

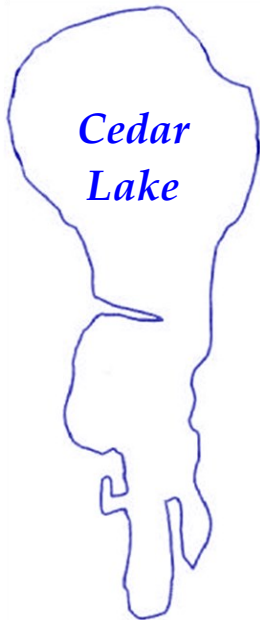


Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

April, 2015

President's Letter by Bill Arendt



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Stay abreast of breaking news - visit www.cedarlakeecc.org for the latest updates.

Do you enjoy reading about the activities on the lake? This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner. If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and other CLCC activities.

There have been many recent events that have an impact on Cedar Lake. I will summarize the most important ones.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention

The Minnesota Legislature set aside \$10 million each year to combat the spread of AIS. Wright County will receive \$240,000 for 2015. There will be \$100,000 spent on roving inspectors at Wright County Lakes. The Wright County Soil & Water Conservation District has contracted with Anchor Dock & Lift in Annandale to be in charge of these inspections. The anticipated inspections at Cedar Lake will be 2-3 days/week from the fishing opener to Labor Day. The inspectors will receive Level 1 certification, which means they have the authority to deny watercraft access to the lake if they discover evidence of AIS. Boat owners who are denied access can be directed to J&J Marine in South Haven for decontamination. There are funds committed to education, as well as matching grants to lake associations for AIS control. See the Water Quality article on page 4 for more details.

Legislative Activity

Pending issues at the Minnesota Legislature include:

- ◇ Possible 50 foot buffers in the form of perennial vegetation near the streams, rivers & ditches. Buffers are a proven best management practice for protecting Minnesota waters. Conservation-

ists generally are in favor of this proposal, but it faces opposition.

- ◇ Possible elimination of sales tax on AIS treatment costs. If this becomes law, CLCC could save about \$2,000 in annual treatments costs for AIS.
- ◇ Pending legislation to repeal the \$10 million AIS fund (as described above). Based on a large response from lake associations and conservationists, this proposal does not seem likely to become law.

Strategic Plan Input

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) inquired if CLCC would recommend areas or practices to be considered in the CWRD strategic planning sessions. After receiving input from the Water Quality Committee, the following recommendations were submitted:

- ◇ Use the "Targeted Fertilizer" program for the farms south of Highway 55, that surround Albion, Henshaw & Swartout;
- ◇ Develop a rapid response protocol with appropriate agencies if any lake in Wright County becomes infested with zebra mussels;
- ◇ Continue to assist lakeshore homeowners with a grant to build natural shoreline gardens to filter runoff before it enters the lakes.

Please contact any Board member (see page 6) or committee chair (see page 10) if you have questions or comments on these issues. Thanks for your commitment to CLCC and maintaining the water quality in Cedar Lake.

Minnesota Martin Fest & Nature Expo

June 6th | Schroeder Park, Cedar Lake 9201 Ireland Ave | 8:00am registration

New Event* *No Admittance Charge

Great speakers and free kids activities (see page 2)

2015 Minnesota

Purple Martin Fest and Nature Expo

June 6th, 2015 | Schroeder Regional Park | 8am registration 9-4pm program

Cedar Lake Conservation Club
Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group
Wright County Parks



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No Admittance Charge
Plenty of Free Parking

Special activities
for kids

Enjoy Active On-Site Purple Martin Colony All Day

When: Saturday June 6th, 2015

Registration at 8am | Program 9am to 4pm | Watch Martins all Day!

Where: Schroeder Regional Park and Camping on Cedar Lake
9201 Ireland Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302

www.co.wright.mn.us/132/parks

Featuring key-note Jim Gilbert 1:00pm—a consulting naturalist for WCCO radio, co-author of Minnesota Weather Guide Calendars, author of two books on nature in Minnesota and writes a weekly nature column in several newspapers. Jim will also be available for book signings.

