

Maple Lake Improvement District

NEWSLETTER

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Survey Results

Results of the two surveys that were done after the 2023 Fall Newsletter.

The Biking/Walking Path Survey
question one: "Do you think a biking/walking path should be constructed around Maple Lake?"

- 251 responses - 201 yes - 50 no

Biking/Walking Path Survey
question two: "Would you pay a little extra for trail maintenance fees?"

-243 responses - 161 yes - 84 no

The Biking/Walking Path committee met on Saturday, April 27th and they will move forward with the project and continue to explore concepts and locations along with funding for the path.

The Outlet Dam Replacement Survey
question: "Were you happy with the lake level last summer?"

136 responses - 93 yes - 43 no

Aerator Installation

Thank you to this crew for installing the aerator in January: L-R Owen Gregoire, Ryan Gregoire, Tyler Christianson, Jim Baune, Brian Floan, Adele Christianson, Loren Abel.



Stop AIS -Proper Disposal of Unwanted Bait

With the Minnesota fishing season just around the corner, a review of proper live bait disposal is important. Proper disposal reduces risk of introducing a new invasive species and helps maintain the health of our fish.

There are diseases that can be transmitted when disposing of live bait in the lake. Of particular concern is viral hemorrhagic septicemia which is fatal to fish. Disposal of bait water from one lake into another also risks the introduction of spiny water fleas and zebra mussels.



Live Bait Disposal Guidelines

-Drain water related equipment, bait containers, live well and bait wells onto land before leaving water access.

-Dispose of unwanted bait including minnows, leeches and worms into the TRASH.

-If you want to keep your bait (minnows) drain your bait container and refill with tap or bottled water before entering another lake.

-Please take the proper actions to prevent the introduction of disease and AIS from all our waters.

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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 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!*

Golf Cart Safety

With the increased number of children driving golf carts around the lake, here's a little bit of information on kids and golf cart safety:

Even though there are risks, golf carts are becoming a popular way for children to get around their neighborhoods or to travel along roads. As a result, golf cart injuries among the pediatric population have been on the rise. These injuries include cuts, muscle strains, broken bones, and traumatic brain injuries such as concussions. Injuries typically occurred when children fall out or jump off, get hit by, or are in the golf cart when they tip over.



Why are golf carts so dangerous for children?

Golf carts were designed to help adults travel around a golf course with their equipment and not with children in mind. Also, kids:

-Often cannot reach the floor of a golf cart and can lose their balance more easily when the vehicle is moving.

-Don't have the arm strength needed to hold on and keep themselves inside the cart.

-Don't have the training to drive golf carts and may not even be tall enough to reach the pedals safely.

Passenger Tips

-Riders should place both feet on the floor and hold on to the handgrips nearest to them to prevent a fall or ejection from the cart, especially during turns or when riding on slopes or uneven ground.

Golf Cart Safety Cont.

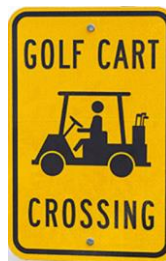
Owner and Parent Suggestions

-Before allowing your child to drive a golf cart, you should be aware of the risks and reconsider allowing anyone without a valid driver's license to operate your golf cart.

-Children under the age of 6 should only ride in golf carts with adult supervision.

-Golf cart owners need to make sure that their vehicles are well-maintained and that all parts are working properly.

-Passengers and drivers must be informed about safety features like hip restraints and hand grips.



When used properly, golf carts can be a safe and easy way to get around; however improper use can be dangerous and cause injury, especially to children. With the above suggestions in mind, golf carts can be a little safer for everyone.

Mosquito Spraying

Maple Lake Improvement District provides mosquito spraying for the residents in the district. The sprays are scheduled every 2 weeks, usually on a Wednesday and we try to schedule the sprays before holidays. If the summer is especially wet, more sprays will be added.



Annual Meeting

The Maple Lake Improvement District's Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 13, 2024 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.

Two Open Board Seats

There will be an election for 2 open board seats at the annual meeting. 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 before June 1st.

MN DNR Lake Finder Website

If you are interested in some information about Maple Lake, the *MN DNR Lake Finder website* is a great resource.

It will show you information on the lake water quality and clarity, fish stocking reports as well as fish netting results. You can also find data on the lake depth, acreage, miles of shoreline and a graph of the water levels for the last 10 years as well as lake level data back to 1938. Take a look, it's very interesting!

Useful Websites & Phone Numbers

Polk County Planning & Zoning

Ph: 218-281-5700

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/196/Planning-Zoning>

Polk County Assessor

Ph: 218-281-4186

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/171/Assessor>

Polk County Sheriff

Ph: 218-281-0431

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/221/Sheriffs-Office>

Minnesota DNR

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

RMB Labs

Ph: 218-846-1465

<https://www.rmbel.info/>

Polk County First Alert System

<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736729932/login>