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Enjoying Lake Life

The OTLPOA wishes you health and happiness in the year to come and we look forward to another wonderful summer enjoying lake life here in Otter Tail County.

Concerns with water and air quality, zoning issues, legislation, taxes and local ordinances and regulations, pollution studies, and water quality testing are all being addressed. OTLPOA has an excellent working relationship with MN state representatives, MN state senators, MN Department of Natural Resources, MN Pollution Control Agency, Otter Tail County Commissioners, Otter Tail County Sheriff, Otter Tail County Shoreline Management, Amor, Everts, Girard and Otter Tail Township boards, local law, fire and ambulance services.

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AIS Detectors Workshops

Would you like to join a trained network of volunteers and be part of the solution to the AIS problems in Minnesota? Become an AIS Detector! The program entails an online course taken at your own speed, and a one-day, in-person workshop where you will apply the knowledge and skills that you learned in the online course.

Workshop dates and locations:

May 3: Arden Hills -- Ramsey County Conservation District Facility

May 4: Farmington -- Dakota County Extension & Conservation Center

May 17: Willmar -- Willmar Conference Center

June 7: Backus -- Cass County Land Services Building

June 8: Fergus Falls -- American Legion Post 30

The fee for the program is \$195. Your registration fee covers unlimited access to the online course, a printed companion for the online training, the full-day in-person workshop (including refreshments and lunch), a copy of our new AIS identification field guide, and networking opportunities with other AIS Detectors and experts. Scholarship opportunities are available if the cost presents a hardship.

For more info contact aisdetectors@umn.edu

OTLPOA Made Donations To

- **Battle Lake Fire And Rescue** •
- **Battle Lake Fire Department** •
- **Ottertail City Fire Department** •

Donations were presented by Scott Simdorn of \$500 each to the Battle Lake Fire Department and Battle Lake Fire and Rescue and a donation of \$1,000 was made to the Ottertail City Fire Department. OTLPOA would like to sincerely thank these three departments for their hard work, dedication and service to the community.



Battle Lake Fire And Rescue Captain Nic Drush

The Battle Lake Fire and Rescue Squad is made up of First Responders and EMTs. They can provide medical attention at the scene of the accident but they do not transport patients. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Nic at battlelakearearescue@hotmail.com



Battle Lake Fire Department Captain Derek Tysdal

The Battle Lake Fire Department consists of approximately 20 volunteers. They prevent fires through education, fight fires and preserve and protect life and property against injury and damage from fires. In you are interested in becoming a member contact Derek at blfirechief@arvig.net



Ottertail City Fire Department Captain Stuart Fleishauer

The Ottertail Fire Department has been proudly serving Ottertail and the surrounding area since 1908.

They are looking for new members. Applicants will be required to attend a First Responder class, a Basic Firefighting Course, and supply a physician's statement certifying your ability to wear a respirator.

If you live within 5 miles of Ottertail, call City Hall at 367-2250 or email the Fire Department at ottertailfd@gmail.com for an application.

The men and women of these groups are truly heroes. Thank You!!!

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President's Corner



Scott Simdorn
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By the time you receive this year's first edition of the Lakeshore News many of us will be thinking of spring. Mother nature has been a little more challenging this winter with January low temperatures in the -30's and windchills in the -60 range. A true test for hearty Minnesotans!

Once again, it's that time of year. Yes, our membership drive has begun. This newsletter goes out to approximately 1700 property owners. We have over 1000 members and would like to see all property owners as members. If you aren't currently a member, please consider joining the association. If you currently are a member, challenge yourself to finding one new member per year. The first letters for membership renewal have been sent out. You

may also renew your membership and make a donation to the foundation on our website, otlpoa.com. Thanks to everyone who has made contributions to the foundation! Remember, these donations help us with larger projects such as AIS. However you decide to renew, please make sure your email address is correct and your current lake property address is correct. If you haven't already visited our website, please do. We have posted new information on lake water testing results for our lakes and many other Minnesota lakes.

As in the past years, our number one concern is AIS. By this time most everyone is aware of the increased number of lakes infected with zebra mussels. Please keep in mind this is only one type of AIS. There are many more which have not been found in our lakes group but are present in other lakes in our area. Starry stonewort is one of the most destructive invasive species we have seen. Your directors have toured some of the lakes infected with this species. It's difficult to image how much damage this can do to your lake without seeing it. We continue to work with the AIS Task Force, Minnesota COLA, DNR, Minnesota

Lakes and Rivers, Otter Tail County, and the state government to aid us in stopping the spread of this and other AIS. These groups are all working on new methods to help protect our lakes. Some of these items will be featured in this newsletter with others to follow. There are also articles on our website.

Directories were delivered last fall. If anyone did not receive theirs, please contact one of the directors and we will make sure it's delivered to your lake property.

We look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying our lakes this summer. The foundation will be sponsoring swimming lessons again this summer. Our annual meeting will once again be at Zion Lutheran Church of Amor on June 29th. Please mark this on your calendar. We invite you to send us your favorite pictures of our lakes for publication in the newsletter. You may forward them to any of the directors. Please remember these are your lakes to enjoy! It is everyone's responsibility to care for and respect our lakes. With everyone's help our lakes will be enjoyed by many generations down the road.

Scott

LMCD Takes New Steps To Address AIS

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) is taking new steps to identify, prevent, and manage Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) threats on Lake Minnetonka.

On December 12, 2018, the LMCD Board agreed to proceed with a master plan to identify, prevent, and manage AIS on Lake Minnetonka. At the January 9, 2019 Board meeting, the LMCD Board unanimously passed a motion authorizing a Request for Proposal to contract with an AIS specialist to:

- Develop an AIS monitoring and response program
- Initiate a vegetation identification and mapping of each bay
- Review the operation of the harvesting program, and,
- Initiate a program cost analysis to determine the costs and funding sources.

Pending the program analysis outlined above, mechanical harvesting of Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed will likely be temporarily suspended in 2019.

According to the Executive Director Vickie Schleunig, "The recent identification of starry stonewort in Medicine Lake underscores the importance of a master plan to address AIS with both a holistic and data-driven approach." Oftentimes, AIS are not effectively eradicated, instead becoming nuisances and hazards that require expensive management to control. The costs of AIS management are significant due to the size of Lake Minnetonka, more than 14,000 acres. Since Lake Minnetonka is one of the busiest lakes in the state, the risk of spread of AIS to other lakes also increases.

This is an exciting and promising step forward to manage the ever-increasing threats to the enjoyment and recreational use of this great natural resource. The LMCD Board and staff look forward to working with the public and Lake stakeholders to continue to preserve and enhance the "Lake Minnetonka experience."

For more information, please visit the LMCD's website, www.lmcd.org, or call the LMCD at 952-745-0789.

Minnesota DNR Water Bodies Listed As Infested In 2018 With AIS In Becker, Grant And Otter Tail Counties

Lake	DOW #	AIS
Annie Battle	56-0241	zebra mussel
Barrett	26-0095	zebra mussel
Bass	56-0770	flowering rush
Blanche	56-0240	zebra mussel
East Loon	56-0523	zebra mussel
East Silent	56-0517	zebra mussel
Floyd (includes Mud)	03-0387	zebra mussel
Jewett	56-0877	zebra mussel
Little Floyd	03-0386	zebra mussel
Long	56-0784	zebra mussel
Long	56-0388	zebra mussel
Long Branch Creek from Long (56-0784) to Pelican River and streams from Jewett (56-0877) to Long		zebra mussel
Molly Stark	56-0303	zebra mussel
Pomme de Terre	26-0097	zebra mussel
Reed	56-0876	zebra mussel
Round	56-0214	zebra mussel
Stalker	56-0437	flowering rush
Streams from West Battle to Otter Tail		zebra mussel
Unnamed lake		zebra mussel
Walker	56-0310	zebra mussel

This list was last updated on December 7, 2018. A complete list can be found at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/infested.html>

Did You Know?

Bluegills are notoriously difficult to identify. They often interbreed with other members of the sunfish family producing strange hybrids. Even pure bluegills can vary greatly in coloration depending on their age, diet, and season. Bluegills, pumpkinseeds, green sunfish, and even crappies and bass are all members of the "sunfish" family.

Source MN DNR

Welcome to Medicare

Are you turning 65 or nearing the 24th month of social security disability status? Attend this informational class to learn the very basics of Medicare including when to enroll, how to enroll, and which common mistakes to avoid. Questions are encouraged. This class is free. Please register in advance by contacting the Battle Lake Community Ed. Office at communityed@isd542.org 218-862-4603.

Date: Thurs., April 4, 2019 at 1 pm

Location: A-30 in BL School

Instructor: Nancy Voss, County Coordinator on Aging

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Although OTLPOA have always had the category of associate member, this year we are doing our best to put more of an emphasis on this category. Many of our members have stated their family members would also like to receive the Lakeshore News and an OTLPOA Directory. Your association has always provided one copy of the Lakeshore News and an OTLPOA Directory to each paid member according to the county GIS listing. Whatever name the lake property is listed under on the county GIS list is the name and address we use on our mailings. We are keeping associate members separate from the general membership in an effort to clarify voting vs. nonvoting members. If you have family members interested in this type of membership, please have them complete the membership form in the appropriate place with the address to which they would like the Lakeshore News to be sent to.

In further explanation about the term associate member: an associate member will have all the benefits of our regular members but they will NOT have voting privileges. An Associate member will pay the same annual fee as a regular

members. An associate member is any individual family member (brother/sister, son/daughter, etc...) that shares property with the owner and wishes to receive the Lakeshore News, receive a Lakeshore Directory, and receive the various email notifications sent our members. An associate member might also be a person that owns a home but not the land on which it is sitting (i.e., campground or resort member). Everyone is interested in all issues which insure that our lakes remain clean for all generations to come and realize that by joining the OTLPOA they can help to insure that this objective is achieved.

The OTLPOA board, looks forward to hearing from you and asks that you note your issues on the backside of the membership form. They will do their best to respond in a timely manner to any questions or concerns noted.

