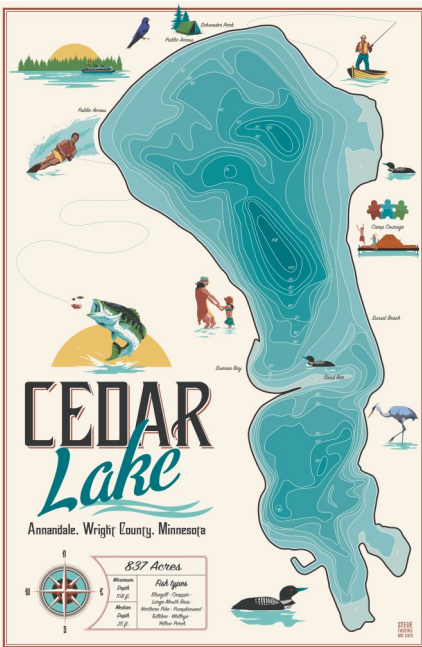


Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

April 2020

President's Letter by Karl Leslie
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Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

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.

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As our shared human experience takes us through these remarkable times, I hope you, your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and loved ones, are all well. So far, so good, here.

Like many of you, we had plans for a family summer vacation. Along with my son, his girlfriend, and a couple of my siblings, we had plans to take my soon-to-be 93 years old mother on an Alaskan cruise. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we all decided it would be unwise – especially for Mom – to fly into Seattle and board a cruise ship. Plans changed. We cancelled our reservations.

Fortunately, we are blessed to have Cedar Lake in our backyard. And once spring gets into full swing, we plan to enjoy this blessing as much as possible – not only as a replacement for lost summer vacation plans, but also as a temporary escape from the stresses of social distancing and the nonstop COVID-19 news reporting.

Those very thoughts have me wondering if others around the lake might be having similar thoughts and, in turn, what impact the current pandemic will have on Cedar Lake. Will lake use go up because people have cancelled vacation plans, or will lake use be sparse because people will be hunkered down? Other thoughts that come to mind are whether we will have monitoring at our public accesses, and even whether we will be able to have our picnic and music on the water celebrations. Obviously, the answer to these questions depends on how the current situation plays out.

Here on the CLCC board, we are having those conversations and exploring multiple scenarios and alternative courses of action. The situation is changing so fast that what you are experiencing when you are reading this article is likely very different from when I am writing it – and will likely be very different in the days and weeks that follow. All that said, our hope is to continue with the same level of AIS treatment and access monitoring as well as to have our celebrations as planned. But know that we are meeting –

meeting virtually, of course – to explore our options. Know also that we will communicate any decisions to our membership.

In other board news, there are a number of recent successes I would like to report. Working in conjunction with Wright County Parks, we were able to secure the purchase of a CD3 (clean, drain, dry, dispose) station for Schroeder Park (see more information on page 3). We also met with Corinna Township and the township board agreed to install a seasonal barrier at the end of Ireland Avenue NW to prevent the dead-end road from being used as a boat access during the summer. Depending again on the current situation with the pandemic, the hope is to go live with both these initiatives this spring.

There are some additional, albeit less visible, actions the board has taken as well. Internal board activities include orienting new board members and creating an anti-discrimination policy. We have also identified a new Treasurer, Chuck Vinar. **A big thanks to Liz Baird for a decade of dedicated service as CLCC Treasurer.** Also, we've completed a financial analysis and determined that in order to fund the day-to-day activities of the CLCC, we need to raise membership dues beginning in 2021. The new amount will be \$50 annually. You can read more about the 2021 dues increase on page 3.

In closing, I hope you all stay well and I look forward to seeing you on Cedar Lake soon.



Waiting for spring from my deck.
Photo by Mary Leslie

Time to Pay 2020 Dues

Pay online www.cedarlakeecc.org or use the form on page 16
Have you paid your 2020 Dues? Check it out on your address label (page 16)

CEDAR LAKE PICNIC AND MUSIC ON THE WATER

JULY 18, 2020



COVID-19 Update

CLCC is committed to the health and safety of all in the community. Final decisions about the July 18th Picnic and Music will be provided at a future date.

