

Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

# Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

Early Summer Special Edition June 2023



## CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water July 15th, 2023



### Picnic Raffle Donations Needed

Would you like to donate something to the CLCC Picnic raffle? Perhaps a gift card from a favorite local business? Or an original piece of art? Or cash is always good, too!

If you are willing to make a raffle donation, please contact:

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by July 1st.

CLCC is delighted to announce the 2023 Picnic and Music on the Water. The day of fun will be July 15th.

The picnic will once again be held at True Friends—Camp Courage lake front facility. From 11:30am to 12:30pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a tasty picnic lunch. The popular raffle will be at 12:15—must be present to win.

**No reservations are required and guests are welcome.**

Then, everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. "STIM PACK" will perform on a barge from 2:00-6:00pm.

This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.

### 11:30am-12:30pm Camp Courage Member Appreciation Free Lunch

8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake MN 55358  
Lakeside Dining Hall **\*Air Conditioned\***

The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7; stay to the left to get to the Dining Hall.  
Sorry—no boat parking is available.

**Cost for Lunch: Free for Members**  
Guests \$8 (kids 12 & under free)

**Indoor and outdoor picnic seating.**  
**Raffle (indoors) at 12:15pm and must be present to win.**

### 2:00-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar "STIM PACK" - Live Band

Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty  
Bring Your Own Refreshments



- No reservations required.
- Guests are warmly welcome.
- Plan to relax, enjoy, and celebrate our lake community.

## July 4th Water Parade 2pm | North side of sandbar

Start making your plans for the CLCC July 4th Water Parade. Categories of competition are:

- Most Patriotic;
- Most Enthusiastic;
- Most Creative, and;
- Best Dock/Shoreline.

*There are great prizes for the winners!  
Bunch up on the north side of the sandbar.*

**Tuesday, July 4th  
a bit before 2pm**



2022 Most Enthusiastic | Lain Family



2022 Most Patriotic | Wold Family

## New Watercraft Cleaning Station at CTY Rd 6 Access



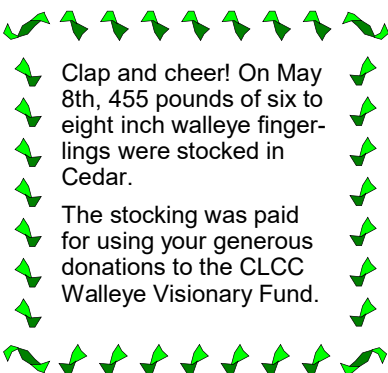
CD3 at Cedar County Road 6 Access

CLCC and the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District (WSWCD) are pleased to announce the addition of a second CD3 (clean, drain, dry, dispose) station on Cedar Lake in Wright County. The new CD3 station—installed on May 25th—can be found at the County Road 6 public access. The first is at Schroeder Park.

A CD3 station is a solar powered, **free to use**, self-service, watercraft cleaning station. Tools include a wet/dry vacuum, blower system, tethered hand tools, and lights.

The stations are designed to assist boaters in – as well as educate them about the importance of – reducing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

## Walleye Stocking



Clap and cheer! On May 8th, 455 pounds of six to eight inch walleye fingerlings were stocked in Cedar.

The stocking was paid for using your generous donations to the CLCC Walleye Visionary Fund.

## Aquatic Invasive Species Updates

Plans are well in place to control aquatic invasive species (AIS) on our lake. Here's the bumper sticker of what is happening this summer:

- **Access monitoring** is in full swing at Schroeder Park, and the CTY RD 6 landings. CLCC has purchased an extra 1,135 hours of access monitoring to supplement the Wright County Soil and Water standard program.
- **Treatment of 4.1 acres of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)** on May 17th on the southeast side of the lake.
- **Treatment of limited Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is planned for July/August.** Last year, we did not have any patches that met treatment criteria. If the water within 150 feet of your property is treated, there is a sign posted on your shoreline. There are very few restrictions should your property be in the treatment area.

**Cedar Lake is infested with zebra mussels.** If your watercraft is "resident" to Cedar (e.g. in the lake all summer) there is a good chance it will have zebra mussels. Given this knowledge, and the time and difficulty for a complete decontamination, **consider not visiting other lakes with your watercraft.** Likewise, docks, lifts, and sea legs are favorite hiding places for zebra mussels, so sell or buy used equipment only if it has over-wintered before moving to a different lake.

## Good Weed or Bad Weed?

Included with this mailing is a page of common lake vegetation in Cedar. **A new addition to the information is buttercup**—a good weed. Buttercup is excellent food for wildlife, but it is a floating weed and depending on density, can be unfriendly to recreation.

### Good Weed



**Over 99% of the aquatic vegetation in our lake is a good weed—native vegetation.** We have a wonderful assortment in our lake including the highly desired hard-stemmed rushes and lily pads. Some scientists believe a robust native population may reduce invasives. Our diverse native vegetation is a sign of a healthy lake with a balanced system to provide food and shelter for wildlife.

### Bad Weed



Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)—aquatic invasive species are in our lake. Our aggressive control strategies over the past decade have been successful and we have very small areas of infestation.



**The newest bad weed in Minnesota is starry stonewort. The threat is close to Cedar given nearby infestations in Sylvia, Pleasant, and Koronis. Starry stonewort spreads by fragments.**

If you wish to reduce some vegetation for recreation at your shoreline, please check the DNR Aquatic Plant regulations. Should you elect to cut or rake the aquatic vegetation, remove and compost the vegetation so it doesn't end up on your neighbor's shoreline.

## CLCC Facebook Page is Moving [facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn](https://facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn) Join the new page today!

We are delighted to announce a new CLCC group Facebook page!

The new group page will allow for you to share photos, memories, and why you love Cedar Lake. And, of course, get the latest news.

**\*Important\*** Please take a moment right now to join the new page as the old CLCC page will no longer be used. Even if you have followed CLCC Facebook, you will need to join the new page: [facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn](https://facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn). See you there!



## Loon Update

The CLCC Fish and Wildlife Committee put up four loon nesting platforms this year. We are delighted to report all four platforms attracted nesting pairs.

As of this writing, the south pair was first with one chick and the sandbar pair had twins! The other two nests have mama or papa

sitting tight.

The chicks do not go back to the nest so they are exposed to the many perils of open water. Also, parents with chicks on their backs will not dive.

**Give them plenty of space—at least 200 feet.**

## Wright County FREE Watercraft Pressurized Hot Water Decontamination

If your summer guests bring a watercraft to Cedar, please encourage them to do a free decontamination before launch, and after they leave Cedar.

**WHERE:** 1300 Business Blvd, Annandale (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd—follow road to the end).

**WHEN:** Seven days a week 9am-5pm.

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?:** Smaller boats about 10 minutes, larger vessels 20-30 minutes.



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