

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

Web Site: wasecalakes.org



Spring 2023 Edition

Upcoming Events

WLA Monthly Meeting (East Annex).....	May 3 rd , 2023 @ 7am
23rd Annual Lakeshore and Park Clean Up.....	April 22 nd , 2023
Take a Kid Fishing Weekend.....	June 10 th , 2023
17 th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run.....	July 4 th , 2023

The Waseca Lakes Association Goals and Focus for 2023 and Beyond

- **AIS- Aquatic Invasive Species** (Weed harvester and herbicide treatment)
- **Internal Loading** (Lower internal lake phosphorous, aeration, Alum treatments)
- **External Loading** (Lower phosphorus entering from Gaiter Lake, storm water, City waste, other inlets)
- **Shoreline Restorations & Lake Plantings** (Public & private landowners)
- **Public Education** (Awareness for all lake users, landowner roles & responsibility)

Membership

Annual memberships are due so if you have not had the opportunity to renew your 2023 membership already, we hope you will consider doing so. We are excited to build upon last year and can use your support. We are also looking for new members. You can join through our website at wasecalakes.org and either sign up online or by printing off the membership form and mailing to:

Waseca Lakes Association
37428 Clear Lake Drive
Waseca, MN 56093

Ice Out

We are still waiting for ice out to occur on Clear Lake this year. The average ice out date is April 3rd. The earliest ice out on record is March 6 in 1987, and the latest ice out date is April 29th, 2018. You can also find records of ice out on Clear Lake on our website under the Water Monitoring tab.



President Update

The weather we are having this week certainly gives us the feel of lake season, that is until you look and see the lake is still ice covered. We had been delayed in sending out this spring's newsletter hoping for ice out to occur, but mother nature has had other plans. It certainly won't be long now!

We had a very successful year in 2022 and we are excited to build upon it in 2023. One of our main initiatives last year was our collaboration with Waseca County and the implementation of the mechanical harvesting of curly-leaf pondweed on Clear Lake. The second initiative was the whole lake Fluridone treatment targeting Eurasian watermilfoil. The early indication based on the DNR survey in September shows that it was very effective.

The year we are excited that the county has committed to another year of harvesting. We will be having a whole lake survey completed once ice out occurs to map the existing weeds. At that time the DNR will provide the permit along with the designated acreage for harvesting. The County will then begin harvesting mid-May. Their focus will be on the south half of the lake to not only increase the efficiency of the operation, but to also to maximize the impact of harvesting. The WLA will chemically treat curly-leaf pondweed along the east and north shorelines as permitted by DNR. We are also leaving some acreage available for chemical treatment of Eurasian milfoil should we have areas of concern.

Other projects we will be focusing on this year include the following. We are working with the City of Waseca to install new signage at the north shore landing similar to what is found at the Maplewood landing. We have begun discussions with the DNR to begin reintroducing native plants into Clear Lake as we continue our efforts to eliminate the invasive weeds. This will involve the harvesting of plants from other area lakes and transplanting in Clear Lake sometime in the fall. We also want to begin to focus on some of the external loading that is occurring. One of the things we can all do to help which doesn't require any money, just time, is ensuring storm drains are cleaned. We began the Adopt-a-Drain Program last year and we encourage homeowners who have storm drains on their property to maintain them.

The 23rd annual lakeshore and parks cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00-12:00. We encourage lakeshore owners to clean their shorelines while the WLA coordinates volunteers to clean up the trails and parks throughout Waseca. We will meet at Maplewood Park shelter for sign up of designated areas at 9:00 AM where coffee, juice and rolls will be provided. Upon completion of your area, we invite you to come back to Maplewood Park shelter for lunch as the WLA will provide pizza, hotdogs, chips and drinks for volunteers from 11:00-12:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

President Update

We will be partnering with the local Darkhouse Association to sponsor Take A Kid Fishing on June 10. This weekend the DNR allows parents to fish with their kids without a license. We will be hosting this at Clear Lake Park to utilize the new dock that will be installed and will be providing prizes for participants. We will be looking for volunteers to help with baiting hooks and taking fish off lines.

The WLA 17th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run is back on July 4th! We are confident this will be the year we will get this going after two years of the pandemic and then having to cancel as result of the weather last year. We will be in need of volunteers to help make the event a success. Look for more information regarding volunteer opportunities and registration as the time approaches.

For the first time, the WLA will be organizing Lakefest this year. WLA member, Tom Sexton, has agreed to lead this for us. He is looking to form a committee so if you are interested, please e-mail us at wasecalakes@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to another exciting year! Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or comments.

Trevor Kanewischer
President
Waseca Lakes Association

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Adopt-a-Drain

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A STORM
DRAIN



You are probably familiar with the Adopt-a-Highway program, where volunteers commit to picking up trash along a stretch of highway twice a year?

That same concept is now being applied to storm drains, which carry rain and runoff water along with leaves, gravel, garbage and other debris directly to rivers and lakes. The WLA is excited to have partnered with the City of Waseca to bring the Adopt-a-Drain program to Waseca!

Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to volunteer 10-15 minutes, twice a month, to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.

You can adopt your drain by visiting <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/>

Lakefest Freedom Run

After a 2 year pause as a result of the pandemic and last years run being cancelled as a result of weather the Lakefest Freedom Run will return this year for its 17th year. This has turned into a great tradition to begin the 4th 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. Look for future details regarding registration and volunteer opportunities.



