

Maple Lake Improvement District

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019



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MLID Board Update

The MLID Board is concerned with the water quality of Maple Lake. They have been busy this winter meeting with Polk County Soil and Water and Red Lake Watershed representatives discussing areas of the lake where run off of phosphorus and chemicals is a problem and what can be done to reduce or eliminate this.

The board discussed their willingness to help share the cost of some of these projects if needed. They asked the representatives to work on identifying problem spots and to bring them back to the board along with some ideas to solve the problems.



The aerator was installed on January 12th on the Maple Bay end of the lake. This aerator ensures that the oxygen remains at a safe level and the board tests the oxygen level throughout the winter.

The board will be testing the water each month this summer and will send the samples to RMB Laboratories. If you want to see the results, go their website: www.rmbel.info.

2019-2020 Directory

The new Directory is in the process of getting printed and will be ready for distribution by the middle of May. The board members will personally deliver the



Directories to your door.

So, keep an eye out for them!

Mosquito Spray Dates

Maple Lake Improvement District provides mosquito spraying for the residents in the District. MLID tries to schedule the sprays around holidays and weekends and if the summer is especially wet, more sprays will be added. Below are scheduled spray dates for the 2019 summer:

May 29
June 5, 19, 26
July 2, 17, 31
August 14, 28

Upcoming Events

Johnny Holms @ Pavilion May 26th
Craft Fair @ Pavilion June 29th – 30th
Golf Cart Parade July 4th @ Noon
Route: From Pavilion down Sandy Beach Rd
Annual Meeting July 13th @ 9 am
End of Season Dance September 1st
There will be **NO FIREWORKS** at the
End of Season Dance.

Notifications From MLID

The MLID Board would like to have the ability to send out notices to the property owners and to send future newsletters electronically. If you would like to receive notices and electronic newsletters, please go to: www.maplelakedistrict.com to sign up. *Follow us on Facebook!*

2019 Walleye Opener

The 2019 Walleye fishing opener is on Saturday, May 11th and the Bass season starts on May 25th. Fishing licenses can be purchased at local sites or online on the MN DNR website <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

Fishing has been a popular pastime on Maple Lake with a lot of success being had with Walleye, Bass and Crappies. So, get out there and enjoy some fishing and don't forget to "Take a Kid Fishing"!



Be Safe and Considerate While Boating This Summer

Recreational boats create wonderful opportunities for memorable times with family and friends. But owning a boat also carries certain responsibilities, and smart boat owners should know how to keep their guests safe on the water. Here are some Do's and Don'ts to remember while boating:

- **Do** wear your life jacket and have enough life jackets for everyone on board. Children less than 10 years old are required to wear a life jacket
- **Do** keep your engine turned off while people are in the water around the boat.
- **Do** keep a look out for other boaters and swimmers while you are underway.
- **Do** follow the boating etiquette rules.
 - You are responsible for your own wake and any damage done by it. Stay a safe distance from docks and swim rafts when boating.
 - Remember to register your swim rafts and put reflectors on them.
 - Respect your neighbors (day & night). If you have a loud boat, or music onboard, make sure you leave plenty of space. Sound carries much farther on the water, and you can be heard clearly from a good distance away.

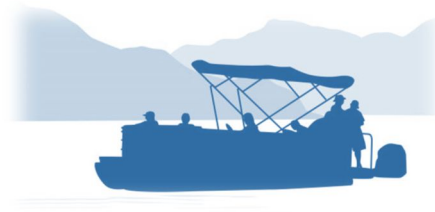
- **Don't** drink if you will be driving.
- **Don't** overload your boat
- **Don't** litter. Bring trash bags with you and use them.

Water-skiing, Tubing & Wake-Boarding Rules

- Water-skiing, tubing, wake-surfing and similar acts are prohibited between one-half hour after sunset to sunrise the following day.
- There must be an additional person on board to act as an observer.

Personal Watercraft Rules:

- Anyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft must wear a life jacket.
- Personal watercraft must travel at a slow, no-wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of nonmotorized boats, shore, docks, swim rafts or anchored boat.
- Operation of personal watercraft is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset.



Have a Great summer and remember to be safe on the water!!

Clean In Clean Out

When boating or fishing in Minnesota, protect your waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws

1. CLEAN all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

2. DRAIN water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge,

live well and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. **Keep drain plugs out** and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

3. DISPOSE of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

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Annual Meeting

The Maple Lake Improvement District's **Annual Meeting** will be on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mentor Community Center with rolls and coffee served at 8:30 a.m.

You will hear from representatives from the Polk County Sheriff's Department, Assessor, Planning & Zoning and your County Commissioner. Reps from the MN DNR, Polk Soil & Water, Red Lake Watershed and your local township will be present with a report for the attendees.

The Board President will give an update on the happenings of the past year and there will be an election for 2 open board seats. If you would like to run for the board, contact Secretary, Bonnie Abel, to get your name on the ballot.

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Support Mentor City Park and Playground

Pancake Breakfast - June 9th, 10:00-1:00
@ Fire Hall

5K Walk/Run - Saturday, July 20th @ 8:30
@ Mentor City Park (Register @ 7:30 am)
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