

# Waseca Lakes Association

# NEWSLETTER

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



## Spring 2015 Edition

### Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup, Maplewood Shelter.
- Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakefest Freedom Run at Clear Lake Park, 8:00 am.
- Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Triathlon at Clear Lake Park at 3:00 pm.
- Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Waseca Triathlon at Clear Lake Park at 7:30 am.

### Waseca Lakes Assn Membership/Renewal Due

Please note that you should see a membership renewal in this mailing for the 2015-2016 season soon. Your \$25 membership helps to fund membership projects such as the cleanup day, 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 Aaron Kanewischer, WLA Treasurer, 37428 Clear Lake Drive, Waseca, MN 56093  
Thanks for your support.

### Ice Out on Clear Lake was March 22, 2015

Did you know you can go 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, so even though it might have seemed early in 2015, it was really less than two weeks earlier than average. The earliest ice out on record is March 6 in 1987, and the latest ice out date is April 27<sup>th</sup> in 1951. You can also find weekly water clarity readings for Clear and Loon lakes at WLA web site Water Monitoring tab.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakefest Freedom Run

This has turned into a great tradition to begin the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://wasecalakes.org). Pre-registration saves you money and assures a T-shirt on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The link to electronic pre-registration or to download a mail in form is at: [wasecalakes.org](http://wasecalakes.org).



# Stewardship of Our Waters

## Notice: 2015 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual lakeshore and parks cleanup is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Maplewood Park shelter at 9am for refreshments and for their 1-2 hour cleanup area assignments. Hot dogs on the grill and fixings are served by the Waseca Lakes Association from 11am to noon for volunteers as they return.

2014: Mrs Simmons Class Clean up crew



## 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. Because of the unusual emergence patterns in 2013, we were allowed to treat only 13 acres where pondweed was present upon DNR inspection. In 2014 we were permitted to treat 20 acres of curlyleaf pondweed and 9 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil. We are planning to treat permitted acres again in 2015, likely in early May for curlyleaf pondweed in June for Eurasian watermilfoil.



## Waseca Triathlon Information

The 7th Annual Waseca Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Clear Lake Park. The event starts Saturday at 3pm with a very popular kids triathlon. On Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, swimmers hit the lake at 7:30 am for the main event which concludes around noon. Register to participate at [finalstretch.com](http://finalstretch.com)

