

# Waseca Lakes Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## Spring 2005 Edition

### May Meeting Notice:

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at county highway building.

### Coming Events

- Monday, May 23, Monthly WLA meeting. Mark Leiferman, community development director; "Balancing water quality protection with community development."
- Saturday, May 21, 10am: Dedication of Loon Lake Fishing Pier.
- Monday, June 27, 6pm: Annual WLA picnic at Loon Lake Park.
- Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lakefest Run/Walk around Clear Lake.
- July 20-24, WLA Booth at Waseca County Fair.

### Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup Another Success



It's easy to talk the talk: Thanks to all those who "walked the walk" by helping with the annual lakeshore and parks cleanup. 74 volunteers eagerly put in about 2 hours of their time on April 30<sup>th</sup> filling two large dumpsters with trash from lakeshore and park locations. Also thanks to co-sponsors Waste Management and the Waseca County News for their continued support.

### 2005 Secchi Disk Readings on Clear Lake

Date	Water Clarity
04/04/05	Ice Out
04/09/05	2.5 ft
04/16/05	2.5 ft
04/23/05	4.0 ft
04/30/05	4.5 ft
05/07/05	4.0 ft
05/14/05	3.5 ft



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# Other Waseca Lakes News

## Loon Lake Fishing Pier to be Dedicated on May 21<sup>st</sup>

The fishing pier on Loon Lake was installed on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will be dedicated at 10 am on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The pier was made possible by a donation by Quick Trip as part of their grand opening in Waseca with matching dollars coming from the DNR Fishing Pier Grant Program.



The new fishing pier is located down the trail created with the 2004 south shoreline restoration project on Loon Lake. Please come out for the dedication at Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am.

## Mark Your Calendar for Monday, May 23

Mark Leiferman, Community development director will discuss the progress and challenges of Waseca area development. Meeting time is 7pm at the Waseca County Highway department building. Please become informed on area issues.

## City and County Approve Storm Water Management Action

The much researched and long talked about Gaiter Lake diversion was officially set in motion by approval of both the Waseca city council and Waseca county commissioners.

The idea is to utilize the Gaiter lake watershed to better filter water before it enters Clear Lake. Much of the storm water south of highway 14 in Waseca finds its way into Clear Lake via the inlet across from Barneys Drive In.

A large portion of the storm water enters Clear Lake at Barneys via an underground ditch (county ditch 15-1) which receives no filtering at all. The lack of filtering is evident as water entering Clear Lake at the inlet is usually very dark indicating it is loaded with silt containing high levels of nutrients such as phosphorus.

Lowering phosphorus in Clear Lake will in turn eventually lower algae growth and improve water clarity.

## Waseca Lakes Assn Membership Renewal Due

Please note the enclosed renewal for the 2005-2006 season. Your \$25 membership helps to fund operations such as mailings, and membership projects such as the cleanup day, June picnic, County fair booth, Lakefest activities, and other projects to promote water stewardship. Thanks for your continued support.