

Gleason Lake Improvement Assn
1030 Garland Ln N
Plymouth Mn 55447

Spring 2016 Check List

1. Updates on our website:
GleasonLake.org
2. Zebra mussels on water crafts and docks.
3. Send inquiries and emails to:
GleasonLIA@gmail.com
Spring news sent by email.
Fall News sent by snail mail.
4. Clean your streets and gutters
for cleaner lakes!

"Thank You" donors for giving \$18,100 thru Dec. 31, 2015



* 2016 proposed budget is \$19,550
(short about \$1,450)

"Everyone" on Gleason Lake
"help share the cost of caring for our lake".

LAKE ACCESS * There is no public access on Gleason Lake. The access is through private property S.E. of the Luce Line bridge which GLIA maintains. We request \$300/yr to maintain the ramp and for annual lake projects.

* **We request 24-hour notice prior to ramp use**

- * The chain will be opened for access,
- * And all boats checked for invasives.

Contact: Peter Palm 612- 201-1166
Lee Wallace 612-664-3425
Lee Keeley 763-473-6808.

*If your boat has been on another lake, it needs to dry out for two weeks before entering another lake. **HELP STOP INVASIVES.**

TO: CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESSEES

Share the Lake with your neighbors.
Be courteous of smaller craft and skiers.



April 2016 Algae - the worst seen in 10 years on Gleason Lake. With warmer temperatures and mild winters, we can expect to see lake algae and vegetation getting worse, as there is no hard freeze to slow growth down and warmer temps give a longer growing season.

Aquathol K herbicide is sprayed to control Curlyleaf vegetation in May when lake water reaches 50-60 degrees.

We have 160 acres total and we have treated:

- 2012 45 acres
- 2013 11 acres
- * 2014 13 acres
- * 2015 32 acres
- * 2016 McComas survey April 19,2016 (19 acres)

• Thank you for supporting GLIA's vegetation management and lake programs.

CHANNEL MAKERS: It is important to get out early and often to create a path in the lake. **Coontail - native vegetation** -dominates our lake; in fact, a 2014 report showed it has spread to 128 of 160 acres. This beneficial native plant filters nutrients out of the lake. It is a floating plant; thus, constant lake usage will keep paths open and prevent matting.

DNR Strict Controls: The DNR controls the amount of vegetation each lake can spray to **15%** of the total lake acres. With 160 acres we can spray up to 24 acres with a yearly permit — unless we receive special permission from DNR.

Shoreline Spraying: Forms on line at gleasonlake.org (under lake management) submit forms to Midwest Aqua Care, %Kevin. Prices are the same as 2015 \$179 for 50x50 feet, current DNR specs.

Members: \$35 permit - GLIA pays;

Non-members: \$35 permit - you pay.

2016 - \$179 (1 time)

-\$358 (2nd time)

+ \$35 permit (covers 2 times)

Additional Spraying Questions:

joan@midwestaquacare.com

(952) 403-6879

or GLIA board chair wallacelee10@hotmail.com

Register by April 1 to get DNR permits.

Those who treated last year received direct mailing from MidwestAquaCare this spring.

2015 ACTUAL EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 1,846
insurance	\$732
newsletter	\$500
Lake Aeration	\$ 3,048
incl. new pump house	
Lake Ramp	0
Lake Vegetation	\$20,577
Miscellaneous	243
Professional Dues	225
TOTAL	\$25,920

TRAINED LAKE WORKERS

DNR offered free **decontamination training to lake service providers for 4 years**, “The class helps businesses gain the skills they need to provide AIS decontamination services to their lake customers.” Ask your workers if they are certified by DNR.

Starry Stonewort - a new threat.

Minnesota can now add a new name to its growing list of invasive aquatic species — starry stonewort. The Minnesota DNR said the plant, actually an algae, has been found in two connected lakes, Koronis and Mud, near Paynesville in 2015. It was first discovered as an aquatic invasive 30 years ago. In 2014 it was found in Wisconsin.

Lake Condition: The Watershed rated our lake a C+ in 2013 and D+ in 2014. Curlyleaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil have been minimized on our lake, the native Coontail and White Lillypads are nuisance for boaters as vegetation collects on the props; jet skis take in vegetation and stall; sailboats drag vegetation on keels. Late summer algae can be unsightly.

Kayaks, canoes, and fish boats are recommended on our shallow lake.

Plymouth Expo - We will see you again next April at the Expo, Plymouth Creek Center (Free Event). This event gives us a chance to educate more people in our community about water quality.

Annual Meeting - Watch for emails for specifics to be held Sunday, September 18, 2016.

2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Administration	\$2,000
Newsletters	
Insurance	
Aeration	1,600
electricity	
maintenance	
Ramp	0
Vegetation	15,500
survey	\$2700
spraying	
Miscellaneous	150
Professional Dues	300
TOTAL	\$19,550

“Try to leave the Earth a better place than when you arrived.” Sidney Sheldon