

# Shallow | Sand Lake Newsletter

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2023-26



## Letter from the President

The seasons are changing, the leaves are on the ground and the temps are dropping. The docks and boats are put away. The lake and life are slowing down. Winter will be here soon enough. I hope that you are able to get out and enjoy the season.

The Lake association held the annual meeting August 16. A variety of delicious breakfast items were served. Deb Langanki and Casey Dabowski of the Feeley Township board spoke about the upgrades to the Feeley Town hall, upgrade to the skating rink, warming shack and playground and adding a pickleball court. Did you know that you can rent the Feeley Town Hall at no charge to residents? The kitchen has been re-done and the hall holds 40-50 people.

The biggest topic of discussion was the Shallow Lake road. The culverts have been put in. The township is working on obtaining grants and funding to re-tar the road. The approximate time of completion is hopefully 2027 but could be longer depending on funding.

Also discussed at the meeting was the porta potty that is at the boat landing. We have had a grant that helped cut the costs for having the porta potty. The association will be applying again for the grant, if we are not able to obtain the grant, the total cost .... continued p.3



# Ice Fishing Etiquette Tips

By Janine Hill

While safety is paramount during ice fishing, your fishing etiquette is always appreciated by others. Remember to check ice thickness before venturing out. A minimum of four inches of clear, blue ice is advisable for walking. Be aware of natural springs causing open water by the water's edge. Dress in layers to stay warm and dry, as winter conditions can be unpredictable. As you plan your ice fishing trip, it's beneficial to explore local regulations regarding fishing licenses and season limits. With the proper preparation and knowledge, you can enjoy a successful ice fishing adventure.

Here are a few Ice Fishing Etiquette tips.

1. Do not drill holes close to another fish house. Did you know that between the weight of the snow combined with the weight of the fish house, punching a hole too close to a permanent fish house will flood the entire area. Water gets on top of the ice and underneath all of the snow creating slush and a very difficult situation for getting to and from the house. When it comes time to move the house, either you are dealing with slush which makes the job way harder or in some cases, the fish house freezes in.
2. Do not put your icehouse close to another icehouse. It might be tempting if you heard there is a good bite in the area or see someone catching fish, but those with good etiquette will not set up close to others who are already there.
3. Take your garbage. Do you know the new Keep It Clean law in MN? Some folks may get a bit careless as they forget a bag of garbage outside their fish house, some cans blow out of their pickup bed or when they are leaving the plastic bags on the ice from the day before are frozen in. Most people are well intending. It may be helpful to use black or colored garbage bags that show up against the white snow. Secure your trash as you take it off the ice. Have a plan on where you will deposit the trash after leaving the ice. With such a great lake, we cannot afford to leave any trash behind.

In addition, in MN, there is new Keep It Clean law. For more information please visit ([www.KeepItCleanMN.org](http://www.KeepItCleanMN.org)). This law states that NO garbage or waste is allowed to be placed on or under the ice. It must be placed in your vehicle, fish house or a covered container. This law is now being enforced and for good reason. Regardless of what body of water you fish, let's all do our part.

4. Mark the open holes and ice piles with a pine branches, making it easier for snowmobilers, ATV, and vehicles to spot ice piles. Engaging in ice fishing not only provides a chance to connect with nature but also builds community through shared experiences and events across Minnesota's frozen lakes.

Enjoy the season!



### The President's Letter continued...

would be the responsibility of the association. The association put the vote out at the annual meeting and by majority, the cost of \$706 will be paid by the lake association.

The last item I would like to address is the decline of the annual get together that the association hosts. Your lake association members want to hear from you about what activities you would like to see and participate in. The events are done to bring our lake community together and get to know your neighbors better. Please let myself or any member on the board know what you would like to see.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas,

Michelle  
Shallow/Sand Lake President

## **New Neighbors**

Do you have a new neighbor or know anyone who is new to our area? Invite them to join our neighborhood community on Facebook and to also receive the SSLA Newsletter.

To add your name to the newsletter mailing list contact editor Joanne Watson at [dnjwatson76@gmail.com](mailto:dnjwatson76@gmail.com).

Find our online Facebook community at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1069219389836059/?ref=bookmarks>



## In Memorial

We remember our members who passed away this past season,  
Kim Bodin and Darlene Hietala.

You are missed.

Thank you to all the members who donated to the Lake Association this year.

Your gifts are appreciated.

## Feeley Township Firewise Program

Casey Dabrowski, Feeley Township Supervisor

After an extended hiatus, the Feeley town board is working to reestablish our participation in the Firewise program. This program was developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the MN DNR to help communities like ours bolster resilience against wildfires. They provide information on strategies to protect structures and the landscape through vegetation management, and may offer grant opportunities covering work. Feeley township is working towards offering limited brush chipping as part of this program to help protect our community.

This is a new adventure for the town board, and it's still in development. If you are interested in volunteering on the planning committee, or were involved in the previous Firewise Certification or planning group, please call or text township supervisor Casey Dabrowski at 218-232-2037 to learn more or share your experience with this program.



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**The Shallow/Sand Lake Association**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Your membership is current through August 2026. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual dues \$15. \_\_\_\_\_ Additional optional donation to SSLA.

Checks may be sent to Shallow/Sand Lake Association,  
PO Box 2734, Warba, MN 55793.

Thank you, members, who also have given additional gifts to support SSLA.  
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