

On The Lake

NEWSLETTER

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



Our Mission

The Lake Minnetonka Association, a nonprofit organization, works to promote the preservation, protection, and the 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.



BECOME A MEMBER
and help protect
the lake we love.

(See page 7)

The Apple that Made Lake Minnetonka Famous

Gideon's Glen Park, located on the west side of Highway 19 across from the Tonka Village Shopping Center, is part of what once was a 100-acre farm owned by Peter Gideon and is the location of where commercial apple farming got its start in Minnesota.

Peter Gideon, like many early European settlers to Minnesota, tried to grow apples using seeds and seedlings from trees cultivated outside of the state, but the trees could not survive Minnesota's harsh winters. By 1861, according to his obituary, the nine members of the Gideon family were down to their last eight dollars, one cow, a few chickens, and a single surviving apple tree - a Siberian crabapple. Gideon sent the family's last dollars to an apple grower in Bangor, Maine, and received a bushel of apple seeds in return.

Mr. Gideon crossed one of the trees with his remaining Siberian crabapple trees and by 1868, he introduced the first Minnesota hardy apple,

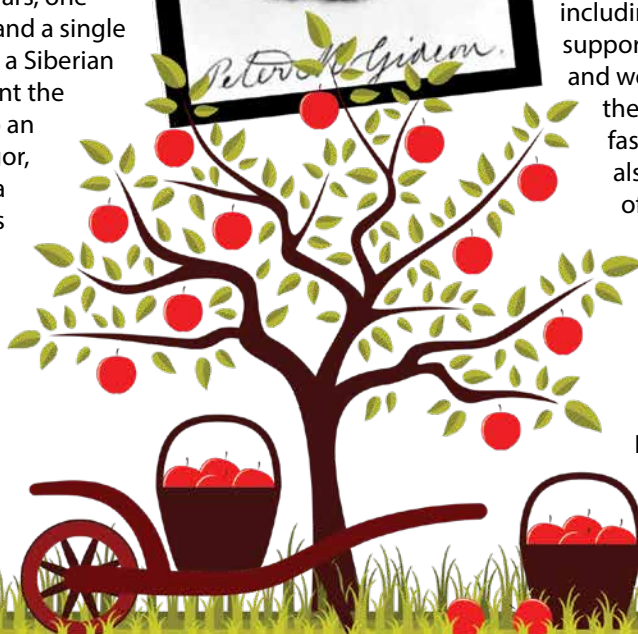
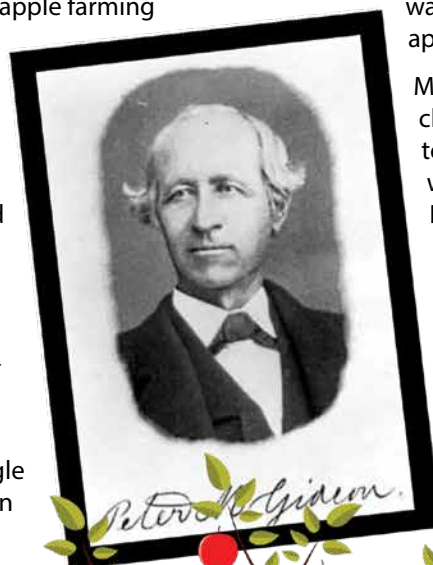
the Wealthy apple, named after his wife, Wealthy Gideon. By the early twentieth century, the Wealthy apple became one of the top five apples grown nationally and, for several decades, it was one of the most profitable apples grown in the United States.

Mr. Gideon, a transcendentalist, claimed "an invisible being" came to him in a dream and told him where to buy the original seeds. But historical records indicate somewhat more mundanely that he received the advice from a successful Canadian horticulturist, Francis Peabody Sharp.

Mr. Gideon held many controversial beliefs for the time, including abolishing slavery, supporting women's rights and women's suffrage, and the demoralizing effect of fast horses on society. He also did not think highly of beards; reportedly, he would call out men with beards because he believed it was morally strengthening for a man to get up in the morning and shave.

Peter Gideon never made any money from the Wealthy apple.

(continued on page 3)



From The Helm

By Tom Frahm, LMA Board President



Lake Minnetonka 2023

This was an interesting and productive year on the lake. After a winter of lots of snow and a spring with a fair amount of rain, the lake level temporarily came up. Unfortunately, the summer was very dry, leaving water levels in the lake low. This created some challenges for the Bay Treatment Program, but thanks to our experienced applicator, the Lake Minnetonka Association was able to treat nine bays for Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed. I hope that 2024 will not be as challenging – but Mother Nature likes throwing curve balls!

The lake was treated for invasive flowering rush in 2021 and, as a result, there was not much of this invasive weed in 2022, but in 2023 flowering rush came back. We plan to treat the plant again in 2024 followed by hand pulling in some bays. We are hopeful we can stop it from spreading and maybe eliminate it all together.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) monitoring using the Remote Inspection System at the Maxwell Bay boat access continued through fall of 2023. This year, boat traffic increased six-fold because of the reopening of the Maxwell Bay and North Arm Bay bridges. We learned a great deal about when and how many boaters used the access, types of boats launched, number of return users, etc. The most important thing we learned is most boaters are remembering to remove weeds from their boats before launching them. Also, the Lake Minnetonka Association partnered with Minnetonka Marina and Life's a Beach Shoreline Services to clean up Cruiser's Cove after the 4th of July. Every year we are finding less and less trash left behind – it is clear that more boaters are remembering to keep trash out of the lake.

