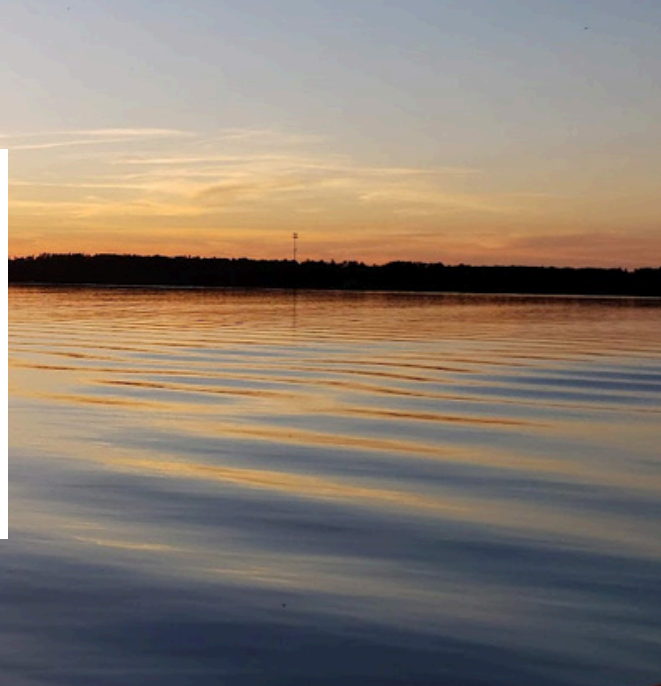


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UPPER HAY LAKE ASSOCIATION

Official Newsletter of the Upper Hay Lake Association



Greetings From Your President

BRAD SCHULTZ

Greetings! Summer-like temperatures have extended our opportunities to enjoy the lake country, but anytime is a great time to have fun at Upper Hay Lake.

We are introducing a new format to the newsletter. Thanks to Maddie Nelson for her work on updating the newsletter.

Our get-together on August 14th was well attended. It was decided to research the possibility of forming a Lake Improvement District (LID). Since then, Deb Obermiller and Kellie McGowen have volunteered to look into LIDs and report back to the board before the June annual meeting. An LID may be an effective resource for controlling vegetation and improving water quality on our lake. A link for more information is - [DNR LINK](#)



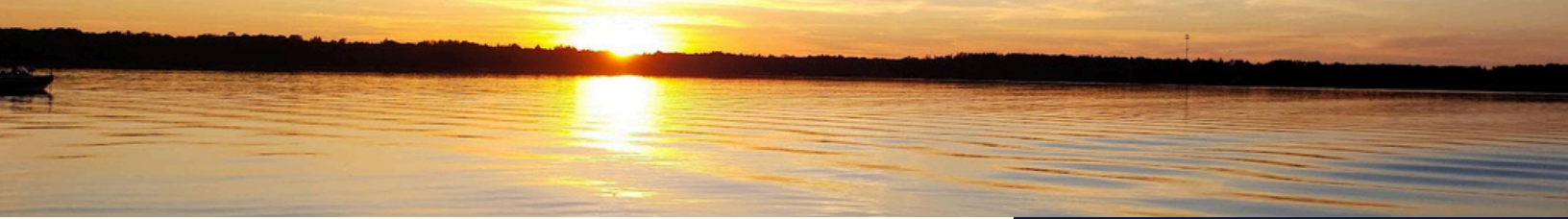
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2024 Recap

2024 was another year on for the books. As an association we had important discussions about protecting the integrity of the lake, continuing to encourage and nurture involvement on the lake, and of course enjoying Upper Hay as much as possible. Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

On June 13th we had a great turnout at our annual meeting at the American Legion in Pequot Lakes. We always look forward to seeing familiar faces and getting everyone ready and excited for the coming summer season. Be on the lookout for the date of our meeting for next summer! If you haven't been before, please join us!



On July 5th we had our annual 4th of July Boat Parade and gave out prizes for the first time to both the boaters and dock enthusiasts who made the parade one of our best yet!

