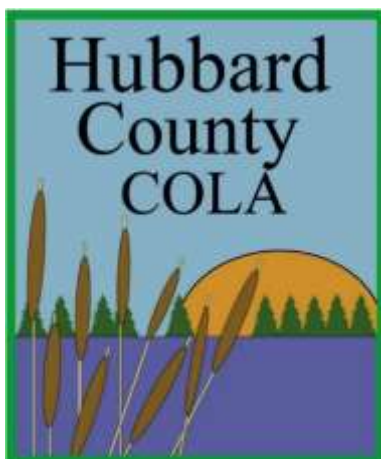


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From The HC COLA President – Sharon Natzel

With February's Artic Outbreak, the snow is being sculpted on the area lakes, swirling around the fish houses gathered near the traditional ice fishing "spots"...

Meanwhile, HC COLA volunteers are thinking "Summer" and planning ahead for water monitoring! Our new shoreland advisors are listening to & reviewing the Fall 2020 workshop materials to be ready for lakeshore owners that would like a coaching visit onsite at their yard as they focus on their personal lake stewardship goals for Spring. Lake associations are discussing their potential [applications](#) for the **HC COLA Charitable Fund Request for Proposals** **deadline 3/1/2021**.



Please be sure to share the HC COLA E-Newsletter among your lake association members. Reach out to friends / family who live on lakes without a formal lake association too! We are looking forward to collaborating with you as we live our HC COLA [mission](#) with healthy lakes attitudes.

What's In Your Bucket? **Rainbows**, **Shiners**, **Chubs**?



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This Educational AIS Detectors Webinar on Wednesday, February 17 at 1 PM is FREE.

Understand the **Risk of AIS** Introduction Via the Release of Live Baitfish & Prevention Tips!

Click "More" for Details and to Register.

Protect Your **Shore** - Protect Your **Lake** by Jake Shaughnessy



Photo taken and shared with permission by Crystal Mathisrud, District Manager, Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HC SWCD) in 2020 on a site visit on Eagle Lake.

This is a healthy wetland buffer shore, which does a lot of work to protect Eagle Lake from sediment and nutrients each time it rains.

Jake Shaughnessy, HC SWCD writes.... Many lakes in our region are healthy and keeping them that way is very important! One way to protect our water is through the reduction of runoff. Runoff can cause many issues including erosion, excess nutrients, sediments, and modifying plant communities. Runoff can remove soil and fertilizers from nearshore yards and gardens that can end up in the lake. This can cause an increase of available nutrients to algae accelerating the growth. This can cause large algal blooms which can reduce.....

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Water Monitoring 2021 & Thur 4/29/21 “Zoom” Meeting

Mark your calendar for the **HC COLA “Zoom” Meeting on Thurs April 29th at 6:30 PM!** [Register](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We will learn about RMB Environmental Laboratories’ **Childrens Programs** plus receive our training on the new water monitoring “chain of custody” form and the RMB lakes database from Ellie Kriese, Aquatic Ecologist | Lakes Program.

This year, we will use the **parking lot** at the Park Rapids Lakes Area **Chamber of Commerce** for **all of the cooler activities** where HC COLA is a member. We appreciate the HC COLA Volunteer Citizen Scientists that collect water quality samples for analysis May - Sept for their lakes. See all the water monitoring details....

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Coach A New Lake Steward! Shoreland Advisor 101 Workshop

Learn From the Comfort of Your Home!

Two late “lake stewards,” in the true sense of the word, will be missed by HC COLA:

Arnie Jostock, who was Palmer Lake’s President for the past 4 years from Dawson, MN and Candace Malm, who was Big Sand Lake Association President 2013-2016.

You too can make a difference! We live in the heart of the waters here in Minnesota! Our lakes, wetlands, streams and rivers face challenges and threats to our water quality. Some lakes are within the [Straight River Groundwater Management Area](#) which will meet via webinar 2/24/2021 from 9 to 10:30 AM-check site details.

This winter / spring, you can explore from the comfort of your home, the **Shoreland Advisor 101 Workshop**. Healthy waters begin on our lands! Coach a lakeshore owner who wants to be an even better lake steward and help protect water quality.....