This summer, the LMCD considered an ordinance to give them the authority to fine lakeshore homeowners \$300/day up to \$25,000 for any violation of their rules. After the Lake Minnetonka Association questioned the legality of the proposed ordinance, the LMCD Board decided not to adopt it. The Lake Minnetonka Association also joined the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office in opposition of a proposal by the LMCD to eliminate observer requirements for water skiing and wake sports. After some debate, the LMCD board voted to keep the observer requirements.

What's that Fish? Crappie

Crappies are members of the sunfish family and are desirable pan fish because of their taste and ease to catch. There are two species of crappie found in Lake Minnetonka, the black crappie and the white crappie, with black crappies being somewhat more abundant and widespread.

The record crappie reported in Minnesota was a 21-inch black crappie weighing five pounds. It was caught in the Vermillion River just south of the Twin Cities in 1940. Black crappies can live for 7-9 years, but most that are caught by anglers are 3-4 years old.



From the Sheriff's Office ICE SAFETY

In a few weeks, Lake Minnetonka will begin icing over. While early, smooth ice is inviting to skaters and ice-fishers, **no ice is safe**. If you head out on the ice, here are a few safety reminders from the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office:



- Never consider ice completely safe.
- Never go onto ice alone.
- Carry a set of ice rescue claws.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you plan to go home.
- Only walk on ice that is at least 4 inches thick.
- For skating, physically check the ice with a chisel or drill. Ice changes even within a few feet.
- If you break through the ice, try to stay calm. Turn around and get out the same direction you came from. Call 911 and seek warm, dry shelter.
- Avoid any place where water is moving under the ice such as in channels or under bridges.
- Check ice conditions with a local bait shop or call the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office: 612-596-9880.

"On The Lake" is a publication of the Lake Minnetonka Association, P.O. Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331

Issue 2023: 4 • November

How to Contact the LMA

Eric Evenson, Executive Director
Phone: 952-470-4449
E-mail: info@LMAAssociation.org
Website: www.LMAAssociation.org

LMA BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Frahm, President (Lost Lake)
Rob Roy, Vice President (St. Albans Bay)
Lee Harren, Treasurer/Secretary
CPA/Retired (Stubbs Bay)
Judd Brackett (Gideons Bay)
Wells Brose (Harrisons Bay)
Terry Bryce (Grays Bay)
Josh Leddy (Seton Lake)
Jim Paul (Black Lake)
Amanda Walsh (West Arm Bay)
Denise Westman (Echo Bay)



facebook.com/lakeminnetonkaassociation

© Lake Minnetonka Association

CRITTER CORNER: MUSKRAT

While a muskrat is not a rat, they are cousins to a large family of rodents that include rats, mice, squirrels, beavers, porcupines, and hamsters. Muskrats are found throughout Minnesota and, along with its cousin the beaver, are the only mammals that actually build homes in the water. That is where they spend the winter and raise their young.

Muskrats are voracious eaters that are active year-round and can become a real nuisance to plants and small animal life living near waterbodies. If muskrats find your property to be a good source of food, they will be sure to try and make a home. Muskrats are known to chew on rubber hoses and wires on boats, which can cause damage and lead to costly repairs. They also burrow into shore banks, which can lead to shore bank erosion and damage to vegetation and rip rap.

Like most wild animals, muskrats will leave people and pets alone unless they feel threatened. However, when threatened, muskrats can be vicious and aggressive so it is wise not to engage them. If muskrats are a nuisance, it is best to contact a pest control specialist to remove them. Rodent repellants available in most home stores work well but need regular reapplication. Motion sensing sprinklers will also scare away muskrats.



Life Jacket Use

More drownings can be prevented if boaters wore a life jacket. This is especially important during the fall and spring when water temperatures are low and the possibility of drowning increases.

A recent nationwide study published by the US Coast Guard found the average life jacket wear rate in 2022 for all boaters on all types of boats except personal watercraft* was 19.2% (*life jackets are required when operating a personal watercraft).

Minnesota Law Requires:

- Children under 10 years old to wear a properly fitted life jacket while a boat is underway. Underway means not securely fastened to a permanent mooring or tied to a dock.
- A readily accessible and wearable life jacket is required for each person onboard a boat, this includes canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, paddleboats and waterfowl boats.
- One Type IV throwable flotation device is required on boats 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and must be immediately available.
- Personal watercraft operators and passengers must each wear a life jacket.

