

Waseca Lakes Association

NEWSLETTER

Web Site: wasecalakes.org



Spring 2009 Edition

9th Annual Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup is April 25th:

Please consider lending a couple hours of your time to help clean our lakes and parks. Meet at Maplewood Park parking lot for refreshments and your cleanup assignment at 9am, Saturday April 25th. Hot dogs, etc served from 11am to noon when you return. Free hats to the first 100 volunteers. Thanks to our sponsors; Roundbank, Waseca County News, and Waste Management.

If you would like to help on a job other than a walking cleanup crew, we would appreciate your help at registration and food prep beginning at 8:30am.



Some of the 110 volunteers from 2008

Spring and Summer 2009 Events Calendar

Saturday, April 25th; 9th Annual Lakeshore and Parks Cleanup at Maplewood Park.

Saturday, June 6th; Noon to 2 pm, Kids "Take A Kid Fishing" event at Loon Lake.

Saturday, July 4th, 8am, 5th Annual Lakefest Freedom Run at Clear lake park.

July 15-19th, WLA Educational Booth at Waseca County Fair

Sunday, Aug. 2nd, 7:30am, Waseca Triathlon at Clear Lake Park, see back for details

Waseca Lakes Assn Membership/Renewal Due

Please note the enclosed renewal for the 2009-2010 season. Your \$25 membership helps to fund membership projects such as the cleanup day, kids fishing events, County fair booth, Lakefest activities, lakeshore restoration, and other projects to promote water stewardship. Thanks for your support.

Did you know you can download this newsletter from our web site using the newsletter tab at wasecalakes.org?

Activities Report

Be Part of the Solution, Not the Problem

There has been much effort over the past couple of months to utilize the DNR grant for lakeshore restoration which will expire on June 30th. I am happy to report that two new projects on Clear Lake and one on Loon Lake will be assisted by the block grant.

A common obstacle we see is the old notion that mowed bluegrass to the waters edge is what a lake shore should look like. Mowed bluegrass to the waters edge assures poor rainfall infiltration and runoff of grass clippings and yard wastes into our lakes. **THAT'S WHAT MAKES OUR LAKES GREEN.**

Also, protect runoff into any inlet or culvert. If you don't live on a lake, consider your street and storm water drain the waters edge because that's where the water goes.



Problem

Please consider being part of the solution by allowing part of your shoreline that is currently bluegrass, rip-rap, patio blocks, or sand to go back to a native groundcover that will help water quality .

There are hundreds of beautiful native species to choose from listed on our website at wasecalakes.org



Solution

Waseca Triathlon to Be Held August 2nd

The first triathlon in Waseca will take place on Sunday, August 2nd. This event is being organized by Bill Nevala of Rochester, from WIN MultiSports. The triathlon will take place at Clear Lake Park with the swim out and back at the swimming beach, the run on the trail around the lake, and the bike to the north and east returning on the Snake Trail Road. The Waseca Lakes Assn is asking for all possible volunteers and will benefit from the event. See more information on the website at: http://www.winmultisports.com/waseca_tri.html



It's easy talk the talk, Thanks to all who walk the talk by helping at the cleanup event. Remember that every day is clean up day at our lakes.