



The Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA) is happy to have you as a neighbor! And, if you aren't already a member of LSLAA, we hope you will join. This information "packet" will introduce you to LSLAA and our lake community. You will also find a "MORE RESOURCES" section that provides links to more information and places where you can purchase custom lake signs and Little Sand Lake logo apparel and merchandise.

## The Lake

Little Sand Lake is one of 124 lakes (greater than 10 acres) in Hubbard County, Minnesota. At 410 acres, it is a medium size lake with a maximum depth of 80 feet, and average depth of 22 feet and 6.4 miles of shoreline. There are approximately 162 privately owned parcels on the lake.

There is a public boat launch on the southeast side of the lake; it is on Glacier Drive off of CR 50. Little Sand Lake is among the cleanest, clearest lakes in the state; while clarity varies depending on time of year and weather conditions, clarity has been recorded as deep as 40 feet.



Whether you're a seasonal, weekender, or full-time resident, Little Sand has a lot to offer. Fishing is a favorite activity year-round. Anglers can expect to find a variety of fish including Largemouth Bass, Muskie, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Bullhead and Yellow Perch. Other fish species in the lake include Cisco (Tullibee), Common Shiner, Hybrid Sunfish and White Sucker.

With multiple bays, it is ideal for water sport activities or just anchoring the pontoon offshore. Little Sand is part of a chain of lakes that starts with Big Mantrap, includes the Bottle Lakes and Big Sand and ends at Lake Belle Taine; depending on water depth, other lakes in the chain can usually be accessed via small watercraft. Additionally, there are more than a dozen lakes within a five-minute drive.

Dorset, the “Restaurant Capital of the World,” is within three miles of any point on the lake. Little Sand Lake also hosts the Zorbaz of Park Rapids restaurant. You can get there by car or watercraft to Zorbaz, and you can join your lake neighbors the last Monday of every month at 5PM for “Zorbaz Night.” In addition to several excellent restaurants in Dorset, you can connect to the Heartland biking trail there. Snowmobile and ATV/OHV trails abound in the area.



For more information about the area around Little Sand Lake, this link from Lake Link is an excellent resource: [Little Sand Lake, Minnesota | Go Fishing, Boating or Take a Vacation \(lake-link.com\)](http://lake-link.com)

## Neighborhoods

Little Sand Lake has 17 sections or neighborhoods as shown on the map to the right.

## Geography

Hubbard County is in the northern most section of the Mississippi Water basin which drains south to the Gulf of Mexico. It is also at the confluence of three watershed districts (Mississippi River, Leech Lake River and Crow Wing River). The county has an average elevation of 1,526 ft. above sea level.



This is an area of mixed transition forests. Ecologically speaking, we are in an area dominated by Laurentian Mixed

Forests synonymous with the ‘north woods’ and boreal forests. As you go east and north of here, the forests become denser and are dominated by aspen, spruce, pine and fir. To the west and south are Eastern Broadleaf Forests with more hardwoods and pockets of grassland prairies like the Hubbard Prairie, near Hubbard, and the Ponsford Prairie 25 miles northwest.

We are in the 3B growing region for plant hardiness zone which means that average annual extreme temperatures are -30 to -35 degrees below zero F. Hardiness zones are a great guide for determining which perennials, shrubs, and trees will survive in our area.

Little Sand Lake  
Property Owners  
are Listed According  
to Section:

- A) Little Sand Pier
- B) Murkiland
- C) Loch Vito Beach
- D) Unplotted
- E) Shoreham Shore
- F) Norway Cove
- G) Mimichi
- H) Barrowd Estate
- I) Robin Park
- J) Unplotted
- K) State Leaved Lot
- L) Angler Wood
- M) Unplotted
- N) State Leaved Lot
- O) Mindiana
- P) Unplotted
- Q) Commercial



## County

Hubbard County was established in 1883 and named for Lucius Frederick Hubbard, the 9th Governor of Minnesota. The county is 1,000 square miles and has a population of 21,344 (2021 census). This is an increase of about 6% over 10 years. Park Rapids is the largest city with a population of 4,026.

