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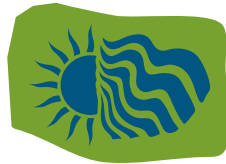
We must remain vigilant to keep new invasive plants, animals and viruses out of Lake Minnetonka.

Why membership matters:

- ◆ No other organization serves as the voice for lakeshore owners and businesses
- ◆ The Lake Minnetonka Association is a strong advocate for reasonable use and regulation
- ◆ The Lake Minnetonka Association is a valued source of information and updates on issues that impact the lake, its residents and businesses

Your tax-deductible contribution will strengthen our mission to promote lake preservation, protection and restoration, and the reasonable use and regulation of Lake Minnetonka.

Flip to the other side of this flap – and join today!



**LAKE
MINNETONKA
ASSOCIATION**

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The Mission of the Lake Minnetonka Association:

The Lake Minnetonka Association, a nonprofit organization, works to promote the preservation, protection, and reasonable use of Lake Minnetonka through volunteers, lakeshore owners, and businesses. The Lake Minnetonka Association serves as an information resource and advocate for the Lake Minnetonka community.

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On The Lake

NEWSLETTER **UPDATE**

LAKE MINNETONKA ASSOCIATION • *The VOICE for Lake Minnetonka Lakeshore Owners and Businesses*

2021... Looking forward to a GREAT year!

By Eric Evenson, Lake Minnetonka Association Executive Director

Ice will be out soon, and the Lake Minnetonka Association is working hard to keep the lake a place of enjoyment and relaxation. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the Lake Minnetonka Association to help us protect this lake we love.

In 2021 - the Lake Minnetonka Association will:

- ◆ Continue to work with its Bay Captains to control invasive Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed in participating bays.
- ◆ Monitor over 1700 sites on Lake Minnetonka for starry stonewort and other invasive plants – making Lake Minnetonka one of the most carefully monitored lakes in Minnesota.
- ◆ Work to eradicate flowering rush. Last year, the Lake Minnetonka Association in partnership with Tonka Bay Marina and North Shore Marina treated several areas in the lake for invasive flowering rush.
- ◆ Explore new technologies such as the I-LIDs systems at public accesses to monitor and remind boaters to remove weeds from their boats and inspect equipment for aquatic invasive species prior to launch.
- ◆ Host special events and educational workshops focusing on Lake Minnetonka's natural and cultural legacy.
- ◆ Continue our Lake Clean-Up efforts – teaming up with local partners to remove trash from the lake.
- ◆ Join with other local and regional-wide organizations to extend and strengthen the voice of Lake Minnetonka lakeshore residents and businesses at the State Capitol.



Remember – NO ICE IS COMPLETELY SAFE!



The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public that although it has been very cold lately, ice is never considered completely safe. This year, the ice has formed poorly due to the warm start to the winter.

Always use caution when venturing onto the ice and check ice conditions in advance by calling a local marina or bait shop. To report a non-emergency water/ice safety hazard or crime, call the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 952-258-5321. For emergencies, call 911.

Announcing the new head of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol

Please join the Lake Minnetonka Association in welcoming the new head of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol, **Lt. Bill Gottwaldt**, to Lake Minnetonka. He has been a Deputy Sheriff for the Hennepin County Sheriff for 25 years. We look forward to working with him to help keep Lake Minnetonka safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Photo: Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

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Things lake residents and users should watch for this year

Every year comes with its own set of opportunities, challenges, and controversies. In 2021, new research, policies, and mother nature will likely bring a few changes to Lake Minnetonka.

Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR), and several local agencies are waiting for this research to help them guide policy on boat wakes.

- **Boat Operator Certification.** It is expected the Minnesota legislature will consider legislation this year to establish a Boat Operator Certification program. If passed, boaters will be required to take boat safety and operation training and receive an operator permit prior to using a boat. Operator permits will help the water patrol control reckless and careless boaters and will lead to a safer and more enjoyable lake for everyone. The Lake Minnetonka Association supports efforts to enact statewide boat operator certification.
- **Weeds.** While the MnDNR allows for lake/bay-wide treatments to control invasive Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed, it will not permit lake/bay-wide treatment or cutting of native weeds. With the late ice on, low water levels last fall, and warm temperatures early this winter, lake experts predict a robust crop of lake weeds. While weeds are becoming less of a problem in most areas on the lake, some native weeds, such as wild celery, are becoming a nuisance. The Lake Minnetonka Association is working with lake scientists and the MnDNR to find a solution to this problem.
- **More boats on the water.** Last year saw a spike in the number of people using lakes throughout Minnesota. With the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and more people working from home, we expect to see this trend continue throughout the state and on Lake Minnetonka.

- **University of Minnesota Boat Wake Study:** In 2020, the Lake Minnetonka Association joined with environmental organizations, lake associations, agencies, the boating industry, and others to support the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Hydrologic Lab study on the impacts of boat wakes on lakes. The first phase, which examines impacts from wakeboard boats, is expected to be released this spring. The Minnesota Legislature, Minnesota

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The Lake Minnetonka Association
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Become a member today!

Please send me information on how I can help to get my bay to join the Lake Minnetonka Association's **Bay Treatment Program** to control Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed in my bay.

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