee/Rolls: 8:30 • Meeting: 9:00

JUNE 27 Pickerel Lake Garage Sale

JULY 4
1:00 pm Boat Parade Public Access
Counter-clockwise

JULY 11
8:30 am Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association Board Meeting Zion Lutheran
Church of Amor

JULY 18
1:00 pm Pickerel Lake Gathering Dale & Lynnette
Gilles Home

AUG. 8
8:30 am Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association Board Meeting Zion Lutheran
Church of Amor

SEPT. 12
8:30 am Pickerel Lake Improvement
Association Board Meeting Zion Lutheran
Church of Amor

SEPT. 19*
*tentative Adopt-A-Highway Ditch
Cleanup St. James Catholic
Church

PICKEREL LAKE Improvement Association

United in preserving and protecting Pickerel Lake



LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD

We are always looking for new board members. If you would like to get involved and are interested in serving on the board, please check the box on the renewal form below.

ANNUAL DUES NOTICE - \$25.00

Please complete the form below and mail with your payment.

WATER QUALITY WEBSITES

RMB Labs: lakes.rmbel.com

Citizen Lake Monitor Program: www.pca.state.mn.us

MN Department of Natural Resources: www.dnr.state.mn.us

2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Are your address and phone number correct?

If not, please note below so we can update the directory.

Please return by May 15, 2026

Dropbox available after April 15, 2026 at Quist Residence

Name: <<name>>

Address: <<address>>

City/State/Zip: <<city>>, <<st>> <<zip>>

Lake Address: <<lakeadd>>

Email 1: <<email>>

Email 2: <<email2>>

Phone 1: <<phone1>>

Phone 2: <<phone2>>

Phone 3: <<phone3>>

Please mail check with the self-addressed envelope
and this form to:

Pickerel Lake Improvement Association

Vicki Quist

33852 N. Pickerel Dr.

Richville, MN 56576

[] I would be willing to serve on the Board.

Annual Dues:

\$25.00

Spray Donation:

+

N/A

TOTAL PAYMENT:

Checks payable to: Pickerel Lake Improvement Association | Please write comments on back side of form. Thank you!

**PICKEREL LAKE
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Clean up the ditches on Co. Highway 74 between Amor and St. James Catholic Church. Many hands make small work of this job. We provide the bags, gloves, and grabbers. All you have to do is show up and it usually takes less than 2 hours.

Tentative dates this year are Saturday, May 16 and September 19. Meet in the St. James Catholic Church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. In the case of inclement weather, we will post reschedule dates on the Pickerel Lake Facebook page. Contact Rick Kylo at board@pickerellakemn.org to volunteer and for more information.

WORM WATCH

Know what to look for, check out the website at www.extension.umn.edu. Please look for early signs of tent worms this spring and contact a board member if you find webs or larvae. We thank you for your generous donations to help cover the cost of spraying for tent worms. It has been a few years since we have sprayed for worms, but donations are still appreciated. The cost to spray is approximately \$3,500 and needs to be done early in the year to be effective.

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 20

9:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church of Amor

Registration with coffee/rolls beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Featured speaker this year is TBD.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

May 2nd and 2nd Saturday of each month

8:30 a.m. (June through September)

Zion Lutheran Church of Amor

All Pickerel Lake Improvement Association members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Please contact a board member at least one week prior to the meeting if you would like an item put on the agenda.

WE'RE HAPPY TO SERVE - BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas we would be happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact any of the board members listed above. Please write your comments below.

SPRAY DONATION ESCROW ACCOUNT

The Pickerel Lake Improvement Association has a separate escrow account set up for spraying tent worms. If we need to spray, the cost of that service is taken directly out of the escrow account. The reason for setting up this account many years ago was to make sure there are sufficient funds separate from the general Association account to conduct spraying if needed. On the annual member renewal form there is a separate line item where members can make a separate donation in the amount of their choosing to the escrow account.

Fortunately, we haven’t needed to spray for worms in many years and our escrow account has grown to a point where we could spray several times without asking for additional funds. The current average cost of spraying is around \$3,500, meaning we could spray five times and still have money left over. Therefore, the Association’s Board of Directors voted to temporarily suspend asking for money going toward the spray escrow account. You’ll notice an “N/A” on the renewal form. We appreciate everyone’s willingness to keep this account funded over the years, but feel like continuing to add to it would not be financially responsible.

2026 PICKEREL LAKE GATHERING

The Pickerel Lake Gathering was such a large success last year, we are doing it again in 2026! The same band “Blue English” out of Fargo, ND is set to play again with their unique blend of American and British songs spanning several decades from the 1960s on. Dale & Lynnette Gilles have graciously agreed to host the gathering this year and we will be roasting another hog. This year, we are asking association members to bring a dish or dessert to share – we will post a sheet online available through the Pickerel Lake Facebook page to keep track later this summer.



