

Gleason Lake Newsletter

FALL 2013

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WEBSITE: GleasonLake.org.

I have lived on the north end of Gleason Lake for nearly twenty years, so I'm not shocked by the appearance of the Lake. Disappointed yes, but I realize that the growth of "Green Algae" we are experiencing is directly associated with the amount of phosphorus in the water, is not harmful, and is short lived!

Phosphorous levels closely tract the volume of water run-off we experience, so algae is quit expected in a year like we have had. This Green Algae is not bad for the lake! Water fowl and fish view it as food, but I do not enjoy looking at it! Treating it with chemicals is very expensive and may upset the ecosystem. DNR will not allow us to use wide spread chemicals to eliminate algae.

GLIA closely monitors our lake with several water experts (DNR, Steve McComas, the City and the Watershed) to do the best we can for the whole lake and deal with invasives that preclude our use of the lake. This floating algae is not pretty, but does not hamper boating, and may even enhance your fishing experience.

We will have to live with this condition for the short term and allow mother nature to resolve. Long term we need to act as concerned citizens to do all we can to eliminate the sources of phosphorous in our surface water run-off! To this end, I greatly appreciate your helping the watershed district and the City of Plymouth to understand the magnitude of our water run-off problem, and actions we can all do to check it. Thanks for your observations, concerns and action. *Peter Palm*

HOW CAN WE HELP REDUCE STORM RUN-OFF? 1.Clean street gutters. 2. Keep grass clippings, leaves,and debris off the street. 3.Plant native plants on shoreline and in yard. 4.Prevent shoreline erosion. 5. Keep 1st inch of rain on your property.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure -- be proactive.

THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF EXCESS PHOSPHORUS in our lake is storm water run off.

We have 160 acres and drain 2,400 acres; a ratio of 1 to 15.

Our watershed is south of Hwy 55 and north of Hwy 12/394; east of Lowes and west of Vicksburg.

ZEBRA MUSSELS WERE FIRST DISCOVERED IN 1989 in Duluth Harbor, Lake Minnetonka in 2011 and White Fish Chain in 2013. Watch: www.gleasonlake.org YouTube: *How to Prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels*

Check every fall and spring for ZEBRA MUSSELS when moving docks and boats. Notify GLIA if found. **Use only DNR certified lake workers** -- trained in eliminating the spread of invasives.

Support: We have about 80 on-lake supporters (a list of 160 names). We need **an average of \$200 per household** to meet our yearly budget. Some off-lake supporters give \$50-100. The Board and ramp users are asked \$300. We would like 100% participation.

We appreciate all your donations and use them wisely!

Membership: We welcome Darin Norman, Gleason Lake Apts, the Ostrandors, 155 Gleason Lake Road, Ben/Stacy Selness, 920 Garland Lane, Don Saylor, 16900 9th Ave, Paul/Wendy Burton, 16715 12th Av N and 2 new homes on the Masko property (Gonyea Developing). Please send your contact info and email addresses to:

gleasonlia@gmail.com

Gleason Lake Improvement Association

Annual Expenses 2012

(1/1/12 - 12/31/12)

Administration	\$ 1,660.37	7.63%
Education	\$ -	0.00%
Lake Projects	\$ 17,377.63	79.90%
Professional Development	\$ -	0.00%
Publicity	\$ 2,079.97	9.56%
Fundraising	\$ 630.36	2.90%

Total Expenses	\$ 21,748.33	100.00%
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Annual Income 2012

(1/1/12 - 12/31/12)

Grants	\$ -	0.00%
Interest	\$ 109.26	0.71%
Members	\$ 15,236.00	99.29%

Total Income	\$ 15,345.26	100.00%
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NOTE: shortfall \$6,403.07 taken from savings account

Please send your questions and suggestions to: gleasonlia@gmail.com or better yet have a conversation with one of the board members.

DID YOU KNOW? Today fertilizer is used more than 15 times what it was in 1945.

DNR is working with agriculture to reduce fertilizer use.

The Watershed office moved July 1-- further east on Minnetonka Blvd-- near "The Marsh".

MLR- Mn Lakes and Rivers (former MSRPO). is supporting AIS efforts. Check their website.

Conservation Minnesota consolidated with Minnesota last year. Check their website

REMEMBER

Everything we do to the earth..... we do to ourselves!