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## Clean Curbs, Gutters and Boulevards to Ensure Clean Water

**By Scott Sparlin**

Most of us would perhaps be horrified to watch the water coming into our lakes and rivers from our storm sewers immediately following an intense rainfall event, such as a summer thunderstorm. You would likely see all sorts of junk and garbage but, in addition you would also see leaves, grass clippings, small twigs, branches, soil, oil slicks, and various other forms of organic debris. What you would not see are all of the many different forms of dissolved organic and inorganic compounds flushed from the streets, landscapes, rooftops, etc. that make up the watershed.

As you might suspect, many of these materials contain phosphorus and other plant nutrients that can be ultimately utilized by aquatic plants and the algae population that can explode with these small additions of phosphorus and degrade our water quality. Even the undecomposed organic materials such as leaves and grass clippings transported directly to the lake will decompose eventually and release their nutrients into the water environment again causing an undesirable flush of algae growth called "blooms".

The point of all this is that curb, gutter and storm sewer systems are designed to efficiently and quickly carry runoff water from the watershed to a nearby water area. From these areas it can move more slowly out of lakes and creeks to larger streams and rivers and 'down the river' so to speak. While there are exceptions to this general model, it generally describes the pattern of water flow away and out of a watershed.

First remember that soil phosphorus

can be bound to either the very tiny clay soil particles or to organic matter particles. As such these are the first particles to be picked up by water or wind and eroded away from the site. Because these particles are so small, microscopic in fact, these particles stay suspended in the water for the longest period of time and carried the greatest distances. Once in the water, Phosphorus can dissociate from the particle or stay bound to it. In either case, once in a body of water, they can increase the Phosphorus loading into that water system and result in fairly immediate algae blooms. For this reason, it is very important that soil be protected with some type of vegetative cover, thereby preventing the forces of water from eroding the soil and carry-

ing it off site. It is also important to protect our soils from moving off site during building and/or remodeling efforts. As most of you are aware, many of our soils contain relatively high Phosphorus. Therefore it is doubly important to prevent erosion of those soils as it can be a significant contributor of Phosphorus in runoff water.

As much as we all enjoy and appreciate the trees in our urban and suburban landscapes, they also provide a couple of phosphorus sources to the environment. When leaves fall from our deciduous trees in autumn, they often accumulate on impervious surface areas such as streets and driveways. During this time they may actually begin to decompose, releasing both organic and inorganic forms of Phosphorus that can be carried in runoff water into nearby bodies of water. As cars travel over these materials, the further grind them up making them even more susceptible to decomposing while lying on the street. In more intense rainfall events, leaves themselves can be carried directly to lakes and rivers. Tree leaves can also blow directly into ponds, lakes and rivers. During growing season, and especially in the spring, tree seeds and sometimes fruits are often shed liberally onto the ground and, of course, onto the street. Just as in the case of leaves, traffic driving over these materials crushes them and breaks them up making the easier to decompose or be carried in runoff water. Like leaves, these materials also contain phosphorus as well as other plant nutrients.

While we are not going to eliminate trees from our surroundings, nor should we, we can help by keeping our street areas clean of leaves and seeds either by raking or sweeping during the growing season, especially spring and fall. Preferably they can be used for mulching other areas of the landscape or, in the case of tree seeds and fruits, you may want to compost them first to avoid having "zillions" of little tree seedlings sprouting all over the landscape. This practice is something that can be done in front of each of our homes and in that way we each contribute.

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**Gary Sprenger, representative from the Lost Dog & Fox organization, presents a check to Tony Miller to help defray the cost of updating the aerator in Clear Lake. A new pump was installed on the aerator, underwater lines repaired and all valves checked at the cost of nearly \$3,000.**

## Club Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 2nd . . . US Election Day . . . another vote against clean air and water, and our natural environment in general

Sunday, Nov 7th . . . Daylight Savings Time ends

Thursday, Nov. 11th . . . Social Night at the Clubhouse, 6:30 US Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 24th . . . General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25th . . . US Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 26th . . . Biggest Fishing (um, Shopping) Day of the Year!



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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

**Note: The next meeting is on Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

We will be holding elections for one board member on Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. If you would like to be a board member call or email me before the meeting at 507-381-2041 or [jr@newulmtel.net](mailto:jr@newulmtel.net)

The location of the club's Ice Fishing Trip will be at Dickson Lake Resort. Todd and Karen are very excited to have our club back at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. The date for the trip is February 17, we have 30 people signed up already I need to have conformation and down payment to them by the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at [jr@newulmtel.net](mailto:jr@newulmtel.net). The total for the trip is \$120.00 per person for three nights, there will be a \$10.00 per day charge for angling houses and \$30.00 per day for the spearing houses. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know.