The following links from state and county websites will provide more information about Little Sand Lake and the area:

[Little Sand \(29015000\) | LakeFinder | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#)

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[Little Sand Lake, Minnesota | Go Fishing, Boating or Take a Vacation \(lake-link.com\)](#)

## Little Sand Lake Area Association

Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA) was formed in 1988. LSLAA is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is “...to promote a sense of community among Little Sand Lake residents through social events, information-sharing, and collective action on issues important to all of us.” Issues important to all of us include water safety and maintaining a healthy lake. We have volunteers who monitor lake quality and check for aquatic invasive species (both vegetation and animal). Our Social Committee coordinates many opportunities for our residents to get together. Most social events are scheduled for the summer, and except for Board-sponsored events, they are participant-funded; a very small part of your dues goes toward social activities. Our Board members and Officers serve voluntarily, and the association does not support or promote any political or activist positions; however, we do share information about issues and events that may affect our Little Sand Lake properties.

The majority of our residents and LSLAA members are seasonal residents. We do have LSLAA members who are not residents but love our beautiful lake and wish to support our efforts.

Dues are \$50 per property per calendar year. In addition to dues, LSLAA relies on additional donations from our members. Dues and donations are tax deductible, can be paid online at [Annual Dues - Little Sand \(littlesandlakemn.com\)](#), and go towards:

- Membership in Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HCCOLA)
- Watercraft Inspections at the Public Launch (LSLAA's largest expense)
- Water Testing and Monitoring – Equipment and Lab Testing
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Contingency Fund (Emergency Fund should Little Sand Lake be infested with an AIS)

LSLAA Board-Sponsored Events: Annual Meeting is held in June; Annual Picnic is usually held late July/early August; Fishing Contest in August (Note: Minimal amounts from the budget go toward these events, as they are mostly funded and supported through donations from local businesses.)

**History:** For a comprehensive history of LSLAA written by Maggi Yerkes, you can go to our website or use this link: [lsaa-25-year-history-1.pdf \(littlesandlakemn.com\)](#)



## Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations – HCCOLA

HCCOLA was formed in 1988. Its 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.

HC COLA provides collaboration among member lakes in Hubbard County. Each member lake association has a voice on the HCCOLA through its COLA representative. The organization meets the last Thursday of the month during the months of April to November. They develop and/or communicate educational materials and provide opportunities for information sharing across lakes. As a member of HC COLA, Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA) is one of 31 lake associations representing 43 lakes with more than 2,770 members. Your LSLAA dues include \$4.00 towards our lake's membership in HCCOLA. HCCOLA's quarterly newsletter is sent free to all subscribers; their web address is: [www.hubbardcolamn.org](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org)



### LSLAA Board, Activities, and Resources

The LSLAA Board include elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one (1) or more Board members (or Directors at Large) to represent each twenty-five (25) members. With the exception of the Treasurer, each Board member serves a term of two years with a maximum of two terms. The immediate Past President also serves as a voting member of the Board.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting takes place the second Saturday in June each year. For the convenience of our members, it is held at Zorbaz with registration and social time starting at 8:00AM and the meeting starting at 8:30. This venue and schedule has been established so that our members can get back out and enjoy their Saturday at the lake!

#### Annual Picnic:

The Annual Picnic, usually held in late July/early August, features a potluck meal and a theme (e.g., pirate, Hawaiian, '50s, Western, etc.). We always have a fun time and a great turnout!



*Above: Photo from the 2022 Western-themed Annual picnic.*

**Website:** Our website address is [Home - Little Sand \(littlesandlakemn.com\)](http://littlesandlakemn.com).

**Email:** We have an Email Coordinator who keeps our residents abreast of lake activities and news; the email address is [littlesandlakeaa@outlook.com](mailto:littlesandlakeaa@outlook.com).

