



Eagle Lake News

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Lake Water Quality and Property Values

With the steep declines in property values in recent years we now have even more reason to care about our lake water quality – protecting our investment. Several studies over the last decade have shown that lake water quality has a direct and significant impact on the value of the lake shore property.

Studies done in Maine found that “a decline in water clarity can reduce property values by as much as \$200 per frontage foot, representing hundreds of millions of dollars in lost property value.”

Likewise, a study done in Minnesota yielded similar results. The major finding of this

analysis was that “lake water clarity was a significant variable of lakeshore property prices in all lake groups and in both models used in the study. Property prices paid were higher on lakes with higher water clarity. In other words, buyers of lakeshore properties prefer, and will pay more for properties on lakes with better water quality.”

As the water quality of our lake continues to steadily decline, it is more important now than ever before to protect our property values and care about the water quality of our lake.

Please consider getting involved!

Information shared here was taken from:

- <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/doclake/research.htm>
- Lakeshore Property Values and Water Quality. Evidence from property sales in the Mississippi Headwaters Region www.mississippiheadwaters.org



Eagle Lake Needs You!

Simple Things You Can Do to Make a Difference...

~ Did you know ~

Many lake shore residents assume that the city will automatically take care of all lake related needs and projects; the reality is that lake residents are fully expected to be active advocates, as well as to contribute financially through association membership fees and donations in order for most project funding to be approved...

- Join the association, the ELPA board or a committee
- Get involved—there are many opportunities to get involved that do not require a big time commitment
- Make sure your contact information is up to date, and provide the ELPA with your current e-mail address so you can always be notified of the latest events and up to date information
- Encourage your neighbors to become members and to provide up to date contact information to the ELPA
- Attend a city council meeting and/or send an e-mail with your concerns to the city council
- Get educated about lake water quality issues
- Get to know your neighbors; working together and having a unified voice helps make a strong case when requesting public funding
- Contribute financially through annual ELPA membership fees, and/or donations to the ELPA at any time...we are currently working on becoming a tax exempt organization
- Become a contributor to the newsletter or website...we need and value your input!
- Active associations get the majority of funding available for projects, so get active in the efforts to improve our lake quality



In 2008 Eagle Lake was placed on the MPCA Impaired Waters List and water quality continues to decline.*

*Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Water Quality Report

The lake water quality of our Eagle Lake is becoming worse each year. Historically Eagle Lake has been a B Grade lake, and recently we were downgraded to a C grade Lake. Years ago we were an A grade lake.

Lakes are assigned a grade ranging from A – F; Lakes earning a C grade have average quality with limitations for swimming and related activities occurring earlier in the season

due to algal blooms

Reasons for the downgrading of our lake by the Met Council and DNR are numerous – from leaves and clipping being washed into the lake by storms, to increase internal phosphorus from lake weeds dying in the lake.

Our lake association is currently in the process of developing a lake management plan to help educate those that live on the lake and those who use

the lake. We need your help—both financially by supporting your lake association, and with your time – to attend meetings and help us obtain grants to make our lake a better place for living and recreation.

More information on our lake water quality is available by visiting the ELPA web site at <http://eagle-lake.org/>

Please keep us updated with your current information!

We want to keep you informed!

The Eagle Lake Preservation Association has been working diligently to update and improve our communication efforts. Please help us in this initiative by providing us with your updated contact information. A current e-mail address can go a long way in getting you the up to date information you need! Please be assured that your information will always be kept private,

and will never be shared! The ELPA will only use your contact information to keep you informed about events and issues that are important to our lake community!

In addition to a new quarterly newsletter, please make sure to watch for a new website. We are working toward a new site that can keep you up to date on the

latest happenings on Eagle Lake. We are targeting a more user friendly approach and including more user interaction such as a place to share your favorite photos of Eagle Lake and a community forum for communicating with others about issues that concern you! Your contributions to the newsletter or website are greatly needed and always welcome!



Family Nights on Eagle Lake are fun for all ages!

Family Nights on Eagle Lake...Join the Fun!

In summer of 2010 we started what we hope to make an annual tradition here on Eagle Lake. We organized many of the families with children on the lake to start meeting once a week out on the water for a variety of fun summertime activities. Wednesday nights were the preferred night in 2010. Typically, we had 3-4 boats tied up together with families swimming, kids playing together on multiple boats, and parents

socializing. Among the boats were a few sport boats which pulled both kids and parents around the lake on tubes. We definitely started to get a regular turnout and our record was 7 boats and families one night! The kids started playing well together and many of the younger ones became more proficient with swimming and jumping off swim platforms. We are hoping to get another good turnout this year! If you're

interested in participating, the preferred night (chosen by past participants) for the upcoming 2011 summer season is Monday night. We typically meet as soon as possible after work hours, with most families showing up between 5:30pm-6:00pm, but feel free to come out at anytime that is convenient. If you see us out on the lake, please stop over and join the fun!

The Importance of Association Membership

Association Objectives:

1. Advance and protect interests of Eagle Lake Community
2. Community education
3. Evaluate, monitor and protect water quality
4. Maintain delicate ecological balance
5. Fish & wildlife management
6. Partner with the City of Maple Grove & Three Rivers Park District to improve lake water quality

Membership Benefits:

- Protect property values
- Strong associations are better able to access vital project funding
- Public education through expert speakers, association annual meeting and ELPA website and quarterly newsletter
- Foster a sense of community
- Discussion forum
- Lake quality monitoring
- Partner with other lake associations

Current Board of Directors:

- Travis Theiss ~
ELPA President
- Larry McGough ~
ELPA Board Member & Lake Quality Commissioner
- John Garritsen ~
ELPA Board Member
- Phil Ainsworth ~
ELPA Board Member
- Jennifer Tieva ~
ELPA Board Member



The Eagle Lake Preservation Association is currently seeking additional board members and committee members, please consider volunteering your time!



Please Join Today!

The purpose of the Eagle Lake Preservation Association is to educate the community regarding the wise use, management, and preservation of Eagle Lake and its surrounding watershed in order to maintain the delicate ecological balance which must be kept between the Lake, the adjacent shore land, and its surrounding watershed and encourage such use, management and preservation.

Protect your investment; keeping our lake clean will help us to maintain our lakeshore property values while contributing to the entire community by offering aesthetic value and a convenient place for safe recreation

Membership Form

2011 Dues: \$30.00

Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

**Please Make Checks Payable to:
Eagle Lake Preservation Association**

*Send payments to:
6217 Eagle Lake Drive
Maple Grove, MN 55369*

*Questions?
Phone: 763-424-5840
Website: <http://eagle-lake.org>*

Additional donations are accepted at any time and greatly appreciated!

All proceeds go directly toward Eagle Lake preservation efforts

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Mark your Calendar for the 2011 Annual Meeting!

Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

7:00 pm



Please join the Eagle Lake
Preservation Association

for the

2011 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will
include board member
elections, topics important to
lake shore property owners as
well as expert guest speakers

Refreshments will be served

Annual Meeting Details:

Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

7:00 pm

Eagle Lake Community Building

Thoresen Park

6359 Eagle Lake Drive