The Apple that Made Lake Minnetonka Famous *(continued from page 1)*

However, in 1878, he became a superintendent of the University of Minnesota's agricultural experiment station located near Excelsior. The station closed in 1889 following conflicts Mr. Gideon had with the University of Minnesota. Eight years later, in 1907, the Minnesota Legislature established a fruit-breeding farm located in part of what is now Victoria. The farm later became part of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and is the birthplace of many successful apple varieties sold worldwide – several of which originated from the Wealthy apple tree Peter Gideon raised on his farm over 155 years ago. *Peter Gideon died on October 27, 1899.*

KOWALSKI'S SIGNATURE GIFT BOXES

GIVE THE *Joy* OF GOOD FOOD

SIGNATURE • FLORAL & GIFTS
SPECIALTY CHEESE • LOCAL PRODUCTS
WINE & SPIRITS • MEAT • CUSTOM

Order online at kowalskis.com or call 651-313-6870 to create a custom gift box.

KOWALSKI'S
MARKETS

11 Twin Cities Locations • kowalskis.com

Please Support the Lake Minnetonka Association Business Members

Our Business Members are key partners in our effort to protect Lake Minnetonka.

- | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| ◆ Abra Kadabra Environmental Services | ◆ Dock & Lift Services | ◆ Lindbo Landing Marina | ◆ Navarre True Value Hardware | ◆ RSI Marine |
| ◆ Al & Alma's Supper Club & Charter Cruises | ◆ Don Stodola Well Drilling Co. | ◆ Lord Fletcher's Old Lake Lodge | ◆ Niccum Docks, Inc. | ◆ Scherven Financial |
| ◆ Back Channel Brewing Co. | ◆ Electric Shores | ◆ MarineMax Minnesota | ◆ North Shore Marina | ◆ Stönwérk |
| ◆ Blue Lagoon Marine, Inc. | ◆ Excelsior Brewing Company | ◆ Jeff Marwede Lakes Area Realty | ◆ Otten Bros. Garden Center & Landscaping | ◆ Candi & Scott Stabeck - Edina Realty, Wayzata/Lake Minnetonka |
| ◆ Caribbean Marina | ◆ FineLine Lakeshore Service | ◆ Maynards | ◆ PaddleTap | ◆ Tonka Bay Marina, Inc. |
| ◆ Carisch, Inc. | ◆ Greenwood Marina | ◆ Minnetonka Bargeman | ◆ Paradise Charter Cruises | ◆ Touchstone Accent Lighting |
| ◆ ClosingWithConnor.com | ◆ Jim Paul's Valley Buick GMC | ◆ Minnetonka Marina | ◆ Platinum Pizza Company | ◆ Waterfront Restoration |
| ◆ Continental Diamond | ◆ Kowalski's Market | ◆ MN Inboard Water Sports | ◆ PLM Lake & Land Mgmt., Corp. | ◆ Wave Armor |
| | ◆ LakeRestore.com | ◆ My Service Pro 612 Plumber | ◆ Rockvam Boat Yards | |
| | ◆ Life's a Beach Shoreline Services | | | |

We thank our Business Members for their many contributions to our organization and to our Lake Minnetonka community. They make the lake a better place to live, work and play!



Bay Treatment Program Update

In 2023, 74% of the funds for the Lake Minnetonka Association Bay Treatment Program came from property owners and businesses located on participating bays. Even though all of the property owners living on participating bays benefit from the treatments, on average, only about 30% of them contribute to the program.

While some property owners may feel the MnDNR, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, or other government agency should pay more for weed control, the simple fact is they either do not have the interest or the ability to raise the funds needed. The Lake Minnetonka Association will continue to work with government agencies and others to find additional funding. Currently, bay treatments are funded primarily by the residents and businesses on each bay who contribute to the program. Without the continued support from property owners living on the participating bays, this program cannot continue and the weeds will return.

The Lake Minnetonka Association oversees the Bay Treatment Program, and the money collected is used solely for each bay’s treatments (and does not generate revenue for the Association). Administrative costs (accounting, grant writing, administrative support, etc.) are billed back to the Bay Treatment Program, amounting to less than 2% of participant contributions. Many extra tasks are accomplished through in-kind donations and volunteerism by Lake Minnetonka Association members, board members, and bay captains.

This is an outstanding value for those living and recreating on Lake Minnetonka. If you live on one of the participating bays in the Bay Treatment Program, please contribute at www.LMAssociation.org/bay-treatments to help keep aquatic invasive species under control in Lake Minnetonka.

Bay	Acres of Curlyleaf Pondweed Treated	Acres of Eurasian Watermillfoil Treated
Black Lake	Full Bay	Full Bay
Browns	0	21.73
Carmans*	18.75	8.3
Carsons & St. Louis	8.14	19.37
Crystal	38.98	10.35
Gideons	7.86	32.7
Grays	0	Full Bay
North Arm	35.58	0
Phelps	17.91	10.27
St. Albans*	28.2	0
Smithtown	0	0
*Treatments managed by a Lake Improvement District		

2023 Lake Minnetonka Association Bay Treatment Program Funding	
Contributions from participants	\$95,040
MnDNR Grants.....	\$9,000
LMCD Grants	\$14,424
Total.....	\$128,464

Drought Impacts on Lake Minnetonka

According to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), **2023 was the 21st driest year in the last 129 years.** The Lake Minnetonka area was recently upgraded from a “moderate drought” to “abnormally dry” and the lake level remains below average for this time of year.

