



**Protecting Hubbard
County Lakes and
Property Values
since 1988**

Spotlight on COLA Benefits

Hubbard COLA Making a Difference in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes.

- With COLA's leadership in water quality monitoring since 1997, 29 lake associations have access to economical and user-friendly methods to monitor lake water quality.
- Read "**Crystal Clean Water**" article below to learn more about how your lake benefits from your **COLA membership**.

Upcoming events:

**COLA Social on
September 11, 2013** at
Zorbaz starting at 5:00 p.m.
All friends of COLA are
welcome to attend.

**COLA meets on
September 26, 2013** at
Northwoods Bank
Community Room.

THE COLA UPDATE

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CRYSTAL CLEAN WATER ABOUNDS IN HUBBARD COUNTY

Hubbard County Lakes are valued for their excellent recreational opportunities and water quality. Because of Hubbard COLA's water quality monitoring program, participating COLA lakes have the **benefit** of excellent water quality data to gain a better understanding of your lake, water quality trend analysis and an enhanced opportunity to receive grants for lake protection.

Why Monitor Lakes? "*Lake Water quality assessment information is useful to anyone involved in lake management in Minnesota, from lakeshore owners to lake associations. It provides lake water quality criteria, which can improve how we manage our lake resources and how we measure current conditions. It also provides a knowledge base that we can use to protect and restore our lakes*"—Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

With support from COLA and the Hubbard Soil &

Water District, 29 lake associations find this program an economical and user-friendly means to monitor the water quality of their lake. Hubbard County lakes that are members of COLA have been monitored by volunteers from 1997-2012 and have excellent data to learn about their lakes. For more information about Hubbard COLA's lake assessment report, please visit COLA on the Web.

The water quality trends of Hubbard County suggest that COLA and its member lake associations have been effective in maintaining and improving the water quality of their lakes. The collective action of COLA and our lake associations will be required to maintain our excellent water quality and recreational opportunities in Hubbard County for present and future generations.

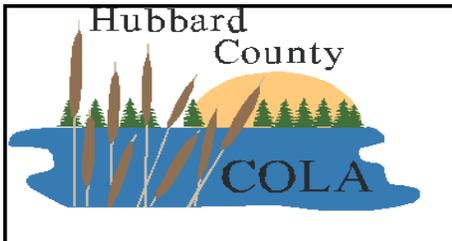
PRESIDENT'S LETTER—DAN KITTILSON

Yikes....This is supposed to be our summer newsletter as I look out the window and see a few early leaves falling from a tree. What happened to our summer and my timeline for this newsletter? Spring was so short and now summer appears to be fading too quickly. COLA continues to actively promote its vision, mission and values as we look ahead to the challenges of tomorrow. I would invite your active involvement in helping COLA achieve its mission.

COLA's on-line newsletter will feature a shorter format with more constant contact with our members on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. To complement our online newsletter, we are excited about COLA's new website at www.hubbardcolamn.org.

I would like to thank Judy Novak for her great work with our website over the past years and welcome our new web administrator, Jeff Mosner. I encourage you to bookmark our new website, visit it often and participate in COLA's blog and/or our facebook page.

I would like to thank Burney Fischer, a summer resident on Big Mantrap Lake and Professor at Indiana University, for engaging Hubbard COLA and participating lake associations with his Capstone class on Lake Association/COLA sustainability. As the summer progresses and fall arrives, you will continue to hear more about the Capstone Project.



COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers

Hubbard COLA needs your help to protect our lakes. Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer

To volunteer, please contact Hubbard COLA at hubbardcolamn@gmail.com

We're on the Web
www.hubbardcolamn.org

COLA welcomes Lynn Goodrich as COLA's new President-Elect. Lynn will assume his duties as COLA President on August 28, 2014. Lynn hales from Tripp Lake.

Dan says...Thanks, Lynn!

Hubbard COLA and Hubbard County SWCD Report on Watercraft Inspection Program

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION SUMMARY
5/10/13 TO 8/16/13

INSPECTIONS: 8067 (4788 ENTER, 3265 EXIT, 14 UNKNOWN)

HOURS: 5004.25

INSPECTIONS PER HOUR: 1.61

VEGETATION ENTERING: 144 (3.0%)

VEGETATION EXITING: 547 (16.8%)

DRAIN PLUG IN AT ENTERING: 333 (7.0%)

WATER IN BOAT AT ENTERING: 159 (3.3%)

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATON: 993 (12.3%)

LAST IN INFESTED WATERS: 681 (8.4%)

Septic System Care

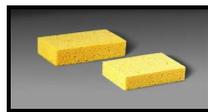
Septic System Homeowner Operation and Maintenance Education Workshop

Saturday, October 5, 2013

9:00—10:30 am

Northwood's Bank Community Room
Park Rapids, MN

Restore the Shore Orders for 2014 are due Monday, September 16th. Have order forms and payment to your lake coordinator. Make checks payable to your lake association. Please contact the new Restore the Shore Coordinator, Theora Goodrich, tdgoodrich@mac.com, with questions.



Use COLA's sponge kit to **CLEAN, DRAIN DRY** your boat when leaving the lake.

Do your part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. To receive your sponge, make check payable to HC COLA Project Fund for \$5 or more and mail to Hubbard COLA, P.O. Box 746, Park Rapids, MN 56470 or contact us at hubbardcolamn@gmail.com



WILD RICE FUNDRAISER: COLA is offering Grade A Quality Commercially harvested wild rice to its members and the general public as a fund raiser to support the projects of our association. **Use these quality products for gifts to friends or family.** Order your rice and pottery for Christmas gifts on-line at www.hubbardcolamn.org

Lake Associations Adopt Capstone Action Plans

8th and 9th Crow Wing Lake: 1) Develop a brochure for the lake association using template provided by the Capstone project. 2. Conduct door-to-door campaign with brochure to increase membership and promote the association.

Duck Lake: 1) To aid in the recruitment and retention of members, especially younger members, we decided our action plan would be to broaden our communication by developing a DLA website. 2) The website was created using Google Sites and was linked to the DLA Facebook page.

Long Lake: 1) Improve member communications with coordinated short monthly emails with an in-depth website article link plus a Facebook Update. 2) Review Lake Management Plan and determine additional goals.

Big Mantrap Lake: 1) Evaluation of communication strategies including: a) Evaluate website presence to include updating website and evaluating current host and uses, and make it more relevant; b) Explore use of e-mail for targeted communications from the lake association. 2) Update lake management plan and utilize plan as a guide to determine association priorities.