Other speakers include:

9:15am **Purple Martins** | Kelly Applegate Wildlife Biologist for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Director of the Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group

10:45am **Blue Birds** | Carrol Johnson of Minnesota Bluebird Recovery

2:00pm **Native Plants for Pollinators** | Jake Janski of Minnesota Native Landscapes

Learning and fun for the whole family:

- ◇ **FREE FOR KIDS!** 9:30 to 11:30 Wooden bird feeder making
- ◇ **FREE FOR KIDS!** 9:00 to 4:00 Nature craft projects
- ◇ Native plants, bird feeders and houses for purchase
- ◇ DNR "Score Your Shore" to assess habitat conditions of lake lots
- ◇ Learn more about wood ducks, dragonflies, butterflies, and chimney swifts
- ◇ Lake Quality and Aquatic Invasive Species information
- ◇ Cedar Lake Merchandise
- ◇ Door prizes
- ◇ Fried chicken lunch (11:30 to 12:30) for small fee | Kids 10 and under free



Wright County Parks



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Questions contact Paul Schutte 612-968-3034

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water

Saturday, July 11th, 2015

CLCC is continuing the tradition of a great day on the lake filled with family fun, camaraderie, music, and lake activities. The event is earlier in the summer this year—Saturday July 11th. The CLCC Social Committee, led by Cathi Gabriel Westman, has put together another relaxing and fun-filled afternoon for all ages. True Friends—Camp Courage has opened its lakefront facility again. From 12 noon until 1:30pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a wonderful picnic lunch.



Games, raffles, lots of entertainment, information on CLCC activities, and great Cedar Lake merchandise sales will fill the time quickly. Then, everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. "Midnight Radio," a popular local band, will perform on a barge until 6pm. This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine.



If you have suggestions to make the event even better or wish to help out, contact Cathi at 651-253-2675.

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water July 11th, 2015

12noon-1:30pm True Friends—Camp Courage

Member Appreciation Free Lunch
8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake MN 55358
Lakeside Dining Hall

Lunch Served by Cottage Gourmets; Games, Raffles, Informative Booths, Cedar Lake Merchandise

Come by car or boat! The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7; limited space is available to beach your boat

*Cost for Lunch : Free for Members
Guests \$8—kids 12 and under free*

2:00pm-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar
"Midnight Radio" - Live Band Sponsored by Dingmann Marine; Bring Your Own Refreshments

No reservations required

Guests are warmly welcomed

*Plan to relax, enjoy, and celebrate
our lake community*

Time to Pay your 2015 Dues

Please take a moment today to send in your dues

They are great value at \$25 per year

****Pay your dues by June 1st and you will get the
new 2015 lake directory in the mail****

See page 12 for easy ways to pay or the dues form on the last page

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

by Kathy Jonsrud

2015 Aquatic Invasive Species Control

With our Ice-out on April 9th, we are all looking forward to summer! The Water Quality Committee has worked hard over the winter making sure all the details are taken care of for our 2015 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control. This year, our plan is to refrain from treating Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). We have gone from a high of 38 acres of CLP in 2010 to less than 10 acres for the last three years. Our goal is to keep CLP under 10 acres and in consultation with the DNR and our vendor, we believe this is a good year to skip CLP treatment. We will keep monitoring CLP growth and make a treatment decision on an annual basis.

For Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), we believe we have 35 acres to treat in 2015. In 2014, we mapped 42 acres of EWM, but DNR limited us to 37 acres.