11:30 AM - 1PM

**TRUE FRIENDS / CAMP COURAGE
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LAKESIDE DINING HALL

Food provided by Cottage Gourmet
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2 - 6 PM

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CLCC Dues to Increase to \$50 in 2021 Dues Remain at \$25 for 2020



The CLCC Board has voted to increase annual membership dues from \$25 to \$50 beginning in 2021. The decision to increase dues was not a topic the Board took lightly. To make the decision, the Board looked at several factors, including financial data.

The last increase in our dues came over a decade ago. The Board also compared the CLCC dues with other associations in Wright

County. Notably, \$25 was on the low end, with most associations charging \$50 to \$100 annually.

Most important is the analysis performed by the CLCC finance team. That analysis revealed that, based on data from 2014 through 2019, the amount raised by membership dues covers

just under half of the organizational expenses. Those expenses do not include any amounts for treatment, access monitoring, or water quality as those expenses are paid from other sources. This means the CLCC has been using its visionary funds to cover the difference, instead of spreading out those costs among the entire membership. The analysis further revealed that an increase of \$25-\$30 annually would cover the difference. The Board chose an increase on the lower end of that range. Because dues have been so low for so long, the Board believes the increase will not pose a hardship on the membership.

Finally, for anyone who has already prepaid future dues, those payments will be honored. Thank you all for understanding and for your commitment to the CLCC. Any questions can be directed to CLCC President Karl Leslie at kmzleslie@gmail.com.

Have I Paid My CLCC Dues?

CLCC is always looking for ways to better meet member needs and stay connected. Feedback from the Board "Walk About" last year was to better communicate if yearly member dues had been paid.

In working with our newsletter printer, we came up with a way to let you know, on each newsletter, if your yearly member dues have been paid.

Take a look at page 16; near your name and address, there is a box that will let you know if your dues have been paid.

2020 Member Dues Paid?
(see page 16)

Dues can easily be paid online at www.cedarlakeecc.org or by using the form on page 16. Dues are \$25 for 2020 and giving a bit more as a Visionary is always appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of CLCC!

CLCC Secures \$7,010 AIS Grants

CLCC once again had their ears to the tracks and was successful in securing a variety of grants to assist with aquatic invasive species (AIS) control.

The DNR had not provided treatment grants for several years, but for 2020 opened the process because of the increase in 2019 AIS watercraft surcharge. The total grants from the DNR are \$4,380. A special hats off to Glenn Baird and his success applying for the first-come-first-serve grant process.

Cedar 2020 AIS Grants
DNR: \$4,380
Wright County: \$2,630

Wright County Soil and Water Conversation District also is providing AIS treatment grants. CLCC was again successful and has been awarded \$2,630.

See more detail about our planned 2020 AIS control on page 6.

Corinna Township Studying Vacation Rental Regulations by Bill Arendt

In the Fall of 2019, the Corinna Township Board asked the Planning Commission to discuss and recommend possible regulations relating to rental of private homes/cabins for vacation purposes. The general debate involves the rights and desire of property owners to make use of their properties for short-term rentals vs. the rights and desire of nearby property owners to enjoy the use of their property without the many issues that may arise from the short-term rentals of property.

The Planning Commission reviewed vacation rental ordinances in two communities (Douglas County and Stearns County), and held a public hearing on January 14, 2020. The Planning Commission discussed a number of issues that can arise with vacation rentals, including:

- Ensuring septic systems are sized appropriately to handle the larger amounts of waste water;
- Ensuring enough off-street parking and preventing on-street parking;
- Trespass onto neighboring properties;
- Possible impacts on lake and groundwater quality;
- Noise impacts on nearby properties;
- Possible need for a minimum lot size to have a vacation rental;
- Possible limits on the number of guests/renters at a site;
- Other issues that may arise.

Based partly on public comments received, the Planning Commission suggested that a limited portion of the ordinance be

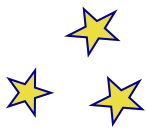
implemented in 2020, while the balance of the potential changes be reviewed for possible implementation in 2021.

