

# Waseca Lakes Association

# NEWSLETTER

Web Site: [wasecalakes.org](http://wasecalakes.org)



## Spring 2007 Edition

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is Clean Up Day**

### Coming Events

- ✓ Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes and Parks cleanup. Meet at Maplewood Park at 9:00 am. Free T-Shirts to the first 100 volunteers.
- ✓ Monday, May 21, Monthly WLA meeting at county highway building.

### DNR Grant Received to Improve Clear Lake

Clear Lake property owners now have a unique opportunity to improve their property and the water quality of Clear Lake by participating in the MN DNR Shore Land Habitat Program. The program will reimburse landowners eligible expenses for an approved plan. The WLA will also help with a \$100 incentive.

Lack of adequate vegetation along Clear Lake to filter storm water is a common problem that landowners can change. Properly designed landscaping can also add to property value with improved aesthetics and privacy.

For more information, please see the flyer on the website home page "Issues and Positions" or call Duane at 835-2373 or Joan at 835-1192.

### Waseca Lakes Assn

#### Membership Renewal Due

Please note the enclosed renewal for the 2007-2008 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.

### Out of Sight; Out of Mind?

Ever hear someone say "all we need is a good rain to clean things up"? Sending dirt and debris down a drain in your yard or street only means you are sending it to our lakes. Thanks to the city for cleaning our streets and residents who control their yard runoff.



City of Waseca Street Sweeper

Did you know you can download this newsletter from our web site using the newsletter tab at [wasecalakes.org](http://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?

## **Questions and Answers About Minnesota Water Laws:**

A great resource for some of those confusing, but frequently asked questions about MN water laws can be found in a MN DNR document at:

[http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/water\\_mgmt\\_section/pwpermits/water\\_law\\_questions\\_and\\_answers.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/water_mgmt_section/pwpermits/water_law_questions_and_answers.pdf)

## **Haven't Been Able to be Too Active in the WLA? How About 1-2 hours of your time on Sat, April 28?**

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 28, 9am**  
**Where: Meet at Maplewood Park**  
**Free WLA T-Shirts, refreshments**  
**Cleanup from 9:00-11:30**  
**Meet back at Maplewood for Hot Dogs, etc.**

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