

# The Lake Riley Launch

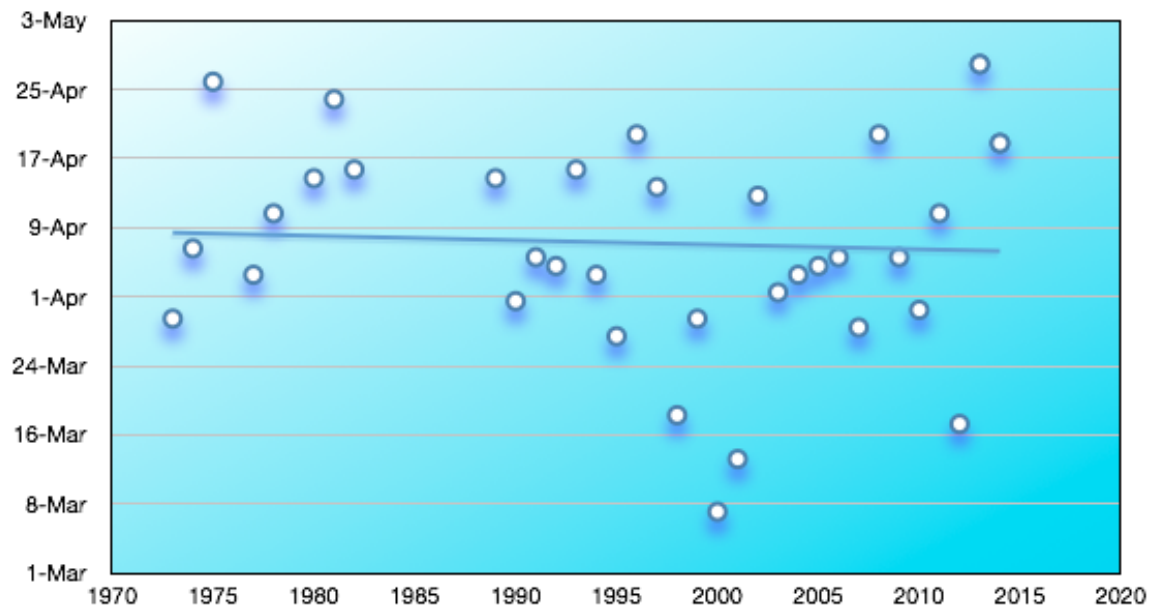
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*An email newsletter for  
Lake Riley Improvement Association Members*

**Lake Dates.** Our tradition continues! The **15th Annual Lake Riley 4th of July Boat Parade** will cruise around the lake as usual after gathering in the west bay **at around 12 Noon**. No sign-ups or pre-planning necessary. We will meet up and do our own Independence Day version of follow-the-leader around the lake. Decorations are always fun and inventive, so pull out all of your red, white and blue and join us! And if you can't boat around with us, cheer us on from your dock or shore.

This spring the **ice-out date of April 19** was not as late as last year's all-time latest ice-out date of April 28 - but late enough. There are indications of a strong El Nino developing for this winter. The last strong El Nino year was the winter of 1997-1998, which brought us a mild winter. The spring 1998 ice-out was March 19, a full month earlier than this year. Wouldn't it be nice to have an extra month of boating?

**Lake Riley Iceout Dates**



**Annual Meeting.** The annual Lake Riley Improvement Association (LRIA) meeting was held on Tuesday April 22, presided over by President Mike Domke at the Chanhassen American Legion. There was a great turnout for the meeting, as well as for the social time for dinner beforehand at the Legion dining room. Bob Adomaitis was elected as our new President (952-463-5645; [badomaitis@hotmail.com](mailto:badomaitis@hotmail.com)) and Beth Halvorson will be our new Vice-President (612-272-5234; [halvorsonbeth@gmail.com](mailto:halvorsonbeth@gmail.com).) Shelly Manning will continue as Treasurer (612-963-9092; [smanning90@comcast.net](mailto:smanning90@comcast.net)) and I will remain Secretary, Anne Florenzano (612-730-9470; [anneflorenzano@gmail.com](mailto:anneflorenzano@gmail.com).)

A big "THANK YOU!" to Mike for all the work he has done as President of the LRIA. He's worked very hard on membership, keeping up with the issues facing the lake, and organizing the annual meeting!

We had three speakers again at our annual meeting. *Clair Bleser*, District Administrator of Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District, gave an overview of the work they're doing on behalf of our vegetation management plan. *Ray Newman* Prof. from University of Minnesota Dep't. of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology gave a more detailed description of the results of last year's curly-leaf pondweed treatment, and plans for the treatment they have now already done this spring. And *Mary Headrick*, of Peter Sorenson's team from the U. of M. Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife & Conservation Biology, gave an update on their continuing research into the water quality of Lake Riley. Please see the attachment of the complete minutes from the meeting for more detailed information about what the speakers had to say.

Also included in this issue is an attachment from John JaKa of Ray Newman's team, with additional information about aquatic vegetation, so that you can really get to know your local lake plants!

**Annual Dues Due!** This is your annual reminder that \$20 allows you to **keep up your membership with the Lake Riley Improvement Association**. With your investment the LRIA will continue to support the world-class University of Minnesota study on our lake and watershed, and you will be kept up-to-date on interesting and important information relevant to Lake Riley. We try to foster a sense of community and care centered around our beautiful lake. What a bargain! If you have not already done so, please send your annual dues check of \$20 to our Treasurer **Shelly Manning**: 9520 Lakeland Circle, Eden Prairie, MN 55347 ([smanning90@comcast.net](mailto:smanning90@comcast.net), 612-963-9092.)

**Basic Boating Rules.** I repeat this message every year, but where lake safety is concerned, we all bear responsibility. There are so many important rules and regulations about boating and water safety that it is impossible to cover them all here. But let this be a reminder to PLEASE READ OVER THE [MINNESOTA BOATING GUIDE](#). Whether you are new to lake activities or you've been around watercraft all your life, it doesn't hurt to refresh yourself on the basics, for your safety and well-being. Note that on page 45 it says that swim platforms must have a permit, and require a reflector on all sides. Register your watercraft in person at any deputy registrar of motor vehicles (where you license your car); or online at [www.wildlifelicenses.com/mn/](http://www.wildlifelicenses.com/mn/). Chanhassen has a very convenient license center. And remember, if you see dangerous or illegal water activity occurring on the lake this summer, contact the sheriffs' offices; they both respond when we need them. I have them in my smart phone contact list under "Water Patrol." I hope I never need to call them.

**\* Hennepin Water Patrol: 612-596-9880\* \*Carver Water Patrol: 952-361-1137\***

**Boat And Lift For Sale.** Judy Lewis has a Hewitt boat lift, rated for 1200 lbs. for sale/ \$300. It originally came from Eklof Docks. She will consider all offers (you haul.) Judy also has a 17' 1981 Glastron Carlson to sell. The topsides have been redone. Best offer. Contact Judy at [jnlewis01@gmail.com](mailto:jnlewis01@gmail.com), or 612-280-1324.

**Pelicans.** John Bushey captured this great photo of one of the [American White pelicans](#) that visited us for a while in mid-May. The growth on their beaks are a prominent knob that that is shed once females have laid eggs. An estimated 22,000 pairs of pelicans nest at 16 sites on seven lakes across the state.



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