

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!

Pet Waste Management Get-Together

Tuesday evening we had a great time learning about how to manage/educate others on pet waste and hearing stewards discuss their past and upcoming projects and accomplishments. Here are some updates:

- Grace Sheely has created a fescue grass test/sample site near Diamond Lake to show people an alternative lawn. She is also looking to organize a bus tour of stormwater projects for stewards and community members. If that's something you'd be interested in, let her know!
- Jessica Miller is teaching a class on aquatic insects at the Tiny Diner Farm (not the restaurant) on March 19th from 10-11 am. More info [here](#).
- Ava McKnight has tons of plants that she has grown and is looking to gather seeds from - with some help from you. She'll be setting a date soon, so keep an eye out!
- Carol Kuechler has some phenomenal examples of how to greenify alleys with BMPs in South Minneapolis. She was also part of team that received an award from the Minneapolis Park Board for their work with pollinator habitat. Go Carol!
- Roxanne Stuhr, landscape designer, told us not to be overzealous and start yard work too early. Yards should not be raked until about May or you'll damage grass and create some big problems. What you CAN do is get out and pick up trash and sweep up salt/sand. Spread the word!
- MCWD's Darren Lochner announced some of their upcoming events that are perfect for stewards:
 - Urban Waters Forum April 23, 8:30-12:30
 - Metro Blooms raingarden workshops throughout the spring
 - Save the date! July 24th for the Minnehaha Creek Clean Up. There will be three main locations this year: Lake Hiawatha, St. Louis Park, and Minnetonka.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Neighborhood Salt Clean Up

Help clean up excess salt in the Whittier/Lowry Hill neighborhoods **Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 am!**

Meet at Common Roots Cafe for coffee, socializing, and a quick primer.

What to bring: push brooms, large dust pans, large buckets (5-gallon or more). Bring what you can. You can also bring your kids, friends, and neighbors!

Great info on proper salt use [here](#).

St. Anthony Rain Barrel Workshop

Saint Anthony is hosting an educational event alongside this year's Rain Barrel Workshop. This event, titled Beyond the Barrel, aims to provide community members with information and resources on things they should be doing at home to conserve resources. The structure for the event will be an open house where you'll be able to provide one on one education to community members.

**When: Tuesday, April 19th 6pm-8pm
Where: Saint Anthony Community Center**

Please let [Kristin Seaman](#) know by the end of next week (March 18th) if you're interested in participating!

Upcoming Events

Ice Out Loon In

Join Freshwater Society as we celebrate the changing of seasons! Our annual fundraiser and general good time is **April 7, 5:30-9:00 pm at the Nicollet Island Pavilion**. Paul Huttner from MPR will emcee the evening and there will be food, drink, music, and live and silent auctions! Purchase tickets [here](#)!



2016 State of Water Conference

Kick off your spring with a few days in lakes country and equip yourself to tackle our biggest water resource issues at the second State of Water Conference. Join us **April 14-15 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria**. The State of Water Conference will get you ready to protect the lakes and rivers that make Minnesota so unique.

Learn more and register [here!](#)



Moos Family Speaker Series Free Public Lecture: Evolution to Cleaner Water and Greener Water Companies

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](#).

Water-friendly Job Listings

Education and Outreach Coordinator Vadnais Lake Area WMO

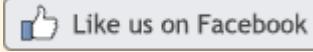
Vadnais Lake Area WMO is looking for a people person with plenty of natural resources knowledge and a passion for environmental education. The EOC is a full-

time position. Applications accepted through March 18th. Find more information [here](#).

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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