Weather forecasters predict that El Niño weather patterns will continue through the spring of 2024, indicating a strong likelihood of above average winter temperatures. The low lake level, mild winter temperatures, and low snowfall could lead to early weed growth and algae blooms next spring. Curlyleaf pondweed grows particularly well during years with little snow cover and short “ice on” seasons.

It is too soon to predict when the current drought will end. Droughts in our area appear to cycle every 10 years. But their impact may remain well after “normal” conditions resume. Several soaking rainfalls over a long period would be the ideal way to recover from the current drought.

However, long-term weather patterns in the upper Midwest favor dry periods followed by short, intense thunderstorms. When this happens, most of the rain will run off into drainage channels and streams. This runoff can carry significant loads of sediment and pollutants that wash off from fields, lawns, streets, and parking lots.

Lake Minnetonka is entering winter in a precarious place. The warm, dry conditions of this past year resulted in excessive weed and algae growth and lower oxygen levels, especially in coves and shallow areas. If the prediction of a mild winter without much snow is accurate, oxygen levels will continue to drop and will increase the possibility of fish kills next spring. This situation can become worse if the area experiences a rapid thaw or intense spring rain events.

While it is difficult to predict with any certainty what next spring will bring, if the past is any prediction of the future, Lake Minnetonka will recover from this year’s drought and any challenges the coming winter or spring will bring.

Thank You!

Several **Home Owner Associations (HOAs)** have recently become members of the Lake Minnetonka Association. While some residents of HOAs may not live directly on the lake, they understand the value of being good stewards of Lake Minnetonka and want to do their part to make it a better place for everyone. If you do not see your HOA on the contributors list (pages 6-7), please contact your board of directors and request that your HOA become a member of the Lake Minnetonka Association – and a part of the growing number of people and organizations working together to protect the quality and legacy of Lake Minnetonka!

Consider Alternatives to Deicing Salt

With winter just around the corner, street departments, businesses, and homeowners are once again preparing for the annual battle to keep roads, sidewalks and parking lots free of snow and ice.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency estimates 365,000 tons of road salt is applied within the Twin Cities metro area each year. A study by the University of Minnesota found about 78% of salt applied in the Twin Cities for winter maintenance is either transported to groundwater or remains in the local lakes and wetlands. Road salt does *not* go away and causes the salinity in receiving waterbodies to slowly increase over time.

Deicing salt can negatively affect fish and insect diversity and productivity, even at lower levels—and are especially dangerous to amphibians. Rising salt levels make lakes more susceptible to invasive species and toxic blue-green algae [cyanobacteria] that can survive in brackish environments.

Non-chloride deicers are available at most home centers. Sand or kitty litter are good alternatives to deicing salt and are much less expensive.

Leading Causes of Fatalities and Accidents While Boating

The US Coast Guard's 2022 Recreational Boating Statistics show that the **top five** primary contributing factors in boating accidents are:

- **Operator inattention,**
- **Operator inexperience,**
- **Improper lookout,**
- **Excessive speed,**
- **Machinery failure**

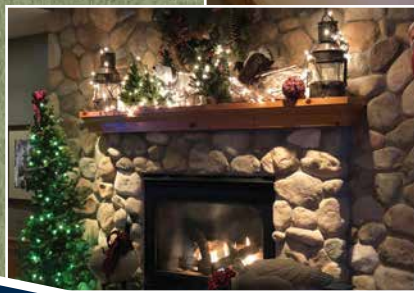
Other findings included:

- 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those, 85% were not wearing a life jacket.
- Three of every four boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents and was listed as the leading factor in 16% of deaths.
- 74% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.

Exceptional Holiday Dining

ENJOY THE SPLENDOR OF OUR COZY ATMOSPHERE YEAR ROUND!

PRIVATE DINING FOR 10-70 GUESTS



Join us! Reservations online at

WWW.AL-ALMAS.COM or 952.472.3098

©2023 Al & Alma's Supper Club and Charter Cruises

Thank you to members who have joined or renewed in the past year.

Your support makes it possible for us to protect the lake we love!

Commodore (\$1,000+)

Richard & Lessa Anderson
 Roger Anderson
 Mary Ann & Looe Baker III
 Mary Lou Barton
 Richard & Karen Braun
 Scott & Laura Condon
 James & Nan Corwin
 David & Margaret Dines
 Tom & Michele Frahm
 Melanie Fransen
 Jeanna French
 Hans & Carolyn Hagen
 Glenn & Kay Hasse
 Head Family Foundation
 Michael & Holli Johander
 Mark & Lori Kroll Fund
 of the Minneapolis
 Foundation
 Lothenbach Family
 Foundation
 Tom & Mari Lowe
 Vickie McCormick
 Michael & Katherine
 McElroy
 McGlynn Family
 Foundation
 Al & Ruth McLeod
 Greg & Lori McMillan
 James & Blu Nystrom
 Laurence & Janet
 Reardon
 Tom & Julie Rydeen
 Stephen & Karen Sanger
 Sharon Thaler
 Thomas & Angela
 Vukovich
 Dennis & Amanda Walsh
 Scott & Jill Wine
 Kirt & Nicole Woodhouse
 Gary & Vicki Wyard