Here's an overview of our 2015 strategy:

- The DNR makes the final determination about the acreage we can treat.
- In the fall of 2014 we conducted a third-party vendor mapping of EWM (see map to the right) which put us in excellent position for our DNR permit.
- We have received our 2015 DNR EWM treatment permit. The permit was approved with few DNR restrictions for the 35 acres requested.
- The DNR has again waived our requirement to collect individual resident signature for AIS treatment (really good news). See more information on page 5.
- We have contracted with Professional Lake and Land Management (PLM) to complete the 2015 treatment.
- The EWM is in deeper water this year (6 to 9 feet) which will require more chemical.
- We are planning to treat the EWM before July 4th. If the water adjacent to your property is treated, there will be a sign posted on your shoreline.
- The cost estimate for our 2015 EWM treatment is \$29,000. We plan to use a different granular chemical this year (2,4-d). By changing chemicals, we hope to stay ahead of any resistance developing. Also, the 2,4-d has shorter restrictions for the use of lake water for irrigating broad-leaves.
- To pay for the EWM treatment, we have, once again, received a DNR grant for \$3,490 to be used towards the treatment cost. Wright County is also offering grants and we believe we will be eligible for \$5,000. The balance of the EWM cost is paid for by an assessment from the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) through our AIS Control project.

Cedar Lake Proposed 2015 EWM Treatment



Zebra Mussel Warriors | Can you Join the Fight?

by Glenn Baird

The Wright County Coalition of Lakes has a program to monitor Zebra Mussels. No infestations are known in Wright County, and we hope to keep it that way. Zebra Mussels are invasive, with the potential to filter large quantities of plankton from a lake and altering its delicate ecosystem.

We need more Zebra monitors on Cedar. Last year we had two; this year we really hope to up the ante and have at least twenty. The monitoring is very easy; a simple device is hung on your dock and you check the device on a regular basis and log results. We particularly need monitors close to the landings.



Please contact Glenn Baird (glennabaird@gmail.com | 612-599-4639) to get more information.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

by Kathy Jonsrud

Construction Begins on Project to Improve Our Lake

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers has approved two enhancements to the Cedar PO6 project. This was the project started in 2006 to reduce phosphorus and carp population in Cedar Lake (check out www.crwd.org for more details about PO6).

In mid-March construction started on the first phase of the project which is on the south side of Cedar near HWY 55. A channel has been excavated near the stream that feeds Cedar. The new channel includes limestone strips. Our new channel will share flow from the original stream and reduce the amount of phosphorus coming into Cedar. This phase of the project is scheduled to be completed late April.

The other phase of the project is on the east side of Swartout and is planned for later in 2015.



Early April CRWD PO 6 Project Enhancement | Looking north from HWY 55, addition of channel to reduce phosphorus load to Cedar (original stream to the left)

More Cedar Access Monitoring This Summer

There is not a silver bullet when it comes to controlling the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). To help with education and reduce the spread of AIS, we have great news about increased access monitoring on Cedar. Here is a summary of what is planned for 2015:

- ◇ **Manned Monitoring of County Road 6 Access 3-4 days a week:** Wright County has organized a robust plan to monitor accesses in Wright County. This is being funded by the state law for AIS Prevention Aid. Additionally, CLCC Board of Directors has purchased an extra 100 hours of monitoring using Water Quality Fund monies. We also expect the DNR to monitor the access for 60 hours this summer. All the monitoring is being coordinated for maximum value through Anchor Dock's AIS Monitoring Services.
- ◇ **In collaboration with Schroeder Park, manned AIS inspection and education at the Schroeder Park landing for select weekends.** This is our third year of providing these inspections.

Notification of Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment

Cedar Lake Property Owners:

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) has contracted to treat Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), an Aquatic Invasive Species, in Cedar Lake in 2015. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to the CLCC a waiver of the requirements that the Association obtain signatures of approval by owners of lake-shore property. Instead, the CLCC will notify property owners of the treatment through the:

- ◇ CLCC newsletter which is mailed to all residents of Cedar Lake
- ◇ CLCC website www.cedarlakecc.org
- ◇ CLCC annual member meeting
- ◇ Annandale Advocate and Maple Lake Messenger (local weekly newspapers).

With regard for treatment for 2015:

- ◇ The proposed timeline for treatment is May – August
- ◇ The target species for the treatment is Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)
- ◇ The method of control or product being used is Aquatic Herbicide appropriate to control EWM
- ◇ If landowner does NOT want treatment to occur adjacent to the landowner's property:

Fill out the adjacent form and notify Orville Jonsrud immediately at the following address, phone number or email address:

Cedar Lake Conservation Club | 7646 Isaak Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302

E-mail: ojonsrud@yahoo.com Phone: 320-274-2166

Sincerely, Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

I request that no herbicide treatment occur adjacent to our shoreline property.