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All TOWNSHIPS - Annual Meeting is Tues 3/9/2021

Thank your Township if they provided [Supplemental Watercraft Inspection Funds](#) to Hubbard County AIS Program this year! Ask them to plan ahead for next year too!

Call your [Township Clerk](#) if you need meeting details during the Pandemic.

Wave Monitoring Mast Pilot in Hubbard County Only – Opportunity!

The **Pilot** is part of the Healthy Waters Initiative through the University of MN St. Anthony Falls Laboratory. As a Hubbard County Lake Association, you have a great opportunity to consider! By Wed 2/24/2021, please determine your interest in being considered as a candidate for a small pilot this spring and summer 2021 for building a wave monitoring mast for use in your lake with your citizen science volunteers....

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Northern Waters Land Trust - Clean Water Critical Habitat Map

During our HC COLA 9/24/2020 [presentations](#), we learned about the Kabekona Lake Aquatic Management Area that is conserved land that protects the water quality. John Sumption, NWLT demo'd a *draft* Clean Water Critical Habitat Map for us then. We all wanted to know when it became available! It is now available on the NWLT "Clean Water Critical Habitat" webpage. They also started a monthly KAXE/KBXE radio segment "Conservations with NWLT" – next show is 2/16/21 at 8:40 AM plus have.....

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MN COLA Information - 3 Online Educational Opportunities

HC COLA is a member of MN COLA. You may sign up for their [mailings](#). You may also attend quarterly meetings by Zoom, if interested. Lynn Goodrich is HC COLA's Repres.

See the **Three Online Educational Opportunities** that you can **register for**:

1) On 2/26/2021 8:30 – 4:30 PM Winter Water Symposium - Free

Emerging Technologies to Empower Effective Inland Lake Stewardship – many topics

2) Week 3/8-12/2021 Wisconsin Water Week - only \$20/day

Mon – Wed covers a host of topics from surface to ground to drinking water, looking at everything from big trends to restorative actions

3) On 3/24/2021 at 9 AM CST, Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership and Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership on "A New Wave of Thinking"

- Social / Community Acceptance of Natural Shorelines
- Promoting lakeshore protection – an introduction to social marketing
- Defining No-Wake Zones for Wake Surf Boats
- Wave Energy & the Bioengineering Continuum

Learn More and **Register** for the Three Online Educational Opportunities.....

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MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) Legislative Update

See the MLR [Annual Report](#) from 2020. HC COLA is a member of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates! Many individuals are members of MLR also!

The legislative update was on Feb 3rd with MLR Executive Director Jeff Forester, MLR lobbyist Henry Erdman, and Rep. Rick Hansen, Chair of the House Environmental Committee who met with lake association officers for the update in an online meeting. More details [here](#).

Subscribe to the MLR Legislative Action Alerts for relevant bills [here](#). Scroll down on the website – see “Subscribe” on the right hand side of computer screen. To see the bills, use the Citizen Action Network “CAN” feature, enter your zip code and click on the “bills” tab.



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Our mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. Hubbard County COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

Hubbard County COLA formed in 1988. HC COLA currently has a membership of 30 lake associations representing 42 lakes with over 2500 members. HC COLA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Lakes Represented In HC COLA

Bad Axe · Belle Taine · Big Mantrap · Big Sand · Blue · Boulder · Crow Wing Lower · Crow Wing 5th/6th/7th · Crow Wing 8th/9th · Crow Wing 10th/11th · Duck · Eagle-Island · Emma-Stocking-Bottle · Fish Hook L&R Association · Garfield · Gilmore · Ham Lake · Hinds Lake · Kabekona · Little Sand · Long Lake · Palmer · Plantagenet · Portage · Potato · South Island · Spider · Stony · Tripp · Twin Lakes

HC COLA Board of Directors

The HC COLA Board of Directors is made up of one designated "HC COLA Representative" from each of the 30 member Lake Associations.

HC COLA Officers

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| President: | Sharon Natzel, Long Lake |
| Vice President: | (seeking candidate volunteers) candidate? pls email! |
| Secretary: | Keith Minkel, Gilmore Lake |
| Treasurer: | Steve Hall, Boulder Lake |
| Immediate Past President: | Lynn Goodrich, Tripp Lake |

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