Captain (\$500-\$999)

Dean & Doris Akins
 Shari Ballard & Marianne
 Barnett
 Bradley & Erica Berman
 Kenneth Bertram
 Blue Water Foundation
 Abigail Rose
 & Michael Blum
 Tim & Holly Cashin
 Cherrey Foundation
 Rachael Jarosh & Joel
 Conner
 Kim Culp
 The Detor Family Fund
 Robert Eaton
 Phil & Megan Ecker
 Jack & Carol Eugster
 Tom & Pat Fletcher
 Dr. Stanley & Luella
 Goldberg
 James & Cathy Gray
 Randy & Amy Grunow
 Laurie Hahn
 Scott & Lynette Hanson
 Christian Harker

Tom Penn & Sally Hebson
 Greg & Elizabeth Hedding
 Victoria Velie Henry
 Family Foundation
 William & Patricia Hicks
 Michael & Paula Huddy
 Jeffrey & Jacqueline
 Jarnes
 Mike & Jeanne Kobs
 Dave Latzke
 Pete Liupakka
 Robert W. MacDonald
 Gregory & Julie Margarit
 Robert & Mardie Marshall
 Joseph & Stacy
 McConnell
 Dan McIntosh
 Gordon & Christine
 McKenzie
 Brian & Sheila McMillan
 Craig & Beverley Miller
 Dean & Lucy Mitchell
 Todd Moitz
 Bob & Karen Morgan
 Bill & Sheri Nichols
 Jane Norling
 Jack & Gretchen Norquai
 Wendell Petersen
 Matt & Melinda Pfohl
 Jeanne Pickering
 Hovde Prestige
 Colleen Ryan
 Peter & Melissa Santrach
 Mike Baxter
 & Kiren Schulte
 James & Laura Sielatycki
 Mike & Pam Sime
 Lisa & Greg Smith
 Jim & Vicki Splinter
 Jack & Linda Staloch
 Don Stodola
 Ted & Wendy Storlie
 Mark & Laura Summers
 Donald F. Swanson Jr.
 & Susan E. Swanson
 Family Fund of
 the Minneapolis
 Foundation
 Lynn & Carol Truesdell
 Luca & Jill Zullo

Sustaining (\$200-\$499)

John & Michele Abbott
 Davi & Duffy Abramson
 Richard & Joan Ahmann
 Howard Alton
 Andersen Family
 Foundation
 Dave & Kim Barry
 Jane Barry
 William Bathe
 Donald & Laurice Beeler
 Luke & Elena Beltnick
 Daniel & Tanya Berg
 Patrick & Hannah Berry
 Dale & Janet Beumer
 Rob & Kristen Beyer

Lance Wallin & Nicolette
 Bhoedigheimer
 Hal Bible
 Gary Birnbaum
 Michael & Roberta Bixby
 Suzanne Blackburn
 Judd Brackett
 Patrick Lucking
 & Ellen Bragg
 Celeste & Tony Brausen
 John & Joan Brooks
 Nancy Brown
 Sara Bryan
 Terry & Jennifer Bryce
 Ben Burgum
 Keith & Stacy Carlson
 Carman Bay Lake
 Improvement District
 Julia Halberg
 & Mark Chatterton
 Patsy & Christopher
 Clouser
 Neal & Florence Cohen
 Lorr & Vicki Colburn
 Dave & Carol Cole
 Jason & Becky Cornelius
 Richard & Judith Corson
 Judith & Louis Cosentino
 Steven & Kathy Curry
 Gene & Carol Dahlin
 Tom & Mary Ann
 Dahlquist
 Cheryl & John Dale
 Mark & Patricia Davis
 Robert & Roberta Davis
 DeMars-Kaiser
 Charitable Fund
 Matt & Kathy Dolliff
 Norman Domholt
 David & Jean Dovenberg
 Daniel Durda
 David Eiss
 Paul & Laura Ekholm
 Mark & Mary Enger
 Ed & Bonnie Engler
 Susan & Tom Enlow
 Steven Erdahl
 Bill & Karen Erickson
 Michael & Dawn
 Erlandson
 Judith Ess
 Eric Evenson
 Scott & Natalia Falkum
 Cecy FASTER
 John Ferm
 Catherine Fischer
 Hollis M. Fritts, Jr. M.D.
 Rob & Ann Furst
 Gilbert & Roxane Gehle
 Lawrence & Deborah
 Getlin
 Mary & Charlie Gibbs
 David & Clo Girk
 The Pat Matre & Miriam
 Goldfein Donor
 Advised Fund
 Hal & Susie Goldstein
 David Goodwin
 Robert & Candyce Gravier