Signed _____ Date: _____

All requested information must be entered for verification purposes.

Year:	Property Identification Number(s):
Property Owners Name(s):	
Lake Property Address:	
City/State/Zip	
Phone Number(s) Home:	Cell:
Mailing Address (If different from the Cedar Lake Property Address):	

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

by Paul Schutte

Spring is always a busy time for the Fish and Wildlife Committee. Our cornerstone project this year is hosting the MN Purple Martin Fest and Nature Expo on Saturday, June 6th at Schroeder Park. Please take a few minutes and review the details of our event on page 2. We hope you can attend!

Here's a summary of our other spring activities:

- ◇ **Loon Nesting Platforms and Permits** | We have added a new platform this year to up our total to three. Permits for the platforms and buoys have been secured. All platforms and buoys were out a day after ice-out (April 10th) to welcome our loon families back. We manage all aspects of the loon platforms, including maintenance and spring installation/fall removal.
- ◇ **Wood Duck Houses** | A total of 10 new wood duck houses with predator guards have been installed in the True Friends-Camp Courage bay. A special thanks to Dave Wagner for construction of the houses and Mike Hankee for the guards.
- ◇ **Chimney Swift Tower** | A tower is under construction and will be installed at Schroeder Park. Chimney swifts—sometimes called the “flying cigar” are a near threatened species due to declining habitat.
- ◇ **Purple Martin Gourd Housing** | We have added to the housing at Schroeder Park as our colony has become firmly established. There is an excellent interpretive sign near the colony and many enjoy the Cedar Lake martin's sweet song and acrobatic flying.



New loon platform | Glenn Baird hard at work



Wood Duck House Project (from left) Orv Jonsrud, Paul Schutte, Glenn Baird, Dave Wagner

The Fish and Wildlife Committee has been working very hard to get these projects completed as we welcome spring back to Cedar Lake.

A shout-out to Orv Jonsrud, Dave Wagner, Mark Grimme, Mike Hankee, Dean Nicholson, Glenn Baird, and Paul Schutte for all the time and talents they have given to make our projects successful.

Get To Know The CLCC Board and Officers

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Kathy Miron* (Vice President)	Sept 2014	Sept 2015	miron72@comcast.net	763-425-0904
Liz Baird* (Treasurer)	Sept 2012	Sept 2015	lizbaird22@gmail.com	612-599-4128

*Non Board member

CLCC board meetings are open to members and include an open forum for new business. The board welcomes and encourages member attendance and participation. See the CLCC Events calendar for Board of Directors meeting dates (page 7).

CLCC EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CALENDAR OF 2015 CLCC EVENTS

May 7th	Fishing Contest Begins	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
June 6th	MN Purple Martin Fest and Nature Expo	Schroeder Park (North Side of Lake) 8am Registration, 9am Program 9201 Ireland Ave NW
June 13th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
July 4th	Boat Parade and Dock Decorating Contest	2pm North side of sandbar
July 11th (Note earlier than previous years)	Picnic and Music on the Water	Picnic 12-1:30pm True Friends (formerly Camp Courage) Music on the Water 2 to 6pm Sandbar
September 1st	Fishing Contest Ends Winners Announced at Annual Member Meeting on Sept 12th	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
September 12th	Annual Member Meeting and Board of Director's Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
November 14th	Board of Director's Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

CLCC Fishing Contest | Cash Prizes



Fish fear me and dressed for success | Wells/Arendt granddaughter fishing on Cedar

The CLCC Fishing Contest is a delightful and time honored tradition on our lake.

- ◇ Bring your lunker for weigh-in at Nicholson's 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516 (near Schroeder Park)
- ◇ Usual prize categories are for walleye, bass, crappie, and sunfish—but judges are impressed by all species
- ◇ Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Member Meeting, September 12th, 2015 9am, Corinna Township
- ◇ Contest runs from May 7th to September 1st
- ◇ All ages encouraged to join the fun!



