Over 200 Volunteers Beautify Carter Lake

On September 17, 2005 over 200 volunteers supported the day long community event pulling trash and recyclables from garbage-laden Carter Lake. Area Captains, Merl Harder, Barb Hawkins, Jerre and Mark Hunter, and Jan Petersen started from four different locations on the lake and kept their teams moving in the water and on the shoreline. Volunteers filled bags

34 Creighton students from the row team sign up after practice on Saturday AM. Dan Chipps, coach (far right), looks on.

with trash and placed them in canoes. Jet ski and pontoon drivers pulled the canoes to three trash sorting sites.

The plan was to walk the entire seven miles of shoreline starting on the Nebraska side at 8:30 AM. Not all the Nebraska shoreline was cleaned. The



After Mayor Hausner welcomed everyone, Merry Rankin gives instructions.

volunteers wanted time to walk the shores of Mabrey Park, Shoreline Golf Course, and the Carter Lake Club area in the afternoon. At times, the task appeared impossible. While walking along the lake in Levi Carter Park, Area Captain, Barb Hawkins, "This is overwhelming; we are going so slowly. I didn't realize there was so much garbage out here. Each step uncovered more trash. It looks like people were fishing and drinking and then just throwing their bottles in the lake."

Metal, Trash and Recyclables

The volunteers collected over 50 bags of recyclable containers and filled three 20 foot containers with recyclable metal. Interesting things pulled from the lake were: partial and complete 55 gallon drums (one had fish still swimming in it), various auto



Mabrey Park at the end of the day.

parts, bicycles, three metal safes, a 20 foot section of train rail, a pile driver, a 12-gauge shot gun, a porta potty, a steel "I" beam with rebar still attached, a children's slide, metal kids pedal truck, a dock, sections of chain link fence, two refrigerators, a matching pair of shoes from two



Sorting trash at the Omaha Boat Ramp

different locations in the lake, 30 feet of heavy cable all jagged from boat propellers, various types of clothing, a \$1.00 bill that can be tracked on the web site: //www.wherehaveibeen.com, telephone poles, fishing poles, railroad ties, wood and metal pilings, street signs and things that defied description. Manuel Tire pledged \$1.00 for each tire pulled from the lake. Volunteers found almost 100 tires.

Special Forces Team

Doug Wallingford and Mike Wallace ran a forklift while Jason Gunderson worked a bobcat getting the heavy metal and downed trees out and into the trash sites. Terry Cronin, Chris Roseland, Rick Steinspring and Ed Champion also worked as a special operations team to get the garbage that the shore crews could not get out.

TV and Radio Covered the Event

The clean up received excellent coverage from all four television stations, channels 3, 6, 7 and 42. Channel 6 covered the event live on their weekend morning newscast. Channel 7 took a ride on Mark Eibes' pontoon. Channel 42 went to Levi Carter Park and talked to Merry Rankin. KFAB promoted the clean up days before the event and WHO radio in Des Moines interviewed Jeanne Eibes and promised to promote our event. Z 92 told their listeners to stop throwing stuff in Carter Lake over the weekend.



Mike Wallace drives the fork lift with a 20 foot section of rail to the Silver Hawks Ski Club area

Planning the Event

The volunteers met for two community planning meetings at the Carter Lake Public Library. Nearly 50 volunteers attended each meeting. Key committee members were: Jeanne Eibes, Chairperson; Steve Wilbur, Spokesperson and Equipment Manager; and Joan Harder, Fund Raising Manager. The lowa Department of Natural Resources "Keepers of the Land" Volunteer Program, provided consultation, technical assistance with waste management, and publicity. The planning meetings helped challenge and excite the community to go out and get the job done!

Clean Up Committee Members

Over 230 people were involved in the event planning and on the day of the clean up. The event organizers would like to recognize some of the individuals who stepped up to the plate and did special things that made the event come off without a hitch. Even the weather cooperated!



Merl and Joan Harder and Steve Wilbur discuss plans at library meeting on August 6.