Jerry & Cindy Gray
 Jane Piccard
 & Hunt Greene
 Jeff & Terri Greiner
 Ron & Jennifer Groat
 Groveland Homeowners
 Association
 Steve & Jenny Gullickson
 Michael & Dagne
 Gustafson
 Robert Hackney
 Steve & Laura Hanish
 Jack & Jan Hasper
 Roger & Elaine Haydock
 Stuart & Melanie
 Henderson
 Kenneth & Elizabeth
 Holec
 Curtis & Victoria Holt
 Jon R. Holt
 Tom & Regina Hudson
 Ann & Robert Jackson
 David & Heidi Jacquin
 Bryce & Paula Johnson
 Lucy Jones
 Paul Karon
 Janet Kauffmann
 Jane & Jim Kaufman Fund
 of the Minneapolis
 Foundation
 Thomas & Renee Keller
 Irvin Kessler
 Todd Kimmes
 Daniel & Jean Klein
 Kohler Minnetonka LLC
 Joel & Genevera Koonce
 William Kottemann
 Kevin Kretsch
 Richard Kyle
 Darryl Landstrom
 Tim & Bonnie Lane
 Richard Lang
 Jeffrey & Heather Larson
 Norman & Elaine Larson
 Charitable Giving Fund
 Donald & Joann
 Leavenworth
 Peter & Janis Lee
 Matthew & Sharon Levitt
 John & Nancy Lindahl
 Joanne Lindgren
 Gary & Linda Lundeen
 David Lundquist
 Brent & Mitzi Magid
 Kathleen & Shawn
 Mallery
 Michael & Karen Maney
 David & Julie Maroney
 Bonnie Martinson
 Dan & Deb McGlynn
 Bill McHale
 John & Maryann
 Merideth
 George & Marilyn
 Mileusnic
 Steve & Patty Miller
 Bennett & Sharon
 Morgan
 Mark & Nancy Morris

Mary & Joe Mulvehill
 Jill & Terry Nagel
 Barb Franta
 & Dennis Nelson
 Marilyn C. Nelson
 Steven Nelson
 John & Linda Noble
 Edward & Adriana
 Noonan
 Tim & Leslie Oare
 Marlys Ogle
 Bruce & Carol Olson
 Ellen Peterson
 Paul L. Pond
 Molly & Ron Poole
 Bonnie McPhee
 & Jim Prokopanko
 Thomas Nelson
 & Kathy Pyzdrowski
 Dick Ragatz
 Kathryn Ramstad
 Gary & Susan Rappaport
 Daniel Regan
 Kent & Susan Richey
 Thomas & Kristen Ritchie
 Rob & Joleen Roy
 Tom & Carol Samuelson
 Keith & Kristen Schaeherer
 Allen & Judy Schefers
 John Schluter
 Jamie Lohr
 & Andrew Schmidt
 Perry & Anne Schmidt
 Randall & Katherine
 Schneedwind
 Jeff & Nancy
 Schoenwelter
 Lyle & Gretchen Shaw
 Jim & Wendy Shear
 Tom & Tracey Sheehan
 Colin Sievers
 Lloyd & Barb Sigel
 Mike & Mary Sill
 Deborah & Steven
 Simmons
 Marcellinus Smits
 Gerald & Rosemarie
 Snyder
 James & Julie Soyka
 John & Ann Marie Stauch
 Bill Stoddard
 Rick & Diane Stodola
 Mark & Christine
 Swenson
 Carolyn Taylor
 Jordan Teachout
 Jim & Georgia Thompson
 Rick Thrasher
 William Trubeck
 Chris & Darla Twomey
 Kyle & Melissa
 Uittenbogaard
 Robert & Betty Van Tassel
 Ware Family Fund of
 the Minneapolis
 Foundation
 John Watkins

Donna Swedin
 & Phillip Whipple
 Dave & Kathy Wiemer
 Willow Woods
 Association
 Blair & Fremajane
 Wolfson
 Jeffrey & Sheri Wright
 Derek & Jennifer Zaugg
 Mark & Connie Zurcher
 Duke & Tammy Zurek

Basic (up to \$199)

Frank & Karen Ahrens
 Pat & Mary Alexander
 Mark & Deanne
 Altenhofen
 Kevin & Paige Amsler
 David & Priscilla
 Anderson
 Anonymous
 John & Wendy Applegate
 Ward & Kathleen
 Armstrong
 George B. Assie
 Donald Bachmeier
 John & Patsy Bailey
 Ben & Mary Jane Barnard
 Jim & DeDe Barnum
 Paul & Linda Barros
 Mike & Sharon
 Baskerfield
 Kent Battles
 John & Gayle Beal
 James & Corrine Beck
 Michael & Diane Beddor
 John Bendt
 Carl & Libby Bergquist
 Steve & Patti Bernstein
 Ted Bigos
 Rhonda & Edward Bittner
 Charlotte Bjorlin
 James & Lynn Blakeway
 Sid & Joy Blanchard
 John & Colleen Blanck
 Ricardo Bonner
 Tom & Sharon Bozlinski
 Nathan Brandenburg
 James & Judith Brass
 Jeanne Bredeson
 Michael & Ann Brilley
 Frank & Suzanne Brixius
 Jeannie Buckner
 James & Gertrude
 Burkholder
 Michael & Susan Burnett
 Maureen Burns
 Patrick & Tina Callan
 Terri Carlson
 Sandy Carr
 Wayne Kelly
 & Camille Cole
 David & Karen Colwell
 Jerome & Judith Cooper
 Sharon E. Corl
 Lewis & Darlene Credit
 David & Gaynal Cross
 John & Donna Crotteau

