

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2006 Edition

January Meeting Notice:

AW Research Labs Report on January 30 and 31 at VFW

Coming Events

✓ Monday, January 30th, 7:00 pm at the Waseca VFW. A.W. Lab Environmental Assessment Overflight report on Lake Elysian, Clear Lake, and Loon Lake.

✓ Tuesday, January 31, 10 am at the Waseca VFW. A.W. Lab Environmental Assessment Overflight report on Lake Elysian, Clear Lake, and Loon Lake.

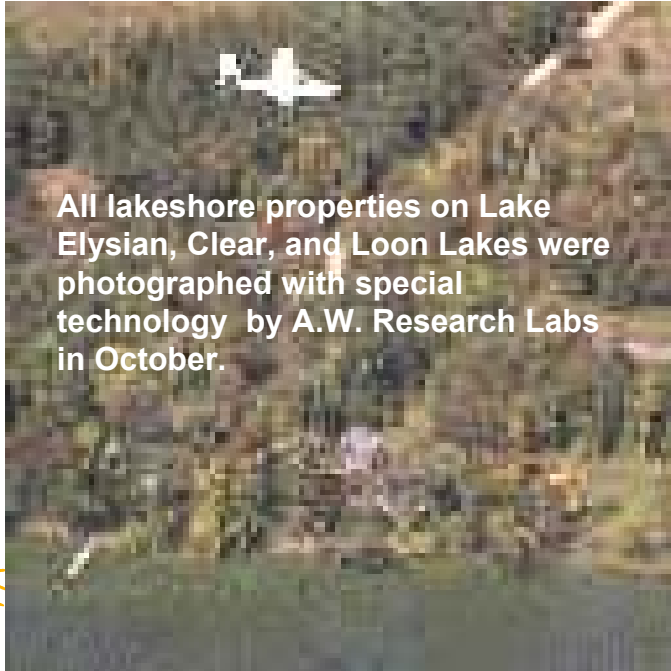
Multiple Cameras Used for Lake Assessment

Alan Cibuzar of A.W. Research Labs will review imagery from the entire lakeshore of Clear, Loon, and Lake Elysian at two sessions next week. This work was done with a joint contract of the WLA and Lake Elysian Association in October. He will show visible 35mm, chlorophyll a, near infrared, thermal, and water penetrating images of lakeshore to identify any environmental concerns that could be detrimental to lake quality. A.W. Labs will also recommend lakeshore best management practices.

WLA Board Seeks Your Ideas for 2006 Activities

What would you like to see the Waseca Lakes Association do in 2006? Below are some tentative ideas, but we need your input before we finalize plans.

- Water garden demonstration/ promotion
- Clean up day April 29
- June Family Picnic and Fun Event
- July County Fair Booth
- Fishing contest
- Water clarity monitoring



All lakeshore properties on Lake Elysian, Clear, and Loon Lakes were photographed with special technology by A.W. Research Labs in October.

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WLA NEWS

WLA Continues the Citizen Lake-Monitoring Program

In 2005, we participated in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizen Lake-Monitoring program for the first time. Clear Lake was measured for water clarity using a secchi disk on a weekly basis. We plan to continue this in 2006 on Clear Lake and would also like to begin weekly measurements on Loon Lake.



Information gathered is entered in the MN Pollution Control Agency website to track water clarity which is affected by algae growth, sediment, and water color. Anyone interested in assisting with the lake monitoring program this year should contact Duane Rathmann at 835-2373. You will need access to a boat to monitor the same spot each week.

Gaiter Lake Diversion

Many local and state agencies including a WLA representative are meeting regularly to review funding avenues and obstacles in the effort to improve the water quality of Clear Lake by improved storm water management.

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, April 29

Annual lakeshore and parks cleanup. Meet at 9:00 am at Maplewood Park.

WLA Completes IRS Advance Ruling

New 501c 3 organizations are reviewed after their first four years of existence. After IRS review, we have been notified that our tax exempt status remains in effect.

WLA Receives Grants for Lake Assessment and Monitoring

The Waseca Lakes Association has received the following three grants to help fund the lake environmental assessments and water monitoring:

1. \$900 Waseca Area Foundation Endowment Fund
2. \$1100 James B. Corchran Memorial Fund
3. \$500 NorAm Minnegasco Foundation

Proposed 2006 Budget

The WLA proposed budget below will be voted on at our February meeting. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Income	
Membership Dues (\$25 X 80 members)	\$2000.00
Sales of Shirts	\$200.00
Total Income	\$2200.00
Expenses	
Newsetter Mailings (4 per year)	\$300.00
Web Site Hosting: wasecalakes.org	\$180.00
Spring Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup	\$300.00
Misc Postage for meeting notices	\$150.00
Summer Picnic	\$200.00
Cannon River Watershed Partnership	\$100.00
Water Monitoring and Testing	\$400.00
Minnesota Lakes Association	\$100.00
Water Quality Education Material Fair Booth	\$250.00
Meeting Expenses	\$100.00
Lakefest Run	\$100.00
Total Expenses Paid from WLA Acct.	\$2180.00