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Let Summer Begin!

Summer at Lake Madison is here! As activity around the lake picks up, LMDA encourages everyone to help keep our waters clean, support local businesses, and stay connected through upcoming events and community updates.



Upcoming Events



Golf
Tournament
May 30th



June 13th
Boater Safety
Training



Annual Meeting & Picnic

The LMDA Annual Meeting & Picnic will be held on August 2nd, beginning at 11:00AM at Lakes Bar & Grill. A free meal will be provided for all paid LMDA Members!




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.

Upcoming Boater Safety Events

3rd Annual Boater Safety Golf Tournament

Join your neighbors for an afternoon of friendly competition while supporting boater safety. Tournament proceeds fund programs that help protect our lakes and families. Space is limited to 72 golfers, so please register soon. Results and an update on how proceeds will be used will be shared in the June edition of *The Anchor*.

 Saturday, May 30th, 2026

 Lakes Golf Course

 3:00PM shotgun start

 4-person teams, 9-hole scramble

 \$60/person | \$240/team

 Jo Dohrer | 605-940-0536

Both of these events are held in memory of Emmy Gorman, who lost her life in a tubing accident on Lake Madison.

Scan or click to register




3rd Annual Boater Safety Training

This training reinforces essential skills for safe boating and is open to anyone age 12 and up (all experience levels welcome). Topics include watercraft handling and maneuvering, boat and water safety, rules and laws, courtesy on the water, and emergency procedures.

 Saturday, June 13th, 2026

 Hillside Resort

 Schedule: Registration | 10-10:30AM, Classroom Training (GF&P) 10:30-11:30AM, On-water Training (GF&P Boat) 11:30-12PM

 Larry Kotten | 605-270-1889



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Fishing isn't only about the catch. It's about the rhythm—the soft whir of the line, the patient waiting, the subtle tug that quickens your pulse. It's about being present in a way that everyday life rarely allows. Conversations flow more easily by the water, and even silence feels full and meaningful.

Whether alone or with others, fishing invites you to slow down and notice the details: the ripple of a breeze, the call of distant birds, the shimmer of sunlight on the water. And when a fish finally bites, it's more than a moment of excitement—it's a reward for patience, a reminder that good things often come to those who wait.

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MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Click on this flyer and you'll find the sign up sheet with two tabs: one for Friday/Saturday events and one for RACE DAY. Each shift has specific times listed so you know when your shift ends. This fundraiser supports OUR DOWNTOWN, so we need all hands on deck. Grab some co-workers, friends, or family members and sign up for a shift together!

FRIDAY NIGHT

THE OFFICE BAR & GRILL | 6:00-8:30PM

Live music by Simply Travis & Dan.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

BIKE SAFETY DAY 1:00-5:00PM
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Click "Bike Safety Day" for details!

GROUP RIDE 2:00PM

Free for anyone to attend. Course preview.
Click here to register!

SATURDAY EVENING

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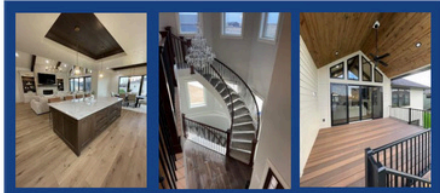
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Recreation Trail Update

The Recreation Trail Committee met on Monday, April 27th. We accomplished a lot, and while patience is needed, excitement is building! Here's a brief update on what was decided and what's coming next.

Signage & Marketing

- A permanent sign will be installed on the corner of Highways 34 & 19.
- Signs will list three sponsors: DGR, FoxPromo, and Berry Fast Bicycles - thanks for volunteering your services!
- Approved a poster for business windows and presentations, plus a one-page summary document for handing out at events.
- QR codes for donations in the Construction Fund & Maintenance Endowment Fund will be added to all marketing materials.

Grants, Funding, Easement, & Finances

- First grant submitted to the Recreation Trail Program for a gravel trail from Linden Drive to Walker's Point State Park: request \$400,000 (LMDA responsible for 20%). Without the grant, the estimated cost would be about \$300,000.
- Easement for the above trail secured from Dan Lemme.
- Additional grant opportunities will be submitted as opportunities present.