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Gary & Elaine Dachis | Gray's Landing
Homeowner's
Association | Kevin & Kari Kantola | Ernest Mutterer | Christine & Stephen
Rivard | Joel & Marcia Stone |
| Kathy & Dave Dalsin | Jim & Stacy Gregori | Gerald & Bonnie Kennedy | Charles & Candice Nadler | Katherine Robinson | Steve Streefer |
| Joe & Kristen Dammann | Robert & Joan | Kevin & Patricia Kennefick | John & Jodi Naylor | David & Diane Rogers | Charles Nichols
& JaNon Strom |
| Christopher Johnson
& Molly Davis | Wesley & Christine | Judy Kim | Andrea Messina | Charles & Claire
Rosenberger | David Sturgeon |
| Kenneth & Jennifer
Decubellis | Grootwassink | Steve & Deb Kind | & Hugh Neeson | Roger & Carol Rovick | Philip & Julia Styrlund |
| Ellen Dehaven Peterson | Grootwassink | Wallace & Judith King | Bob & Mary Jo Newman | Robert Ryan | Harold & Elaine Swanson |
| Raymond & Wei Wei
Denning | Glenn & Jane Gurtcheff | Richard & Lainie Kline | Karl & Kathy Newman | David & Laurie Saari | Robert & Missy Swiller |
| Karen Bell-Dewitt
& James Dewitt | Donald & Heidi
Haberman | Heidi Chen | Jon & Kirsten Nielsen | Shashikant & Kumud
Sane | Joel & Ann Theisen |
| Lawrence & Donna
DeWitt | Rick & Debbie Hagberg | & Thomas Knickelbine | Steven & Joan Nielsen | Jake & Angela Savstrom | Carol Downie
& Gregory Thomas |
| James & Devon Diebel | Jeffrey & Kelli Anne
Hanratty | Thomas Kolar | Aleksander & Sally Nikolic | John & Carole Sayer | Gary & Kate Thompson |
| Frank Docherty | Albert & Sally Hanser | Mark & Therese Koller | Kent & Lois Norby | Tom Scherber | Gaylen Thostenson |
| John & Jean Drawz | David & Christine
Hardten | Marcia Michaliki
& Pat Kranz | Carin Offerman | Patrick (PJ) Scherven | Mary Hershberger Thun
& David Thun |
| John Dupont | Lee & Juletta Harren | Bill & Deb Krause | Edward & Charlotte
Oliver | Carol Schmidt | Rebecca & Thomas
Tinucci |
| Carol Eastlund | Chris & Colleen Harristhal | Tom & Michele Krenn | Ken & Katie Olson | Patricia & Jeffrey Schott | Neil & Barb Trainor |
| John & Julie Einhorn | Michael & Jennifer Harter | John Kretsch | Kristen Olson | Karen Schreiber | Sueilyn Tritz |
| Carol & Ray Ellis | Ralph Hatch | Todd & Kathy Langmade | Bill & Rhonda Omlie | Camille Schroeder | Mary & Gary Tucker |
| Larry & Kathy Elsen | Ray & Faye Haverstock | Gary & Teri Lano | Larry Opfer | Michael & Katie
Schroeder | Timothy & Kathleen
Tuggle |
| Bruce & Mary Engelsma | Sharon Hawkins | Carol Larsen | Aline & Kurt Ostrowski | Joel & Lori Schuenke | Marc Tullemans |
| Lars & Molly Erdahl | Bud & Carol Hayden | David Larson | Dave & Kay Owen | Christine Schultz | David & JoEllen Uhl |
| John & Shirley Evans | Elizabeth & Dennis Hayes | Lowell & Gwen Larson | John & Karen Packard | Michael & Deb Schultz | Jeffrey Ulku |
| Mark & Marilou Evenson | Roger Headrick | Bill & Anne LaTour | Bruce Paddock | Tom & Nita Schultz | Dale Schulz |
| Mark & Cheryl Feinberg | Berton & Roxanne
Heaton | Harlan Lehman | Lindsay & Laura Paine | Susan Schwalbach | Gregory & Lorraine Scott |
| Philip & Dorothy Felton | Steve & Jeanette Hentges | Kristie & Bill Lester | Jeffrey & Karen Parkhill | Gregory & Lorraine Scott | Marie Svang & Lucy
Selander |
| Fred & Judy Fey | Henri & Marjorie Heystek | Allan & Janet Liebreuz | Michael & Paulette
Parrott | Marie Svang & Lucy
Selander | Cathy & John Senescall |
| John Fitzpatrick | Erik & Alyssa Hirschfeld | Ronald Liemandt & Diane
Liemandt-Reimann | David Parupsky | Gene & Wendy Shavlik | Michael & Janelle Shields |
| Mary & Julie
Fleischhacker | Anne Hoerner | Dean & Mary Lindbloom | Paul & Lynda Pedersen | Michael & Janelle Shields | Amy Adlington
& Victor Shkaberin |
| John & Janine Flynn | Theodore Holsten | Stuart & Rosalind (Sis)
Loomis | Jeffrey & Heidi Peters | Dennis & Shari Shostak | Gary & Beverly Simmons |
| Keith & Laurie Foerster | Hal & Penne Holt | Thomas Lowe | William & Karan Peters | Will & Kathy Skadsberg | Michael & Anne Smith |
| Ronald Frick | Tom & Lori Huber | Allan & Mary Luehmann | Peter & Lawny Pflaum | Michael & Anne Smith | Michael & Vanessa Smith |
| Robert & Sarah Frost | Brian & Anne Huisman | Thomas & Mary Lutz | Bruce & Karen Philipson | Nancy Smith | Nancy Smith |
| Martha Gabbert | Bob & Joyce Humboldt | Gary & Patricia MacHalec | Tom & Mary Pokonosky | Joe & Sharon Soderlund | Joe & Sharon Soderlund |
| Jon-Paul & Laura Gagne | John & Diane Huston | Jerry & Lois Mader | Donna & Cleo Powers | Richard & Judith Spiegel | Richard & Judith Spiegel |
| Robert Ganz | Hugh & Sally Jaeger | Michael & Linda Maki | Frank Precopio | David & Pat Spilseth | David & Pat Spilseth |
| David & Susan Gartner | Matthew & Flavia Janzen | Bella Mancini
& Ed Malone | William Pye | Robert Stacke | Robert Stacke |
| Tom & Jessica Gartner | John & Kay Jasper | John & Suzann Martin | Robert Brook
& Sherll Quinn | Mark & Joan Steingas | Mark & Joan Steingas |
| Peni & Steve Gensler | Jesse & Christina Jensen | John & Mariam Massie | Ivan & Tina Rafowitz | Catherine & David
Stepanek | Catherine & David
Stepanek |
| Gregg & Julie Getchell | Kathleen Jewett | Beverly Mast | Gerald & Kathleen Ray | Michael & Jessica
Stockstead | Michael & Jessica
Stockstead |
| Dan & Marty Gilbert | Bob & Debbie Johnson | Kent & Barbara McCreight | Sally Jo Reep | Mike & Donna Stockstead | Mike & Donna Stockstead |
| Mary & Jim Gilbert | Chris Johnson | Andrew McDermott | Larry Reid | | |
| Joe Gilbertson | Donald & Wendy Johnson | James McEachran | John & Alice Reimann | | |
| James Glover | Dan & Kara Johnston | Patrick & Leone McGlone | Ben & Emily Reitan | | |
| Dave & Cheryl Goode | Doug & Marcia Jolstad | Bill & Jane Meller | Robert & Gloria Rich | | |
| Randy & Jeri Gort | Judie Jones | Marcus & Connie Merz | Ross & Christine Rifkin | | |
| | Terrence & Wanda Joy | Steven & Mary Ann Miller | Kayvon & Paula Riggi | | |
| | Kevin & Mary Judd | John & Kathleen Minahan | | | |
| | | W. Wyatt & Nancy Moe | | | |

