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From the Editor

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." You may remember this passage from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in November of 1863 at the height of the Civil War. Of course, he was referring to the founders of our country who in 1776 declared independence from England. Lincoln's words and the Declaration of Independence still ring true today.

So, I ask that during those fun-filled barbeques, those sun-splashed boat rides, the parade watching, and during those spectacular fireworks shows to pause and reflect on this country and how it all began. I ask that you also remember the sacrifices made during those nearly 250 years to keep what we have.

Nate Leding
Nate Leding, Editor in Chief

"Wayzata Together Magazine is truly a community asset. It provides an opportunity to learn what is happening in Wayzata while also giving little known fascinating history of people and places." ~ Wayzata resident Dan Goldman

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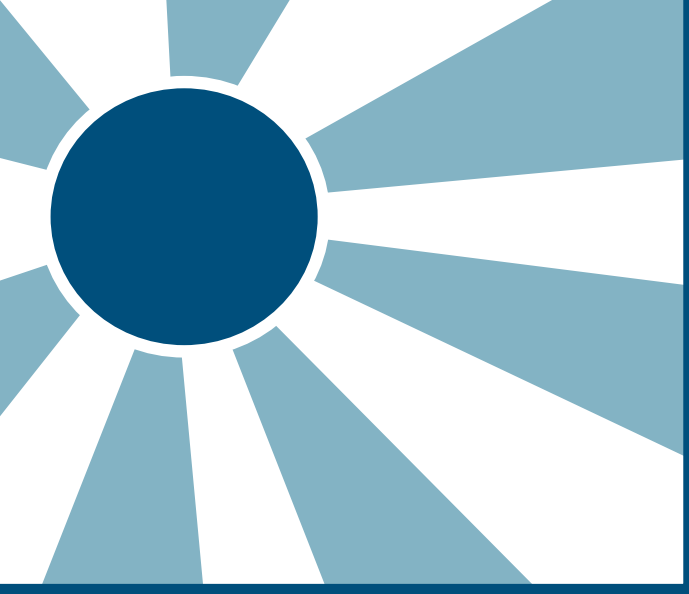
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On any given Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evening, you may see some teens in blue or white t-shirts and khaki shorts hanging out on the new Wayzata docks. These guys are working to deliver food from restaurants to folks boating on Lake Minnetonka. This isn't simply a summer job, it's their business.

The Wayzata High School students launched Tonka Dash last summer. They took the initiative to create and launch a business. The experience has taught each of them valuable lessons in entrepreneurship, responsibility, and customer service. The idea is simple and it's brilliant. Folks can order food from restaurants in Wayzata and Excelsior and have it delivered to the docks where they pull up their boat. And it's the Tonka Dashers who connect the restaurants with the boaters. These young men dash to the restaurant and dash back to the docks.

"The idea for Tonka Dash emerged from a personal experience shared among friends. One day, while my friends and I were enjoying time on Lake Minnetonka, we found ourselves hungry and decided to head to the Wayzata docks for some food," said founder Jack Reger. "To our disappointment, every parking spot was occupied, making it impossible to dock and eat." Reger founded Tonka Dash along with Sig Rabinovitz and Max Alberti.

Making Waves: Tonka Dash

The teens find it heartwarming to see how the Lake Minnetonka community has embraced them. They say the support and encouragement from the community has been incredible, and it's gratifying to contribute to the community. "Lake Minnetonka is a great setting for Tonka Dash due to the diverse communities," said Reger. "The lake attracts a wide range of visitors, offering us the opportunity to serve various people and meet different people. What sets Tonka Dash apart is our unique ability to deliver food directly to boats, allowing customers to enjoy their meals without the hassle of docking or tying up." At last check, Tonka Dash works with 14 restaurants in Wayzata and five in Excelsior.

So, what does the future hold for these young entrepreneurs? They are focused on expanding the business while maintaining the current model of working for tips. They look forward to becoming an integral part of the Lake Minnetonka boating experience.

"We are committed to making lake life as enjoyable and hassle-free as possible, and we look forward to serving even more customers this season," said Reger.



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Fishing Report & Information:



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Bass are moving out to deeper weeds. Dropshots, ned rigs or crankbaits are effective baits to use this time of year. Muskies have moved out to deeper weeds and offshore structures. Panfish can be found in dense weeds. Northern Pike are moving out to colder waters and are most active on those steep and deep break lines. Walleye will be in deeper, cooler waters with gravel/sand transitions outside the weeds. Slow trolling live bait or trolling crankbaits is a good tactic to cover ground.