As you can see there is a book of ten tickets with your newsletter. We are asking for everyone to try their hardest to sell the stack of tickets. Please return all unsold tickets that you may have left over to either Ross or myself on or before the event. There will be a club hat, jacket and 24 adult beverages to the one who sells the most tickets. Happy selling!!

Fall is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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tribute to cleaner runoff and ultimately cleaner water entering our lakes, rivers, streams and ponds.

It should go without saying that blowing your grass clippings into the street or onto hard surface areas where they can runoff is a definite no-no. Blow clippings back onto the lawn where then they can be chopped up even further with consecutive passes of the mower. Keeping lawn clippings on the law contributes the equivalent of about 1 to 1 1/2 applications of fertilizer per year back to your lawn in the form of an organic, slow release nutrient source.

It is always a good idea to clean up after your pets. For health reasons, it is best to pick-up pet waste and toss it in the garbage.

Finally in this part of the world there is the issue of our landscapes and soils being frozen for a part of the year. The freeze-thaw cycle helps breakdown surface organic material such as grass clippings and leaves and, with a few exceptions, is considered a positive influence in our lawns and landscapes. However, nutrients from these sources are not able to infiltrate into the ground due to its frozen state. Any late fall or early spring rains will move these materials readily over the surface, even a lawn. In fact, research has shown that peaks in Phosphorus concentration in runoff water are often correlated with frozen ground. Plants are unable to use it and likelihood of it being lost from the site due to runoff can be very high.

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## MEETING NOTES from October 28th

\*Members present: 40+

\*Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved unanimously.

\*Membership Update: Membership stands at 194 with 30 due. Mike Buechner leads recruiting with 3 new members.

\*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Lake Hanska, "Lots of walleyes and they're getting bigger!" Lake Winnibigoshish, "Skunked!" Island & Potato Lakes, "Skunked!" Lake Crystal, "Big Perch!" (Why don't we ever say "got fished" instead of "got skunked"?)

\*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Jason will move in the new shed soon and is looking for some help with the project; give him a call if you can assist. Tom took the old shed and the leaves were raked on the grounds. LP tank has been filled for the heating season. Jim H. has "no news" on parts for lawn mower. Ron L. and friends have installed the new aeration system pump at Clear Lake.

\*Ice Fishing Contest: Posters and Contest tickets are ready. One book of tickets will be sent out to every member. NOTE THAT MEMBERS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO SELL OR PERSONALLY PURCHASE THE TICKETS. Scheel's will donate one free icehouse with the club's purchase of an icehouse. Aqua View is donating a new camera for the contest. The member who sells the most raffle tickets will be awarded a club jacket, cap, and case of beer. Social Night, Nov. 11th, stop out for a beverage and help stuff envelopes with tickets and fold newsletters. Prize-collecting information will be available at the next general meeting, WEDNESDAY, Nov. 24th. Tom has volunteered to be the foodstand coordinator for the contest.

\*Winter Fishing Trip, Feb. 17th - 20th, Dixon Lake: 30 people have already signed up. Please give Jason the \$50.00 deposit to reserve your spot.

\*Change in the handling of the newsletter: All members who are due or past due will be listed at the end of the newsletter. This will save time and printing/postage costs by not adding a separate notice/page to the newsletter when it is mailed out.

\*Our late fishing club brother, Ken Spoon, has willed two real nice outdoor prints to NUASF. Orv R. will talk to Ken's widow to see what her preferences are—raffle, clubhouse display, or the like.

\*Club member Jerry Hauser has had a tree-cutting accident. Please keep him in your thoughts or send him a card.

\*Lost Dog & Fox Club will help off-set the cost of the Clear Lake aeration system and has made a generous donation to our efforts.

\*Future Bingo Night, Mankato Redman Club: Tom has spoken with that club and the first available dates may not be until May. Dates could be moved up if there are any cancellations. 6 - 8 members will be needed to help when the event happens.

\*Food for next meeting: Scott Waldner & Pat Roiger will deep-fry a TURKEY.

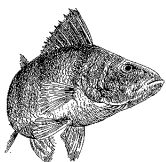
NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24TH  
BECAUSE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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