The portions that may be implemented in 2020 relate primarily to information the vacation rental owners would be required to provide to their renters and to nearby property owners:

- The owner shall provide a local contact who is available 24/7 and can respond by phone in 30 minutes and in-person within 60 minutes. This person shall have administrative authority over the property and guests. This notice will also be on file at Corinna Township.
- The owner shall also post within the rental unit the name and phone number of the owner and the local contact. Also included will be the maximum number of guests and parking places and township ordinances governing noise, pets, water surface zoning and other applicable regulations.

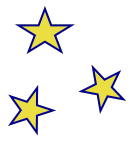
At their April 14th meeting, the Planning Commission voted to approve the proposed regulations; next the regulations are planned to be reviewed by the Corinna Township Board at their May 5th meeting. The proposed regulations can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/t6tdkys>. Questions and comments can be addressed to Ben Oleson at Corinna Township, 9801 Ireland Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302.

***Editor's Note:** All of Cedar Lake resides within Corinna Township*



CLCC VISIONARIES

Making a Difference



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. **Our Visionary donations in 2019 were amazing—totaling over \$29,000.** Over the past 3 years, we have averaged Visionary Fund contributions of \$26,000/year.

Fund.

Payments can be made either by check (P.O. Box 192, Anandale, MN 55302) or very conveniently online. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakecc.org) has a link for donating electronically using Pay Pal—scroll down the home page for the Visionary information. For further information, contact CLCC President Elect David Glass (glassdavid@gmail.com 651-343-9674).

Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking, Water Quality, and Memorial

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!

Visionary Contributions Since November 2019 and Lifetime Visionary

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Daniel & Laurita Roos
Steve & Debbie Tobako*

GOLD (\$100 to \$499)

Jim & Judy Martin*
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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.*

Lake Properties and Landscape Maintenance

Traditions on the lake provide an important grounding and focus for many families. However, some traditions and practices change over the years. Many of us remember when the cheery guy with the light blue nose encouraged us to use more electricity because it was “penny cheap”. Years ago, it was not considered dangerous to smoke cigarettes and have a cocktail while pregnant. **Yep, things change.**

As lakeshore owners, new knowledge regarding landscape practices can help us preserve and protect the lake for future generations.

Aquatic Vegetation Treatment | Striving to Balance Plant Conservation and Lake Recreation

CLCC manages lake-wide treatment of aquatic invasive species, currently treating for eurasian water milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. Some lakeshore owners elect to reduce the amount of native vegetation to allow access to the lake and for other recreational purpose.

The MN DNR strictly limits and enforces the amount of native vegetation than can be removed from residential shorelines. For example, removal of any amount of certain species (e.g. cattails and bulrushes) requires a permit. If you wish to reduce aquatic

Are you thinking of destroying aquatic plants?
Is it necessary?
If yes, check with MN DNR.

vegetation, please check the MN DNR regulations at www.dnr.state.mn.us/apm/index.html or 651-296-6157.

Fertilizing Lakeshore Lawns

This is a tough passion to modify, but consider reducing the amount of fertilizer used on your lakeshore lawn. Experiment with trying just one fall application. Though most lawn fertilizers no longer contain phosphorus in Minnesota, the other chemicals used (e.g. nitrogen) do end up in the lake. For weed control, do a limited spot application.

Mulch Leaves Instead of Raking

University of Minnesota Extension recommends using your lawn mower to mulch the leaves. The tiny bits of mulched leaves will be turned into organic matter to fertilize your lawn and help reduce weeds. Mulched leaves are better for the greater community because they stay on site and out of the lake and landfills. **And certainly no throwing of leaves into the lake;** yes some end up in the lake, but not a whole yard full.

Grandpa Burned the Garbage at the Lake

This one is simple—don’t burn your household garbage. Since 1980, for most of Minnesota, it is illegal for home owners to burn garbage. The Minnesota Pollution Control agency provides clear direction to use local garbage and recycling services.

Watercraft Cleaning Station at Schroeder Park



CD3 Watercraft Cleaning Station

Because of your generous donations to the CLCC Visionary Fund, CLCC is delighted to announce that a cooperative effort has been formed with Wright County Parks to establish a watercraft cleaning station at Schroeder Park. Details of the project were easily agreed upon and the cleaning station has been ordered,

with installation targeted for early summer.

