

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2006 Edition

April Activity Notices:

Monday, April 24th, 6 pm at county highway building.

Saturday, April 29th is Clean Up Day

Coming Events

- ✓ Monday, April 24th, 6:00 pm at the county highway building. Storm water reduction workshop to help you plan a project for your yard and apply for a grant to cover 75% of your costs.
- ✓ Saturday, April 29th, 6th Annual Lakes and Parks cleanup. Meet at Maplewood Park at 9:00 am. Free T-Shirts this year!
- ✓ Monday, May 22, Monthly WLA meeting at county highway building.

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Membership Renewal Due

Please note the enclosed renewal for the 2006-2007 season. Your \$25 membership helps to fund operations such as mailings, and membership projects such as the cleanup day, June picnic, County fair booth, Lakefest activities, and other projects to promote water stewardship. Thanks for your continued support.

Ice out on Clear Lake this year was April 3rd with the last ice being pushed up on the south shore. Ice out in 2005 was one day later on April 4th. Loon Lake gave into Spring with ice out on April 1.



Grants dollars available to improve your yard, ... and our lakes:

Please take advantage of the April 24th workshop (6-9 pm at the county highway building) to reduce the storm water coming off your property with something as simple as a rain barrel or a rain garden. Experts will be available to help you plan the project. Please bring a sketch and photo of the area of your yard you would like to use. We will also help you apply for the CRWP grants to cover up to 75% of your costs.

Did you know you can download this newsletter from our web site using the newsletter tab at wasecalakes.org?



Water Improvement Efforts

Please Protect Our Waters: Use non-phosphorus fertilizers to reduce algae in our Lakes.

Phosphorus containing fertilizers are no longer allowed in the city unless a soil test indicates that it is needed or if you are establishing a new lawn. The fertilizer analysis on the bag should have a zero in the middle such as 10-0-15. Did you know that 1 lb of phosphorus in our lakes can result in 50 lbs of algae?

Storm Water Management Recommended by Fly Over

WLA members presented a summary of the November environmental assessment of Clear and Loon Lakes to the Waseca city council and county commissioners. The AW Labs report with aerial photos is available on the WLA website water monitoring tab at wasecalakes.org. The report emphasized reducing storm water runoff into our lakes from both point and non-point sources.

Haven't Been Able to be Too Active in the WLA? How About 1-2 hours of your time on Sat, April 29?

Clean up volunteer job description:

Applicant should enjoy coffee and conversation, walking for about 1 hour with others, and receiving a free T-Shirt and lunch for your work. For those that would rather not walk, you are welcome to help at the registration table or food preparation at Maplewood Park. Don't just talk the talk, take some time to walk the walk.

Volunteers Needed Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 29, 9am
Where: Meet at Maplewood Park
Free WLA T-Shirts, refreshments
Cleanup from 9:30-11:30
Meet back at Maplewood for Hot Dogs, etc.



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