

Lake Mildred & Clear Lake Property
Owners Association 2016 Dues

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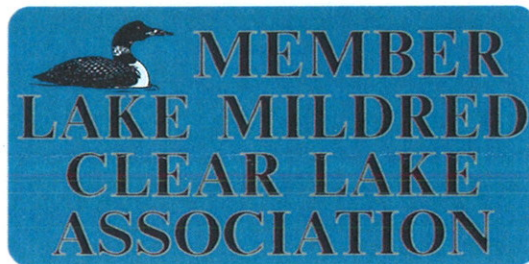
Home Address: _____

Lake Address: _____
____ Lake Mildred ____ Clear Lake

The year you moved to or purchased your property on Lake Mildred or Clear Lake:

Email Address _____

When you join the association you will receive a sign that can be attached to the fire number stake next to your property



Total Amount included

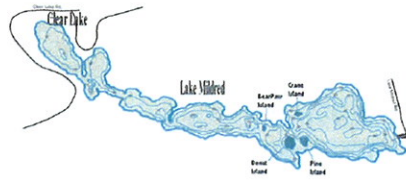
Dues \$25 \$ **25.00**

Clean Boats/Clean Water Donation \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

**Please complete this form and return with your check made out to
Lk Mildred Property Owner's Association to :**

**Jim Wheaton, Treasurer
218 Elm Court
Rhineland, WI 54501**



Dear Lake Mildred and Clear Lake Property Owners,

Wisconsin boating laws are intended to assure the safety of everyone using the water. Here are a few examples to know before going out on the lake:

- Operating a motorboat at a speed in excess of slow, no wake speed within 100 feet of the shoreline, dock, or swim raft is prohibited
- It is illegal to chase, harass, or disturb wildlife with your boat
- A person may not be towed behind a boat between sunset and sunrise
- When towing someone, there must be another competent person on board as an observer
- Boats towing persons may not come within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat.

The shape and size of Lake Mildred does provide challenges to boaters who try to follow the 100 foot restriction and other regulations. For example, the narrows between the two large sections provide unique challenges for boaters, boats pulling skiers, and boats fishing in the area. When boats, skiers, kayaks, and fishing boats are in that area at the same time, it can be a potentially unsafe situation. Please be extra careful, especially when other boats are in the narrows.

Not all things that happen on the water are covered by state laws. Here are some examples of common sense courtesies that we hope everyone observes:

- Sound travels over water. Please keep the volume of boat mounted music systems at levels only needed for people in the boat to hear and enjoy.
- Docks do provide habitat for fish and can be a good place to fish, but please respect the privacy of people by not anchoring or casting next to docks or the adjoining shoreline when people are using their docks, swimming, or using their shoreland.
- Never run your motorboat between a raft and the shoreline. You might not know if someone is in the water.
- Large waves create an unsafe situation for kayaks or canoes. Please be careful when you pass by them.

Together we can make sure that everyone using the lakes can enjoy them and is safe. Please join with us to promote boating safety and courtesy on the lakes.

Lake Mildred and Clear Lake Property Owners Association Board

Spring 2016

LAKE MILDRED and CLEAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

(And we don't mean 'Ice-out')

Annually we ask the same thing of all of you – that you renew your membership in the Lake Mildred and Clear Lake Property Owners Association. In 2015 we had a great response from membership renewals as well as new members. In addition to membership renewals, we had terrific support for the 'Clean Boats – Clean Waters' campaign. We hope to match (and even exceed) 2015's results in 2016.

If you own property on Lake Mildred or Clear Lake, or if you enjoy the lakes for swimming, fishing, boating, or just relaxing, then you have a self interest in what happens to the lakes, and the Association is looking out for your interests. This past year has seen some significant challenges to the future health and viability of our lakes in the form of legislation that would change how our lakes are managed. If you are unfamiliar with what is happening on our lakes, please check out our website <http://www.lakemildred.com/index.html> for more information.

We are fortunate that our lakes are in good shape and offer a variety of recreational opportunities – swimming, fishing, boating, or just sitting on a pier listening to the loons or watching the eagles. Because of the support of the members the Association has been able to protect these pleasures through an ongoing effort to remind boaters of the need to protect against invasive species. Your continued membership supports the Association's efforts to keep our lakes healthy and safe.

The Association twice-annual meetings offer an opportunity to hear what's going on with the lakes; to learn from guest speakers that address issues critical to lake residents; to engage in discussion and exchange of ideas about how life on the lakes can be better for everyone; and to connect with neighbors and other owners who share your interests and concerns about the lakes. It is only through active involvement of the residents on the lakes that the Association has the stature and the credibility to deal with larger issues at the county or state level and to collaborate with other lake associations. Your membership in the Association helps create a stronger and more vibrant advocacy for what our lakes need, and this is a second reason why you should join the Association.

In the past year, the Association has engaged in the following activities that have tangible results:

- 'Clean Boats – Clean Waters' campaign at the public boat landing – The Association (through your support) has hired part-time staff to be present at the public boat landing to remind boaters to clean their boats and keeping invasive species out of our lakes.
- Kids Don't Float campaign – Again in 2015, this campaign promoted the use of life jackets for children at no charge to boaters by having life jackets available at the public boat landing.
- The Association joined with Lake Associations from around the state to raise public awareness about proposed legislation and worked with other Associations to ensure that the concerns of Lake residents were presented to our legislators. For more information about this legislation, go to our website.
- Information/education at the Association's annual meetings – in 2015 there was a very informative presentation and lively discussion about fishing in our lakes.
- Social connections – through the annual 4th of July Flotilla.

The LMPOA annual dues are still a nominal \$25 per household, and the benefits far outweigh the modest cost. We encourage every property owner and user of Lake Mildred and Clear Lake to join LMPOA.