



## Moon Lake Riparian Association Newsletter

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Winter 2022

### From the President

Steve Sunderland



Happy New Year to all our Moon Lake neighbors!!

As we begin 2022 let's take a quick look back to last year on Moon Lake as there were a number of activities keeping the MLRA board and members busy...

1. Boat landing road improvement
2. New water level gauge purchase and installation
3. New lake cam cable purchase and installation
4. Loon cam nest setup and improvements to floating island
5. Water testing (our lake continues to be healthy)
6. "Introduction to Lakes" award winning educational class attended
7. Call-in campaign to Highline Fast internet (we're still waiting for official response)
8. Second annual (revitalized) July 4th boat parade
9. Annual MLRA Meeting and Social - our best attended in years

### Nature Notes:

1. Lake level finally lowered after many years of increases
2. Sadly, no loon chicks again but it was close- 2 eggs, no chicks
3. Nature's fury was evident when lightning, during an August thunderstorm, struck and destroyed a large lakeside pine tree

I again very much thank all who participated in any activity that helped maintain or improve our fantastic lake environment. And now we look forward to another exciting year on the best lake in the Northwoods! We are blessed to have four incredible seasons so I hope that whatever season is to your liking it will bring you much enjoyment.

As for the board, we will continue actively working this year on member ideas and concerns, performing those yearly tasks that keep the MLRA organized, communicating updates on lake activities and, as always, keeping partnerships strong within the lake community.

I wish for you all a happy and healthy new year!

Steve Sunderland





## Its Time! 2022 Moon Lake Riparian Association DUES

**\$25.00 Payable to:  
MLRA  
c/o Eric Zorr, Treasurer  
PO Box 664  
Land O'Lakes, WI 54540**

The MLRA Board thanks you for your continued support of Moon Lake!

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Be sure to visit the Moon Lake Web Cam – the lake is always a joy to watch

<https://moonlake.click2stream.com/>

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Thanks to Frank Kuchevar for reporting Moon Lake ICED OVER date for 2021: November 30<sup>th</sup>



Photo by Peg Zorr

**FUN FACT:**  
So... Lake Superior is big - how big?  
There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.  
That's big 😊

### Dreaming of Summer Fishing?

We all know that the DNR has been supplying Moon Lake with Splake these last several years...but do we all know exactly what a Splake looks like? Well wonder no more, thanks to Mike Reiels who snagged this photo last summer (and no - this fish was NOT caught on Moon Lake!) so we can see exactly what a nice Splake looks like.



Three Bear Sled Dog Races  
Feb 5-6-7  
10am-4pm  
Land O' Lakes Town Hall  
Fun for the whole Family

## New Watersmeet Fire Number Signs



Watersmeet Township is launching a voluntary fire number sign replacement program. Unlike the existing signs, the new signs are large, durable, easy to see and reflective which will enable emergency personnel to locate property addresses easily, even at night.

However, while processing fire sign orders it became evident that a road audit needs to be completed within Watersmeet Township.

Instead of delaying the program, the Township Board has determined the best course of action is to order the signs with the address number only and remove the road name. Click here for the order form and more information:

[Watersmeet-Fire-Number-Sign-Order-Form-RE.pdf](#)

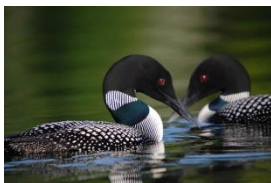
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## Upper Michigan is Home to Oldest Loon Pair

What a fantastic story about the oldest-known Common Loons in the world—and they're a couple right here in the U.P. Read the whole story on-line at:

[The World's Two Oldest Common Loons Are a Couple—and Amazing Parents | Audubon](#)

Thanks to Pam and Scott Jeidy for sharing this find!

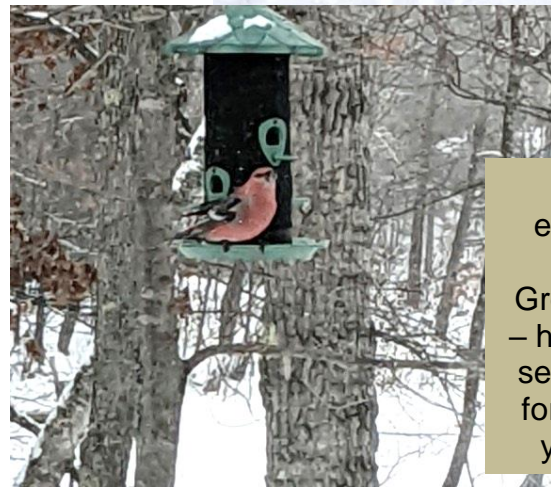
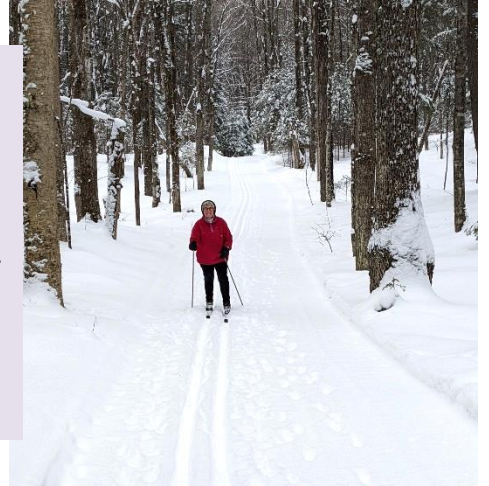


## WINTER JOY

The Moon Lake “Ladies of the Lake” enjoyed the holiday spirit together with a lunch and gift exchange at Sunrise Lodge earlier in December.



Trails are open! You'll find the Turnquists out skiing most days – here is Karen enjoying the beauty



The elusive Pine Grosbeak – have not seen one for many years!

Photos by Bob Turnquist

**Here's to a GREAT 2022!**



Respectfully Submitted: *Steve and Carleen Sunderland*