They look forward to continue to serving on your behalf, addressing the many issues that arise which effect our lakes and home properties. With your continued support we can continue to assist each of you in "living the great life" when you are at the lakes.

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Enjoying a red hot fire on a brisk fall night on the lake shore of Blanche Lake. Submitted by Ken Wentz

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Salt Pollutes

Did you know that the some of the salt that we sprinkle on our sidewalks and driveways after a snowfall ends up in our waters? When snow and ice melts, the salt goes with it, washing it into our lakes, streams, wetlands and groundwater. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride.

Less is more when it comes to applying salt because at high concentrations, chloride can harm the fish and plant life in our waters. Salts are used because they are able to decrease the freezing point of water. Did you know that 15°F is too cold for salt? Use sand instead although sand does not melt ice. And do not mix salt and sand together. Sand only provides traction when it is on top of snow and ice. Salt will melt the sand into the snow and ice making it ineffective. Sweep up the leftover salt and sand on dry pavement as it is not doing any work and will be washed away.

Shovel, snow blow or plow first and then apply your deicer of choice sparingly. Remember that the salt ends up in our waters and there's no way to remove it.

Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



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Are Zebra Mussels Hitching A Ride On Your Boat?

Submitted by Christine Lee, Communications Specialist, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

MAISRC researchers recently completed a project assessing the risk of zebra mussels spreading in the residual water left in boats after they've been drained. The first-of-its-kind study found that although veligers can be found in very small amounts of water, ballast tanks contained the largest number of zebra mussel veligers. The study also found that veligers can survive for a couple of days in residual water, emphasizing the importance of taking additional steps such as hot water decontamination when going between lakes.

The first phase of this project focused

on assessing how many veligers could be found in the residual water of boats. Samples were collected from over 250 boats leaving Lake Minnetonka and Gull Lake. Samples were collected from hard and soft ballast tanks, sterndrive engines, live wells, foot wells, splash wells, bilges, and jets. Of these compartments, veligers were found in ballast samples 97% of the time. Veligers were found in 89% of sterndrive engines, meaning that these two compartments have the greatest likelihood of transporting veligers.

The second phase of this study included experimental mortality trials

on veligers in two common boat compartments: live wells and ballast tanks. The live wells were exposed to air temperatures of 20, 27, 32, and 38 °C; the ballast tanks were exposed to 20 and 32 °C. For veligers in the residual water of live wells, > 95% mortality was observed after five hours of exposure to all temperatures. The same level of mortality was reached in ballast tanks at 48 hours. This tells us that watercraft equipped with ballast tanks are at a greater risk of transporting live veligers to new water bodies over short trips.

Both aspects of this research tell us that extra steps – such as hot water decontamination -- should be taken by boat owners to minimize the likelihood of introducing live veligers to new water bodies via overland transport. Providing on-site decontamination services can help reduce the risk of spreading invasive species. Additionally, the nationally recognized suggestions to dry your watercraft for five days or more (Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!) drastically reduces the risk of transporting living zebra mussel veligers to new water bodies. It's important to remember that veliger movement is one possible method for spread; it's currently unknown how many veligers are needed to create a new zebra mussel infestation. The movement of adults still remains a higher risk.

Going forward, members of this



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research team are working with the American Boat and Yacht Council to relay findings and discuss options for redesigning boats that could help limit the spread of AIS.

Learn more about this research in this Pioneer Press story (www.maisrc.umn.edu/news/wakeboards) or on our website (www.maisrc.umn.edu). The full thesis, Occurrence and Survival of Zebra Mussel Veliger Larvae in Residual Water Transported by Recreational Watercraft, is available here (https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/sites/maisrc.umn.edu/files/ms_thesis_-_doll_-_final1.pdf). Thank you to the Brunswick Freshwater Boat Group, Brunswick Public Foundation, and Tonka Bay Marina for funding this research!

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

August 23, 2018 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – President Simdorn called the meeting to order. Board members present were Simdorn, Cave, Snyder, Ness, Steeves, Anderson, Bope, Fetters, Wentz, Rizk, Gedde, Hunke, Kemling and Wing. Absent board members were Fetters.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion Cave, second Wentz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Wentz, second Cave

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion Hunke, second Wentz

- Secretary \$442
- Midweek July Lakeshore News \$1206.29
- Pay the Foundation bill for 150 directories \$693.20

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee – Simdorn, Snyder
- Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, Bope, Anderson, Hunke

- DNR & Government – Cave, Gedde, Steeves, Simdorn, Bope, Kemling – MN DNR Commissioner will be attending a special Otter Tail County board meeting on August 28th, 2018. The public is welcome.

- Water Testing/COLA – Wing, Wentz, Rizk, Simdorn, Cave – Round Lake needs a tester

- Communications Committee
 - i. Lakeshore News – Simdorn, Rizk
 - ii. Website – Bope, Simdorn

- Worm Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, Fetters, Snyder, Wing, Wentz

- Foundation – Steeves, Simdorn – Next foundation meeting will be September 20th, 2018 one hour prior to our board meeting at Beach Bums Water Testing Dinner

- Walking Trail Rearing Pond – Bope, Kemling, Nelson, Simdorn –

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Amor Park was a success with almost 800 people in attending.
- Directories will be handed out at the end of the meeting a list was handed to each of the board members for their zones.

- Betty's Pantry bill will be paid for 130 dinners

9. NEW BUSINESS:

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- September Water Testing Dinner will be Beach Bums September 20th

- October board meeting we will discuss the use of QuickBooks accounting software

11. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Steeves, second by Wentz

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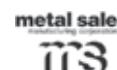
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Did You Know?

Zebra mussels were initially discovered in North America in Lake Erie in 1986.

Zebra mussels were first discovered in Minnesota in 1989 in the Duluth/Superior Harbor. As of October 26, 2018, there were 218 water bodies confirmed with zebra mussels and an additional 156 precautionary designations due to connectivity to upstream zebra mussel infested water bodies.

Zebra mussels have two primary means of spread: Either the transportation of larvae (veligers) and adults via the flow of water through downstream connections or via human activities that carry them overland between unconnected water bodies. Recreational watercraft is cited as the primary cause.

Prior to transporting watercraft, users are required to fully inspect, remove all plants and invasive animals, and open or remove all drain plugs. Recently it has been found that draining alone is not always 100% effective and extra steps such as hot water decontamination should be done. Recreational equipment that contains one or more ballast tanks, such as wakeboard boats, are more likely to hold zebra mussel veligers.

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Helping Wildlife While Avoiding Common Pitfalls

Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has been seeing a lot of tips for providing food, water and nesting materials to animals. Unfortunately, many of those tips are misguided and end up being detrimental to the species we all want to help. Here are a few pitfalls you should avoid and some great alternatives that will help keep animals safe!

Avoid: String, twine, yarn, dryer lint and pet hair

String, twine and yarn can get wrapped around the legs and necks of birds and nestlings, cutting off circulation and often resulting in death. Stringy items can also become a choking hazard if mistaken for food. Never offer dryer lint as it could contain chemicals that are harmful to birds. Pet hair may also be dangerous due to chemicals from flea treatments and shampoos.

Provide: Natural, chemical free materials

It's important to remember that birds are well adapted and get by just fine without human intervention. If you want to help provide nesting materials, focus on things birds would naturally find. You can gather twigs, leaves, seeds, mosses, lichens and untreated grass clippings. These nesting materials can be piled on the ground or placed in clean suet cages.

Avoid: Bread and sugar sponges

Bread and sugar sponges can quickly introduce harmful bacteria and mold, causing respiratory issues and disease, sometimes resulting in death. Birds easily fill up on bread, leaving little room for the more nutritious foods they need. Just like people, animals can suffer from metabolic bone disease if they don't get the proper nutrients. Even with treatment, this disease is often irreversible. In the wild, animals may starve to death or be unable to escape predators.

Provide: Natural, nutritious foods

It's easy to provide the high nutrition foods that animals need. The best way to provide food for butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators is to plant a garden with a wide variety of native plants that bloom from early spring through late fall. Many of these same plants provide late fall to early winter seeds for a variety of birds. You can also add and properly maintain a hummingbird feeder for added nectar. Different types of seed and food will attract different bird species throughout the year.

Avoid: Adding salt to bird baths

Salt can be toxic to birds, sometimes resulting in death in less than an hour. Birds may experience reduced reaction time and lose the ability to perch or fly. Salt water can also be dangerous to deer, squirrels and any other creatures that may be looking for a drink. The effects of salt are particularly dangerous in the winter when animals are less hydrated and fresh drinking water is difficult to find.

Provide: Heated bird baths

If you want to ensure that wintering birds have fresh water available, install a heated bird bath or add a heated rock to your existing bird bath. Shallow baths with areas to perch are ideal for providing easy access to drinking water. Keep in mind that birds won't bathe when it's chilly, but fresh drinking water is essential



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2019 Upcoming OTLPOA Board Meetings

March 28 • April 25 • May 23 • June 27 •
July 25 • Aug. 22 • Sept. 26 • Oct. 24

7pm • Ottertail Community Center (103 Lake Ave. S)

Annual Meeting June 29

Zion Lutheran Church, Amor

www.otlpoa.com

Tree Sales

The East Otter Tail and Wadena Soil & Water Conservation Districts sell between 90,000 and 100,000 trees each year. The tree order form becomes available annually in January and they take orders until they are sold out. If you have a specific tree you are looking for, they advise you to order early to ensure you get the species you want.

SWCD staff can assist you in developing a tree plan. This plan will help you determine which types of trees are best for your site and how many you will need. This planning assistance is done at no cost.

All trees and shrubs are sold in bundles of 25. Their trees and are considered "Conservation Grade", which means they are typically 1-3 years old and range from 6-24 inches in height (from trunk to top of tree).

