

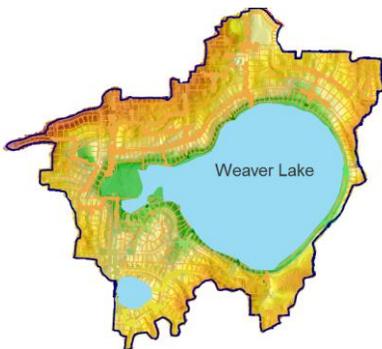
WEAVER LAKE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION



Spring Newsletter | 2022

The Weaver Lake Conservation Association (WLCA) is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers living within the Weaver Lake Watershed.

Weaver Lake Conservation Association's mission is dedicated to conserving and protecting Weaver Lake, its adjacent marshlands and parks, its fish wildlife, and the aesthetic appearance of the lake and its surrounding area.



Weaver Lake Watershed

It's that time of year again when the lake will be coming alive with activity, which means it's also the perfect time to update everyone on the great work the WLCA is focusing on for 2022. Your WLCA Board has been working over the past several months planning projects and activities for this year and beyond. We look forward to returning to normal 2022 lake activities and hosting fun events like the 4th of July Boat Parade, Ice Cream Social, Take-a-Kid Fishing and more. Your continued financial support and participation in the events all contribute to making WLCA a strong prideful lake association.

2022 Calendar of Events

*Neighborhood Events not sponsored by WLCA.

April 16 (10am)	Easter Egg Hunt
April 28 (7pm-9pm)	Spring Kick off Meeting (Rush Creek GC)
May TBD	AIS Weed Treatment
July 4 (Noon)	July 4 th Boat Parade
July 16 (11am – 1pm)	Take a Kid Fishing
August 2	* National Night Out
August 11 (7pm–9pm)	Ice Cream Social
August 27 (6:45am)	* Maple Grove Triathlon
September TBD	Boat-In Movie
October 13 th	Annual Meeting/Dinner

Be sure we have your email on file so you can stay updated on lake-related issues and WLCA events.

If you are not getting WLCA E-mails Please e-mail board@wlca.org to make sure you are on the distribution list.

Questions, comments, ideas, concerns? Contact Us.

Email: board@wlca.org

Phone: 763-691-9522

ONGOING PROJECTS AND UPDATES

The WLCA board has been hard at work over the last several months planning projects and activities for 2022. We know from the great turnout at our fall annual meeting that there is great support behind the WLCA, and many are concerned about the health of Weaver Lake. Please continue to follow the rules set in place for safe boating, which is even more important with the increased usage of small kayaks and stand-up paddleboards on the lake. Please continue to help keep Weaver Lake clean and clear by paying close attention to any fertilizer you use, and if you see a storm drain full of debris, please clean it out. The lake will thank you!

This year we continue to push forward with tasks that follow our WLCA Lake Management Plan, and below is just a sample of some of the bigger projects that the WLCA will be taking on.

Return of the Spring Kick Off Meeting!!! (April 28th 7pm – 9pm at Rush Creek Golf Course)

As discussed at length at the Fall 2021 annual meeting, Native White Stem Pond Weed seems to be an increasing concern for WLCA members. The WLCA plans to bring back the spring kick off meeting, which will aim to educate WLCA members about white stem pond weed and what the WLCA is doing about it. James Johnson from Freshwater Scientific will be the special guest. This is a free event with a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Please watch for additional details via e-mail and Facebook from the board, and come join us for an enjoyable evening of updates, discussion, questions & concerns.

Project HydroSweep

Last year the WLCA was awarded \$10,500 as part of the Hennepin County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AIS). This year the WCLA will finally be able to implement the work that was done in 2021 after a lengthy electrical install project in the launch areas. The project involved installing an aqua thruster (underwater fan) in the boat launch dock area that will allow launch users, with the push of a button, the ability to clear surface weeds and algae from the launch area. This will hopefully result in cleaner boat trailers, limiting the time needed to clean boats and trailers at the launch and hopefully help prevent the spread of AIS to other lakes.

Lake Pledge -- <https://lakepledge.com/>

With a huge pat on the back, Weaver Lake is the leader in the new Hennepin County lakepledge.com challenge. With 53% of lakeshore homeowners taking the pledge, we are far ahead of Fish Lake and Cedar Island Lake, but this year the program will be expanding to many other lakes in the area. The WLCA board knows we can improve upon the 53%. So if you haven't done so already, please take just a few minutes of your day and login to <https://lakepledge.com/> and watch a few education videos on AIS education and take the pledge that you're educated on AIS. This is important to the WLCA as we want to show how engaged our members are as higher membership engagement leads to more funding dollars for future projects!

