

Master Water Stewards

Community Leadership for Clean Water

Hello Stewards! The weather is warming and the water is flowing. This month's edition is *packed* with upcoming events and opportunities to help our waters!

Stewards in the News!

In recent weeks Master Water Stewards have been featured in popular local publications. Spreading the word of the good work you do is important for community awareness - and it's cool! Check out the articles below:

[2013 Steward Joe Knaeble in the Southwest Journal](#)

[2015 Steward Rae Ann Prasnicki in the Southwest Metro Magazine](#)



Tell us what you're up to! We really like to hear from all of you and share what you do.



We need your data!

If you have a project that went into the ground in 2015 and you didn't get the impressive MIDS calculator results from either Lindsey or Alex, it's because we did not receive your data. If this applies to you, fill out [this form](#) and email it to [Alex](#) asap! These numbers are important for our reports and they are a great, concrete resource for you when you talk about the work you've done.

The Water Underground

The Freshwater Society's first Groundwater Report is complete! Learn about the issues facing our cities' groundwater supplies [here](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

APRIL

- MCWD is looking for a certified MWS to staff a table at a **Volunteer Fair on Thursday, April 28th from 4-7pm at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park**. The MCWD table will be primarily advertising the annual Creek Cleanup, but will also be talking about things people can do at home to protect clean water, and answer general questions. MCWD will provide you with all materials. You will earn 3 volunteer hours for your time.

If you are interested, please contact Education Coordinator Sarah Fellows (sfellows@minnehahacreek.org or 952-641-4507).

MAY

- **Edina Garden Club Plant Sale Friday, May 6, 10am-8pm and Saturday, May 7th, 10am-3pm**. Stewards will help staff a water table, answer questions, distribute fine fescue seeds, etc. If you're interested, please contact LouAnn Waddick at lawaddick@gmail.com

JUNE

- **WATERFEST Saturday, June 4, 11 am-4 pm, Phalen Regional Park, 1600 Phalen Dr, St. Paul**

WaterFest is a free family festival celebrating our clean lakes. It offers fun and an opportunity for outdoor hands-on learning about clean water, wildlife, and land and water conservation.

Volunteers are needed to help with activities and exhibits. To register to volunteer or for more information: www.rwmwd.org/waterfest

- Talk to people about how to keep our waters healthy at a MWS booth at the **Native Plant Market and Eco Fun Fest on June 8 at Minnetonka City Hall, 3-7pm**. There will be representatives from a variety of programs and organizations including Master Naturalists and Wild Ones. Represent the MWS and have a fun afternoon/evening interacting with community members. Reply to avanloh@freshwater.org if you're interested in volunteering.

- **Eagan's LakeFest 2016** is a free public lake festival on **Saturday June 11th from 10am to 2pm at Trapp Farm Park in Eagan**. It will focus on fishing, lake and watershed health, water safety, and other environmental themes. There will be Cajun music, a food truck, art project, maybe face painting, live aquatic invertebrate demo, possibly live animal demo, water rescue boats, lots of informational booths... etc. MWS will have a table with information on the program and about how people can help improve water quality. Reply to avanloh@freshwater.org if you're interested in volunteering.

JULY

- Save the date! **July 24th is the Minnehaha Creek Clean Up**. There will be three main locations this year: Lake Hiawatha, St. Louis Park, and Minnetonka. We hope to be seeing many of you there. More information to come soon!

WATER HISTORY PROJECT

- We are looking to partner with the Minnesota History Center on a project focused on historical information about our waters. If you have an interest in history and it would benefit a project you are currently working on, or have been thinking about starting, to partner with the history center please contact [Deirdre](#). We can also help formulate your project idea!

Upcoming Events



Moos Family Speaker Series Free Public Lecture:

Evolution to Cleaner Water and Greener Water Companies

TONIGHT!!

April 13th - 7:00 pm

St. Paul Student Center

5:30pm reception and discussion

George Hawkins, CEO and General Manager of the DC Water and Sewer Authority will discuss how environmental protection has evolved and the implications for cities. He is leading an innovative approach to environmental protection at one of the world's largest wastewater treatment plants. Join us for an exciting evening with one of the nation's wastewater treatment rockstars! The lecture is free, but please register [here](#).

2016 Urban Waters Forum

At the 2016 Urban Waters Forum, learn from local experts as they share their knowledge and success stories, as well as concrete actions you can take on the water, on your property, and in your community to protect the health of your neighborhood lake or stream. The forum features presentations and discussions on citizen-based science and the active role you can take in protecting our water resources.



Learn more and register [here](#)!



Water Reuse Workshop

Join 200 other professionals for a Water Reuse Workshop from **8:30am-4:00pm on Monday, May 2 in the Securian Lounge at CHS Field.**

This is not a conference.

This is a one-day event to get good work done.

There is high demand for water in Minnesota and we use drinking-quality water for many uses other

than drinking. In some places, we are draining water resources faster than they are being replenished. Reusing water is a promising strategy for meeting water demands and is gaining momentum across sectors. Yet, reuse projects still face a number of hurdles and it can be difficult to get these projects permitted and built. More info and register [here](#).

Water-friendly Job Listings

Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventures Fellow

The UWCA "fellows" (river educator paid interns) are typically youth at the college age, who work alongside the National Park Service and Wilderness Inquiry staff to conduct river related programs in the summer in the Twin Cities. Learn more [here](#).

Operations Manager at Waterfront Restoration

Waterfront Restoration, an innovative, fast-growing company, is now accepting applications for the Operations Manager. This new position requires an individual who is a self-starter, strategic problem solver, multi-tasker of a variety of functions and who can motivate the staff to do their best. You will have the opportunity to improve, build and sustain the day-to-day operations. You will have the opportunity to make an immediate impact as part of an entrepreneurial, growing company. Learn more [here](#).

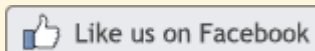
Stormwater Tech Position in Faribault

The City of Faribault is currently accepting applications for the position of Stormwater Tech I. This is a shared position within the City's Public Works - Utilities Department (Stormwater, Water Supply, and Collections Systems). While the individual will gain experience in many facets of operation of the City's utility infrastructure; the position would be heavily involved in regulatory enforcement of construction projects, illicit discharge detection and elimination activities, and operation and maintenance of the stormwater conveyance system (including structural stormwater BMPs). The full job posting and applications may be found at: www.faribault.org

Check out our [calendar](#) to stay up to date on Master Water Stewards events!

Questions? Contact Alex at avanloh@freshwater.org

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