

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

Web Site: wasecalakes.org



Spring 2019 Edition

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, April 27th: 19th Annual Lakeshore & Parks Cleanup, Maplewood Park 9:00 am
- Thursday, July 4th: 16th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run at Clear Lake Park, 8:00 am.
- Other Activities? Looking for your input on WLA activities and direction. Please let us know what you think. Please send your response in with your membership or use the "Contact Us" tab at wasecalakes.org

Waseca Lakes Assn Membership/Renewal Due

Please note that you should see a membership renewal in this mailing for the 2019-2020 season soon. Your \$25 membership helps to fund membership projects such as the cleanup day, lake aquatic invasive weed management, kids fishing events, Lakefest activities, lakeshore restoration, doggie bags around the lakes, and other projects to promote water stewardship. Please mail your \$25 check to Dale Schons, WLA Treasurer, 34888 Knoll Drive, Waseca, MN 56093. Thanks for your support.

Ice Out on Clear Lake was April 5th, 2019

Did you know you can go to the "water monitoring" tab at the WLA website to find the ice out history of Clear Lake dating back to 1874? The average ice out date is April 3rd. The earliest ice out on record is March 6 in 1987, and the latest ice out date is April 29th in 2018. You can also find weekly water clarity readings for Clear and Loon lakes at WLA web site Water Monitoring tab.

16th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run

This has turned into a great tradition to begin the 4th of July celebration at Clear Lake Park. There will be a 1 mile kids run at the park beginning at 8am and the 5 mile run around Clear Lake beginning at 8:30am. Pre-registration is now open via the Community Education website or mail in form available at wasecalakes.org. Pre-registration saves you money and assures a T-shirt on July 4th. The link to electronic pre-registration at community.ed or to download a mail in form is at: wasecalakes.org.



Stewardship of Our Waters

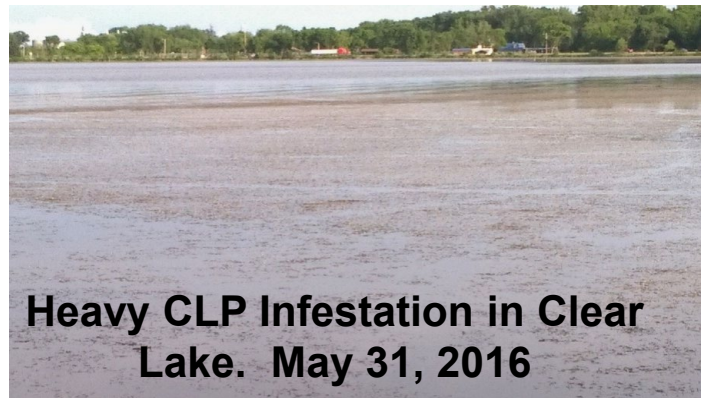


Waseca Lakes Assn donated \$5000 to help purchase new dock on north shore of Clear. The city parks department installed the dock April 18.



Invasive Aquatic Weed Management to Improve the Water Quality of Clear Lake

Invasive weeds like curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) make it difficult for swimmers and boats, and also cause the green algae blooms in early summer. In 2012, the Waseca Lakes Assn applied for the first treatment of curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) in Clear Lake and the 30 acres treated showed good results. We have treated problem areas each year since and plan to do the same in 2019. The Waseca Lakes Association has spent between \$5000-\$8000 per year to help keep invasive weeds in check. We have received grants of \$1500 from the city and \$2500 from Waseca county to help offset our costs for 2019.



Heavy CLP Infestation in Clear Lake. May 31, 2016

Doggi Bag Dispensers

You may have noticed that we have replaced the original plastic doggi bag dispensers with new aluminum models. These do help to keep our lakes clean as we average over 3000 bags dispensed per year. We maintain eight dispensers around Clear and Loon Lakes/

The Waseca Triathlon that began in 2009 will unfortunately not be held in 2019. Our long time triathlon company, Final Stretch, which we have hired in the past has gone out of business. We have determined that we cannot effectively and safely run a triathlon without their expertise in personnel and equipment. Thanks you to all that have volunteered to help over the last 10 years. A special thanks to Dale Schons, who has tirelessly organized 60 plus volunteers and worked behind the scenes months prior to the event to make sure it was successful.