Pickerel Lake Gathering

What
Live music featuring “Blue English,” a hog roast, visiting with your lake neighbors

When
Saturday, July 18 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Where
Dale & Lynnette Gilles Home
32652 North Pickerel Drive
(north side, middle bay)

Who
All Pickerel Lake Association members

How
Arrive by land (N. Pickerel Dr.) or by water

NEW PICKEREL LAKE WEBSITE

The Pickerel Lake Improvement Association continues to work on creating a new website. We are exploring options and meeting with vendors to create a website that will serve the Lake Association for many years to come. Look for more details in the near future.

ICE IN/ICE OUT DATA

The following information is the ice-out date in the spring and the ice-in date in the fall/winter going back to 1980. If anyone has more information to fill in or add to this list, please reach out to the Pickerel Lake board.

YEAR	ICE-OUT (SPRING)	ICE-IN (WINTER)
2026	N/A	N/A
2025	April 14	December 5
2024	March 17	December 12
2023	May 4	December 30
2022	May 5	December 1
2021	March 30	December 7
2020	April 22	December 2
2019	April 24	December 2
2018	April 30	November 20
2017	April 2	December 7
2016	March 29	December 10
2015	April 10	December 19
2014	April 27	November 3
2013	May 11	November 27
2012	March 23	December 10
2011	April 26	December 6
2010	April 1	November 27
2009	April 24	December 6
2008	May 4	December 7
2007	April 21	December 1
2006	April 12	December 1
2005	April 12	November 29
2004	April 13	December 14
2003	April 14	December 2
2002	April 16	December 2
2001	April 27	December 20
2000	April 1	December 2
1999	April 10	December 16
1998	April 7	December 20
1997	April 27	November 17
1996	May 1	November 19
1995	April 22	November 28
1994	April 16	December 6
1993	April 19	November 25
1992	April 11	November 27
1991	April 12	November 28
1990	April 21	December 2
1989	April 24	November 25
1988	April 14	November 28
1987	April 9	December 4
1986	April 17	November 17
1985	April 19	November 21
1984	April 15	N/A
1983	April 17	N/A
1982	April 26	N/A
1981	April 5	N/A
1980	April 22	N/A

Earliest Ice-Out Date: March 17 (2024)
Latest Ice-Out Date: May 11 (2013)
Earliest Ice-In Date: November 3 (2014)
Latest Ice-In Date: December 30 (2023)

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) & ZEBRA MUSSEL REMINDERS

While zebra mussels are the most common and well-known invasive species in Minnesota, there are many others that pose a threat to Pickerel Lake. They include Eurasian watermilfoil, faucet snail, New Zealand mudsnail, ruffe, round goby, spiny water flea, VHS fish disease, and white perch. Please pay close attention to any of these when transporting anything into the water.

Zebra mussels live outside of water for 5 days in dry conditions and 21 days in wet conditions. As of July 1, 2012, a boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that has been removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body until a minimum of 21 days have passed.

Current state law prohibits transportation of all aquatic plants (with a few exceptions that are listed in State Statute 84D.09 – Aquatic Macrophytes). This law not only helps prevent the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil, but it will also reduce the risk of zebra mussels being transported while attached to aquatic plants. In addition, it will reduce the inadvertent transport of other harmful plants into or within the state.

When removing equipment from the lake, remove dried mussels from your dock and boat lift by scraping them off away from the lake. Dispose of them on land away from water or in your garbage.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Clean up after dogs (and other pets) and be respectful of everyone's property.
- Obey speed limits around the lake. Everyone's safety is our number one priority.
- Respect public property. Trespassing is illegal.
- Do not burn garbage. Burning garbage is illegal in Minnesota and pollutes the air of everyone around it. There are at least 2 garbage haulers in the area that will provide seasonal service to your cabin.
- Refrain from having bonfires on the shore or near the lake. Prevent ashes from running into the lake.
- Fireworks—please clean up any fireworks that end up in the lake.
- Boating—make sure everyone using a boat knows the laws by reading the DNR's Boating and Water Regulations (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/regulations/boatwater/index.html>) also available in print where boating and fishing licenses are sold.
- Overall, please be respectful of your neighbors and understand that everyone enjoys Pickerel Lake in their own way.

IMPORTANT DATES



LAKE AREA GARAGE SALE
Saturday, June 27, 2026



BOAT PARADE
July 4, 1:00 p.m.

*Meet at the public access
Direction is Counter-clockwise*

We are looking for a Grand Marshall for the board parade. If you or someone else is celebrating a special event or has a great reason to be the Grand Marshall, please reach out to someone on the board. In the event of inclement weather, please check the Facebook page for any cancellations, delays, or updates.

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