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## Winter news

### District updates

**Grant applications due Friday, March 19**



March 19 at 4pm is the deadline to turn in your stewardship grant application! We offer stewardship grants for projects that prevent stormwater pollution to our lakes and Nine Mile Creek. Examples of projects include raingardens, shoreline buffers, and permeable pavers. We also offer habitat restoration grants. The first grant application deadline for these grant types is July 22.

If you don't know what your project type or track is, please contact Erica at [esniegowski@ninemilecreek.org](mailto:esniegowski@ninemilecreek.org) or 952-358-2276. If you would like some feedback, send your application to Erica by this Friday, March 5th, and staff will provide suggestions on improving it ahead of the deadline in 2 weeks.

Find out more at [ninemilecreek.org/grants/](http://ninemilecreek.org/grants/). Watch a recording of our information session at: [ninemilecreek.org/cost-share-information-session-video/](http://ninemilecreek.org/cost-share-information-session-video/)

*Shoreline buffer installed as a cost share grant project in Edina.*

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## Normandale survey open through tomorrow

If you recreate around Normandale Lake, please take our survey on the Improvement Project by tomorrow, Wednesday, March 3, when the survey closes.

The goals of the Normandale Lake project are to improve water quality and the ecological health of Normandale Lake. To date, the projects that have been implemented at Normandale Lake have included a lake drawdown (2018-2019), aluminum (alum) treatment (2019), and herbicide treatment (2020). For more information on the project, visit the [current project](#) webpage.



[Take the survey](#)

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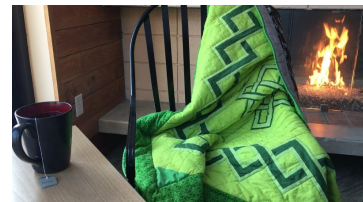
## Upcoming Events

### Friday Fireplace Reads

**Friday, March 5, 2021: 12-12:30 PM**

Livestream on Facebook and Youtube

This new series “Friday Fireplace Reads” will share snippets from non-fiction books about water and nature. Every other Friday through April we will go live on Facebook and Youtube.



The book on March 5 is Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Find the full book list here: [ninemilecreek.org/fireplace-reads/](http://ninemilecreek.org/fireplace-reads/)

Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) and follow our [Facebook Page](#) to get notified when we go live.

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**Upcoming Board Meetings**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 : 7-9 PM**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021: 7-9 PM**

Live Virtual Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Board Chair has determined that an in-person meeting of the Board of Managers is not prudent or practical. The Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers will hold their monthly meeting remotely on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may do so by accessing the web-based conference, or by phone (conference call).

Link will be posted, when available, at: [ninemilecreek.org/board-meeting/](http://ninemilecreek.org/board-meeting/)

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