

# Maple Lake Improvement District

## NEWSLETTER

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### AIS Task Force Boat Cleaning System

The Polk County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force will have the CD3 Wayside Solar Boat Cleaning Station located at the East Shore Boat Landing on Maple Lake during the summer of 2022, as it was last summer.



The theory behind the CD3 Boat Cleaning Station is to clean, drain, and dry boats. This makes the boats uninhabitable for AIS, as they need water to survive.

There are four tools included on the station:

- Wet-Dry Vac
- Air Compressor
- A grabber tool for weeds
- A brush

The cleaning station is totally free. You don't pay to use it. So, clean the boats, take the extra water out of the live well and bilge compartment and stop the spread of anything that you bring lake to lake.

### Dock & Lift Install & Removal are Good Times to Check for AIS

The MN DNR reminds lake property owners to check docks and boat lifts, boats and trailers for invasive species when installing & removing equipment from the lake. Several new Zebra Mussel confirmations in recent years were initially reported by people removing docks, boats and boat lifts.

Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period.

When moving docks and lifts from one body of water to another, MN law requires that they must remain out of the water for at least 21 days before they can be placed into another body of water.



### Summer AIS Boat Inspectors Needed

Polk County Environmental Services is looking for AIS Inspectors at boat launch areas. If you are interested, contact Jacob Snyder: 218-281-6445.

[Check out the new Polk County Environmental Services Facebook](#)

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### 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](http://www.maplelakedistrict.com) to sign up. The Board would also like to let all property owners know that if there are concerns, there is a spot on the website to send messages to the board. *Follow us on Facebook!*

## Annual Meeting

The Maple Lake Improvement District's Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mentor Community Center.

You will hear from representatives from the Polk County Sheriff's Dept, 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.

There will be an election for 1 open board seat. If you would like to be on the ballot to become a board member, please contact a board member, or Sec'y Bonnie Abel at [bonnierabel@gmail.com](mailto:bonnierabel@gmail.com) before June 1st.

## Boating Safety and Etiquette

### A few boating safety tips and regulations from the DNR:

- Wear your life jacket and make sure children wear theirs.
- Booze and boating don't mix.
- Water-skiing, tubing and wake surfing are prohibited between 1/2 hour after sunset to sunrise the following day.
- Operation of jet skis is permitted only from 9:30 am to 1 hour before sunset.



### Boating Etiquette

- Own your own wake and stay at least 200 feet from the shoreline and other boaters.
- Do not throw garbage overboard.
- Keep tunes in check. Sound is amplified over the water so keep the music at a decent level.



## Golf Cart & ATV Regulations

When driving a golf cart on the road, the cart needs to have a "slow moving" sign, current insurance, rearview mirrors and the driver must have a driver's license. If a golf cart is stopped, they will receive a documented warning and the second time a ticket will be written up.

When using an ATV, anyone born after July 1987 is required to have a safety certification. If riding on the roadway, a driver's license is required.

If you have a complaint of any kind regarding ATVs or golf carts on the lake roads, you can call the Sheriff's department at 218-281-0431.



## Environmental Impacts of Boat Wakes

During the pandemic, lake-based recreation increased dramatically as did the sale of watercraft. Sales of large, powerful watercraft like wake surfing boats and small paddle craft like kayaks and paddle boards exploded over 30% in 2020 and 2021. Because of the addition of more powerful watercraft, all boaters need to be aware of the danger large wakes present and the damage they can do.

While common courtesy dictates that boaters should control their wakes, there are consequences beyond how wakes may affect people. Large wakes produced by watercraft can result in a variety of negative environmental consequences including:

- Shoreline erosion
- Impaired water quality resulting from increased sediment in the water
- Loss of shoreline vegetation, which helps stabilize the shore and provides important habitat for fish and wildlife.



## 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 2022 summer:

- May 25
- June 1
- June 15
- June 29
- July 13
- July 27
- August 10
- August 24



A recent University of Minnesota shoreline erosion study found that boat traffic must stay at least 200 ft from the shoreline to prevent shoreline erosion.



The study showed that wake surfing boats needed to be over 600 ft from the shoreline so that their larger wakes have more room to dissipate and not damage the shoreline.

Mn DNR recommends that 200 ft to the shoreline is considered a "No Wake Zone". The Maple Lake Improvement District would like to ask all boaters to please observe the above recommendations for the boat that you operate to prevent shoreline damage, and remember to be courteous to other boaters.

THANK YOU!