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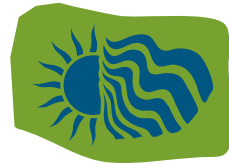
We must remain vigilant to keep new invasive plants, animals and viruses out of Lake Minnetonka.

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!



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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

What's New in '22

Every year Lake Minnetonka faces new opportunities and challenges, and this year will likely not be an exception. But a few things will remain constant. Lake Minnetonka will continue to be the place of new experiences and memories, and like past years, the Lake Minnetonka Association will continue to protect Lake Minnetonka's natural and cultural legacy.

Here are a few things to watch in 2022:

Weeds. Last year, ice conditions, clear water, and low lake levels created the perfect environment for growing lake weeds. This year looks like it will be a repeat of 2021 – or worse where new weed beds got a foothold. Bays that joined the Lake Minnetonka Association's "Bay Treatment Program" fared generally well, but many untreated bays, had significant weed growth. For information about our "Bay Treatment Program," go to: www.LMAssociation.org/bay-treatments.

Boater Education. The Lake Minnetonka Association is joining with other lake associations, lake advocates, national marine manufacturer and retailer associations, and organizations from across the state to support a mandatory *recreational boating safety education program* for Minnesota. Lake Minnetonka is one of the busiest recreational lakes in Minnesota with over 72,000 launches annually. We believe in order to keep the lake experience enjoyable for everyone, all boaters must follow boating practices and abide by good boating etiquette.

Boat wake regulation. Recently, the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Hydrologic Lab released its study on the impacts of boat wakes on lakes. Based on comparisons of wakes generated by commonly used boats during typical mode of operations, the data indicates wakesurf boats require distances greater than 500 feet from the shoreline/docks and other boats to decrease their wake-wave characteristics to levels similar to the non-wakesurf boats.

Floodplain regulation. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has just released its "Model Floodplain Ordinance." The new model ordinance changes the definition of a Regulatory Floodplain and clarifies where minimum state floodplain regulations apply. Cities are required to update existing ordinances to conform with the model ordinance.



Make Your Voice Matter and Help Us Protect Lake Minnetonka

In 2022, the Lake Minnetonka Association will:

- Explore innovative uses of new technologies to **control aquatic invasive species (AIS)** and to prevent new AIS from being introduced into the lake.
- Work to keep **starry stonewort** and other invasive species out of Lake Minnetonka.
- Stop invasive **flowering rush** from expanding to other bays.
- Continue to treat **invasive weeds** in bays that have joined our Bay Treatment Program.
- Team with **local businesses** to keep our lake clean from trash.
- Host special events and educational workshops focusing on Lake Minnetonka's **natural and cultural legacy**.
- Keep our members and lake residents informed of **important issues** and represent the interests of Lake Minnetonka and its residents at state and local boards and agencies.
- **Be the VOICE** for Lake Minnetonka Lakeshore Owners and Businesses.

Thank you to the members of the Lake Minnetonka Association – you are the stewards of the lake. Because of you, we are able to protect the natural and cultural legacy of Lake Minnetonka and to keep the lake a place of enjoyment and relaxation.

If you are not already a member, please join the Lake Minnetonka Association and help us protect the lake we all love.

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Survival Tips if You Fall Through the Ice

Ice is never 100% safe but it is especially dangerous this time of the year since ice conditions can change rapidly. If you choose to venture on the ice, be sure to let someone know where you are going and carry ice picks. Ice picks are inexpensive and may save your life if you fall through the ice.



What should you do if you fall through the ice?

First, try not to panic. This may be easier said than done – it is normal to hyperventilate when your body hits the cold water, but knowing a few survival tips will help you to calm yourself and help you get to safety.

1. Don't remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation.
2. Turn toward the direction you came. That's probably the strongest ice.
3. Place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface. This is where a pair of nails, sharpened screwdrivers or ice picks come in handy, providing the extra traction you need to pull yourself up onto the ice.
4. Kick your feet and dig in your ice picks to work your way back onto the solid ice. If your clothes have trapped a lot of water, you may have to lift yourself partially out of the water on your elbows to let the water drain before starting forward.
5. Lie flat on the ice once you are out and roll away from the hole to keep your weight spread out. This may help prevent you from breaking through again.
6. Get to a warm, dry, sheltered area and re-warm yourself immediately. In moderate to severe cases of cold water hypothermia, you must seek medical attention. Cold blood trapped in your extremities can come rushing back to your heart after you begin to re-warm. The shock of the chilled blood may cause ventricular fibrillation leading to a heart attack and death!

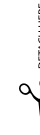
Source: MnDNR

Now is the Time to Get Your Trees Ready for Spring

Late winter is the ideal time to prune branches on trees, according to experts with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. When done correctly, pruning in the winter is less risky to tree health.

Pruning a tree in the winter, while the tree is dormant, helps to:

- Prevent the spread of disease by insects and micro-organisms. Some trees, such as oaks and elms should only be pruned in the winter.
- Reduce the need for a larger pruning job in the future.
- Help a tree survive storms with fewer dropped branches and less damage.
- Improve safety and reduce the potential of property damage by removing overhanging branches.
- Maintain the aesthetic of yards and enhancing the beauty of the tree.



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Become a member today!

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.

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