



Gilbert Lake Association Newsletter

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Next Meeting

The next Gilbert Lake Association meeting is May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the **Northland Arboretum building** (north of Movies 10).

Agenda for 2008 meeting

- Results of AW Labs overflights
- Thirty Lakes Watershed expansion to Gilbert Lake
- Approval of Certain Expenditures
- Update on water quality from 2007 for Gilbert 1
- Riverside Drive update
- Lakescaping and books
- New business

Action at 2007 Meeting

Action taken at the 2007 meeting:

- Plans for park on Gilbert Three – Mark Rudningen and Mary Claire Ryan gave a presentation. No action taken.
- Because of decreased clarity, will begin testing of Gilbert 1.
- Request to expand Thirty Lakes Watershed District to Gilbert Lake – approval to investigate joining, headed by Craig Nathan.
- Approval of certain expenditures: LARA \$25, MN Lakes \$50, Brainerd Insurance, \$125; RMB Labs \$400.

- Riverside Drive on Ahrens Hill discussion: approved sending letter to County favoring only overlay and storm water improvements, opposing removal of trees, and position that funds should be used elsewhere.

Riverside Drive

The County has received federal funding for a portion of the costs of reconstructing Riverside Drive around Ahrens Hill. The plans include widening of the road and installation of a retaining wall to support the new roadbed. The County has staked the anticipated tree clearing line along the lakeside portion of the hill. More details will be provided at the meeting.

"Lakescaping"

If we want to maintain a clear Gilbert Lake, we need to keep nutrients out of it.



Let's all work harder at creating buffer strips (a strip of vegetation at least 30 feet deep) between our lawns and our beloved lake. To learn more, copies of the DNR book *Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality* will be available at the annual meeting at a reduced price (\$12 – retail \$20).

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