Check out the tree descriptions and order form at <http://www.eotswcd.org/uploads/files/2019%20Tree%20Order%20Form.pdf>

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Introductory Fly Fishing Class

Want to learn the sport of fly fishing? This introductory class is designed to get you started in the sport of fly fishing. Fly fishing is a great way to fish not only trout, but big pike, small & largemouth bass, and panfish. Participants, ages 16 and older, will learn the basic principles of fly casting, reading water, fly selection, entomology, knot tying and rigging, equipment, safety and where to fish locally and across the US. After this class, students will be all set to hit

the water. This class welcomes those who have never fly fished before and are looking to start or anyone looking to refine your skills. Students are welcome to bring their own equipment, but equipment can be provided as well. Your fee includes three sessions and a fishing trip at Glendalough State Park at the conclusion of class with a date determined at class. If you have questions or need equipment to be provided, please call Doug at 218-640-3163. To register for the class, please contact Battle Lake Community Education at communityed@isd542.org or call 218-864-5215. Enrollment is limited; please register early.

Instructor: Doug Harthan, Front 20 Outfitters Fee: \$75

Dates: April 9, 16, 23 at Battle Lake School



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Intro to Tenkara Fly Fishing Classes

Tenkara is the traditional Japanese method of fly-fishing that uses only a rod, line, and fly. Simplicity, precise casting, delicate presentation, and fly control – these are a few of the things that distinguish Tenkara. In Tenkara one just uses a rod, line and fly. A fixed length of line connects to the tip of the telescopic rod, a short length of tippet is attached to the line and then a fly and you're ready to fish. Developed in the mountain streams of Japan, Tenkara was the original domain of commercial anglers who used to catch native trout for a living. Its history is suspected to go back at least 400 years, though little of it is documented. This class will cover rods, lines, flies, knots, open and close a rod, casting, and techniques to land a fish. If you have questions or need equipment to be provided, please call Doug at 218-640-3163. To register for the class, please contact Battle Lake Community Education at communityed@isd542.org or call 218-864-5215. Enrollment is limited; please register early.

Instructor: Doug Harthan, Front 20 Outfitters Fee: \$20

Date: Wed., March 27 at Battle Lake School

A Fishing Story

"Grandma when will get to go fishing again?", my granddaughter asked. Now that was very surprising because here it was winter and I didn't think she really liked fishing. But at her "old" age of 4, she does not want to miss out and most of all I think she loves her Grandma and our time together.

Last summer we went out a couple of times and had little luck. She mostly sat on my lap as I fixed her brother's line, put on worms and we tried to fend off her little sister from falling off the dock. We watched her 5 year old brother send his line out over and over, the ducks and geese fly overhead, the frogs, the bugs, everything!

Look over there!

There's a loon!

Check out that eagle!

Look at that bug!

What kind of fish is that?

I got the biggest fish!

I got the first fish?

Laughing... I got the smallest fish!

That's what fishing and the lake is... so much love, peace, patience, beauty and laughter!

Definitely laughter.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc.

2019 Membership (Check one)

Property Owner Member: _____ **Associate Member:** _____
(Owns Lake Property) (Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

Name of Property Owner living at lake property address: _____

Address of Property _____
(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home) House/Street # _____
City/State Zip _____

Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30): _____
(must be valid US Postal deliverable address) House/Street # _____
City/State Zip _____

Winter mailing address (9/1-5/15): _____
House/Street # _____
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Email: (please print legibly) _____
Notification of date for tent caterpillar/worm spraying, updates of possible lake changing issues, etc. (If you don't personally have an email address, you can substitute one for a family member who will let you know of these notifications).

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- Membership \$25.00
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How can the association better serve you? (On another sheet of paper)

What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

Insurance Tips If Your Water Pipes Froze And Broke

Source: Minnesota Department of Commerce

You may have survived the recent extreme cold temperatures, but how about the water pipes in your home? Unfortunately, many Minnesotans had frozen pipes that burst and caused significant water damage to their homes.

Water damage is one of the most common reasons people file claims on their homeowners insurance, and it is often the first time that people use their coverage.

The Minnesota Commerce Department, which regulates the state's insurance industry, offers these tips to help with the insurance claims process:

Review your insurance policy. Make sure you understand your policy's coverage, including deductibles and limitations or exclusions. A standard homeowners policy typically covers water damage from burst pipes. But you may not be covered if you left your house unoccupied without heat or your damage was caused by a slow leak over a longer period of time.

Immediately notify your insurance company or agent to start the claims process. If possible, have your policy number when you call. Make sure you get a claim number from your insurer and ask what the next steps will be.

Don't call it "flood damage." You may think your house was flooded by the burst pipe. But to avoid confusion, don't use the word "flood" because it has a specific meaning in insurance. A standard homeowners policy doesn't cover flood damage.

Make emergency repairs to prevent further damage. For example, remove standing water and take water-saturated materials to a well-ventilated area to dry. Keep all receipts for emergency repairs, so you can be reimbursed. Don't make permanent repairs until your insurance company has inspected the damage.

Record all damage. Take photos or video. Make a detailed list of all personal property damaged or destroyed. Share this list with the insurance adjuster. Do not throw out any damaged items until the adjuster has inspected them.

Work with the insurance company adjuster. Your insurance company will send an adjuster to inspect the damage. The insurer pays the adjuster, so you shouldn't be asked for any payment.

The adjuster will provide you with a proof-of-loss form. Use this form to file a claim with your insurance company as soon as possible. You will receive your claim payment after you and the insurer agree on the amount of the damages.

You have the right to choose which contractor will repair your home. Verify the license status of your plumber or building contractor at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry website, which also has tips for hiring a contractor.

If you have a complaint or cannot resolve your insurance claim, contact the Commerce Department for assistance. The department's Consumer Services Center can be reached by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

Otter Tail Cola Lake Testing, 2018

Source: RMB Environmental Laboratories, Moriya Rufer, Moriya.Rufer@rmbel.info, 218-846-1465, www.rmbel.info

In 2018, RMB Environmental Laboratories staff collected water samples on 103 Otter Tail County Lakes with public accesses. Of these lakes, 53 were currently tested by Otter Tail COLA volunteers and 49 did not have volunteer monitors. The parameters tested include Total Phosphorus, Chlorophyll a, Secchi depth. The lakes were tested once a month, May through September, for a total of five samples on each lake.

Calcium was tested because of its importance in zebra mussel shell formation (Mackie & Schloesser 1996). Alkalinity, hardness and pH would be the next most important parameters for determining zebra mussel suitability (Mackie & Claudi 2010; Hincks & Mackie 1997). Lastly, Secchi depth, chlorophyll a and total phosphorus can be considered, although they are not sufficient parameters alone to assess risk (Mackie & Claudi 2010).

Total phosphorus and chlorophyll a are useful for determining the lake's trophic state, which does affect suitability for Zebra mussels. Zebra mussels thrive best in mesotrophic lakes (Karatayev et al. 1998, Nelepa 1992). Eutrophic lakes have a lower suitability due to too much phosphorus and chlorophyll a, and usually softer substrates.

Table 1. Water column Zebra mussel suitability criteria (Mackie and Claudi 2019)

Parameter	Risk		
	Low Little Potential for Larval Development	Moderate (survivable, but will not flourish)	High (favorable for optimal growth)
Calcium (mg/l)	8-15	15-30	>30
pH	7.0-7.8 or 9.0-9.5	7.8-8.2 or 8.8-9.0	8.2-8.8
Hardness (mg/L)	30-35	55-100	100-280
Alkalinity (mg/L)	30-55	55-100	100-280
Specific Conductance (umhos)	30-60	60-110	>110
Secchi depth (m)	1-2 or 6-8	4-6	2-4
Chlorophyll a (ug/L)	2.0-2.5 or 20-25	8-20	2.5-8
Total Phosphorus	5-10 or 35-50	10-25	25-35

Here's the results of Zebra Mussel Suitability for the lakes within Otter Tail Lakes Property Owner's Association:

DOW	Lake	Ave. Calc.	Suitability
56-0240-00-202	BLANCHE	23.9	Moderate
56-0298-00-201	DEER	23.2	Moderate
56-0210-00-202	LONG	22.1	Moderate
56-0242-00-206	OTTER TAIL	26.7	Moderate
56-0202-00-201	PELICAN BAY	55.3	High
56-0297-00-201	ROUND	25.6	Moderate
56-0310-00-201	WALKER	30.9	High

For the complete report of tested lakes in Otter Tail County go to otlpoa.com, click on Resources and then Calcium.

At this time Blanche, Deer, Otter Tail and Walker are listed on the Minnesota DNR list Invasive Species list for Zebra Mussels. Long, Pelican Bay and Round do not have any invasive species listed.

Driving Classes for Senior Citizens

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Please register in advance by calling 218-862-4603

Instructor: Sheri Siira

Date: Tues., Feb. 26 & Wed., Feb. 27, 5-9 pm or

Date: Mon., May 6 & Tues., May 7, 5:30-9:30 pm

Location: Battle Lake School Library Fee: \$25

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Instructor: Sheri Siira

Date: Mon., Jan. 14 12:30-4:30 pm or

Date: Wed., Feb. 27 5:30-9:30 pm or

Date: Wed., April 17 12:30-4:30 pm or

Date: Tues., May 7 5:30-9:30 pm

Location: Battle Lake School Library

Fee: \$20



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Bert Holmquist, Pastor—218-495-3800
Church—218-495-3771
Sunday School 9:30 am, refreshments following
Worship Service 10:45 am
Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Club - Wednesday 7:00 pm
Ladies' Bible Study - 3rd Thursday
Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7:00 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake
"The Little Brown Church on the Hill"
Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378
www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship & refreshments 10:30 am

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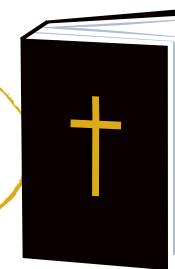
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Derek Mansker, Pastor • Church—218-864-5539
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Fellowship & refreshments after service
Find us on the web at battlelake.org

CATHOLIC

Father Leroy Schik, Pastor
Mass Times—218-864-5619
www.ollsj.org
St. James Catholic - Maine Township 
Saturday Mass 5:00 pm, October 1 - May 1
Saint Edwards - Henning 
Sunday Mass 8:30 am - October 1 - May 1
Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake 
Sunday Mass 10:30 am



Lakes Area Church Directory 2019



Join us in worship!

