



Upcoming Meetings

TLRD Board of Commissioners

May 21 5:00pm Dunn Cty. Gov. Ctr.
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June 18 5:00pm Dunn Cty. Gov. Ctr.
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July 16 5:00pm Dunn Cty. Gov. Ctr.
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Annual Meeting

August 1 9:00am Menomonie High
School Auditorium

Boating and Safety Comm.

1st Wed. 5:00pm Jake's Supper
Club

Carp Abatement Comm.

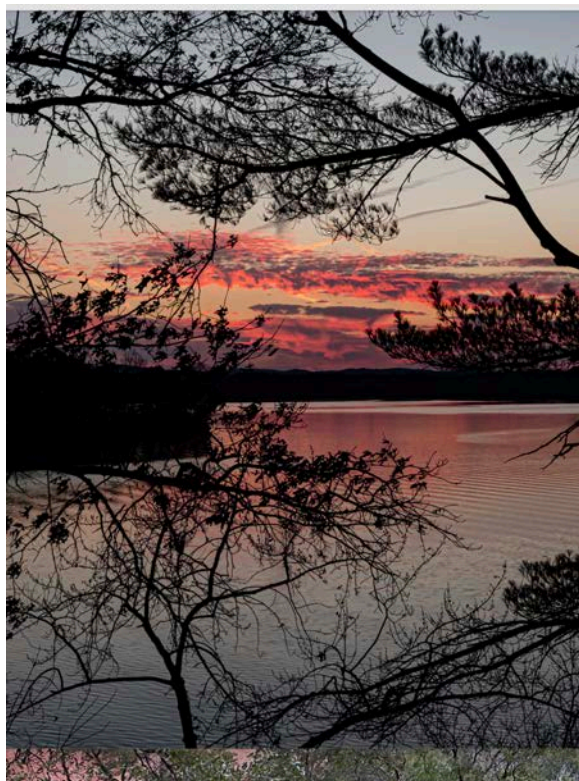
May 7 3:30pm Tainter Town Hall

Fundraising Comm.

May 8 12:30pm Elk Point Resort

Water Quality Comm.

May 18 5:00pm Tainter Town Hall



Is Your Legacy Holding Water? Help Minimize Shoreline Runoff and Erosion for the Next Generation

For many living on Tainter Lake, the lake is more than just a destination; it is a repository of memories. It's where children learn to fish, where families gather for summer sunsets, and where the quiet of rural Wisconsin provides a necessary escape. However, the future of these experiences depends on the choices we make at the water's edge today.

Protecting our shorelines is a commitment to the "Public Trust Doctrine"—the legal principle that Wisconsin's waters belong to everyone. As property owners, we act as the primary stewards of this shared resource. A healthy shoreline is the last line of defense against runoff that can contribute to proliferation of algae and invasive species.

Building a Natural Defense

Preserving your legacy doesn't require drastic changes. It begins with voluntarily contributing to a **35-foot vegetative buffer**. This buffer zone of native plants—with roots that can reach fifteen feet deep—stabilizes the soil in ways that turf grass simply cannot. These "living filters" catch phosphorus and nitrogen before they reach the water, ensuring it stays clean for the swimmers and anglers of tomorrow.