Mighty fine fishing | Dave and Sue Levi's grandkids fishing on Cedar

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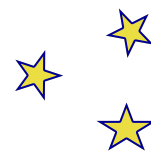
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Cedar Lake Visionary Fund

The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to the CLCC. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Our Visionary Fund was started in 2010 and has become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake. We had a record year for our Visionary Fund in 2014 with strong year-end giving. 2014 contributions totaled \$8,557 with over 90 contributions.

Would you like to become a Visionary? Make the lake part of your plans. Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking and Water Quality. Payments can be made either by check or very conveniently on-line. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) has a tab for donating electronically using Pay Pal. Please support this program by donating to the fund of your choice. For further information, contact Kathy Miron at 763-425-0904 or miron72@comcast.net

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!

Visionary Contributions Since November 2014 and Lifetime Visionary

<p><u>SILVER: (up to \$99):</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bill and Paula DuPay Lavern and Phyllis Johnson Bob and Karen Lohn* Steve and Debbie Tobako* Bernie and Kitty Thompson*</p>	<p><u>GOLD: (\$100 to \$499)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Glenn Baillie and Cindy Pederson* Ron and Christy Bateman* Brett and Mary Bergeron* Jim Domain* Rob Geisler* Doug and Karen McElrath Jim and Judy Martin* Gary and Kathy Miron Dennis and Kathryne Smaagard Phil and Beth Trout* Stuart and Frances Ulfers Bob and Debra Wagner* Dave and Sandy Williams*</p>	<p><u>PLATINUM (\$500 to \$999)</u> Paul Schutte*</p> <p><u>LIFETIME: (\$1,000 plus)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bill Arendt & Mary Ellen Wells* Glenn & Liz Baird* Bruce & Cathy Campbell* Dick & Mary Beth Ebert* Mike & Laurie Hankee* Orv & Kathy Jonsrud* Christa Lane-Larsen* Terry & Christine Morse* Scott and Chris Nelson* Steve & Paula Ostrom* Dave & Jan Usset* Bill & Ruth Westhoff* RJ and Sue Wolf*</p>
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* Indicates Sustaining Member with multiple contributions in that category. When donors reach a higher visionary category with multiple donations, they will be recognized in that higher category.

Where can you help? Please consider joining in!

Committee	Chair	Contact Information
Water Quality Protect & improve water quality & beneficial vegetation	Kathy Jonsrud	kjonsrud@yahoo.com
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve & protect beneficial wildlife, fish, & the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership and Quality Lake Life Encourage membership & involvement	Kathy Miron	miron72@comcast.net
Social Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Cedar Lake	Arlan Daniel Cathi G Westman	arlandaniel@yahoo.com cglawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage & sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Cathy Campbell	cathylc@mac.com
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Carter Diers	carterdiers@yahoo.com

The CLCC is a very active lake association, fostering fellowship among the lake residents while promoting and protecting the wildlife and natural beauty of Cedar Lake. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and no members, directors or officers receive any compensation. The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, so please join in.

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CLCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Kathy Miron, CLCC Vice-President

Time to pay 2015 Dues | Pay by June 1st to have new directory mailed to you

2014 was a record membership year for us—194 paid memberships which is over 80% of our lake residents belonging to CLCC. Most lake associations are delighted to reach 50% membership, so we certainly have a strong showing on Cedar. We need your support to maintain the CLCC as a vibrant lake association.

Dues are \$25 year and many “give a bit more” as a Visionary of Cedar Lake. We do not send out individual bills; we rely on this newsletter as the reminder. You can use the form on the back of this newsletter, or pay on-line at www.cedarlakeecc.org.

A new lake directory will be available to CLCC members this June. **Please pay your dues by June 1st and we will mail the new directory to you.** If you do **not** want your information in the directory, please contact Liz Baird, CLCC Treasurer, PO Box 192, Annandale MN 55302 or lizbaird22@gmail.com by June 1st, 2015.

