

WATERSHED WEEKLY

APRIL 10, 2026

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BOARD MEETING

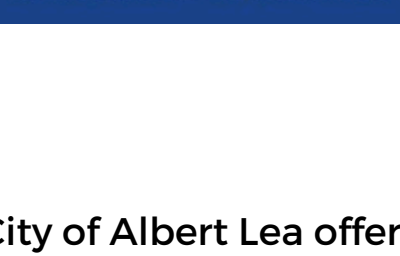
The Shell Rock River Watershed District Board of Managers will host their monthly board meeting on April 14, 2026, at 8:30 AM. There will be a public hearing for the Sanderson Wetland Restoration. The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the District's website: www.shellrock.org. Check out previous agendas and minutes there too.



Community docks: Unique in Minnesota!

Monday, April 6: Map of available dock spaces posted
Friday, April 10: Dock permits open to public at 6 a.m.

Details: www.cityofalbertlea.org/dock-permits



701 Lake Chapeau Drive
507-377-4370

DOCKS

The City of Albert Lea offers access to Fountain Lake via permits for dock spaces on property owned by or under control of the city. Available dock spaces open to the public for on a first-come, first-served basis:

6 a.m. Friday, April 10

Recreation Department, 701 Lake Chapeau Drive

Please have:

- Complete application
- Proof of insurance
- Fee of \$185 for Albert Lea residents (\$235 for others)

Watch the dock permit webpage for the map and instructions:

www.cityofalbertlea.org/dock-permits/.



GOOSE LAKE FISH BARRIER

Natural Resource Technician, Mike Wacholz, helped install the new retrofitted equipment at the Goose Lake Fish Barrier.

History: As part of the Goose Lake Reclamation, a fish barrier was installed on Goose Creek during the winter of 2014-15 and is located on Green Lea Golf Course. This barrier will control carp in Goose Lake by preventing the upstream migration. Carp like to spawn in warm, shallow lakes like Goose Lake, so preventing their movement from Fountain Lake to Goose Lake will eliminate this breeding ground.

Carp and other bottom-feeding fish uproot and consume rooted aquatic vegetation and disturb and re-suspend phosphorus rich sediments. The resulting increase in turbidity reduces light penetration, which discourages new native aquatic vegetation growth. The direct result of the project will be improved aquatic habitat, waterfowl nesting, breeding and feeding habitat, and improved water quality and clarity in Goose Lake and Fountain Lake.

Adopt a Storm Drain!

Keep your neighborhood clean and protect local waterways. Sign up today!



ADOPT A DRAIN

SRRWD staff, Leah Stadheim, reminds residents to clean off your storm drain before April showers! The Adopt-a-Drain program is a fun and important way for people to help keep their community clean and protect local lakes and rivers. When it rains, water flows into storm drains on streets and in neighborhoods. Unlike water from sinks and toilets, stormwater does not go to a treatment plant—it flows directly into nearby streams, rivers, and lakes. If trash, leaves, or pet waste are left near drains, they can wash into the water and cause pollution.

The City of Albert Lea is offering an incentive for everyone who signs up and commits to keeping their drain clean. After signing up, please visit the Shell Rock River Watershed District office to pick up your 2026 compost permit!

Sign up at www.shellrock.org.



LAKES CLEANUP AND MEDALLION HUNT

It's time to show some love to our lakes AND have a little fun while doing it! April 25th is Albert Lea Lakes Cleanup Day! Help keep Albert Lea Lake and our lakes clean, beautiful, and thriving for everyone to enjoy.

NEW THIS YEAR: Albert Lea Blue Zones Project Medallion Hunt!

As part of the cleanup, the Albert Lea Blue Zones Project is hiding 3 medallions around the lakes!

Find a medallion while you're out cleaning and you could score a fun prize!

This is the perfect way to:

Get outside

Give back to the community

Spend time with friends & family

And maybe win something along the way

Bring your crew, lace up your walking shoes, and let's make a difference together!