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Happy New Year!

Lake Madison Development Association has another exciting year planned for 2026. Beginning in January, we will be working on our first grant application to support the expansion of the recreation trail. We will also continue our Water Quality Incentive Program, assisting area landowners whose property drains into Lake Madison.

In early summer, LMDA will offer water safety training for all interested individuals.

We hope you're finding value in our new electronic newsletter! This monthly publication is designed to keep our lake community informed about projects, events, and activities happening around Lake Madison.



Our Mission:

Our mission is to promote water safety and to protect the water quality, natural resources, and ecosystems of Lake Madison and the surrounding watershed by promoting conservation, research, and education so the natural beauty and environment of the lake and surrounding area may be preserved for the enjoyment of people today and for generations to come.

Want to give back to the community you love? Volunteer for the Lake Madison Development Association Board of Directors! Your skills and perspective can make a real impact.

Reach out to imdads@outlook.com to get involved!

Upcoming Meeting:

February 4 | 6PM
Lakes Bar & Grill



What is the Lake Madison Development Association?

The Lake Madison Development Association is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to protecting and improving Lake Madison, Round Lake, Long Lake, and the surrounding watershed. It's mission includes promoting:



Water quality and conservation



Responsible development & long-term sustainability

Education and community engagement

Water safety and recreational amenities

Membership dues and community involvement help LMDA fund projects like water testing, safety initiatives, invasive species monitoring, the recreation trail, and support for local fire departments and life jacket programs.



Become a Member

One of the most direct ways to get involved is by joining the LMDA:



Membership Details

Who can join? Lake Madison property owners, and their families, lake enthusiasts, local businesses: – essentially anyone with a stake in the lake community!



Annual Dues

About \$50 per year.

JOIN US!

Attend Meetings & Events

LMDA hosts regular meetings, including an annual membership meeting and picnic:

- *Connect with other lake community members*
- *Hear about current and upcoming projects*
- *Provide input on lake development & conservation*

Volunteer for Initiatives

Help with water quality monitoring, invasive species tracking, environmental awareness campaigns, or contribute your time to special projects and events.

Support Through Donation

- *Pay membership dues*
- *Contribute to specific funds, such as the Recreation Trail Construction or Maintenance Program funds.*

Getting involved with the Lake Madison Development Association is more than attending meetings - it's being part of a community that cares about preserving and enhancing one of South Dakota's cherished natural resources. Whether through membership, volunteering, attending events, or providing financial support, your involvement helps ensure Lake Madison remains vibrant, safe, and enjoyable for generations to come.



Start 2026 on the Trail

As we begin 2026, we invite you to support the continued development of the Lake Madison Recreation Trail. Your tax-deductible donation helps move this important project forward, directly supporting the construction of a safe, accessible recreation trail around the lake.

Completing the trail will provide long-lasting benefits for both our community and visitors, creating new opportunities for walking, biking, and running while enhancing quality of life. The trail will also help stimulate economic activity and support local businesses.

Thank you for investing in a project that will strengthen our community and enhance Lake Madison for many years to come!

Donate to the Rec Trail Maintenance Fund

Donate to the Rec Trail Program Fund

Homeowners Association



A homeowner association (HOA) is a private, legally incorporated organization that helps govern a residential community by collecting dues and establishing guidelines for residents. There are several HOAs located around Lake Madison, and the Lake Madison Development Association is working to ensure that each HOA has at least one representative serving on our Board of Directors. To help us improve communication, we ask each HOA to email LMDASD@OUTLOOK.COM with the name of your HOA and the primary contact (typically the HOA President). This allows LMDA to share important updates directly with HOA leadership, who can pass that information on to residents. Having accurate HOA contact information is especially important during emergencies such as tornadoes, derechos, or flooding, when timely communication can help keep our lake community informed and safe.



Game, Fish & Parks Update Winter Lake Safety

Ice fishing is in full swing, but safety should always come first. No ice is 100% safe, and conditions can change quickly due to weather, snow cover, and water movement. Always check ice thickness as you go and never rely solely on reports from others. Carry safety gear such as ice picks, a rope, or a life vest, and let someone know your plans before heading out. Be extra cautious when using ATVs or vehicles, and remember that river and lake ice are not the same. Staying alert and prepared helps ensure a safe and enjoyable ice fishing season for you, your family, and everyone enjoying winter on the lake, and helps prevent accidents before they happen.



A solid ice layer helps stabilize water temperatures and protects fish from sudden cold snaps. Snow cover also reduces light penetration, which slows algae growth and helps maintain balance in the lake during winter months.

Items left on the ice – including trash, fishing line, or untreated runoff from vehicles – can end up in the lake during spring melt. Practicing clean, responsible recreation in winter helps protect water quality year-round.

Membership Dues

February is the month of **LOVE** – love your family, love your lake, and love your lake association!

Paying your dues early and taking a moment to update your contact information helps us ensure the

membership directory is as accurate as possible. Our goal is to have the directory printed and mailed by May 1, so it's ready to serve as a helpful resource throughout the summer months. Thank you for showing your love for Lake Madison and supporting the work of LMDA!



Want to live on Lake Madison?

Local realtors report that there are currently nearly two dozen homes for sale around Lake Madison, Brant Lake, and Round Lake, with expectations that the number of available properties could climb to 30 or more as spring approaches. This presents a great opportunity for anyone dreaming of lake living. Have you always wanted to own a lake home? Or do you have friends or family considering a move to South Dakota? Now is an ideal time to introduce them to the many benefits of living in the Lake Madison area!



Lake Restaurants

Click on each logo to bring up that restaurant's Facebook.