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Complete this form and mail it with your tax-deductible contribution to: *The Lake Minnetonka Association, P.O. Box 248, Excelsior, MN 55331*
Make checks payable to "The Lake Minnetonka Association"

I want to support the Lake Minnetonka Association at the following membership level:

- Basic \$50-\$199**
 Sustaining \$200-\$499
 Captain \$500-\$999
 Commodore \$1000+
 Business \$350

Other or additional contribution\$ _____

TOTAL\$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

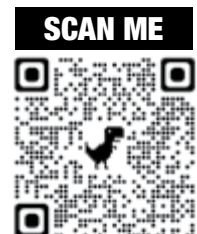
City, State, Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

The Lake Minnetonka Association is
a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

I would like to learn more about how my bay can join the Lake Minnetonka Association's Bay Treatment Program to control Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed in my bay.

TO CONTRIBUTE ONLINE
 Scan the QR code with your mobile phone's camera or visit www.LMAssociation.org



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

The Apple that Made Lake Minnetonka Famous..... page 1

From the Helm: Lake Minnetonka 2023... page 2

What's that Fish? Crappie..... page 2

From the Sheriff's Office—Ice Safety..... page 2

Critter Corner: Muskrat..... page 3

Life Jacket Use page 3

Bay Treatment Program Update..... page 4

Drought Impacts on Lake Minnetonka page 4

Consider Alternatives to Deicing Salt page 5

Leading Causes of Boating Accidents..... page 5

Thank You to Our Memberspages 6-7



**LAKE
MINNETONKA
ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 248
Excelsior, MN 55331

*The **VOICE** for Lake Minnetonka
lakeshore owners and businesses!*

**OUR FAMILY HELPING YOUR FAMILY CREATE *lifelong memories* ON THE WATER
SINCE 1992**



**BOAT SALES | PRO SHOPS | STORAGE
SERVICE | FIBERGLASS REPAIR**



**EXCELSIOR SALES | 720 Galpin Lake Road
BAXTER SALES/SERVICE | 15779 Edgewood Dr
NEW GERMANY SERVICE | 260 State Street
DETROIT LAKES COMING SUMMER 2024!**

@MNINBOARD

MNINBOARD.COM