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**Your LCAA Board is working hard to stay on top of issues and represent the interests of all property owners on Lake Carlos.**

*Please help by doing your part.*

## **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION DUES?**

**If your dues are paid your mailing label will note "Paid 2023"**

If you are not paid-up,  
please complete the membership card and send us your check.  
You can also pay by credit card on our website: [www.lakecarlos.org](http://www.lakecarlos.org)

LCAA is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. Dues are tax deductible!

*Thank you* for being a member!



FALL  
NEWSLETTER  
2023

# NEWS & DUES

*As* we wrap-up the 2023 season on the lake, LCAA turns to all of its lake residents, encouraging them to pay their 2023 dues.  
**If you are a paid member, your mailing label will show "Paid 2023."**  
***If not, please pay your dues and do your part in protecting our lake.***

## 2023 LCAA ACTIVITIES

### AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

LCAA conducts its annual lake survey, where hundreds of locations throughout the lake are tested by Blue Water Science to identify the presence of unwanted invasive species. In the spring of 2023, Eurasian Water Milfoil was detected in several spots. These spots were treated, and the Milfoil destroyed. This annual effort by LCAA helps ensure that aquatic invasive species do not inhabit and destroy Lake Carlos.

### ALASD SEWER PLANT UPGRADES

Working with the Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary District, LCAA has pressed for improvement of the discharge from the plant, including the encouragement for plant facility improvements. Fortunately, by maintaining this pressure over the years, ALASD secured funding and has completed plans for a \$67 million-dollar upgrade of its plant. This welcome improvement will help keep Lakes LeHommeDieu and Carlos clean even though the plant discharge upstream will continue.

### WALLEYE STOCKING

*In the spring,* LCAA coordinated walleye stocking in the lake, adding 4,000 fingerlings in hopes of improving fishing. From the looks of the number of boats on the water this season, the effort was a success. We will continue to monitor this for future stocking.





## JET-SKI AND WAKE-BOARD MONITORING

Recognizing issues of concern to lake residents, LCAA has taken a pro-active approach to help influence monitoring and regulation of recreational watercraft use.

*While recognizing the enjoyment experienced by users, protecting the peace on our lake waters remains an important goal of LCAA.*

## CHANNEL NAVIGATION BUOYS

LCAA initiated an effort to install lighted channel markers at the channels into our neighboring lakes. By shouldering the cost of the buoy lights, LCAA was able to work with the Douglas County Sheriff's Water Patrol to install the needed buoys. Lake Carlos was joined in this effort by the lake associations on lakes Darling and LeHommeDieu to have lighted buoys installed on their side of the channels.

## WATER TESTING

Every year, LCAA works with the DNR and MPCA to test and monitor water quality in Lake Carlos. This testing has gone on for many years and will continue so as to identify issues as they develop. Lake Carlos is also fortunate to participate in special projects because of its depth. It provides science with long-range observations analyzing global climate-change impacts on lakes and its fish.

## WATER LEVEL MONITORING

LCAA measures the water level and reports it to the DNR. As we all can see, the level is again very low this fall. 2022 was unusual, with an all-time high level in June, then very close to the all-time low in November.

## WORK TO BE DONE

*In addition to the ongoing activities completed in the summer of 2023, LCAA continues to track other issues that impact our lake.*

Lakeshore residents are asked to dim their bright lights. This effort has been for the most part successful, but some have refused to recognize the importance of this issue. County zoning authorities have been consulted to determine if regulations will be feasible to accomplish the goal of making the night sky as appealing for our residents as it is during the daylight.

Another matter that has just come up is typical of our ongoing battle with Aquatic Invasive Species. A "predator crayfish", never before found in Minnesota, was found up-stream in Lake Winona. LCAA will follow-up on this threat with the DNR and other responsible authorities to stop this odd danger. LCAA steps up whenever there is an environmental threat to Lake Carlos.



## BOARD MEMBERS

The Lake Carlos Area Association is generally divided into three sectors for board representatives. Board members are available if lake issues need attention.

### Carlos State Park to the Carlos – Le Homme Dieu Bridge

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John Engelen 612-462-5153  
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### Carlos – Le Homme Dieu Bridge south to Pogue's Point

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## WHAT DOES YOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION DO FOR YOU?

*In addition to publishing a newsletter, and completing the tasks listed in 2023, your lake association:*

- Monitors and tests water quality,
- Works with the DNR to maintain and stock our Lake Carlos fish population,
- Works with the Douglas County Department of Land and Resource Management to insure that reasonable regulation of lake shore development helps prevent degradation of lake water quality,
- Monitors pest control and helps prepare for tent worm infestation that cyclically occur,
- Works with the Douglas County Public Works Department to maintain navigation under bridges and lakes area roadwork,
- Works with the Sheriff's Department to help coordinate safety and law enforcement,
- Works with the county and the state to help control fishing tournament use of our waters,
- Is a part of the Douglas County Lake Association (DCLA), working to protect all of the lakes in the county,
- Is a part of the Chain of Lakes, monitoring activity and development on the Chain, and
- Works with the Douglas County Board of Commissioners on all issues concerning preservation of lake-water quality, property values, taxation, and regulation.

## HOW DO WE SPEND MEMBER DUES?

Many of our featured accomplishments are funded by LCAA. Fish stocking, lake surveys assessing the presence of invasive species and its treatment, the new channel lights, staff expenses and newsletter printing and mailing, and website costs are all funded by member dues. The LCAA volunteer Board also relies on a fund balance in anticipation of future costs that periodically arise when activities threaten Lake Carlos.

*Dues and members are important!*