

MLA NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2021

2021 Booya Wrap-up Report

Here's the scoop on our very successful 2021 Booya!

- [Thank you from Ann Powers](#)
- [Year-to-year comparison report](#)
- [Donors & volunteers](#)

Complete Your Zebra Mussel Monitoring Plate Report

For those with monitoring plates: Have you completed your DNR report form and mailed it to Sandy Swanson? Reporting the zebra mussel population for this year is crucial to understanding growth patterns that can inform mitigation efforts. Count the ZMs on your plate, fill out your form and mail to Sandy today: 1161 Carson Rd., Spooner, WI, 54801. Call 715-520-0233 with any related questions. Updates on the zebra mussel counts will be posted on the [website](#).

County Zoning Officials Alerted to Septic Holding Tanks Issue

At the September 4 member meeting, members heard concerns about some septic holding tank vendors curtailing their business for lake residents. Even long-time clients are being told that vendors will no longer service certain areas of the McKenzie Lakes, particularly Lower. Some cabin owners have only gotten one-time, emergency pumps at a higher than usual cost. But what about the next time a pump is needed? The board of directors recognized the potential disastrous effects for our properties, lakes and water systems. A [letter](#) alerting officials to this alarming issue was sent by the board of directors to the Zoning Departments for Washburn and Burnett Counties. Stay tuned for updates.

Prepare Your Cabin for a Long Winter's Sleep

From Cabin Life magazine, [here's a great checklist](#) for closing your three-season cabin for the winter. Keep your cabin safe and functional for opening in 2022!

Kudos to the Boat Inspectors

Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CBCW) boat inspectors were "at the helm" for a successful 2021 season, staffing boat landings on all McKenzie Lakes on weekends and holidays from May 29 – September 19. Our volunteer inspectors devoted 246.5 hours to monitoring watercraft entering and leaving the lakes. Paid inspectors clocked 567.5 hours. The total number of boats monitored entering and/or leaving the boat landings totaled 867. Inspectors interacted with 1,895 boaters,

working to ensure they were informed on how to spray their watercraft to mitigate travel of invasive species, and to remind them that there is a law in force that requires boaters to spray.

Website updates

- [2021 MLA accomplishments](#)
- [September member meeting minutes](#)
- [September board meeting minutes](#)

2022 Events Calendar

April 30 – Roadside clean-up

May 28 – Member meeting

June 25 – Annual meeting

July 4 – Boat parade

July 30 – Member meeting

August 6 – Booya

September 4 – Member meeting