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Contact information online at www.gleasonlake.org.

Free Water

Maintain the first inch of rain on your property. It will save you money on lawn watering and it filters into the lake and aquifers to help the environment. Consider using a rain barrel to store water for later use. MinnesotaWaters.com

Clean Your Curbs

Debris in the street and curbs end up in the lakes thru storm drains. This adds extra nutrients which create nuisance aquatic vegetation and algae, which in turn costs our local governments (namely us) a lot of money to clean up the environment.



Fall Is Here: Compost Reminder

Remember to compost away from water, streams and lakes or take to the city composting site. It is a state law. (Clean Water Act, 1995).

NEW TERM *Limonology*: the scientific study of conditions of fresh water (rivers, lakes & streams)

No Wake Zone...

from Luce Line Bridge to south end of peninsula. Wakes cause severe shore erosion.

Water Skiing: only one up at a time in south bay. Restricted: 9am to sunset

Ski Jets: not advised on Gleason as they suck up the vegetation and stall.

Kayaks, canoes, fish boats, pontoons, and small sails are enjoyed.



Gleason Lake Watershed

Positive changes made by homeowners through the watershed can have a significant impact for the benefit of the lake.

Applause for the KICKs

by Lee Keeley

The Keep It Clean Kids—KICK—have the environmental message at Gleason Lake Elementary. Two groups, sponsored by GLIA with a grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and with leadership and guidance from the City of Plymouth, have kicked it up a notch to give life to the message of Best Management Practices.

In 2007, the "Environmental Ambassadors" designed table tents for area restaurants promoting BMPs and participated

Gleason Lake Notes

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Message From Your President

by Donna Wolsted

In May 2007 I joined the GLIA board as I was interested in improving the water quality. In January 2009 I became president and have spent this year collating files from 1980 and reviewing GLIA's past 29 years. There have been many accomplishments and you can review them online at our updated website: gleasonlake.org/history.

You can also send messages to the Board and Committee Chairs at gleasonlake.org/contact us. Try it out and send us

your email address so we can use more money toward improving the lake, and less on postage and printing.

Be sure to read the columns by committee chairs for the latest news. Join us in this mission to "protect and improve water quality." A follow-up mailing for donations will be out soon. There is a lot going on today with water issues—Zebra muscles, flowering rush and lake draw downs, etc. We all need to be a part of the solution.



in city events. In 2008, KICK chose to create an environmental promotional ad. Aided by the 2007 students, they filmed a 30 second spot which aired at Plymouth Mann Theater this spring. Check out their website: www.gleasonlake.org/KICK.



GLIA is pleased and proud to sponsor youth with environmental- educational activities. We thank Marjorie Vigoren, Environmental Ed. Coordinator, City of Plymouth, for inspired leadership with these Gleason Lake Elementary youth.

Learn more about Gleason Lake!



Come to a meeting or join the board. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 7–9 pm. Contact us at gleasonlake.org/contact to verify date and site.

If you are concerned for our environment, we need you on the board. Consider helping us with this mission.

Shores and Waters

By Lee Wallace

Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) continues to show improvement as determined by decreased stem count and the number of areas where it is found.



We have not had a nesting pair of loons on our lake in over 30 years. It is nice to hear loon calls again. This is a surprise as loons normally need clear water to dive for food. Perhaps it is Gleason's solitude that attracts them.

We have applied for a lake scientist grant to test for algae. The metro area has had the least amount of rainfall in our state in 2009, which will have detrimental effects on lake vegetation and algae.

GLIA Partners

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| City of Plymouth | MN Association of Watershed Districts |
| Minnehaha Creek Watershed District | MN Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) |
| Minnesota Waters | Wenck Associates |
| MN Pollution Control Agency | Emmons & Oliver Resources |
| Blue Water Sciences | Board of Water & Soil Resources |
| Lake Restoration | Natural Reflections |
| Midwest Aqua Care | Fortin Consulting |



Aquatic Management

by Marc Agar

We have just completed our third year of the 2007–2009 lake-wide spraying for curly leaf pondweed (CLP) contract with MCWD and DNR.

The program has been a huge success; the CLP has been dramatically reduced, our water clarity has improved and our lake overall has shown vast improvements. Keep in mind—this program was *only for CLP*.

Many of you have commented about the lily pads which have multiplied this year. The lily pads require a separate DNR permit for spraying but can be removed for lake access; i.e. a channel 15' wide by 50' into lake by the individual lakeshore owners. During our 2007–2012 contract, *we are prohibited from using additional chemicals* as it would skew the study results.

A harvester last year was only a temporary aid, was expensive and only for a path in the main channel. I would ask all of you to please attend a GLIA Board meeting and/or visit our website www.gleasonlake.org to email your concerns to us.

Your contributions are needed to maintain this program; it is estimated to cost \$20,000 for 2010. We don't want to lose the improvement and our investment of over \$200,000 with MCWD & DNR to this point.

Membership Update

Current membership: 110

By Robert Peterson

I enjoy fishing and canoeing on Gleason and live on the south-west end in Waycliffe. I joined the board in 2008.



We have **two new members** on the 2009 Board: Therese Griffith, from the east side near Luce Line, became our secretary in June 2009 and Jim Senger, from the north end of Gleason Lake Townhomes, became treasurer in August 2009.

We had **two board resignations**: Celia Threlkeld, 3 years June 2009, and John Cochrane as treasurer, 4 years July 2009 (but still on the board). We want to thank Celia and John for hours of volunteer services.

Fundraising

by John Lettmann

GLIA membership is open to everyone in the Gleason Lake watershed (around 3,000 homes). GLIA relies on this support to fund projects to protect and improve water quality. We work with: DNR, City of Plymouth, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, and other local agencies. Our annual Fall Fund Drive seeks financial support from the community: apartments, con-

dos, townhome associations and homeowners.

Additional support is requested from all lakeshore owners to keep lake access; this includes 2007–2009 CLP control with MCWD. Our Fall Fund Drive will begin mid-October. We appreciate your continued support of GLIA, a 501.3c non-profit organization with an all-volunteer board.

Events

September 17, 2009
Resource Fair by MN Waters Independence

through October 4, 2009
Waterosity Exhibit
Mn Landscape Arboretum
Chaska MN—*don't miss this!*

March 2010
Environmental Quality Fair
Day & school to be determined, 5:30 to 8 pm

April 9 & 10, 2010
Yard & Garden Expo
Plymouth Creek Center
Fri: 6–9pm; Sat: 9 am–1pm

End of May 2010
Watch for details for **Native Garden Plant Sale** thru CIP

June 12, 2010 tentative
Day on the Lake
Luce Line Parking?
10am–noon



June 30, 2010
Music in Plymouth
Hilde Performance Center
Fireworks at 10pm

WANTED

Your email address for lake information only—such as harvesting and spraying permits. Addresses kept confidential. Visit gleasonlake.org/contact.

WANTED

Gardeners and native flowers to enhance the beauty of Luce Line Park.

WANTED

Tax deductible donations to protect our lake.

Your Legacy:
Consider leaving part of your estate to Gleason Lake to preserve water quality for the future.