TWO EASY WAYS

TO PAY DUES



Fill out the dues form on the last page of this newsletter and mail in



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Newsletter and Website Services

The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November). A copy is also posted on our website for future reference. Kathy Jonsrud is the editor of the newsletter, which is one of the best lake association newsletters in the Wright County area. Mark Trostad is in charge of the website and e-mail notifications. We can support up to two emails per family. Updates to emails (and other directory information) should be sent to Liz Baird, lizbaird22@gmail.com. Thanks Kathy, Liz, and Mark for your efforts.

CLCC Treasurer's Report

Fund Balances at 3/31/2015

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$ 30,123.25
Walleye Stocking	775.69
General CLCC	6,793.59
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>3,264.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 40,957.03

Thanks to Liz Baird —Treasurer of CLCC. Accurate and timely financial recordings are critical to maintain the trust and confidence of members. An outside financial review is performed every two years (one completed in 2014) to ensure that funds and transactions are accurate.

Where on Cedar?

All lake people enjoy photographs of the beauty we share on the lake. Think you know the lake well? Can you figure out where this photo was taken from? (answer on page 14).

We would love to have your favorite electronic photo of Cedar. Send to Kathy Jonsrud, CLCC Newsletter Editor, kjonsrud@yahoo.com.



Where is this picture from on Cedar?
See answer on page 14

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Kids Don't Float Life Jacket Loaner Station at Schroeder Park

CLCC is pleased to again sponsor the lifejacket loaner station at Schroeder Park (north side of lake). CLCC has partnered with Wright County Parks and Cabela's for the station. The station provides an opportunity for any one using the lake who finds they don't have enough life jackets to borrow a life jacket at no cost and then return it to the station. There are two different sizes of kid's jackets and several adult jackets.

The first year of the station was a huge success. Often many of the jackets were being used. At the end of the season only a couple of jackets did not find their way back to the station.

A special thanks to CLCC member Mark Grimme for overseeing the station in 2015.



Are you short a life jacket? All of a sudden have an extra kid visiting? Don't take a chance; visit the Kids Don't Float station for a free loaner life jacket. Adult jackets also available. Just use and return.

Cedar Lake Merchandise to Get Ready for Summer



We will be at all Cedar Lake Conservation Club events with clothing, towels, sweatshirts, vests, chambray shirts and t-shirts, in a range of sizes. There will also be a selection of coolers, mugs, glassware, plastic wine glasses, all with the Cedar Lake logo.

If you know you would like an item in a specific size and color please contact Cathy Campbell @ 952-831-3257 or cathylc@mac.com

Nominating Committee 2 Board of Directors Spots Opening

This year, we have two directors who have fulfilled their four year term and will be leaving the board in September. Carter Diers leads the Nominating Committee and we are looking for candidates to fill these spots.

- ◇ Is this your year to step-up?
- ◇ Do you have an interest in learning more about the lake?
- ◇ Would you like to serve with an exceptional group of volunteers?

Please let Carter hear from you! carterdiers@yahoo.com
320-274-6564

P.S. If not a board commitment, would you like to help on a committee or event? See page 10 for a list of opportunities.



Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does. ~ W. James



Where on Cedar?

The beautiful photo of Cedar on page 12 is looking north right after a rain storm and Schroeder Park is in the background. It is from the northwest side of Cedar and photographer is Mary Ellen Wells.

Your Septic – Out of Sight but Not Out of Mind

by Sean Riley | Zoning Administrator, Wright County Planning and Zoning
and Wright County Coalition of Lakes Association

Almost all of us with lake property in Wright County have an individual septic system or are part of a small communal septic. Both of these systems have been proven to be very effective in preserving water quality when property maintained. If you are like most homeowners, you probably never give much thought to what happens when waste goes down your drain.

Proper operation and maintenance of a septic system can have a significant impact on how well it works and how long it lasts. And of course, preventing groundwater pollution from a failing septic system is a priority for our lake community.