 Indicates Barrier-Free Access

LUTHERAN

Bethel Lutheran Church
Battle Lake Campus:
Meets at Lakes Area Community Center
112 West Main St., Battle Lake
218-862-4903
Sunday School 9:15 am
(no Sunday School during summer months)
Worship: 10:30 am
Website: bethellutheran.church

First Lutheran - ELCA 
505 W. Holdt St., Battle Lake
Bradley Skogen, Pastor
blfirstlutheran.org
Church—218-864-5686
Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sverdrup Lutheran Church 
PO Box 70
209 Southern Ave. E., Underwood
Martha Halls, Pastor
Church—218-826-6919
Worship 9:00 am

Tingvold Lutheran Church
6 miles north of Underwood, Co. 1 & Co. 35
Martha Halls, Pastor
Church—218-826-6487
September 1-May 31: Service 11:00 am
Fellowship 10:00 am
June 1-August 31: Service 10:30 am
Fellowship 9:30 am

Zion Lutheran - ELCA
36051 Co. Hwy. 74, Amor
Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake
James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563
Email: zionamoroffice@ptrel.com
Website: www.zionamor.org
Summer Services May-September
Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
8:15 am - Traditional Service Weekly
10:00 am - Informal Service 1st & 4th Sundays (Piano)
Contemporary Service; 2nd & 3rd Sundays (Praise Team)
Fellowship and refreshments between services.
Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am, Evening Bible Study -
Contact church office for date and time

METHODIST

Ottertail United Methodist Church 
104 Shores Drive, Ottertail
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-367-2270
Worship 8:45 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship

Richville United Methodist Church
130 SW 1st Ave., Richville
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-346-5656
Worship 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN

Maine Presbyterian 
30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township
2 miles north of Phelps Mill
Tom Junkert, Pastor
Website: mainepresbyterianchurch.org
Church—218-495-2539
Summer - Worship 9:30 am (Thru August)
Coffee Following Worship Service
Winter - Worship 10:00 am

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 23	Candlelight Event, Maplewood State Park	July 6	Car Show, Pelican Rapids
Feb. 23	Fat Saturday Mardi Gras, Perham	July 10	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham
March 6	East Otter Tail County Horticulture Day, Perham Public School	July 11	Shop, Move N Groove, Fergus Falls
March 8-9	Lakes Area Home & Cabin Show, Perham Area Community Center	July 11	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
March 16	Horticultural Day, Perham Middle School	July 12	Relay for Life of East Otter Tail, Perham Public School, Perham
March 16	Kinship Bunco Tournament, Perham	July 12	Summer Celebration & Fish House Festival, New York Mills
March 18-23	Perham Spring Event	July 12	Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, Otter Tail Lake
March 23	Craft Beer Tour, Bigwood, Fergus Falls	July 12-14	Rothsay Prairie Days
March 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	July 12-14	Henning Area Festival
March 30	West Otter Tail County Garden Day, Kennedy Secondary School, Fergus Falls	July 12-21	Northwest Water Carnival, Detroit Lakes
March 30	Trade Show, New York Mills	July 13-14	Phelps Mill Festival, Maine
April 6	Maple Syrup Demonstration, Maplewood State Park	July 17	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham
April 13	Henning Hope Spring Carnival	July 17-20	West Otter Tail County Fair, Fergus Falls
April 13-14	The Gathering Sporting Collectible Show, Perham	July 18	COLA Member Meeting*
April 20	Walk for Glendalough, Glendalough State Park	July 18	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
April 20	Easter Egg Hunt, New York Mills	July 19-21	Art of the Lake Studio Tour
April 25	Water Testing Program Kick-off, COLA*	July 20	Henning Fly-In
April 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	July 22-28	Dance BARN Festival & Activities, Battle Lake
May 11	Fishing Opener	July 24	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham
May 11 -12	Take A Mom Fishing Weekend	July 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
May 14	Henning Bike Rodeo	July 25	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
May 16	COLA Member Meeting*	July 25-28	East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham
May 21	Household Hazardous Waste Pickup, Henning County Garage on 108	July 26-28	Wenonga Days, Battle Lake
May 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	July 26-27	Wizard of Oz Theatric Production, Vergas
May 25	Bass Fishing Opener	July 26	Tuffy Nelson Golf Classic, Perham
June 1	Lake Region Run, Fergus Falls	July 26	Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 5	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	July 27	Hoot Lake Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 6-8	Take-A-Kid Fishing Weekend	July 27	Prospect House Museum - Civil War Celebration, Battle Lake
June 7-8	Summerfest, Fergus Falls	July 27	Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids
June 8	COLA Seminar, TBD	July 31	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham
June 8	Historical Walking Tour, New York Mills	Aug. 1	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 8	Running Wild Trail Run, Maplewood State Park	Aug. 1-3	WE Fest, Detroit Lakes
June 8	Ronald McDonald House Ride, New York Mills	Aug. 2-3	Perham Crazy Days
June 8	Great American Think Off, New York Mills	Aug. 2-4	Flekkefest, Elbow Lake
June 12	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 3	Rail Trails 100 Bike Run, Fergus Falls to St. Joseph
June 12-16	Turtle Fest, Perham	Aug. 4	Classic Car Show, Fergus Falls
June 13	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Aug. 8	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 13	Concerts in the Street at A Center for the Arts with "Tonic Sol Fa", Fergus Falls	Aug. 8-11	Looney Daze, Vergas
June 14	Perham Turtle Fest Grand Parade	Aug. 9	Derby Demo, Ottertail
June 14	Relay for Life of Otter Tail West, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls	Aug. 9-10	Otterfest, Ottertail
June 14-15	Perham Brew Fest x 2	Aug. 10	Parade, Ottertail
June 15	Perham Turtle Fest Half Marathon, 5K & 10K Road Race	Aug. 10	Art & Craft Affair, Battle Lake
June 15	Henning Citywide Garage Sale	Aug. 15	COLA Annual Member Meeting*
June 15	City Wide Garage Sale, Battle Lake	Aug. 15	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 15	Rocky's Fishing Friends - Youth Event, Phelps Mill County Park	Aug. 16	Corn Feed/Puppet Pageant, New York Mills
June 15-16	West Battle Lake Lions Walleye Tournament	Aug. 16	Annual Turkey BBQ/Crazy Day, Henning
June 18-19	Birak Shrine Circus, Fergus Falls	Aug. 16-18	Black Powder Rendezvous, Perham
June 19	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 17	Starry Trek 2019
June 20	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Aug. 17	Watermelon Day, Vining
June 21-23	Hi-10 Baseball Classic, New York Mills	Aug. 17-18	Pioneer Days, Perham
June 22	Cyclone Centennial Celebration, Fergus Falls	Aug. 22	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
June 22	Friendship Festival, Pelican Rapids	Aug. 22	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 26	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 23-24	Barnesville Potato Days
June 27	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	Aug. 24-25	Finn Creek Festival
June 27	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Aug. 30- Sept. 2	Steam Threshermans Reunion, Rollag
June 28-29	Pelicanfest, Pelican Rapids	Aug. 31	Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
June 29	OTLPOA Annual Meeting, Zion Church	Sept. TBD	COLA Member Meeting
June 29	Kinship Average Joe Triathlon, Perham	Sept. 6-8	Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Assn., Dalton
June 29	BBQ Rib Cookoff, Perham	Sept. 11-14	Wisota 100, Fergus Falls
July 3	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Sept. 13-14	Disgruntled Daze 4th Annual, Perham
July 4	4th of July Celebration, Erhard	Sept. 14	Dream for Kids, Perham
July 4	Fireworks, 10pm, Krueger Field Fairgrounds, Perham	Sept. 14	542 Foundation Fundraiser- Tastes. Toasts & Traditions & Stubs, Battle Lake
		Sept. 18	AIS Research & Management Showcase St. Paul Campus, U of M
		Sept. 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting* TBD
		Sept. 28	Lakes Area Home Tour, Perham
		Oct. 5	I Outran the Hairy Man, Vergas
		Oct. 24	OTLPOA Board Meeting*

*Held at the Ottertail Community Room in Ottertail unless indicated by TBD.

OTLPOA Mission Statement

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the community welfare and civic development of all areas of Otter Tail County bordering on or approximate to the shoreline of Otter Tail Lake and such other land areas further removed therefrom as its members shall from time to time determine, and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members, to promote and develop the horticultural development of the areas described, to promote the cultural and social lives of the inhabitants of said area and to provide a vehicle by which legal or political problems common to the areas and the inhabitants thereof, including tax problems, may be resolved in any manner provided by law for the common welfare of the members of this corporation; and to that and this corporation may acquire by purchase or other means such real or personal property as may be necessary in carrying out its stated objectives and to mortgage or sell or exchange the same and to do any and all other acts permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota in furtherance of its stated purposes.



One of the many fronts that went thru this winter.

December 27, 2018 blizzard on Long Lake.

Submitted by Lynn Cave

Winter In Minnesota Is Also The Season For Ice Dams

Source: Minnesota Department of Commerce

Ice dams are not caused by roofing, ventilation or gutter problems, as often believed. The real problem is a home that is leaking warm air.

Due to inadequate air sealing, heat from the home's interior gets into the attic and melts the underside of the snow on the roof. The melted snow water flows down the roof surface until reaching a cold spot such as the eaves or soffit, where it refreezes and forms an ice dam.

Over time, especially with a snow-covered roof in subfreezing temperatures, more ice can build up. Eventually, water starts seeping into the home.

The result? Dislodged roof shingles, sagging gutters, water-soaked insulation, stained ceilings, peeling paint, damaged plaster and even mold or structural damage to the home.

How to prevent ice dams

Because the primary cause of ice dams is air leaking from the attic, the best way to prevent them is to seal leaks with caulking or expanding spray foam, with attic insulation installed to a minimum of R-50 as space allows.

An advanced home energy assessment, or audit, is your first step to preventing ice dams and making your home more energy efficient. The assessment will use equipment such as an infrared camera to identify attic air leaks and what needs to be done to seal them.

A home energy audit can be arranged through your local utility, a nonprofit energy group or an HVAC professional.

Once problem areas are detected, get bids from at least two licensed contractors to have the work done.