AIS Treatments

In 2022, the Minnesota DNR has provided an opportunity for lake associations to apply for an innovative AIS grant and a traditional grant. The WLCA has been awarded the traditional grant, which will support our rich history of Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP) treatments. This year the WLCA plans to treat with Aquathol k which is more expensive but should also help control native weeds, so we will be interested to see what impact it might have on the white stem pond weed. The WLCA is committed to aggressively fighting CLP. Every year, except 2011 and 2017, we've applied herbicide treatments to target CLP in the lake's common areas, and it has kept the CLP very manageable. Homeowners still have the right to manage their own lakeshore in accordance with DNR guidelines.

If you do NOT want the area adjacent to your waterfront to be treated for AIS, please email the WLCA as soon as possible.

CD3 Output to be upgraded to CD3 Station at Boat Launch

The WCLA applied for another Hennepin County grant to upgrade our current CD3 Outpost to a CD3 Station at the boat launch. The hope is that the WLCA will donate our old CD3 Outpost back to Hennepin County, which would place the old unit at Whale Tail Lake and then would upgrade our unit to include more tools. This enhancement will feature an air hose for blowing debris and a vacuum system to clean watercraft thoroughly to better prevent the spread of AIS throughout the state.

WLCA EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDERS

We hope to have a full list of WLCA events this year, so please watch your mailbox, e-mail (make sure to add our e-mail to your safe senders list) and Facebook for more details on these events.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 16 (Saturday) @ 10am - Weaver Lake Park Concession Stand

Don't miss out on the action as kids gather candy & meet the Easter Bunny! Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors. This event is open to kids of all ages and will be grouped accordingly. Children will hunt by age group for candy-filled plastic eggs in different areas of the park. Please bring your own Easter Basket or bag to take home the candy since we do keep all the plastic eggs for prior year hunts. This event starts promptly at 10am and the eggs go quick, so don't be late.

July 4th Boat Parade – July 4 (Monday) @ 12pm - Boats line up in front of the Beach pier area

Transform your boat or pontoon into a themed "float" or just add some American flags and join others in a tour around the lake to celebrate Independence Day. We love having people cheer on the boaters, so if watching from shore is more your thing, please give the boaters and friendly wave. Meet other boaters directly in front of the public beach at noon and make 2 laps around the lake. Prizes will be awarded for creativity!

Take-a-Kid Fishing – July 16 (Saturday) from 11am -1pm - Weaver Lake Park Fishing Pier

WLCA volunteers will host this community event in conjunction with Maple Grove Days. Children ages 5 and older can learn about water safety, how to cast, how to identify fish, and hopefully how to catch them! Kids fish off the public pier with poles and bait provided the DNR and WLCA. Participants will be assisted by neighborhood volunteers. All children must be accompanied by an adult. “Take-a-Kid Fishing” is sponsored by WLCA, MN Department of Natural Resources, and the Maple Grove Days Community Organization. WLCA always needs volunteers for this event, so please contact a WLCA Board member if you are able to help!

Ice Cream Social – August 11 (Thursday) from 7pm-9pm 17927 Weaver Lake Drive - Backyard

Ice cream isn't just for kids! Bring the whole family and join your neighbors in the backyard of Roger and Nancy Bergstrand for an old-fashioned ice cream social. WLCA provides the ice cream and toppings. You might want to bring an extra lawn chair for this popular summer event. Yum!!!

Boat-In Movie – September TBD -- @ Sunset - Weaver Lake – Out from Shore TBD

Bring back the old times in a bit of a different way with a kid-friendly, “boat-in” movie! Location & movie to be announced, so watch Facebook for more. Boaters are welcome to park close to shore to enjoy the inflatable movie screen on the dock.

A special THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered and helped in the past!

WLCA has an ongoing commitment to do our best to communicate WLCA events and lake treatment updates through email, our website, and social media. If you have not been receiving emails and would like to receive them, please send your email address to board@wlca.org. Please include your home address so you can receive our mailers as well.

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The WLCA is always open to new board members and volunteers! We meet roughly once a month and welcome new participation. In addition to standard board membership we are also in search of a new Secretary and Vice President. Reach out anytime to discuss joining us to help Weaver Lake!

Weaver Lake Conservation Association

Contribution Form 2022

Thank you for your past contributions! Please continue your support to help us keep Weaver Lake healthy & keep our watershed residents connected.

Thank you for your continued support in 2022!

The Weaver Lake Conservation Association (WLCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of volunteers living within the Weaver Lake Watershed. Please give us your support by renewing your contribution and become an active member of the WLCA today!

You can contribute online at <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/WLCA/Donate>

The suggested contribution amount this year remains at **\$100**. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

If you would prefer to contribute by check, you can fill out and mail the form below.

We hope to hear from you soon!

----- Cut on line and submit with payment -----

Suggested Contribution: \$100

Your Contribution: _____

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Make all checks payable to WLCA, or contribute online at: <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/WLCA/Donate>

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