Wright County took steps over twenty years ago to address septic concerns. The regulations have specific requirements and a permitting process for those designing and installing systems. For lake property owners with existing individual systems, the regulations focus on two major components:

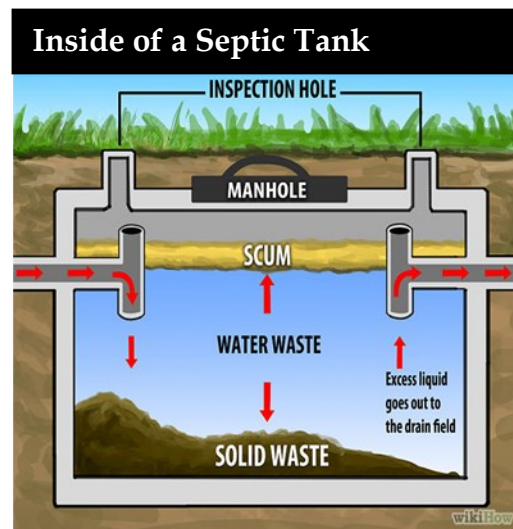
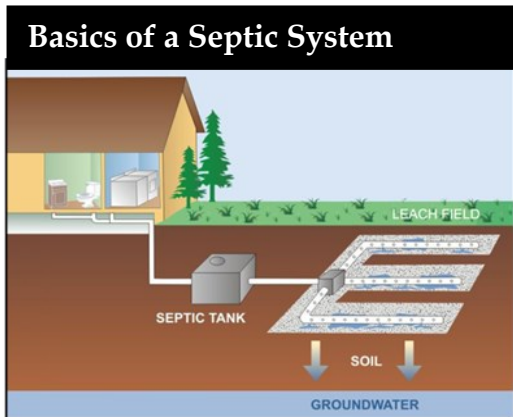
- ◇ When a property is sold, or when a permit is obtained for lake property improvements, the septic must be professionally inspected to ensure adequate conformance. This is also required for the sale of any property in Wright County.
- ◇ Septic tanks must be professionally inspected at least every three years. Solids must be removed from septic tanks to allow the system to function properly.

Wright County Planning and Zoning has a great deal of septic system information on their website, along with a list of septic system professionals www.co.wrightwright.mn.us.

Septic Systems Demystified and Simple Maintenance Dos and Don'ts

For many of us, our lake home is our first experience with a septic system. There are two main parts in a basic septic system: the septic tank and the drainfield. The waste from our home goes into a septic tank. The floating particles form the “scum” layer in the tank and the solids settle out. The water then flows through the system baffles out to the drain field.

Most of the soil in Wright County is very effective at filtering the water that goes into the drain field. The water from the drain field seeps through the soil and goes back into the groundwater.



Septic System Dos and Don'ts

DO

- Do** be mindful of water conservation. Toilets use 35% of our household water, washing clothes another 20%, and leaks account for 15%.
- Do** have your septic tank inspected at least every 3 years. Families living full-time should plan to pump their system at least every 3 years. Seasonal and small families may be able to pump less frequently.
- Do** keep a detailed record of repairs, pumping, inspections, and permits.
- Do** use liquid detergents and mild household chemicals. Powders may not completely dissolve. Use bleach and antimicrobial soaps sparingly to preserve the important biological balance in your system.
- Do** wipe dishes and cooking pans before washing or rinsing to reduce grease and food particles in your system. Use sink and shower strainers to reduce particulate matter from entering your system.
- Do** spread your laundry loads over the week. Many loads in one day can overwhelm your system and disturb the scum and solid waste layer in your tank.

DONT

- Don't** go down a septic tank.
- Don't** allow anyone to drive or park over any part of the system.
- Don't** plant anything over or near the drainfield except grass. Roots may clog and damage the drain lines. Never cover the drainfield with concrete or asphalt.
- Don't** flush anything down the toilet except toilet paper. Feminine products, facial tissue, hygienic wipes, etc don't dissolve and can adversely impact your system.
- Don't** flush medications down the toilet. Wright County Sheriff's office has a medication disposal service <http://www.co.wright.mn.us/214/Sheriff>
- Don't** use a garbage disposal. If you do use a disposal, plan on pumping each year.
- Don't** use septic tank additives. Under normal operating conditions, these products do not help and some may even be harmful to your system.

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