

# Waseca Lakes Association

# NEWSLETTER

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



## Spring 2016 Edition

- Monday, July 4th: 13th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run at Clear Lake Park, 8:00 am.
- Saturday, August 6th: 7th Annual Waseca Triathlon at Clear Lake Park at 8:00 am.
- Saturday, August 6th, 5th Annual Kids Triathlon at Clear Lake Park, 1 pm

### Waseca Lakes Assn Membership/Renewal Due

Please note that you should see a membership renewal in this mailing for the 2016-2017 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 14, 2016: 5<sup>th</sup> Earliest on Record

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>, Ice out on March 14<sup>th</sup> in 2016 was the 5<sup>th</sup> earliest on record since records were first kept starting in 1870. 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.

### 13<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

## 2016 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup

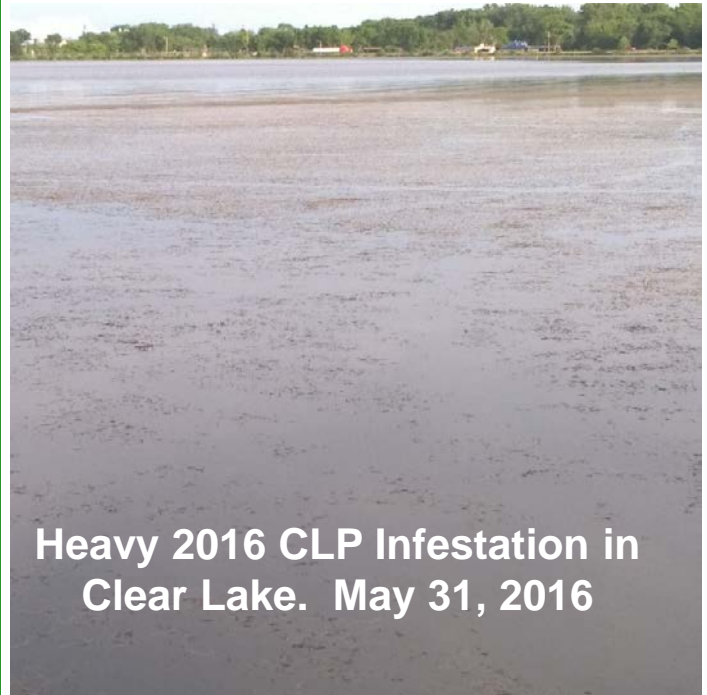
The 16<sup>th</sup> annual lakeshore and parks cleanup was held Saturday morning April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Seventy three volunteers met at the Maplewood Park shelter at 9am for refreshments and for their 1-2 hour cleanup area assignments. Hot dogs on the grill and fixings were served by camp chef Joan as volunteers returned from 11am to noon.



One of the 2016 cleanup groups

## Clear Lake: Invasive Aquatic Weed Management

In 2012, the Waseca Lakes Assn applied for the first treatment of curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) 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 CLP and 9 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil. CLP was light in 2015, so we treated only 9 acres. On May 1, 2016 we treated 21 acres, as indications are for a heavy CLP pressure with the early ice out this year.



Heavy 2016 CLP Infestation in Clear Lake. May 31, 2016

## Waseca Triathlon Information

The 8th Annual Waseca Triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at Clear Lake Park with a new format. The event starts Saturday at 8am with a sprint as well as a super sprint distance which is much shorter than previous years. At 1pm the same day the very popular kids triathlon will be held. Register to participate at [finalstretch.com](http://finalstretch.com). If you want to help as a volunteer, contact Dale Schons at 837-7317.



2016 Sprint and Super Sprint