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More equipment was provided, but
not registered at Volunteer Central.
If you provided equipment,
We THANK YOU!

Mabrey Park Coordinators

Jeanne Eibes Joan Harder Nan Bateman Liz Campbell Carol Davis Robbie Haskovec Randy Schmidt

What Happens Next?

The September clean up project is the first step towards saving the lake, according to Merry Rankin from the DNR. This large scale effort of volunteer time, energy and community support helps raise awareness and demonstrates everyone's concern that additional resources are needed. The Clean Up will help bring attention to the fact that Carter Lake needs help to bring back the beauty it once had.

Spring Clean Up is set for Saturday, April 8, 2006

The date for the next clean up was chosen by Dan Chipps of the Creighton Row Team. The Row team has their Midwest Regatta scheduled for April 9, 2006. The April 8, 2006 clean up will focus on the shoreline because the weeds are dead and out of the way. We hope most of the large and difficult hazards have been removed.

Mark your calendars and plan on participating again!

Carter Lake Preservation Society

We will be establishing a non-profit organization for the purpose of continuing the beautification of Carter Lake. If you would like to donate money to this organization, send donations to Jeanne Eibes, Shoal Home Owners Association, 107 Shoal Drive, Carter Lake, Iowa 51510.

We Want Your Digital Pictures

Jeanne Eibes is going to create a "video scrapbook" of the event. Please send your digital pictures to her at jpeibes@hotmail.com or call her at 347-6455.

Lost and Found

LOST: Two pick up tools from Keep Omaha Beautiful and a four prong garden hoe. Call Joan Harder at 402-202-9297.

FOUND: A shovel and a hand held three prong garden hoe. Call Steve Wilbur at 847-0847.

FOUND: A coffee maker basket and plug. Call Jeanne Eibes at 347-6455.

Thank you, Sponsors!

Area Banks, business and individuals donated cash for breakfast and lunch and supplies for the clean up. The remaining funds will be used for the April 8th 2005 clean up and to set up a non-profit organization "Carter Lake Preservation Society."

Budget Auto Sales Council Bluffs Savings Bank Jerre Hunter, Realtor Liberty Bank Manuel's Tire Shop Peoples National Bank Shoal Homeowner - Anonymous Tri City Dental

Volunteers were fed breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Carter Lake Improvement Club hosted the celebration dinner and hired the entertainment for the evening. Thanks to the following businesses who donated food to help feed all the hungry helpers!

Carter Lake Improvement Club Coca Cola Bottling Kicks 66 Loffredo Fresh Produce Pepsi Bottling Group Pettit's Pastry Rick's Boat Yard Café Subway VFW – Ladies Auxiliary

Over 64 gift certificates were also given away in a volunteer drawing at the Celebration Dinner. Please support these businesses that provided services and products to support the clean up effort:

Accurate Sprinkler System
Ampe's Homestyle Café
Blue Waters Mini Golf
Bull Feathers
Carol Davis Thermal
Underwear
Chez Paree
City Super Shop
Dairy Queen

Drew Evers/Godfather's
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The following organizations, businesses and individuals contributed services or products:

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Boys and Girls Club
Buddy's Marina
Carter Lake City Parks
Carter Lake Community
Resource Center

Carter Lake Hardware
Carter Lake Parks and
Recreation
Carter Lake Senior Center
Carter Lake Volunteer Fire
Department
City of Carter Lake
Creighton Crew Team

Goodkind and Goodkind Jeanne and Mark Eibes Keep Omaha Beautiful Kwik Shop Omaha Marine Center Silver Hawks Ski Club

Every attempt was made to include all supporters; I apologize if you have been missed in this publication. Jeanne Eibes, Editor

Volunteers who made a DIFFERENCE!

We could not have achieved this remarkable one day event without the help of the following individuals who donated countless hours of support and precious personal time to help with the clean up. **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!**

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Please come back on April 8th to help make CARTER LAKE a cleaner and safer place to play!

If your name was drawn for a raffle prize, your prize will be mailed to you.