

# Waseca Lakes Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### February 2002 Edition

#### *Coming Events*

- Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at east annex. Waseca City Manager Kris Busse will explain the city's surface water responsibilities and plans.
- Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at County Highway building. Cathi Fucchi of the DNR will explain implementation of the Loon Lake Improvement Plan.
- Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the County Highway building, public forum by Cathi Fucchi of the DNR to explain the Loon Lake Improvement Plan.
- Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to Noon 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WLA Lake Cleanup day (Earth Day) at Maplewood Park.

#### *WLA Grant Approvals!*

Two major projects received a big shot in the arm recently as the WLA was informed of project grant approvals. For more information see the articles on page two.

#### *Storm Water Management*

-The Blandin Community Investment Foundation awarded \$31,200 to fund a professional engineering firm and project manager who will lead the storm water management committee assembled by the WLA.

#### *Loon Lake Improvement*

-The Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District has given preliminary approval to the WLA for a \$15,000 grant to improve shoreline and aquatic vegetation on Loon Lake.

*Notice of Membership Renewal:* Please clip and return this membership form. Tax deductible contributions of \$25 help support programming and the many accomplishments outlined in this newsletter. Please mail to:

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*Membership for April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003*

# Waseca Lakes Association Activity Update

## *Lake Monitoring*

Volunteers are needed for the second year of monitoring area waters for water clarity and phosphorus. A meeting for all interested will be held at 6:30 pm, just ahead of the WLA monthly meeting on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the east annex. Information collected by our volunteers has proven valuable as the WLA decided that storm water management was a priority.

*-Hank Olson and David Baldini*

## *Storm Water Assessment*

The *WLA* has formed a storm water management committee whose charge is to address area storm water management with long term and sustainable solutions.

Storm Water Management committee:

- Project manager: To be selected
- City of Waseca: Al Rose
- County of Waseca: Jim Goettl
- MN DNR Waters: Leo Getsfried
- MN PCA: Bill Thompson
- Cannon River WP: Justin Watkins
- Waseca Lakes Assn: Dale Schons

## *You Grade: WLA Report Card*

When the WLA began in January of 2001 several key benchmarks of achievement were outlined to measure the success of the first year.

- ✓ Established community support.
- ✓ Active citizens lake monitoring program.
- ✓ Identified and prioritized pollution sources.
- ✓ Public education on phosphorus.
- ✓ Tours are held to demonstrate aesthetic and game fish improvements to lakes.

## *Congratulations Ron Purcell !*

Waseca Lakes Association member Ron Purcell, who served as a WLA board member this past year, has been selected to fill the position of citizen board member of the Cannon River Watershed Partnership.

How can you help? Mailings, paper articles, lake monitoring, fair booth, lakefest, etc. Please find an area you like for new assignments beginning with our annual meeting April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## *Loon Lake Improvement Plan*

The Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District has given preliminary approval to the WLA to clean up and beautify the Loon Lake shoreline by clearing unwanted vegetation and planting aquatic plants. A grant of up to \$15,000 will be used to purchase aquatic and shore land plant material. Experts from the DNR will help to facilitate the program, while the WLA responsibility will be to supply labor for planting and maintenance. Please plan to attend the informational meetings scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>.

*- Loon Lake Committee: Jerry Kuhns, Ron Purcell, and Boyd Fuller*