

# MEADOW LAKE MATTERS



## You Are Invited: Park Party

### Meadow Lake Park Dedication and MLWA Annual Meeting

**Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016**

**Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Place: Meadow Lake Park**

**(In Case of Rain: N.H. Golf Club House)**

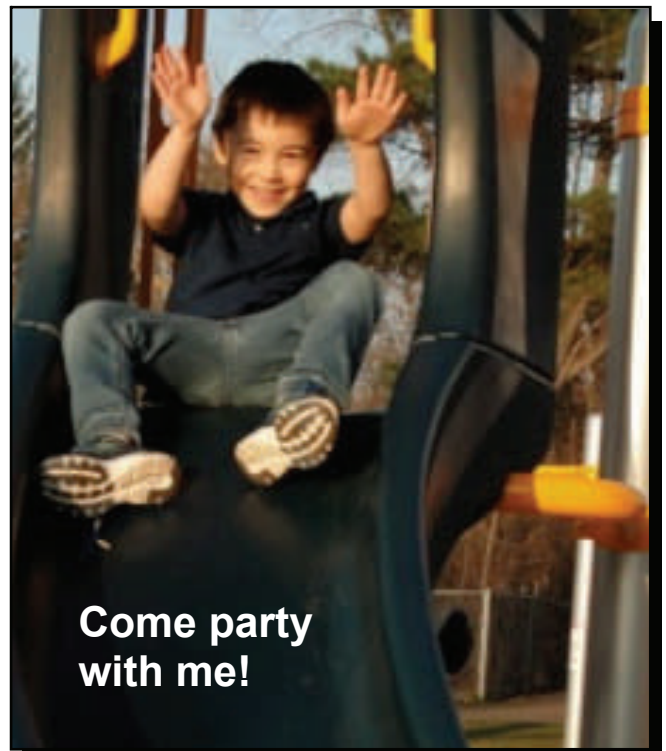


Meadow Lake Watershed Association invites you to celebrate the new park equipment. We will also be holding a brief annual

meeting as a part of this event.

Come celebrate, meet your neighbors and find out more about what MLWA has been up to and how you can help to keep our park beautiful.

We will be grilling hot dogs, providing chips, beverages, homemade cookies and the popcorn machine will be popping corn. There will be a drawing with give-aways but you



## Meadow Lake Park Updates

### Ever Thought of Adopting? This is a Great Opportunity

This is the third year of the "Adopt-A-Plot" project in Meadow Lake Park co-sponsored by Meadow Lake Watershed Association and the City of New Hope. The goals of this project are to beautify the park while restoring shoreline vegetation with native plants. The City of New Hope provides the plants and supplies; planning, planting and maintenance are being done by neighborhood volunteers.

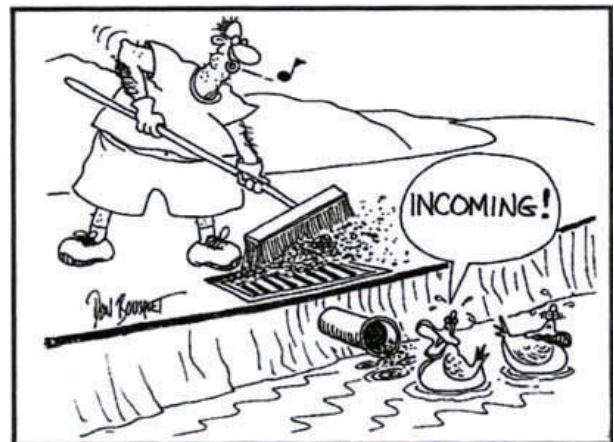
In 2014 and 2015 a variety of native shrubs, flowers, ferns, grasses, sedges & rushes were planted along the first 100 ft of shoreline beginning at the southern boundary. This year we will restore the next 60 feet. MLWA board members will lead five teams of volunteers. Each team will plant and maintain one section covering approximately 250 sq. ft. Preparation for planting will be completed by mid-May. Planting is planned during the last week of May or the first week of June.

All friends of Meadow Lake Park are invited to participate. No prior experience required! If

### Did You Know...

Meadow Lake is a Stormwater Lake. All the rain and snow melt, runs off surfaces in our watershed and picks up pollutants like oil, fertilizers, pesticides, leaves, grass clippings, sand, soil and animal waste and then flows into Meadow Lake. The storm water system provides no filters or treatment. Storm water collects along street curbs and empties into 37 storm drains and is released, untreated, through 7 inlets directly into Meadow Lake.

Meadow Lake's main outlet connects to underground storm sewers beneath Boone Avenue and empties into Bass Creek. Bass Creek joins with Eagle Creek in Brooklyn Park to become Shingle Creek. Shingle Creek eventually flows to the Mississippi River which empties into the Gulf of Mexico. So please help keep our waters clean. Never



*A Prayer in Spring* by Robert Frost (1915)

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today; and give us not to think so far away



## Where Were You in 1956?

This is an aerial view of the Meadow Lake Watershed area three years after New Hope was incorporated as a city. There were just a few homes near the lake then, but within a decade almost all homes in our watershed were built.

You can view more aerial photos of the area from 1960, 1962, 1967 and 1970 at [www.lib.umn.edu/apps/mhapo](http://www.lib.umn.edu/apps/mhapo). Enlarge and move the MN map until New Hope appears, then Meadow Lake Park. Each colored dot provides a link to a dated photo. Thanks to Diane Stauner for introducing us to



## Membership Invitation

The Meadow Lake Watershed Association is a nonprofit organization with membership open to all of the approximately 250 homes in the watershed. Our purpose is to preserve and improve the quality and natural beauty of Meadow Lake, its wildlife and the surrounding environment. We provide opportunities for involvement in restoration projects in Meadow Lake Park and in the watershed area. We work with the city and other agencies who share our goals and through publications and meetings provide resources that serve both on and off lake residents.

Annual membership dues for those living on the lake are only \$25. Those not on the lake are asked to contribute \$10. We hope you will join and support us in our efforts. For your

## Meadow Lake Watershed



## New Duplex on North End of Meadow Lake

One of the joys of living on Meadow Lake is observing the wildlife ecosystem. This Canadian goose has built her nest on top of a muskrat push-up or mound. The muskrat enjoys eating the cattails and the goose enjoys the vantage point of a nest on



The new MLWA website is currently under construction and will be available soon.  
It will be located at the new address:

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION



### MLWA Board of Directors:

Jodi Taitt, Richard Buller, Bob and Marcy Grant, Dave Tarnowski, Cindy Mathison, Gene Friesen,