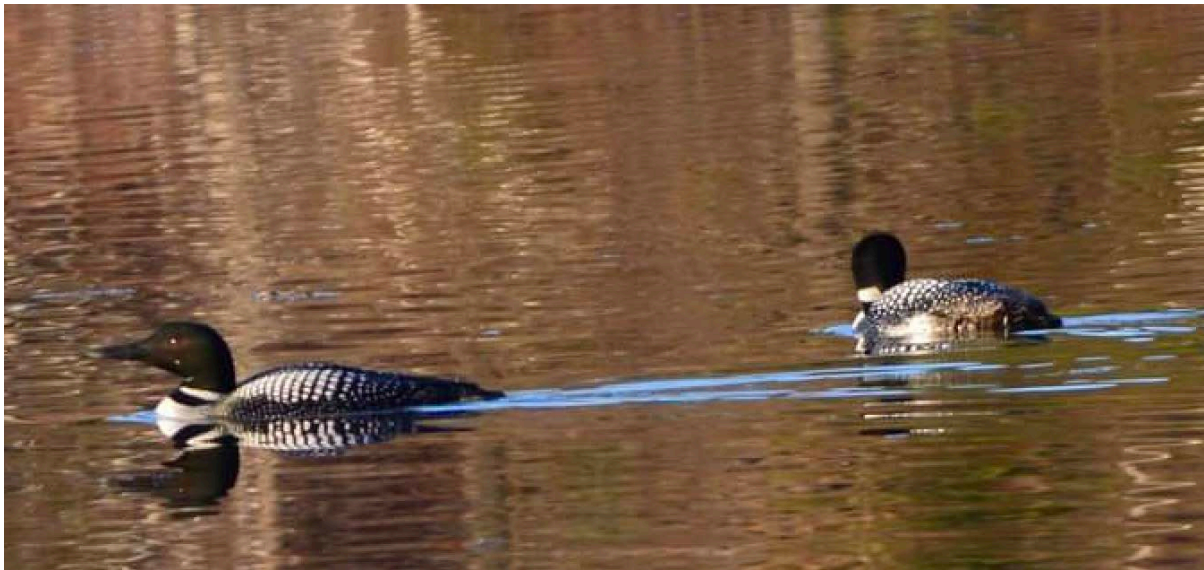
Simple Steps for Lasting Impact

- **Native Plantings:** Swap a portion of your lawn for Wisconsin wildflowers and shrubs to provide a habitat for songbirds and butterflies. (The first thirty-five feet from the water is the critical space to protect your shoreline.)
- **Runoff:** Divert runoff from hard surfaces that empty towards the lake.
- **Septic Systems:** Inspect and maintain your septic system regularly.
- **Rain Gardens:** Redirect gutter runoff into shallow depressions that allow water to soak into the ground naturally.
- **Plant Trees and Shrubs:** Removal of trees and shrubs causes more rain to hit the ground and run off.

Where do you get more information regarding best practice, shoreline restoration ideas, vegetation and plant possibilities and other related information? The [Healthy Lakes and Rivers website](#) is a great place to start. This website contains evaluation tools, planting ideas and technical advice to consider before beginning any project.

The Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District is also exploring the possibility of grant and educational opportunities for parties interested in improving their properties. If you

have questions or are interested in exploring grant possibilities, please contact Al Brown, Commissioner at abrown@tainterlakedistrict.org. Protecting and restoring our waters is a gift we leave for those who come after us. Let's ensure the lake they inherit is better than one we enjoy today.



Boating Safety Update: Changes to Slow No Wake Zones

As the 2026 boating season begins, the **Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District (TLRD)** Board has officially approved an expansion of the Slow No Wake (SNW) zones to improve safety and lake quality.

While these changes are being finalized on paper, their physical implementation on the water will happen in stages. Here is what you need to know before you head out:

Planned Changes at a Glance

- **Expansion:** The bay located directly north of the Highway D bridge will be designated as a Slow No Wake zone.
- **Relocation:** The existing SNW zone between Upper and Lower Tainter Lake will be extended 0.5 miles (five-tenths) south of its current location.
- **Hay River:** No changes have been made to the Hay River zone; it remains exactly as it was last year.

Important: Watch the Signs, Not Just the Buoys

Because the formal ordinance changes and permitting processes are still being finalized, you will notice a "staged" rollout this spring:

1. **Early Season Buoys:** For the start of the season, buoys will be placed in their previous positions.
2. **The Switch:** Once all permits are approved, the buoys will be relocated and added to reflect the new boundaries.
3. **Landing Signage:** New maps and signage will be posted at the boat landings to clearly communicate the updated zones.

Boater Tip: Please remain vigilant and check the signage at the landings each time you launch. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to make Tainter Lake safer for everyone.

Donations

The Downsville Sportsman Club and the Tainter Trail Tamers made significant donations to the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District.



(L-R) Paul Jacobson (DSC), Tom Bilse (TLRD), Brett Peabody (DSC)



(L-R) Tom Bilse (TLRD) and Doug Kading (Trail Tamers)

Current Activities and Updates

Aquatic Vegetation Harvesting

The first round of vegetation harvesting is scheduled to begin the week of **June 22**. A second round is slated for the **third week of July**, with the flexibility to

move this session to late August depending on lake conditions and growth patterns.

Second Annual Carp Bounty

Our second annual Carp Bounty will run from **Friday, May 29, through Sunday, June 14**. To better align with carp spawning cycles, the Committee has expanded the program's duration and streamlined the registration process. Our goal is to surpass last year's removal numbers!

- **Questions?** Please email **Chuck Tack** for specific details and registration info.

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