

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2014 Edition

Upcoming Events

- Friday, July 4th: 11th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run at Clear Lake Park, 8:00 am.
- Saturday, July 26th: 3rd Annual Kids Triathlon at Clear Lake Park at 4:00 pm.
- Sunday, July 27th: 5th Annual Waseca Triathlon at Clear Lake Park at 7:30 am.

Curlyleaf Pondweed Inspection on Clear Lake May 15, See story on back.



Waseca Lakes Assn Membership/Renewal Due

Please note that you should see a renewal mailing for the 2014-2015 season soon. Your \$25 membership helps to fund membership projects such as the cleanup day, kids fishing events, Lakefest activities, lakeshore restoration, and other projects to promote water stewardship. Please mail your \$25 check to Aaron Kanewischer, WLA Treasurer, 37428 Clear Lake Drive, Waseca, MN 56093

Thanks for your support.

11th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run

This has turned into a great tradition to begin the 4th. 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 (this years color is lime). The link to electronic pre-registration or to download a mail in form is at: wasecalakes.org

NEW THIS YEAR: We will have chip timing for all participants.



Stewardship of Our Waters

2014 14th Annual Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup

Thanks to all those who participated in this years event back on April 26. 81 volunteers showed up to help make the 14th annual event successful.



Clear Lake: Invasive Aquatic Weed Management

In 2012, the Waseca Lakes Assn applied for the first treatment of curlyleaf pondweed in Clear Lake and the 30 acres treated showed good results. The first treatment to control curlyleaf pondweed in 2013 was applied on May 13, but because of the unusual emergence patterns in 2013, we were allowed to treat only 13 acres where pondweed was present upon DNR inspection. We applied again for 35 acres of curlyleaf pondweed and 20 of milfoil to be assessed and treated in 2014. On Thursday, May 15, 2014 Clear Lake was sampled and we found heavy curlyleaf pondweed in almost all the areas on our application. We were granted a permit to treat 30 acres which will take place the week of May 19. The WLA will be investing nearly \$7,000 towards the invasive weed program this year. We want to thank the city of Waseca for contributing \$2000 and also appreciate the continued support from the MN DNR towards the treatment program. The remainder of the funds come from our fundraisers such as the Lakefest Run and Triathlon.

Waseca Triathlon Information

The 6th Annual Waseca Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27th at Clear Lake Park. The event starts Saturday at 4pm with a very popular kids triathlon. On Sunday, July 27th, swimmers hit the lake at 7:30 am for the main event which concludes around noon. We are seeking help for volunteers for all events. If interested in volunteering, please contact Dale Schons at 835-7317. Any proceeds of the triathlon given to the WLA by Final Stretch will help fund some of the projects described in this newsletter. This is great community event with that brings people into town and highlight our lakes. Register to participate at finalstretch.com