**Facebook:** We also have a Facebook Group page where we share news and information with our lake friends: [Little Sand Lake, Park Rapids MN | Facebook](#).

**Newsletter:** LSLAA publishes an e-newsletter during the spring of each year. Newsletters can be found on our website: [Newsletter - Little Sand \(littlesandlakemn.com\)](#)

**Property Owners Directory:** We have a volunteer Directory Coordinator who maintains a Property Owners Directory on the LSLAA website: [LSLAA Directory - Little Sand \(littlesandlakemn.com\)](#). The Directory is updated two times per year. If you have any changes to your contact information or you have a new neighbor, please inform us! The Directory requires a password to protect the privacy of our members. To get the Directory password, or to provide updated information, please contact our Email Coordinator [littlesandlakeaa@outlook.com](mailto:littlesandlakeaa@outlook.com).

**Little Sand Lake Social Calendar:** Can be found here: [Calendar of Events - Little Sand \(littlesandlakemn.com\)](#)



**Board Members** for 2023-224 are:

- Christine Hobrough    President and Email Coordinator
- Cindy Nollette        Vice President and COLA Rep
- Karen Netland        Secretary and Property Owners Directory
- Jane Amble            Treasurer
- MaJeana Hallstrom    Past President
- Greg Dravis            Director at Large
- Gerry Kaluzny         Director at Large
- Thom Johnson         Director at Large
- Mary Bradley          Director at Large
- Ben Doda                Director at Large

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact [littlesandlakeaa@outlook.com](mailto:littlesandlakeaa@outlook.com).

**THANK YOU, STONY LAKE!**

Many thanks to Stony Lake for sharing their New Member Flyer with us. We wish to credit the Stony team for allowing us to use their concept and some of their content.

# MORE RESOURCES - Lake Life and Local Guides

Local Places of Worship: [park rapids mn places of worship - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

## Summer Scene Magazine (2023):

[Summer Scene ~ May/June 2023 by Park Rapids Enterprise - Issuu](#)

## Park Rapids: Places to Stay, Things to Do, Restaurants, Local Businesses

The Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce & Tourism is an excellent resource to find places to stay, things to do, events, restaurants, and a business directory: [Tourism](#) | [Park Rapids Chamber](#) | [Park Rapids MN](#). The Chamber of Commerce also offers a Discovery Guide; you can download a copy or request a hard copy: [Discovery Guide](#) | [Park Rapids MN](#) | [Explore MN](#).

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## Hubbard County Shoreland Guide

- Shoreline Management Ordinance: [Ord 17 Amd 20 clean vrsn signed.pdf \(revize.com\)](#)
- Buffer (Water Shoreline) Buffer Ordinance: [Hubbard Co. Buffer Ordinance signed copy eff 03282018.pdf \(revize.com\)](#)

## Aquatic Invasive Species

- DNR Information: Aquatic Invasive Species | Minnesota DNR ([state.mn.us](http://state.mn.us))
- Identification Guide from University of Minnesota: [2021 maisrc detectors ais id guide.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## Free Decontamination Station:

The Hubbard County decontamination station is located at:  
812 Henrietta Ave. S  
Park Rapids, MN 56470  
Available 7 Days a Week On-Call: [218-616-1631](tel:218-616-1631)



Above: Zebra Mussels

## Odegard's Custom Dock Signs:

[karlar2670@gmail.com](mailto:karlar2670@gmail.com) or 303-709-8635

NOTE: 2023 will be the last year the Odegards will be making these signs.





# ***Enjoy Little Sand Lake Year-Round!***

Thanks to our resident lake photographers for posting and sharing these beautiful photos on our Little Sand Lake Facebook page.!



*Left Photo Credit: Paul Trongsard*

*Below Photo Credit:  
Christine Hobrough*



*Above Photo Credit: Brandon Gardner*



*Right Photo Credit: Mary Bowman*