



# Gleason Lake Newsletter

“Everything we do to the earth, we do to ourselves!”



## Helpful Resources

The Environmental Protection Agency ([www.EPA.gov/pesticides/lawn-care](http://www.EPA.gov/pesticides/lawn-care)) has some good videos on healthy lawn care to reduce runoff pollutants in your watershed.

On YouTube: **Prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels.**

[www.minnesotawaters.org](http://www.minnesotawaters.org)  
Good resource information.

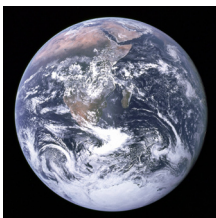
[www.gleasonlake.org](http://www.gleasonlake.org)  
Our website & contact.

## New Interest from Members:

Pat McNaughton, Chris/Barb Mack, Jane D. Hall, Francie Paper, Cathy Kindem, Mary Brown and JoAnn Hilton have attended recent meetings.

## We encourage all comments,

ideas, and especially your support, Serve on the board to save our lake. Please notify us at [gleasonlia@gmail.com](mailto:gleasonlia@gmail.com).



“This we know; the earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth.  
This we know; all things are connected like the blood which unites one family.”

–Chief Seattle

## Notes From The President

by Donna Wolsted

### Curly Leaf Pondweed Update

We are finishing our fifth year MCWD/DNR whole lake herbicide (Aquathol K) treatment for CLP (curlyleaf pondweed) at a cost of \$500,000+. We have had very favorable results in reducing CLP—spraying 145 of 160 acres in 2007 and 16 acres in 2011. However, native floating coontail has become a nuisance for lake use, even though it helps keep the water clean.

**We are limited to treating 20 acres by DNR permit. Cost: \$750/ year.**

### 2012 Board Decisions

- How do we manage the North Bay (full of coontail, lillies and cattails)?
- How do we maintain control of CLP/ EWMilfoil/Loosestrife?
- How do we educate our members to keep out zebra mussels & invasives?

The exact effect chemicals have on our lakes is unknown to the eco-system, as well as to humans! Although some lakes have used mild doses for years, we want to err on the side of caution and not contaminate our waters.

**OUR MAJOR EXPENSES for 2011:** \$5,200 for May herbicide spraying and \$5,000 for July harvesting. Also aeration insurance \$750, printing & postage \$400, website \$150-200, treasurer \$1,000. See back page.

## Support

It is time for our annual fall drive.

Our budget is at \$13,600 for 2012 (see back page).



We have 100 members and need everyone to help out financially.

Donations are used to maintain our lake—for now and for the future.

We realize times are hard economically—however, we hope you will continue to support a cause close to your heart & home.

## Did you know?

**EURASIAN MILFOIL**, discovered in 1987 in Minnesota, now infects 246 lakes.

**ZEBRA MUSSELS WERE FIRST** discovered in 1989 in Duluth Harbor and infect 29 inland lakes. Lake Minnetonka in 2011.

[Sun Sailor 5-19-11, DNR]



## THIS FALL: Keep Leaves & Debris Out of Storm Drains

They create nitrogen that feeds the algae and lake vegetation.

Please: Only Rain Down The Drain!  
Store leaves away from water.



## 2012 GLIA EXPENSE BUDGET

### Administration

\$750	Liability Insurance - West Bend	
\$250	Fundraising (Stationery \$150; Postage \$100)	
\$100	Treasurer Inkjet, Paper, Postage	
		<b>\$1,100</b>

### Education

\$1000	Environmental Youth Projects KICKS, Fall clean up and Storm Drain care	
		<b>\$1,000</b>

### Aeration

\$1000	Pump/hose equipment repair/electricity, Fencing and markers around open water	
		<b>\$1,000</b>

### Vegetation

\$5,000	Invasives spring spraying	
\$5,000	Harvesting	
		<b>\$10,000</b>

### Professional Development

\$500	Seminars and conferences and association dues	
		<b>\$500</b>

### Publicity

\$1,000	April EXPO, May SCHOOL FAIR, June Day on Lake City Storm Drain Kits	
		<b>\$1,000</b>

**2012 Expense Budget Total \$13,600**

### 2012 HARVESTING VENDOR:

Looking for a “small” harvester to access our lake from Keeley’s ramp. We have a list of interested members who want harvesting done and will email them next spring.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Fertilizer use is more than 15 times higher than it was in 1945.



### GLIA Board 2011

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**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.