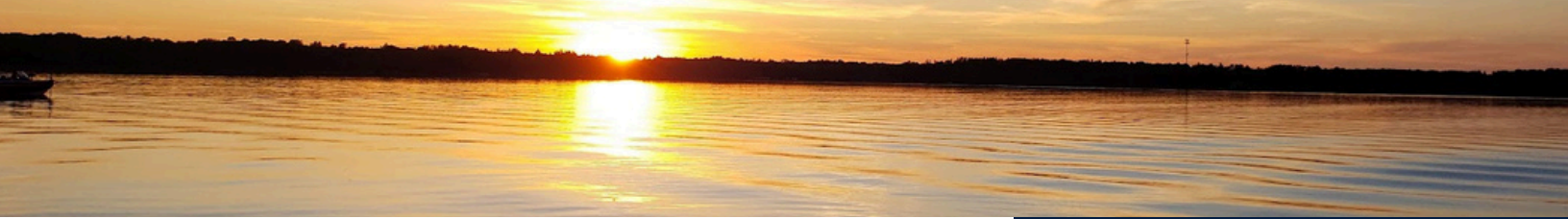
On August 14th we had a Social Mixer at the Snarky Loon in Jenkins with Kirstie Roedl as our guest speaker. Kristie is a representative from WAPOA who spoke with us about shoreline restorations, their impact, and the process itself. It was a great evening with wonderful food and drinks and offered us a great opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow lake owners and listen to some of your concerns regarding the topic at hand.

Do you have an idea for a fun lake community event? Send them in to UHLAMNORG@gmail.com

“A little
tranquil lake
is more
significant to
my life than
any big city
in the world.”

MUNIA KHAN





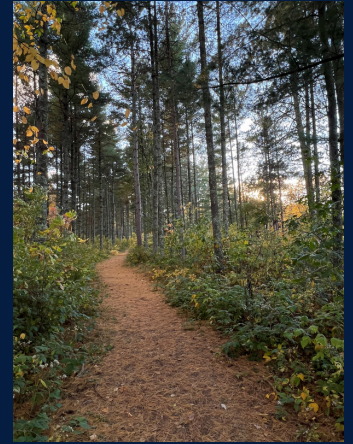
Membership

When we looked at our membership numbers around the middle of 2024 we noticed that we were below where we have been in previous years. One thing we focused on this year as a board, was to increase this number and to help create and maintain an association that is a real benefit to its members. We have streamlined many of our behind the scenes operations to get important information to you in a quick and easy to read format. We look forward to continuing to benefit our members and are open to hearing from you on what you would like to see from the board, or what you might see as a benefit.



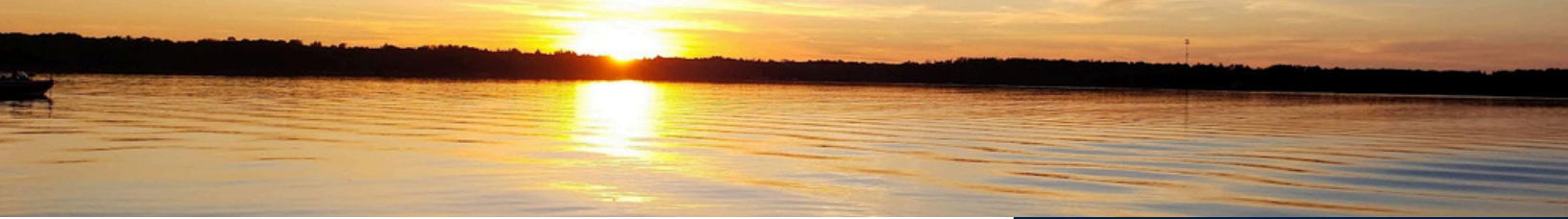
This Fall, many members of the board did a door-knocking campaign to speak with residents who live on the lake who are not active members. We were able to speak with many people and succeeded in getting membership numbers back up to where they have been in previous years. We look forward to continuing to evolve and growing our numbers each year. If you have neighbors that are not members, have them reach out to us and we can talk to them about UHLA and get them set up for a membership application as well.

Veteran's Trail



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK
OUT THE BEAUTIFUL
VETERAN'S TRAIL ON THE
SOUTH EAST SIDE OF THE
LAKE FOR BREATHTAKING
VIEWS AND A WONDERFUL
HIKE!





Outlet Committee

At the August 14th meeting there was a lively discussion regarding the clearing of the outlet to Lower Hay Lake. WE NEED TO FORM AN OUTLET COMMITTEE. We would need to conduct research regarding the feasibility of the project including the history of navigating the waterway. We would also need to find out the DNR and the Army Corps current positions on it. The impact of removing the beaver dam and the walleye spawning area. We would need to develop a proposal with possible joint efforts with the two agencies. A budget may also need to be considered.



Greg Thomas has agreed to serve as the UHLA Board representative on the committee. However, a chair would still have to be chosen. The group could work on the project over the winter in person or by Zoom or by conference call.

If you are interested in joining the committee or have any input please reach out to us via email UHLAMNOrg@gmail.com

Thanks for a
wonderful
2024 season,
see you in
2025!

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