What to do, and not do, if you have

ice dams

If you need to remove an ice dam on your home, the safest and most effective action is to hire a professional ice dam removal company that uses steamers.

There are also some things you should not do.

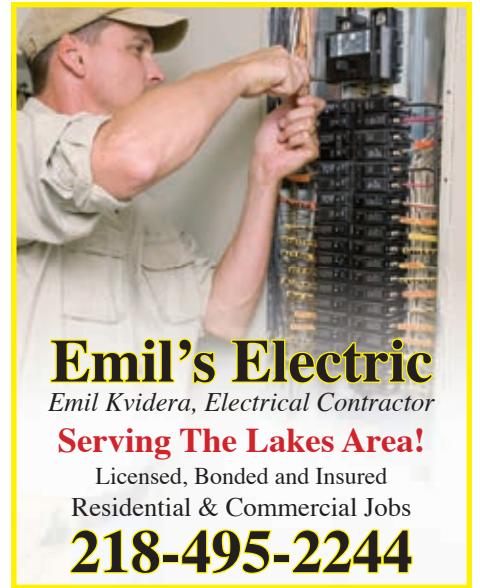
- Do not install heating cables, which shorten the life of your roof and cost money to operate.

- Do not remove ice with chippers, chemicals or heat, which can damage shingles, gutters and other building components.

- Do not add roof vents, including powered vents, which will not eliminate ice dams and often make the problem worse.

To stop ice dams, the best course of action is to attack the root cause, the attic air leaks. Sealing these leaks will help stop ice dams, prevent costly home damage and save on your energy bill.

For more information on preventing ice dams, sealing air leaks and adding insulation, check out the Minnesota Commerce Department's Home Energy Guide (pages 8-20) at mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/home-energy-guide.pdf



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'Starry Trek' Volunteers Search 187 Minnesota Lakes; Find Starry Stonewort In 1

Invasive Algae Confirmed In Wolf Lake In Hubbard County

Source: <http://news.dnr.state.mn.us>

More than 225 trained volunteers searched 187 Minnesota lakes for the invasive algae starry stonewort during the University of Minnesota Extension's annual "Starry Trek" event on August 18, 2018

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed a volunteer report of starry stonewort in Wolf Lake in Hubbard County in north-central Minnesota.

During a follow-up survey in the lake, DNR invasive species specialists found a one-third-acre bed of starry stonewort at an undeveloped access off a township road.

Boat inspections have been expanded and treatment options are being considered, along with more follow-up surveys to watch for the invasive algae in other parts of the lake.

Starry stonewort has never been eradicated from any U.S. lake, but treatment can help reduce the risk of spread and provide nuisance relief for water-related recreational activities.

Dr. Ken Karol with the New York Botanical Garden provided scientific verification of the starry stonewort sample from Wolf Lake. Volunteers submitted samples from several other lakes during the search event that turned out to be chara (KAIR-uh), a native alga that looks similar to starry stonewort.

This year's search results mirror the 2017 inaugural event. Last year, 200 volunteers searched 178 lakes and found starry stonewort in one. There are now 14 lakes in Minnesota where starry stonewort has been confirmed.

Since starry stonewort was first confirmed in Minnesota in 2015, most new populations have been reported in the month of August, when the telltale star-shaped bulbils are most abundant and visible. Information on how to identify starry stonewort can be found on the DNR's website. If people think they've found starry stonewort, they should report it to the DNR.

Starry stonewort is an alga that looks similar to other native plants and can form dense mats, which can interfere with use of a lake and compete with native plants. It is most likely spread when fragments have not been properly cleaned from trailered boats, personal watercraft, docks, boat lifts, anchors or other water-related equipment.

The DNR reminds boaters and anglers to follow Minnesota laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- **Clean** aquatic plants and animals from watercraft.
- **Drain** all water by removing drain plugs and keep drain plugs out while transporting watercraft.
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash.

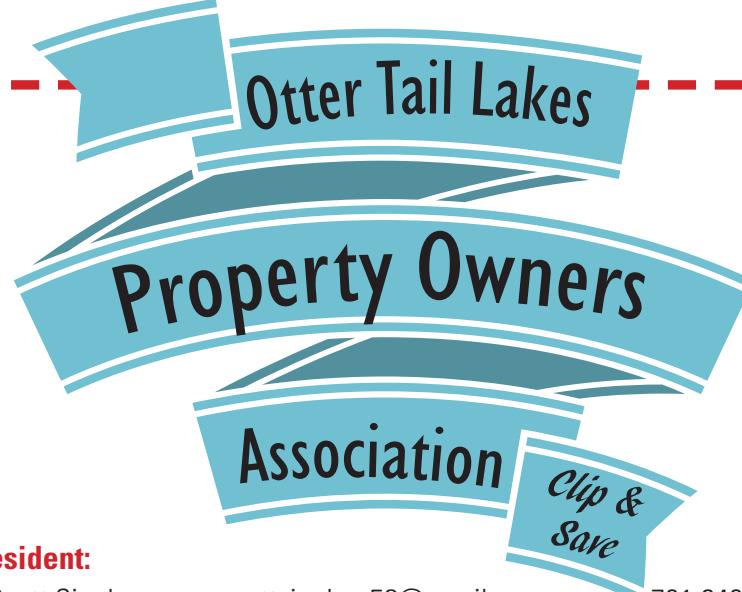
Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water.
- Rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry for at least five days.

Details about starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species are available at mndnr.gov/ais.

Did You Know?

One reason catfish do not have scales is that they have taste buds on the outside of their body.



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Under The “One Minnesota” Banner, Natural Resource Protections Stand To Gain – If We Do It Right: But The Clock Is Ticking *By Jeff Forester*

The new Governor Walz administration has embraced a vision called “One Minnesota,” which is more than just a unifying banner cry. As it has been rolled out with new appointments of critical Commissioner positions, it looks like it will be a promising organizing principle. In particular, the appointment of Sarah Strommen to serve as DNR Commissioner is a positive, major first step. Commissioner Strommen’s comments at the annual DNR Roundtable recently recognized that the old top down model of natural resource management needs to – and should -- undergo a shift. New partnerships and broad-based civic action will be needed to solve Minnesota’s land and water problems and to ensure overall conservation protections.

As the former assistant DNR commissioner in charge of fishing, hunting, wildlife, state parks and trails, she has seen first-hand the challenges we face. Now as the person in charge, her watch will help determine the course that DNR needs to pursue to manage the complex ecosystems in Minnesota and the diverse base of users that benefit financially and recreationally from living and working across Minnesota’s rich natural resource landscape. It won’t be easy. She has inherited a time-sensitive agenda that includes these sobering facts and disturbing issues:

- The number of hunting and fishing licenses sold has fallen, creating a potential challenge to the DNR’s revenue model.
- Aquatic invasive species (AIS) like zebra mussels, spiny waterflea and starry stonewort have spread from a few lakes in 2008 to hundreds of waterways, increasing their infiltration in our lakes and rivers – with more threats on the horizon. Nonetheless, many boaters and anglers continue to be in denial about how they are spread: Recent science is very clear -- it is not waterfowl or wildlife. It is people moving boats and other equipment. And some boats are worse than others.
- The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, using Clean Water funding, has tested almost half of the waters in Minnesota and listed more than 40% of Minnesota’s lakes and rivers as impaired to the point that they are unfishable and unswimable.
 - Native insects, including pollinators, are crashing.
 - New climate science research shows that Minnesota is the state in the U.S. that is experiencing and witnessing the effects of rapid climate change the most dramatically – right now with wetter weather, added heat stress, more severe seasonal storms and potentially chronic impacts to food production, forest and lake health and infrastructure.

One Agency Cannot Have All the Solutions – or Staff Power -- To Address Challenges in Meaningful, Long-term Ways: Engaging Minnesota’s Largest Conservation Group – Lake Associations – Will Help Dramatically

No agency like DNR or any institution can manage natural resources alone, (or crime, or

On Sept. 2, 2018 at 5:30 am a strong storm with westerly winds went through the north shore of Blanche Lake.



Boats, boat lifts pontoons and sailboats were flipped over, as well as a downed tree blocked the entrance to Arbor Loop Road.



A Good Samaritan on Blanche lake helps right a sailboat in gusty Labor Day winds.

Submitted by Ken Wentz

the economy, etc.). Millions of small, discrete choices and actions by millions of individuals impact natural resources. Even an agency with adequate funding, committed and professional staff, and strong regulatory power cannot manage such complex problems alone. The obvious tool to increase the efficiency of DNR is to increase engagement with a wider base of natural resource users who can help combat the problems we face.

And that model of engagement is going to include – as the Star Tribune’s Outdoor columnist, Dennis Andersson, wisely pointed out recently, “outdoors enthusiasts, more silent-sport and non-consumptive users...” including “hikers, climbers or paddlers, and still others back-country adventurers, cross-country skiers, runners, bird watchers or bikers. In short — forgive the generalization — they’re more the REI crowd than the Cabela’s crowd.”

To Anderson’s list, I would add Lake Associations, of which there are more than 500 in Minnesota currently – arguably the largest conservation constituency in the state, and demonstrably the most active. According to a 2017 study done by Concordia University called “Minnesota’s Lake Associations: Who they are and what they do,”

Key findings from the study include:

- Collectively, the 500+ Minnesota lake associations donate about \$6.25 million, annually, to the care of Minnesota’s lakes.
- Collectively, the 500+ lake associations in Minnesota contribute about 1.2 million volunteer hours annually to lake conservation activities, including AIS inspection, water quality testing, and community education/outreach activities.
 - The top 3 concerns of lake associations in Minnesota are: AIS, overall water quality, and runoff control.
 - Most respondents agree or strongly agree that their associations face hurdles in becoming more engaged in lake conservation activities.
 - The top 3 challenges that Minnesota’s lake associations face as they work on achieving their goals are: Inadequate member participation (i.e. the needs far exceed the available human capital), feel that they are not being heard/taken seriously by the DNR, and the aging population of lake property owners.
 - Most respondents do not agree that their lake associations are authentically included in the lake management planning process.
 - Most respondents do not feel that their lake associations have real authority over the lake.
 - Most respondents do not think that the DNR has sufficient lake management policies in place.