MEMBERS

We want to say thank you to all of our 2022 members

Dick & Carol Arnold	Tom Glaser	Jay & Nancy Nicolin
Chad & Julie Anderson	John & Tracy Gutfleisch	Larry & Cheryl Neid
Kris & Dean Becker	Leroy Harty	Andrew & Kathleen Miller
Troy Bendt	Bob & Judy Hoffman	Joan Mooney
Perry & Renata Berg	Ryan & Sarah Hoffman	Rick Morris
Kevin & Brenda Bernhardt	Kyle Holmen	Chris Neu
Doreen Eaton-Borchert	William & Patricia Hoversten	Del & Amber Olivas
Todd & Cindy Boeddeker	Howard & Deb Hoyme	Larry Olson
Tim & Audra Boyer	Robert Hunter	Robert Pearce
Robert & Lois Chaffin	Mike Jevning	Mike Peters
Godon Christensen	Steve & Jennifer Johnson	Gyles & Carol Randall
Larry Collins	Doug & Lela Jones	Duane and Cheryl Rathmann
Brad & Trudi Connors	Aaron & Deanna Kanewischer	Mylon & Sharon Robran
Kristi & Mike Corchran	Trevor Kanewischer	Susie Root
Laurie Deml	Ron & Mary Kanewischer	Richard Sankovitz
Matt & Abby Dettmer	Barbara Kiesler	Tom & Jeanne Sexton
James Dey	Steve & Belinda Kiesler	Jon & Jill Stagman
Kevin & Ruth Dirks	Al & Dana Kingsley	Jeanie Thompson
Kari Dyngeland	Dan Kopischke	Rebecca Thompson
Doug & Jan Elliott	Bill & Diane Kortuem	Debra Vrieze
Gordy & Pat Frisk	Larry & Kim Krause	Paul & Ashley Walker
Neil Fruechte	Tom & Christine Krause	Kevin & Brenda Walter
Bernie and Ann Gaytko	Larry & Michelle Kroeger	Kara Williamson
Barbara Gauger	Arlene & Jovin Lombardo	United Prairie Bank
Bill & Cindy Groh	Tazio Lombardo	Century21

BUSINESS SPONSORS

We want to say thank you to the local businesses that supported us in 2022!



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Thyme on Main



PUBLIC NOTICE

Aquatic Invasive Species Management Program Implementation on Clear Lake, Waseca, MN

Notice is hereby given that Waseca County, in collaboration with the Waseca Lakes Association (WLA), plans to implement an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) management program on Clear Lake. The AIS management program involves, among other things, the mechanical harvesting of curly-leaf pondweed on Clear Lake. Proposed mechanical harvest areas will be based on the results of an AIS survey performed last year by the DNR, a DNR confirmation survey to be conducted this spring, and DNR permitting. Additional details regarding the survey and permitting will be posted on the WLA home webpage: <https://www.wasecalakes.org> as they become available. The mechanical harvest of curly-leaf pondweed is expected to begin in mid-May and extend through optimal harvest times.

The purpose of implementation of an AIS management plan on Clear Lake is to reduce aquatic invasive species populations which interfere with navigation, impair recreational activities, reduce water quality, and cause harm to native plant populations.

MN Statute §103G.615, Subd 3a provides for, among other things, notification requirements for an invasive aquatic plant management permit. The statute also requires any notification to provide instructions on how a landowner may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property. To "opt-out" of mechanical harvest operations of curly-leaf pondweed within 150 feet of a landowner's shoreline, please notify the Waseca Lakes Association, in writing, no later than Friday, May 5, 2023.

Waseca Lakes Association
Attn: AIS Management Program
37428 Clear Lake Drive
Waseca, MN 56093

Email: wasecalakes@gmail.com

Waseca Lakes Association



Waseca, Minnesota

The purpose of The Waseca Lakes Association shall be to improve and maintain the water quality of the Waseca lakes and adjoining watershed for all users. The group will be organized as a non-profit organization to promote involvement and input from all watershed residents, interested persons and organizations through communication, action, and education.

Please join at <https://www.wasecalakes.org/> or by completing the below membership form.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Supporter \$100+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$250+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Lake Supporter \$500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Lover \$1000+ | |

WLA Membership Form

All donations are tax deductible. The WLA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please make checks payable to WLA and mail with membership form to:

Waseca Lakes Association

37428 Clear Lake Drive, Waseca MN 56093

wasecalakes@gmail.com

Areas of Interest (Check all that Apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> AIS management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeshore and Park Clean Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WLA Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer (Freedom Run, Doggi Bag, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Individual \$50+

Annual membership with newsletter and e-mail correspondence

Lake Supporter \$100+:

Annual membership with newsletter, e-mail correspondence, website recognition

Business Membership \$250+:

Annual membership, newsletter, e-mail correspondence, WLA website advertising, Facebook recognition and Freedom Run t-shirt recognition

Business Lake Supporter \$500:

Annual membership, newsletter, e-mail correspondence, WLA website advertising, Facebook/Social Media recognition and Freedom Run t-shirt recognition.

Lake Lover \$1000+:

Annual membership with newsletter, e-mail correspondence, WLA website advertising, Facebook recognition and Freedom Run t-shirt recognition, Lake Signage and Sign at WLA Events, Recognition at ALL WLA sponsored events.

We are still looking at adding additional benefits for levels of membership, so watch for more.