

FALL 2012

GLEASON LAKE E-NEWS

By Association President, Donna Wolsted

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: We are at the end of a 10-year plan for lake management. We have fulfilled several lake and wetland improvements, enlarged holding ponds, restored creek and lake banks, added the north end skimmer and six years whole-lake chemical treatment to eliminate curlyleaf pondweed (CLP). We will be formulating a 5-yr plan next year. A 2011 Watershed report shows some improvement in water quality, and we hope for more with passing time. Check our website gleasonlake.org for updates. We are working to keep invasives out of Gleason, and want to check every boat that enters our ramp. Our only lake access is through Lee Keeley's private property. We ask \$300 a year for members who use this ramp, and it is located on the east shore just south of the bridge.

TO MAKE A RAMP APPOINTMENT -- please give 1 day's notice to:

Lee Keeley 763- 473-6808 Lee Wallace 763-475-3329 and Donna Wolsted 612-710-9551
The ramp is chained and these three people have keys for access.

We have spent \$200,000 in six years with MCWD/DNR assistance to treat CLP. In April, Blue Water Science, Steve McComas surveyed and suggested we treat 45 acres. Lake Restoration of Rogers and DNR permit cost \$13,750. [Our 2012 budget was \$10,000 for 15-20 acres.] With a mild winter, ice out early (March 8th) and warm temps in March, the vegetation got an early start and we were 2 months ahead of schedule. Midwest Aqua Care (Tom Gertz) bid and sprayed Individual docks on June 29 for \$179 + \$35 DNR permit each (x19 docks.) The 2nd spraying was done July 27. We urge those who contracted and received services to pay for them. The board voted to only spend the money donated in 2012-13 for expenses. Next year if our donations are short, we will have to cut back.

Send email addresses to:
gleasonlia@gmail.com

Send donations to:
GLIA 1030 Garland Ln N Plymouth Mn 55447

Dedication: The six GLIA Directors are working within DNR limits to maintain our lake quality. We experienced heavy spring rains with heavy wash into our lake. This brings more debris, decay, and phosphorus, thus more vegetation and algae. We realize what a difficult problem it is to manage this lake and have been working since 1980.

Appreciation: We appreciate your efforts by keeping the first inch of rain on your property, using rain gardens, rain barrels, mulching mowers. Over 90% of your donations go to improving Gleason Lake's water quality.

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THANK YOU Heidi Heiland of Birchwood (SE section) in planning our 30 year celebration. Thanks to Dan and Heidi for hosting this event and all their work to make it a success. Mary Meyer, Brian Ripp, Mary & Dave Brown and Mark Rausch assisted Heidi and the board. Mary Brown of Gleason Lake Courtyard on Hollybrook Rd (south section) has joined our board.

**** We still need a volunteer treasurer.****

30 YEARS CELEBRATION Sixty members and guests attended our June 10th event. Steve McComas informed us on invasives and Gleason Lake's present condition. Representatives from The Watershed District, Freshwater Society, Midwest Floating Island, Heidi's Gardens and U of M Bee Squad attended. Over 30 members had pontoon rides on our lake; thanks go to Tim and Amy Anderson of Birchwood for the pontoon rides.

OUR LAKE DILEMMA: Our current water quality is a C- due to:

1. **Shallow pond/wetland depth (5-7' average)**
This promotes vegetative growth as sunlight easily reaches the bottom.
2. **Phosphorous inloading**
Vegetation decays in the lake creating nutrients and using up oxygen.
3. **Phosphorous outloading** Our large watershed of 2,450 acres sends runoff from streets, yards, leaf piles and decaying debris into Gleason Lake's 160 acres.

BOATING RULES: 1) "NO WAKE AREA" south of Luce Line bridge until past the peninsula. The lakeshore owners appreciate your thoughtfulness as the waves erode their banks.
2) Use "COMMON SENSE" when choosing a boat for our small lake, suggest 14-18 foot.
3) SKI JETS do not work well on this lake, the vegetation gets sucked up and clogs the intakes.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY SAT OCT 13th, 2012

KEEP THE STREETS FREE OF LEAVES AND DEBRIS.

1 pound of debris can produce 10 pounds of algae.

Street debris is a major component for algae in our lakes.

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500+ lakes & rivers were added to Mn Impaired Waters list in 2012. GLIA has joined the COALITION OF MINNEHAHA CREEK WATERS. CMCW is working to stop the spread of invasives and to improve water quality in our area

The GLIA Board wants to thank everyone who supports our association and our mission to maintain the lake for future generations.

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