Commissioner Strommen and her husband Jon are members of the Wabedo-Little-Boy-Cooper Lakes Association (WLBCR), with Jon serving as a past president of that organization. The WLBCR likewise has been a member of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates since 2011, which helps address many of the issues outlined in this article throughout Minnesota and at the state legislature.

Commissioner Strommen has long worked to engage citizens in a positive manner, recognizing that partnerships are essential to making good decisions and building civic trust, and she has been active in evaluating and reforming traditional participation structures for state agencies, local governments and non-profits. Strommen, as Mayor of Ramsey, championed a culture of effective citizen participation. I believe she will bring this same spirit to her new role.

The Need for Active Citizenship as Opposed to Consumer Citizenship Has Never Been More Important in Our History

The last 50 years of Minnesota conservation efforts have shown that new legislation, new laws and regulations probably are not enough by themselves to rehabilitate our damaged ecosystems. A legal framework can help, and is essential, but we have witnessed these important laws going unenforced due to lack of will. After a decade of Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment funding, dollars alone are not an answer either.

We cannot buy our way out of our environmental woes.

What has been lacking are efforts to develop civic leadership at the local level with regard to water. Building civic infrastructure in our communities of a broad cross-sector base around water issues is a role for which lake associations are uniquely well positioned. This is a base upon which an innovative DNR Commissioner can advance a new conservation ethic for Minnesota.

As the first woman to hold the DNR commissioner’s title, this appointment has demonstrated already – however incremental or symbolic – that the One Minnesota model will hopefully embrace the diversity and non-traditional ways of doing things. The times we are living in dictate new strategies and new roles for citizens that focus on governing for the common good in the places where each individual has the authority to act. One Minnesota will help to develop active citizenship as opposed to consumer citizenship.

Active Citizens are policy makers. This is a subtle but important point: When citizens see themselves as policy makers, they are more aligned with taking actions to achieve the public good and less likely to entrench within their own special interests. They are also far more likely to publicly support any policy proposal that emerges, even if it is not the policy that they originally endorsed.

We know Commissioner Strommen will be looking for your input and ideas. The many members at Minnesota Lakes and Rivers want to welcome her to her new role. We look forward to working with her and the agency to protect Minnesota’s lake and river heritage. I hope you all in Otter Tail country will join us in supporting her as well.

Jeff Forester is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization, Minnesota Lakes and River, and an occasional contributor to Lakeshore News www.mnlakesandrivers.org

BWSR Awards \$13.7 Million In Clean Water Fund Grants

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved \$13.7 million in Clean Water Fund grants on Dec. 19 to improve water quality in streams, lakes, and groundwater across the state. The majority of the grant funding—\$11.7 million—is allocated for voluntary conservation projects across Minnesota. In addition, \$1.4 million will support accelerated implementation for high-priority projects, and \$610,000 will fund multipurpose drainage management.

“All Minnesotans deserve water that is safe for drinking, swimming, and fishing,” said Governor Dayton. “These 52 grants will improve water quality throughout our state, and help provide more Minnesotans the clean water they expect and deserve.”

The \$13.7 million will fund 52 separate grants, 36 of which are dedicated to specific projects and practices. For example, a grant awarded to the Martin Soil and Water Conservation District will support their efforts to improve drinking water in the Fairmont area by implementing agriculture best management practices near the Fairmont Chain of Lakes. Upon project completion, sediment in the chain of lakes is estimated to be reduced by 130 tons each year.

About the Minnesota Clean Water Fund: Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008 to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater. The Clean Water Fund receives 33 percent of the sales tax revenue generated by the Legacy Amendment. More information about the Clean Water Fund is available at <https://www.legacy.mn.gov/funds/clean-water-fund>.

BWSR is the state soil and water conservation agency, and it administers programs that prevent sediment and nutrients from entering our lakes, rivers, and streams; enhance fish and wildlife habitat; and protect wetlands. The 20-member board consists of representatives of local and state government agencies and citizens. BWSR's mission is to improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners.

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DNR Considers Glendalough Expansion

By Dan Malmstrom

A new Glendalough State Park opportunity was recently presented to the Minnesota DNR. It came in the form of 140 acres of land that could be added to the park's existing 1,931 acres through an estate sale.

The land tract is adjacent to the northwest boundary of the park. It is a pristine combination of lakeshore, forest, and prairie on the west side of Blanche Lake. DNR officials informed the local Citizens Advisory Board of the potential land purchase at its November meeting. The tract purchase is a strong possibility and offers many diverse recreational and interpretive opportunities.

Several important considerations and actions are necessary to evaluate the possibility of this land purchase by the DNR. Otter Tail County commissioners were informed about the possible land sale by the Minnesota DNR on December 11th. Reportedly, the County Commissioners expressed support for the park expansion. Likewise, DNR officials met with the Everts Township board to advise them of the possibility and state's process.

District 1 Supervisor, Chuck Carpenter, told the Citizens Advisory Board the DNR would pursue extending the park boundaries through the Minnesota State Legislature. This is a common and straight-forward process and is a necessary step to support the land acquisition. Subsequently, discussions would proceed with estate representatives regarding the land purchase.

One important financial element that often goes un-noticed by the public is the loss of local property tax revenue when private land transfers to the State. Fortunately, the State of Minnesota recognized the tax loss strain this could place on outstate jurisdictions.

In 1933, the legislature created the “Payment in Lieu of Taxes” program to compensate local government units for the loss of tax base when the state acquired land. This PILT aid program was updated in 1979. The legislation sets PILT rates and upward adjustments.

In 2017, the state paid approximately \$32 million in payments from the PILT. The payments are directed to the local counties, townships, and at times even school districts to compensate for tax losses. In 2010, it was reported by the Office of the State Auditor that payments made to local jurisdictions were generally higher than the property tax loss on the private land. In 2013, the legislature adjusted PILT payments upward by 15.5 percent to ensure commensurate payments.

Financial impact, along with a myriad of land owner, recreational, natural and development factors will be considered as part of this exciting expansion opportunity at Glendalough.

EOT SWCD Assistance To Landowners

Otter Tail County's 1,048 lakes are a major draw to tourists and county residents alike, as places to find great fishing, swimming, boating, or relaxing. We currently have some of the cleanest waters in the state, but these waters are at risk of reduced water quality due to fertilizers, road salt, soil, and other pollutants from roofs and roads, which all decrease the number of fish, opportunities for swimming and recreating, and tourism dollars coming into our county. Luckily, we as lake and stream shore owners can do our part by installing native plantings and rain gardens, which act as a buffer to reduce soil and pollutants entering the lake, as well as provide habitat for butterflies, birds, and bees.

The EOT SWCD provides technical assistance to landowners who are concerned about erosion along their shoreline or the quality of water leaving their property. This typically includes a site visit to assess any concerns as well as the development of a management plan or planting design to keep soil in place and filter pollutants out of surface water running into the lake.

If you interested in scheduling a site visit or have questions about your lake property, contact us today at 218-346-9105

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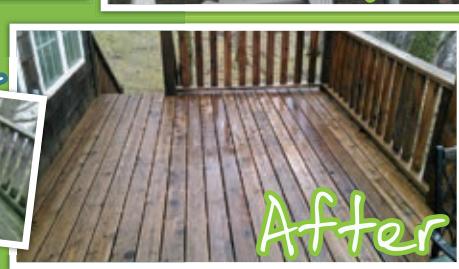
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PULL THE PLUG ON AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

Actions Required by MN Law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- ✓ **Clean** aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving the water access.
- ✓ **Drain** water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access – and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. **Keep drain plugs out** while transporting boats.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



What A Year!

2018 was an exciting year at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center! According to Dr. Nicholas Phelps, director of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, he can honestly say that there is reason for hope in handling aquatic species.

MAISRC has created a Research Report for 2018 that highlights some their accomplishments. They include:

- MAISRC researchers published new recommendations for treating invasive Phragmites which will help managers, agencies, and other groups respond to the spread of this damaging wetland plant. Find them at www.maisrc.umn.edu/phragmites.
 - This past summer, MAISRC released an important white paper outlining treatment options for the eradication of limited-scale zebra mussel infestations at various water temperatures. Find the paper at z.umn.edu/zebramussels.
 - MAISRC confirmed the presence of Carp Edema Virus for the first time in Minnesota. We are learning more about this virus, along with Koi Herpes Virus, and considering their potential as biocontrol agents for carp. Learn more about this at www.maisrc.umn.edu/khv-faqs.
 - In the second year of the program, MAISRC certified 97 new Aquatic Invasive Species Detectors. This brings our total to 220, all across Minnesota. Want to join this network and be part of the solution? Visit www.AISDetectors.org.
- You can find the complete report at https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/sites/maisrc.umn.edu/files/2018_research_report.pdf