The cleaning station is called CD3 (stands for clean, drain, dry, dispose) and is manufactured by a Minnesota company. The cleaning station is designed to be a self-serve, easy-to-use system that reduces the spread of aquatic invasive species. The lighted station that has been ordered for Schroeder will be solar powered and the tools available for watercraft cleaning

include: wet/dry vacuum, air blower, brush, grabber, and wrench. The station is “smart” and includes telemetry to provide detailed reporting about the use of the station.

The CD3 stations have been used at numerous lake accesses in Hennepin County and their experiences will be leveraged to maximize the effectiveness of the Schroeder Park unit.

CLCC and Wright County Parks and Recreation will be sharing the initial purchase cost 50/50—estimating each will contribute \$16,000. CLCC also will also be providing 5 years of annual maintenance funding estimated at \$1,500 per year.

This CLCC portion of this cooperative effort for the cleaning station is made possible by the generous donations to the CLCC Visionary Fund and funds from Cedar’s Clearwater River Watershed District AIS Project.

Your generous donations to the CLCC Visionary Fund have helped to make the watercraft cleaning station at Schroeder Park possible!

Corinna Township to Install Summer Barrier at Ireland Access

The CLCC is always looking for new ways and ideas to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. One unique challenge on Cedar is the number of boat accesses, and various access ownership. For example, we all are familiar with the CTY RD 6 access which is owned by the DNR and the access at Schroeder Park owned by Wright County. These are the two accesses with most of the traffic and that is where a majority of our access monitoring efforts are focused.

Also, there are numerous private accesses (owned by the landowners), and Corinna Township owns several accesses on Cedar. The two most well known township accesses are on the east side off of 72nd St NW (often referred to as Wurm’s landing) and Ireland Access (just to the east of Schroeder Park).

The CLCC Board of Directors, led by President Karl Leslie, worked with Corinna Township over the winter to develop a process to close the Ireland access for

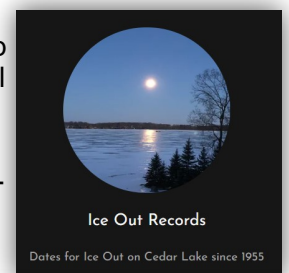
the summer season, but still make it available during the winter for ice fishing. Corinna Township plans to install a gate at the access which will be closed during the summer season and open for the winter. Corinna Township will maintain the opening and closing process for the gate.

Our thanks to Corinna Township and their engagement to take this step to funnel boat launches to the major access where inspectors conduct access monitoring.

Where on Cedar? Pre-Ice Out Answers page 14

Ice out is always a big deal on the lake, and each year delights us with a different show and a bit of drama! Darkening ice and often large moving ice sheets are observed as the ice finally gives up its energy. We have ice out records on the CLCC website www.cedarlakeecc.org since 1955 (scroll down to the ice out button towards the bottom).

Ice out was called on April 7th this year and there were reports of children splashing and paddling on the water that warm and sunny afternoon—but only for a few minutes! This year, we enjoy pre-ice out drone photos by Rick Seagraves. Photo #1 on April 2nd is pretty easy, but where is photo #2? And #3—is it sunrise or sunset? Answers are on page 14.



#1 Cedar April 2, 2020



#2 Cedar April 2, 2020



#3 Cedar April 4, 2020

We would love to have your photos of the beauty and enjoyment on fantastic Cedar Lake. Quiet moments and raucous fun are all welcome; so much texture and energy to share and enjoy in the language of photos.

Please send your Cedar Lake pictures to: kjonsrud@yahoo.com

CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

By Kathy Jonsrud | Water Quality Committee Chair | kjonsrud@yahoo.com | 320-274-2166

Planning for Aquatic Invasive Species Control

2020 PROPOSED AIS Treatment
 Yellow Areas | CLP 10.3 acres
 Red Areas | EWM 5 acres



The winter is always a busy time for the CLCC Water Quality Committee, and this past winter was no exception. The Committee had numerous conversations with vendors and the DNR to plan for our 2020 AIS treatment. Though we are lucky to be in a “steady state” with our curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and eurasian water milfoil (EWM) control, new strategies and methods are evolving which we want to leverage. Below is a summary of our 2020 strategy.

