

# Waseca Lakes Association

## NEWSLETTER

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



### Fall 2007 Edition

#### Fall Meeting Notice:

Monday, October 29, 7 pm at the county highway building, Bill Douglas of Bolton and Menk has agreed to bring us up to date on the Gaitor Lake storm water control project. This project is back on track with the city council approving \$125,000 in its CIP funding for 2008. The city and county agreed in 2005 to share the costs of the Gaitor Lake storm water project in order to protect and improve the water quality of Clear Lake.

#### Youth "Take Me Fishing Program" Offered in 2008

The Waseca Lakes Association has agreed to partner with Waseca Community Education Recreation Department on a program called "Take Me Fishing". This program will include fishing and boating programs for area youth. It is funded in part by a grant through the National Recreation and Park Assn and will initially include two structured programs in 2008 .

#### Volunteers Remove Buckthorn at Maplewood Park

Thanks to the 40+ volunteers that helped on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to assist in the preservation of Maplewood Park by helping to remove buckthorn. Removing this invasive plant will help native plants to re-establish at Maplewood Park.



# Water Improvement Efforts

## How Can I Help?

Reduce direct storm water runoff into our lakes. The key word here is “direct” as all water runs down hill and eventually much of our storm water runs towards our lakes. ... But; YOU can help to slow it down, reducing sediment and total volume that actually enters the lakes.

- If you live in the city, remember that the street drain is a direct conduit to our lakes. Keep lawn fertilizer, grass clippings, and leaves on your lawn and off the street.
- If your yard drains into a grate or stream, you can help by making sure water movement is slowed through the use of landscaping and placement of plants.
- If you live along Clear Lake, a DNR grant is still available through the Waseca Lakes Assn to help with shoreline, outlet drainage, or yard grate drainage. The Waseca Lakes Assn can assist with a professional design. If interested, please call Joan at 835-1192 or Marita at 835-1273.

## Waseca Lakes Water Quality Readings for 2007

Clear Lake Secchi Disk Readings			Loon Lake Secchi Disk Readings		
Date	Clarity	Notes	Date	Clarity	Notes
03/27	Ice Out	Early Ice Out	03/23	Ice Out	Early Ice Out
05/05	3.5 ft	Pondweed at surface	05/27	2.5 ft	
05/19	4.0 ft	Pondweed at surface	06/09	2.0 ft	
06/02	4.5 ft	Pondweed at surface	06/23	2.0 ft	
06/16	3.0 ft	Pondweed dies back	07/07	2.5 ft	Water milky
06/30	2.0 ft	Small fish kill	07/21	0.5 ft	Weeds dying
07/14	2.5 ft	Some floating algae	08/04	1.0 ft	
07/28	2.0 ft		08/28	1.5 ft	
08/18	1.5 ft		09/01	1.5 ft	Green algae
09/01	1.5 ft	6" rain on 08/19 & 20	09/08	1.5 ft	Green algae
09/23	2.0 ft		09/22	1.5 ft	Green algae
10/12	3.0 ft		09/29	1.5 ft	Green algae

More information at DNR lakefinder website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html>