Events & Volunteer Needs

- LMDA/Rec Trail tent will be at: Family Bike Event (May 24) MadTown Bike Jam (May 25), and DownTown in MadTown Tuesday summer events.
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please consider helping!**

Programs & Outreach

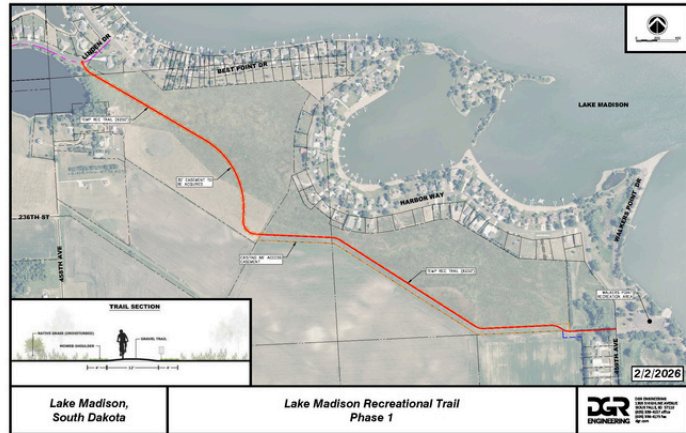
- Donor recognition program approved.
- Beginning development of a multi-year pledge program for individuals & businesses.
- Committee members, LMDA Board Members, and lake-area residents are encouraged to help share the Recreation Trail Master Plan with HOAs, local groups, and organizations this summer.

Lake Madison Rec Trail



Donate to the Rec Trail Maintenance Fund

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Floating Logs & Debris

Floating logs and debris are a common hazard on lakes, especially after storms, high winds, or spring runoff. While they may appear harmless, these objects can sit just below the surface or drift unpredictably, creating serious risks for boaters, swimmers, and anglers.

The most important step is to stay alert. Keep a careful watch ahead when operating a boat, especially near shorelines or unfamiliar areas where debris often collects. Slowing down gives you more time to react and helps prevent serious damage if contact occurs. Polarized sunglasses can also help reduce glare and improve visibility of partially submerged hazards.

If you encounter floating debris, give it plenty of space. Even small objects can damage propellers or throw passengers off balance. Avoid trying to move debris with your boat, as hidden hazards may be beneath the surface.

Swimmers and paddlers should also keep their distance, as floating objects can shift unexpectedly. Wearing a life jacket in open water is always encouraged, regardless of swimming ability or water conditions at the time.

Finally, report large or dangerous debris to local authorities or the SD Game, Fish & Parks Department to help keep the lake safe for everyone.

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Shoreline Plants

Lake shoreline plants may seem like simple greenery, but they play an important role in keeping lakes healthy and vibrant. Plants such as reeds, grasses, and native wildflowers create a natural buffer between land and water, helping protect shorelines from erosion. Their roots hold soil in place and reduce the impact of waves, wind, and runoff.

These plants also act as a natural filtration system. As rainwater flows toward the lake, shoreline vegetation helps trap sediments, nutrients, and pollutants before they reach the water. This helps keep lakes clearer and reduces the risk of harmful algal blooms.

Shoreline vegetation also provides valuable habitat for fish, birds, insects, and other wildlife. Healthy shorelines support a balanced ecosystem both above and below the water.

Protecting native shoreline plants is a simple but effective way to care for our lake. Allowing vegetation to thrive helps support cleaner water, healthier wildlife, and a more sustainable lake environment for future generations.

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) continues efforts to slow the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) through education, inspections, and outreach. Protecting our lakes also depends on the actions of lake users and local communities.

Lake Associations can partner with GFP through educational outreach, citizen monitoring, lake signage, and volunteer assistance with watercraft inspections. GFP also offers a "Lakeshore Toolkit" with information on shoreline vegetation, dock regulations, and shoreline management.

By working together and following best management practices, we can help protect South Dakota lakes for future generations.

For more information, contact Tanner Davis at Tanner.Davis@state.sd.us or 605-367-5244.

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