- Continue our practice of using separate vendors for survey and treatment. We will plan for a full lake point-intercept (evaluation of all vegetation in the lake) for 2021.

- Changing our delineation strategy to a pre-treatment survey for CLP and EWM. In the past, we had conducted post-treatment surveys and used those for the following year’s treatment. Our vendor has recommended to change to the pre-treatment surveys to give a more precise treatment definition. Performance guarantees with our treatment vendor remain the same and evaluations will be conducted after treatment for effectiveness.

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment Expected in Late May

- Harvesting of CLP, rather than chemical treatment, was evaluated. We discovered that the vendors previously harvesting CLP no longer offer the service. In checking with lakes using harvesting for CLP, results were mixed. Chemical treatment remains the treatment of choice.

- In 2019 we had requested the DNR to use a different chemical—diquat. Diquat is widely used in the metro for treating CLP and is quicker acting, which we believe would serve us well for the small areas on the southeast side with moving water from the south inlet. We have again requested the DNR to allow us to use diquat for our 2020 treatment.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Treatment Expected in Summer to Late Summer

- In 2019, we used a new chemical for treating EWM—Procellacor. We believe the results were excellent, and will make final determinations about the 2020 EWM to treat and preferred chemical to use after the summer delineation. Again, we have a very manageable amount of EWM to treat and our aggressive strategy over the past decade has served us well.

AIS	Estimated 2020 Financials
Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) 10.3 acres	Treatment Cost (endothall) \$ 9,760 Pre-treatment survey \$ 950 DNR Grant (\$2,190) \$8,520 ESTIMATE EXPENSE \$ 8,520 (CRWD PO6 Project)
Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) ESTIMATE 5 acres 2020 pre-delineation to be completed in summer	Treatment Cost \$7,200 Delineation (pre) \$850 DNR Grant (\$2,190) Wright County Grant (\$2,630) \$3,230 EXPENSE \$3,230 (CRWD AIS Project)
Starry Stonewort Search	Diver assisted search \$750 EXPENSE \$750 (CRWD AIS Project)

Zebra Mussels on Cedar | What to Expect and Stewardship Practices

Zebra mussels were discovered at multiple locations on the lake in 2018. Given the lake wide infestation, with current chemical treatment strategies, we are not a candidate for treatment.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The zebra mussel infestation on Cedar will continue to grow. How fast? Only time will tell. In the fall of 2019, numerous home owners reported the evidence of zebra mussels on docks and lifts when removed for the season. Zebra mussels disrupt the ecological food chain and the long-term impact to lakes is difficult to predict.

We can expect the phosphorus level in our lake to decrease, and water clarity will more than likely increase, because of the zebra mussel disruption of the lake’s food chain. The increasing water clarity can promote vegetation, particularly that of invasive vegetation. Invasive aquatic vegetation seems to quickly take advantage of increased water clarity, so our management practices of curly leaf pondweed and eurasian water milfoil must remain vigilant.

STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES

Now that we face this infestation, here are some important

stewardship practices we all must do.

- Zebra mussels are attracted to darker, quiet areas; docks, lifts, and sea-legs tend to be favorite spots. **If you sell your equipment, seriously consider doing so only after it has over-wintered. The one sure method for killing zebra mussels is freezing.**

If you are thinking of selling your lake equipment, right now is the perfect time after over-wintering and before re-launching.

The one sure method for killing zebra mussels is freezing.