On Opposite Page: A throwback to The Flying Pancake Breakfast celebrated on The Fourth of July at the Wayzata Depot.

Events

Wayzata American Legion

Weekly | Pull Tabs, Taco Tuesday, Bingo, Meat Raffle, Karaoke & More!

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, running til 9/28

See Schedule | Chanhassen Dinner Theatres | chanhassendf.com

Canvas Convergence @ The Shops at West End, til 12/30

A pop-up 3D experiential art gallery | canvasconvergence.com

Independence Day, 7/4

Flying Pancake Breakfast, 7/4

See Schedule | Wayzata Depot | carlakemtka.org

Firecracker Run, 7/4

See Schedule | 1 Mile, 5 K & 10 K | excelsiorlakeminnetonkachamber.com

Lake Minnetonka 4th of July, 7/4

Begins @ 7:30 AM | Excelsior | excelsiorlakeminnetonkachamber.com

Pandora's Other Box in the Brewhouse, 7/6

8–11:30 PM | Check for more bands/dates/times | birchsonthelake.com

Concerts In The Commons, 7/12

Free | Gear Daddies | excelsiorconcerts.com
Vendors open at 5 PM • Music starts at 7 PM

Sailing with Shino Memorial Fundraiser, 7/12

4 PM–7PM | Wayzata Sailing | facebook.com/sailingwithshino

Panoway Lakewalk Ribbon Cutting Celebration, 7/13

11 AM–2 PM | Panoway Plaza | wayzata.org

Wayzata Crazy Days, 7/17-7/21

See Schedule | Downtown | wayzatachamber.com

Spirit of the Lakes Festival, 7/18-7/20

See Schedule | Food, Music, Activities & Fireworks | spiritofthelakes.com
Surfside Beach & Park, Mound

Minnesota Wakesurf Championship, 7/18-7/20

See Schedule | Midwest's biggest wakesurf championship | mnwsc.com
Surfside Beach & Park, Mound

Excelsior Crazy Days, 7/18-7/21

See Schedule | Downtown | excelsiorlakeminnetonkachamber.com

Wayzata Police vs. Fire Softball Game, 7/25

TBD | Klapprich Park | Wayzata

G.B. LEIGHTON, 7/25 (Live Music at Lord Fletcher's)

6–9 PM | Check for more bands/dates/times | lordfletchers.com

Windward Festival, 7/27

9 AM–10 PM | Wayzata Sailing | windwardfest.org

A Year With Frog & Toad, Kids, 7/27-7/28

See Schedule | Support Local Theatre | bluewatertheatre.com



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Wayzata Beach and Marina

Given to the citizens of Wayzata in 1930 by the first mayor, Rufus Rand, this sandy beach on the north side of Lake Minnetonka is an ideal place during the summer heat. Whether if it shade or sun to relax Wayzata Beach has it with the grassy areas in the shade and then there's picnic tables and Adirondack chairs placed near the waters edge for enjoying the sun. There is a playground centrally located perfect for 3 to 8 year old children.



The beach, located at 220 Grove Lane East, is open to the public from mid-June to mid-August. A lifeguard is on duty from noon until 6 p.m., 7 days a week...unless temnps are below 65 degrees.

Features:

Boat slips

Canoe/kayak racks

Grassy peninsula

Playground equipment

Playing fields

Sandy beach

Shaded picnic areas

Volleyball court

Use the QR code to access the city of Wayzata's website for more information on park locations and updates.



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Civil War Veterans in Wayzata, c. 1880
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Answering The Call: Wayzatans & The Civil War

Wayzatans have a long legacy of serving in the military and serving in conflicts all over the world. When the community was barely established, our country was thrust into the Civil War. Wayzata residents and people all over Minnesota answered the call.

The Minnesota Historical Society has done a wonderful job summarizing that period of history. When the war broke out in April of 1861, Minnesota Governor Alexander Ramsey was in Washington and promised President Lincoln a regiment of 1,000 volunteer soldiers from Minnesota. Fort Snelling was reopened to serve as a training center for those soldiers.

Among the state's most famous units was the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was not only the first regiment of soldiers offered to fight for the Union army, but also halted a determined Confederate assault at Gettysburg in July 1863, helping to save the Union line. Other units, like the Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, fought in the war's western theater and distinguished themselves in battles at Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and Atlanta as well as on General William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea."

In total, 11 infantry regiments, two companies of sharpshooters, several units of artillery and cavalry, and several dozen sailors were sent from Minnesota. More than 2,500 died in battle or from illness, and many more were wounded during the Civil War.



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