

Waseca Lakes Association

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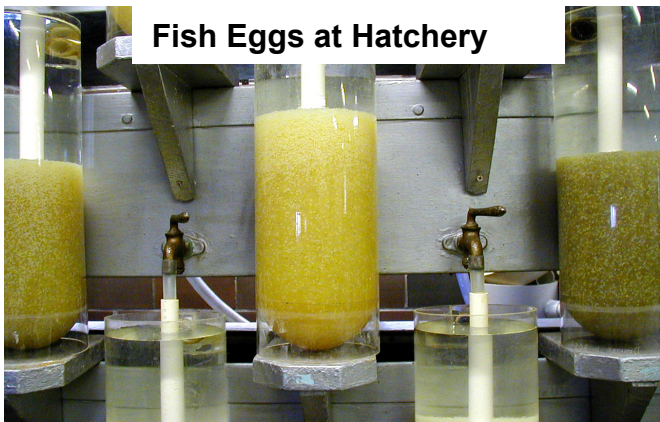


Spring 2004 Edition

DNR Fish Hatchery Tour Next Monday Night

Monday, April 26th, 7:00 pm at the Waterville DNR Fish Hatchery. See how the DNR produces stock for Clear, Loon, and other area lakes. Heather Baird of the DNR will lead the tour. Meet at the HyVee Parking lot at 6:30 pm to carpool. If you want to make the trip yourself, follow county road 14 (Paquin Street) approximately 2 miles west out of Waterville and watch for signs.

Fish Eggs at Hatchery



Calendar of Events

April

- Monday, April 26th at 7 pm, DNR Fish Hatchery Tour at Waterville.

May

- Saturday, May 1st at 9 am, 4th annual lake shore and parks cleanup. Meet at Maplewood Park at 9am.

- Monday, May 24th at 7:00 pm WLA meeting: 2004/2005 Shoreline improvement projects for Loon and Clear Lake. Learn how to plan for a shoreline improvement to improve water quality.

June

- Monday, June 28th, 6 pm Picnic and tour at Loon Lake Park.

July

- Sunday, July 4th, Lakefest activities, stay tuned for more details.

- Wednesday, July 21- Sunday, July 25, WLA booth at Waseca County Fair

4th Annual Lakeshore Cleanup Sat. May 1st

9 am: Meet at Maplewood Park for coffee, juice, rolls, WLA hats, and cleanup assignments.

11 am–12 Noon: Hot dogs, etc served at park for all volunteers. Please do your part and make a difference.



WLA Memberships Due

Please complete the enclosed membership renewal form. WLA dues are used to promote water quality efforts, and fund WLA activities during the year.

What Can I Do to Improve Lake Water Quality?

The role of the WLA will be to see that the it's purpose: "To improve and maintain the water quality of Clear Lake and other Waseca County Lakes in the Crane Creek Watershed for all users" is advanced.

1. Keep grass clippings, leaves, and lawn fertilizer off sidewalks, streets, and any other areas that flow to city storm drains or directly to our lakes.
2. Let your city council members and county commissioners know that storm water management is a number one priority for the long term health of our lakes. The final Bolton and Menk report recommended several very affordable actions that should be taken to reduce the nutrient concentration entering Clear Lake, primarily from storm water run off. In 2004 the WLA, city, and county must act to put the proposals into action and to insure that storm water detention is addressed when developing new property.
3. Reduce water runoff from your property through use of landscaping to trap or slow quick runoff during rainfall events. Learn by participating in shoreline improvement projects such as the ones done at Loon Lake in 2002 and 2003. Look for news on new shoreline projects on Clear Lake in 2004 and attend the May 24th WLA meeting on shoreline projects.

What is Lake Shoreline Improvement?

Selection of native aquatic and upland plants to:

1. Reduce shoreline erosion.
2. Filter and slow storm water flow.
3. Take up nutrients
4. Provide habitat for fish and upland wildlife.



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