LAND TRANSFERS August 13, 2018 until February 11, 2019

TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE	TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
Amor	Walker	Residential < 4 Units	Bladow, Jeremy A & Tina M	Leclair, Christopher W & Trisha K	\$391, 750	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Bjork, Tony & Sharon	Dukart, Ken & Rhonda	\$507, 000
Amor		Rural Land Improved > 35 Ac	Tjornhom, Thomas N & Nancy L	Ried, Richard S / Tjornhom-Ried, Sarah Ann	\$147, 146	Otter Tail	Round	Residential < 4 Units	Pollard, Ronald J	Jacob, Corina & Frederick	\$273, 850
Amor		Rural Land Unimproved > 35 Ac	Tenney, Paul R	Hudson, Douglas C	\$160, 000	Otter Tail	Gourd	Farm Improved > 35 Ac	Heaton, Richard Lee & Patricia A	Heaton, Timothy Dale	\$230, 000
Amor	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Henke, Justin P	Daniel T. Carlisle And Jeannie L Carlisle Or	\$600, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Plombon, Gary M & Roxanne D	Wolf, David & Robyn	\$521, 700
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Thimjon, Troy & Darla	Jensen, Paul & Sarah	\$630, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Mary Anthony Ebner,	Meyer, Trisha	\$775, 000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Barkve, Kelly J & Allen	Miller, Brady T & Amie Jo	\$576, 000				As Successor Trustee Of T		
Amor	Walker	Seas/Rec Improved	Haydock, Cheryl A / Ofstehage, Ronald J	Lewis, Janet M / Anderson, Robert B & Kari A	\$0	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Harris, Beverly P	Hager, Mike & Josh	\$260, 000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Larson, John & Jeannene	RM Properties LLC	\$439, 200	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Kalo, Katrina M	Baker, Neil P & Pamela J	\$419, 000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Carol A. Heuer, Trustee Of The Carol A. Heuer	Graham, Lois Anne & James Douglas	\$350, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Horlocker, Beth L	Bossert, Robert T Jr. / Sturdevant-Bossert, Bar	\$455, 000
Amor	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Yaggie, Donald	Yaggie, Michael D. & Mary E	\$400, 000	Otter Tail		Seas Res Unimproved	Buirge, Marcella M / Pieske, Wayne M	Hemmingstad, John / Mcmekin Hemmingstad, Chris	\$194, 500
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Jensen, Paul & Sarah	Thimjon, Troy & Darla	\$353, 000	Otter Tail		Seas Res Unimproved	Motis, Leisha	Christenson, Anthony & Darla	\$22, 000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Daniel T Carlisle And Jeannie L Carlisle	Henke, Justin P	\$300, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Lund, John & Linda	Christenson, Anthony & Darla	\$5, 000
Everts		Seas/Rec Improved	Pipho, Donald M & Marlene S	Schnoes, Dan J & Connie J	\$60, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Ann L Wilson And James W Wilson, Trustees O	Mohagen, Richard L Jr. & Karen J	\$632, 500
Everts	Deer	Seas Res Unimproved	Brennan, Timothy P & Lynnette M	Jacobs, Michael & Jacqueline	\$200, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Vitek, Douglas H & Melissa A	Long, Samuel E & Regina	\$498, 000
Everts		Farm Improved > 35 Ac	Jacqueline R Christensen Trust	Christensen, Daniel R	\$62, 400	Otter Tail			Helen M. Nelson,	Veil, Jesse Neal & Kimberly Dawn	\$678, 200
Everts		Seas Res Unimproved	Johnson, Ryan S & Emily	King, Alvin Phillip II	\$25, 000	Otter Tail	Long	Residential < 4 Units	Trustee Of The Helen M Nels		
Everts	North Turtle	Seas/Rec Improved	Bohlen, Holly A & Milton B	Cote, Jeffrey O & Barbara A	\$112, 900	Otter Tail	Long	Seas/Rec Improved	Rixen, Cheryl A & Jerald	Baumer, Timothy J & Brenda L	\$150, 000
Everts	Elbow	Seas/Rec Improved	Opsal, Tillman & Dana	Schumacher, Paul & Paula	\$5, 000	Otter Tail	Buchanan	Residential < 4 Units	Theisen, Timothy W & Christina R	Eastwood, Jason & Suzanne	\$125, 000
Everts	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Miller, Candance & David L / Loberg, Rory & Del	Frankl, Jason & Tamera	\$247, 400	Otter Tail			Frakie, Julie & Roy V / Wallace, Susan K / Wh	Hager, Patricia & Eugene	\$295, 000
Everts	Silver	Residential < 4 Units	Hillman, Margie E	Pearson, Keith & Michelle	\$294, 530	Otter Tail		Seas/Rec Improved	Plombon, Gary & Roxanne	Summers, Kelly L & David J	\$215, 000
Everts	Round	Residential < 4 Units	Lien, Randy B & Lisa A	Lee, Charles & Peggy J	\$140, 000	Otter Tail		Seas Res Unimproved	McLaughlin & Schulz, Inc.	Cavalier, Crystal M	\$4, 600
Everts	Silver	Seas/Rec Improved	Bauer, Dennis John	Kruse, Janice	\$175, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Thiel, Robert & Patricia	Mccullough, Cindy	\$775, 000
Everts		Farm Unimproved < 35 Ac	Dotzenrod, Joel	Wilde, Stacy	\$18, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas Res Unimproved	Duchsherer, Charles & Julie	Otter Tail Cabin LLC	\$295, 000
Girard		Residential < 4 Units	Secretary Of Housing & Urban Development	Clark, Jana M	\$121, 153	Otter Tail	Buchanan	Residential < 4 Units	Morgan, Mavis I	Morgan, Robert	\$300, 000
Girard		Rural Land Unimproved > 35 Ac	Carter, Grace	Mortenson, David & Tammy / Carter, Eric & Tanya	\$125, 700	Otter Tail	Buchanan	Seas/Rec Improved	Wiese, John & Connie	Anderson, Luke & Tiffany	\$91, 000
Girard		Farm Unimproved > 35 Ac	Jacqueline R Christensen Trust	Christensen, David J. & Heidi	\$64, 000	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Cochran, Kevin B & Kathryn L	Bloom, Bradley S & Julie C	\$562, 400
Girard		Res Unimproved	Sandell, Nancy Sue	Fennell, David J & Mary B	\$4, 195	Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas Res Unimproved	Bradt, Stephen & Susan	Wanek, Deen & Cassandra	\$176, 000
Girard		Farm Unimproved > 35 Ac	Goodrich, Jack E & Susan E	Kolpin, Daniel / Ihns-Kolpin, Della E	\$70, 000	Otter Tail	Long	Seas Res Unimproved	Ecs Holdings Of Pelican Rapids, LLC	Otter Tail Cabin LLC	\$30, 000
Girard	East Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Brenner, Letha J	Halgrimson, Michael A & Nancy B	\$113, 100	Otter Tail City		Comm Improved	Pier 38, LLC	Schnurer, Patricia	\$820, 100
Girard	East Battle	Residential < 4 Units	Leu, Phyllis E	Zwart, Tony T & Jessica N	\$238, 025	Otter Tail City		Comm Improved	Jacobsen-Boyce, Susan	Schelkoph, Brian & Stacy	\$27, 450
Girard	West Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Andert, Trustee, Julie I	Prody, Clair A & Barbara J / Greenagel, Joseph	\$100, 000	Otter Tail City		Comm Improved	Lueders, Tammy L & Timothy G	Friedrich, Troy & Paul	\$10, 000
Girard	Blanche	Seas/Rec Improved	Larry G Rau, Trustees, Or Their Successors I	TI Real Estate LLC	\$782, 000	Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Lorentz, Linda	Ellingson, Stephanie	\$90, 000
Girard	East Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Peddycoart, Rodney A & Cathernye A	Llewellyn, Dustin G / Peddycoart Kluver, Carri	\$190, 100	Otter Tail City		Comm Improved	State Of Minnesota On Behalf Of Otter Tail Co	Lorentz, George	\$25, 192
Girard	West Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Helfter, Thomas	Mcdonald, Patrick M & Judith H	\$365, 000	Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Wagenman, Terry D & Kathryn G	Wilken, Matthew	\$50, 000
Girard	West Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Battles, Kevin G & Deanne M	Pasek, Gregory J & Shirley J	\$350, 000	Otter Tail City	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Marlene R. Matney Revocable Trust	Leichter, Jo Ann	\$330, 000
Girard	West Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Isakson, Richard L & Diane & Sarah L / Lokensg	Bailey, Jacque	\$549, 000	Otter Tail City		Commercial Unimproved	Johnson, Todd A & Nancy J	Mursu, Amy Ann	\$62, 000
Girard	East Battle	Seas Res Unimproved	Estate Of Veulah M. Holman	Sura, David	\$30, 000	Otter Tail City		Commercial Unimproved	Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank	Morstad Realty, LLC	\$40, 000
Girard	Hanson	Seas/Rec Improved	Drange, Paul R & Stephanie A	Schmidt, Edward & Karen	\$122, 300	Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Rosenthal, Jack & Heather	Doll, Candice Nichol	\$130, 193
Girard	Ethel	Seas Res Unimproved	Rosenthal, Jack A. & Heather Ann / Owusu, Eric	Emmerich, Jerold L. & Sandra L	\$112, 500	Otter Tail City	Portage	Seas Res Unimproved	Plombon, Donald M / Priebe, Shirley A	Zeise, Gary	\$120, 000
Otter Tail		Residential < 4 Units	Weigel, Nathan P	Babler, Paige I & Samuel P	\$107, 000	Otter Tail City		Seas Res Unimproved	Chromy, Joan	Kittelson, Ronald L. / Richard-Kittelson, Lorie	\$25, 000
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Conrad, Peter & Christina	Boulware, Holly	\$537, 500	Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Hendrickson, David D & Karen E	Fudge, Christopher M	\$219, 105
Otter Tail	Pickereel	Seas/Rec Improved	O'kane, Christopher & Sarah	Dobis, Paul & Jill	\$285, 000	Otter Tail City		Seas Res Unimproved	Holt, Michael W & Mavis M	Thiel, Peter & Nicole M	\$17, 000
						Otter Tail City		Res Unimproved	Sweere, Stephan	Lavalle, Thomas & Carol A	\$9, 000
						Otter Tail City		Res Unimproved	Sweere, Stephen	Lavalle, Thomas / Lavalle, Carol Ann	\$500
						Otter Tail City		Res Unimproved	Lavalle, Thomas & Carol	Sweere, Stephen	\$500
						Otter Tail City		Res Unimproved	Anderson, Craig & Nancy	Merickel, Thomas D & Laura A	\$48, 500
						Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Welker, Ray W & Karen Lee	Stock, Dennis A & Renne A	\$375, 000
						Otter Tail City		Tax Exempt	City Of Ottertail	Blue Spruce Properties LLC	\$112, 320

Walk 2019 in Full Motion

Submitted by Dan Malmstrom

Preparations for the 2019 Walk for Glendalough are in full motion. Mark your calendars to spend a portion of Saturday, April 20th in Glendalough State Park. After dealing with frigid temperatures this winter, the Walk will be a great way to work out the kinks as we get ready for a Minnesota summer!