- If your watercraft is “resident” to Cedar Lake (e.g. in the lake all summer) there is a good chance it will have zebra mussels. Given this knowledge, and the difficulty and time for a complete decontamination, **consider not visiting other lakes with your watercraft.**

Cedar Lake 2019 Report Card

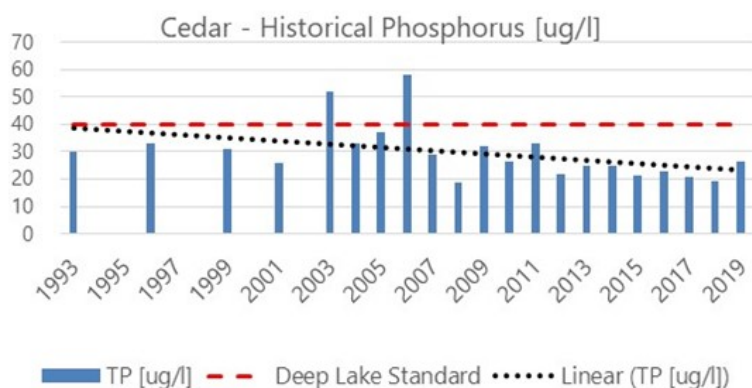
2019 was a challenging year for water quality on all area lakes due to extremely high precipitation. The excessive precipitation events caused a nutrient load to lakes resulting in unusual algae blooms. Monitoring of Cedar's water quality has been performed for decades by the Clearwater River Watershed District. Samples are regularly taken from our lake during the summer months and analysis is done by a laboratory.

Cedar's 2019 average water quality values, though not as strong as the past few years, do contribute to an overall positive trend. Clearly, our Clearwater River Watershed District project implemented in 2006--and with enhancements and ongoing maintenance--is delivering results, even with several years of multiple inch rain events and record-breaking precipitation in 2019.

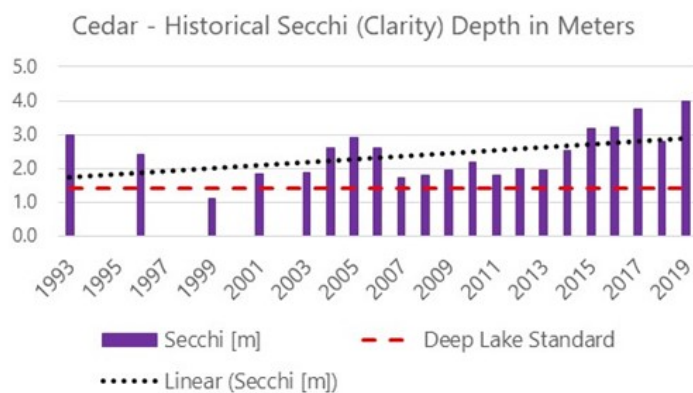
Here's a summary of our 2019 values:

- The gold standard for monitoring lake water quality is the phosphorus level. **A good lake is considered to have a level less than 40ug/l. The average 2019 phosphorus level in Cedar was 27ug/l.**
- The secchi depth (clarity) reading, even with the mid-summer algae blooms, was an average of 9.8 feet. The spring and fall clarity readings off-set the lower clarity in June and July.
- The chlorophyll was 18 ug/L which is similar to 2011 value--another high precipitation year.

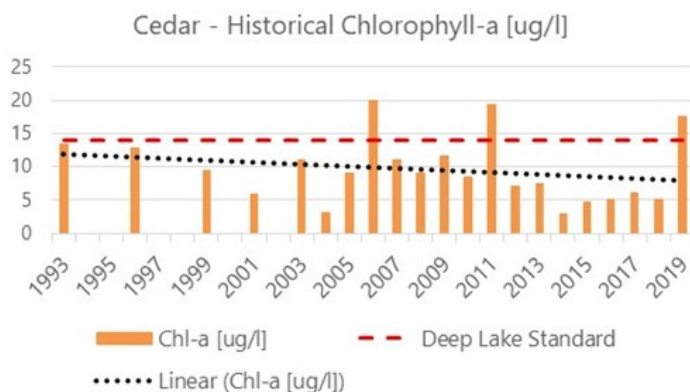
We should take delight that all our stewardship has manifested in a positive trend for improvement in water quality. Each of our individual actions is important, from financial support for projects to mindful enjoyment of our beautiful lake.



Phosphorus Level
The lower the phosphorus level, the cleaner our lake is. The primary phosphorus source for our lake is the south inlet. Clearwater River Watershed projects (fish barrier, buffer management, and retention ponds) reduce the amount of phosphorus into our lake.