Whether you walk, hike or bike ride along Glendalough's many trails, or simply experience the heritage of Glendalough over conversation with friends, you can rest assured that celebrating Earth Day in the park never disappoints – no matter the weather!

The event runs from 9am – 1pm. Please register at any time in the historic Lodge. Walk t-shirts will be provided at the registration table for each donation of \$50. Coffee and donuts will be available in the Trail Center during the morning. Lunch will be served at noon followed by awards, door prizes, and brief updates about exciting park developments; including progress on the new Trail Center and the Sunset Lake Trail segment.

If you would like to raise pledges for Walk 2019 and vie for some great prizes, pledge forms will be available at Everts Lumber, Spruce, Lakes Area Community Center, Battle Lake Public School, the Glendalough State Park office, and via email at Glendaloughparkpartners@gmail.com. To encourage conservation stewardship among area youth we will recognize kids that raise pledges for the Walk.

If you cannot attend the Walk, you may contribute to the fundraiser by sending your donation to: Glendalough Park Partners, PO Box 901, Battle Lake, MN 56515, and we will send you a T-shirt.

The Walk is a very important part of the Glendalough State Park heritage. In 1996 the first fundraising event promoted by the Citizens Advisory Board, "March for Parks" took place. The event name has since changed to "Walk for Glendalough", and has become an annual fundraising event sponsored by the local Citizens Advisory Board in collaboration with the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota.

Nearly \$300,000 has been raised over the years, and the list of projects made possible by your generosity is impressive.

Save The Date

Walk For Glendalough Sat., April 20

Take a hike at Glendalough at their annual spring fundraising event! Coffee, cider and donuts are available before you hike, and a bratwurst lunch is available on your return. There is no entry fee on this day, but a small donation and registration is required to qualify for door prizes.

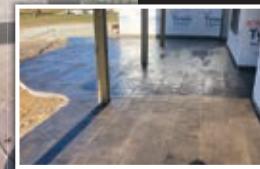
Did You Know?

In the early 1960's the lakes area was considered a gem and construction of cabins was booming. Seven people, Calvin G. Stoller, Harrison J. Melby, R. C. Rolfson, William H. Maxwell, Kenneth Severn, Norman D. Arvesen and Robert Anderson were pulled together by the same desire - to promote and protect the area lakes.

With that desire on January 5, 1967, the Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc was incorporated. It was incorporated as a non-profit corporation with any person owning real estate in the area within the corporation could be a member. The area was defined as Blanche Lake, Deer Lake, Long Lake, Otter Tail Lake, Otter Tail River North, Pelican Bay, Round Lake and Walker Lake.

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Trail Center Reality; \$750,000 Bonding Approved!

Submitted by Dan Malmstrom, Glendalough State Park Citizens Advisory Board

The Glendalough Citizens Advisory Board was recently informed that Governor Mark Dayton signed the 2018 bonding bill which includes \$750,000 for pre-design, design and construction for a new trail and visitor facility in Glendalough State Park. The bonding will augment more than \$200,000 of private philanthropy that was quietly raised by the board ahead of making the state bonding request. The project is now a reality for Glendalough State Park.

The trail center is intended to offer a combination of enclosed and open-air spaces, similar in feel to the Mary Gibbs Center at the Mississippi headwaters in Itasca State Park. Functionally, it will provide trailhead and visitor services, park interpretation, naturalist office space, winterized restrooms and showers, multi-season gathering area, rental concessionaire, and centralized parking.

During the spring of 2017, a local planning team, including representatives from the DNR, reviewed all former and existing park management plans for Glendalough, wrote a detailed vision and plan for a new trail center, prepared preliminary architectural renderings and cost estimates, and raised seed money from the Cowles and Ballantine families, and a few local philanthropists.

In August of 2017, the Minnesota Parks and Trails Council asked the Glendalough advisory board to write a grant application for the trail center, which became part of their 2018 legislative agenda. Subsequently, the local board worked with Representative Bud Nornes and Senator Bill Ingebriksen to draft House and Senate bonding bills for the trail center. After a tumultuous negotiating period over the final weeks of the legislative session, Governor Dayton signed the bill.

Going forward, officials from the Minnesota DNR will manage the process for design and construction for the center, which will begin once state budget office authorization is received.

The local Citizens Advisory Board will formalize and expand fund-raising to include its faithful Park Partners, local and seasonal residents, and businesses that desire to be part of this valuable resource. The preliminary project cost was estimated at \$1.2 million and will be refined through the DNR design process. Additional donations will provide bridge funding from the nearly \$1 million already secured to the final project cost.

More information about the trail center bonding can be found at the Glendalough Trail Facebook page.

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Drain cleaner	a plunger or plumber's snake
Glass Cleaner	1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice in one quart of water. Spray on and use a newspaper to dry
Furniture Polish	1 teaspoon lemon juice in one pint of mineral or vegetable oil and wipe furniture
Rug Deodorizer	Liberally sprinkle carpets with baking soda. Wait at least 15 minutes and vacuum. Repeat if needed.
Silver Polish	Boil 2 to 3 inches of water in a shallow pan with one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of baking soda and a sheet of aluminum foil. Totally submerge silver and boil for 2 to 3 more minutes. Wipe away tarnish and repeat if necessary.
Mothballs	Use cedar chips, lavender flowers, rosemary mints or white peppercorns.

Additional information is available from EPA's Safer Choice program.

Garbage Left On The Lakes Does Have An Impact on The Environment -

This includes cans, cigarette butts, human excrement, trailer hitches, propane tanks, etc. This is against the law, is a petty misdemeanor and could be a \$100 fine.

Insurance Coverage

Source: Minnesota Department of Commerce

Every winter, deep-freeze temperatures, snowstorms and ice cause plenty of headaches, and worse, for Minnesotans.

It's important to make sure you have the insurance coverage you need in case your home, car or other property becomes a victim of winter weather. The Minnesota Commerce Department, which oversees the insurance industry in the state, offers these winter insurance tips.

Your Home

Understand what your homeowners insurance covers. A standard policy typically covers damage caused by fire, wind, fallen trees, water damage from ice dams and other accidental causes, and structural collapse from the weight of ice or snow. Damage from frozen pipes may not be covered if it is due to negligence, such as failing to maintain an adequate temperature in the house. Damage from a backed-up drain or sewer is typically not covered.

Update your home inventory. Take photos or video of every room. Keep detailed information, including receipts, for all high-value possessions. Put your home inventory in a safe place. Filing a claim will go a lot easier if you have a comprehensive, up-to-date record of what's in your home.

Review your coverage. If you have remodeled your home or bought any expensive new items, make sure your insurance policy is updated to reflect the added value. Most home insurance policies have standard limits for big-ticket items like electronics, art, jewelry or sporting equipment.

Your Car

Drive with care. Winter weather is a challenge for all drivers. While some accidents can't be avoided, you should always drive defensively and without distractions. When roads are slick or snow-covered, slow down and keep extra distance between you and the vehicle ahead.

Know what to do in case of an accident. Always keep a copy of your insurance card in the car. To take the stress out of filing a claim, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) created the free WreckCheck smartphone app to help you gather information after an accident, including photos. You can then email the report directly to your insurance agent. It's available at www.insureuonline.org/insureu_games_apps.htm

Review whether you need collision or comprehensive coverage. Collision insurance covers damage to your car from colliding with another vehicle or non-moving object such as a tree or pothole. Comprehensive insurance covers damage caused by other factors such as flooding, hail, a falling tree or hitting an animal. If your car is older and no longer worth a lot, keep in mind that the maximum insurance payout will only be the car's current market value.

Your Winter Fun

Decide on coverage for your snowmobile, ATV or ice fishing house. Minnesota law does not require insurance for snowmobiles or ATVs. Generally, they will not fall under your auto or homeowners insurance, so you will need a separate policy to cover damage to your vehicle and liability for damage to others. If you have an ice fishing house, check with your agent to see if your homeowners policy has it covered.

Carefully consider the costs versus benefits of travel insurance. If you plan to escape the cold for a warm vacation, you may be considering travel insurance. Review the details of what's covered and what isn't, especially any conditions or exclusions. Coverage that is too limited or restrictive may not be worth the price. Plus, your credit card may already include insurance.



A truck went through the ice on Otter Tail Lake near the Dead River opening on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The man driving the truck was not familiar with the lake and got too close to an outlet near Cty. Hwy. 1. He was not injured. Photo submitted by Rob Bope

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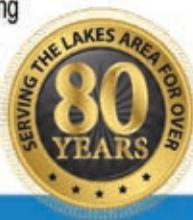
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Influenza Season Ramping Up, Not Too Late For Vaccine

The influenza season in Minnesota has been mild so far, but numbers from the Minnesota Department of Health show that confirmed cases are beginning to multiply and influenza is widespread throughout the state. In addition, Tri-County Health Care has seen confirmed cases of influenza and increased activity.

Even though this influenza activity is considered moderate, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's weekly influenza surveillance shows that the East Coast and southern states are seeing extremely high influenza activity. Influenza typically hits coastal states before moving inward, meaning those high numbers could eventually reach Minnesota.

Now is a good time to consider getting the influenza vaccine if you have not already done so. It's not too late for it to be effective. Remember, however, that the vaccine can take up to two weeks to build up in your immune system, so it is possible to contract influenza in that time. But if you do contract influenza, having the vaccine will help to lessen symptoms and the risk of complications.

Influenza is extremely contagious and is spread through droplets when people talk, sneeze or cough. Typical symptoms last about one week and include high fever, headache, muscle aches, dry cough, sore throat and fatigue. Most people will experience weakness and fatigue for another one to two weeks after the illness has subsided.

Those most at risk for serious complications from influenza are those age 65 or older, children – especially those younger than 6 months who cannot be vaccinated – pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems. These individuals are especially encouraged to get the influenza vaccine. Along with the vaccine, proper hand washing is crucial for helping to prevent the spread of the virus.

Check with your local pharmacies or health care facilities to find out where you can receive the influenza vaccine. For more information about influenza, including hand-washing techniques or when you should seek medical attention for influenza-like symptoms, visit cdc.gov or health.state.mn.us.

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