Secchi (Clarity) Depth
A measurement that we all can identify with is the clarity of the water. A secchi disk is a disk with alternating black and white areas that is lowered into the water until it can no longer be seen from the surface.



Chlorophyll-a
Chlorophyll-a usually goes hand in hand with the phosphorus level--the lower the better. In general, the chlorophyll-a level rises with the presence of algae blooms.



Volunteers do not necessarily have
the time; they just have the heart.

— Elizabeth Andrew

CLCC Nominating Committee Two Board of Directors Positions Opening This Year

by Carter Diers carterdiers@yahoo.com | 612-963-9303

The CLCC is a very active lake association, fostering fellowship among the lake residents while promoting and protecting the wildlife and quality of Cedar Lake. No members, directors or officers receive any compensation.

The Nominating Committee, led by Carter Diers, is looking for candidates for the Board of Directors. There will be two director positions that will be voted on at the Member Meeting this fall (September 12th, 2020 | 9am | Corinna Township Hall 9801 Ireland Ave). Are you interested in a leadership position with the CLCC? Or might this be your year to step up and serve on a committee?

Either way, service to the lake is a great opportunity to meet neighbors, and more deeply enjoy the lake with shared service.

**Does a committee interest you?
Or a leadership position on the
Board?**

The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, so please join in. Please let Carter know if you are interested. (carterdiers@yahoo.com)

CLCC Committee	Chair	Contact
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 Encourage membership & involvement	David Glass	glassdavid@gmail.com
Events Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Cedar Lake	Lori Larson	ljlarson@mac.com
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Fish and Wildlife Committee

by Paul Schutte pschutte54@hotmail.com | 612-968-3034

CLCC Fishing Contest | Get Your Gear Ready

Walter is out there waiting for you on Cedar! Join the fun with the time honored tradition of the CLCC Fishing Contest. Though the competition is tough, all entries are welcome!

Here's the fishing contest scoop:

- Contest runs from May 9th thru August 26th, 2020.
- Bring your lunker for weigh-in at:
Dean and Kathy Nicholson's 8979 Iresfeld
(north side near Schroeder Park)
320-274-3516
- Usual prize categories are for walleye, bass, northern pike, crappie, and sunfish—but judges are impressed by all the fish in our lake.
- All ages encouraged to join the fun!
- Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Member Meeting, September 12th, 2020 | 9am | Corinna Township.



Thinking Spring at Cedar Lake

Without a doubt, many of us are living with cabin fever. As I write this, most of us have restricted our personal close contact with others due to the COVID-19. With the ice going out on April 7th, we all welcome the opportunity to get out and enjoy our beautiful lake. Sometimes a person takes for granted what we have in front of us and forgets how lucky we are. Step outside and feel the spring breeze as the lake begins to come to life.

Loon Platforms on Cedar
Please keep your distance!

With the ice out, the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be busy tending to the loon platforms. We plan to put in 4 platforms again. The Committee also maintains purple martin, chimney swift, and wood duck housing around the lake.



The efforts by our CLCC Board and the Water Quality Committee are working to keep the water at its best. Because of everyone's hard work and our continuing partnership with the DNR, our fisheries in Cedar lake are doing quite well.

Paul's Corner

We can play a proactive role in helping our declining bird populations. Planting native plants, which include wildflowers, grasses, and berry producing shrubs on your shoreline and property help support bird habit. The insects, bees, and butterflies will also thank you. Wait just a bit longer to "tidy" up that perennial garden as new insect and bee life is emerging and the standing vegetation, though it doesn't look like much to us, is heaven for the start of the all important spring food chain.

Please use fertilizers and chemicals sparingly in your yard and around the lake. Construct bird houses and feeders and monitor them after you put them up. Some of my favorite birds to enjoy in the summer are hummingbirds, bluebirds, orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks, gold finches, loons, purple martins, and so many others. Stay safe out there, and enjoy the great outdoors at the lake this year.

2020 CLCC to Stock Walleyes

This year the CLCC will be stocking walleye fingerlings in Cedar Lake. The stocking will take place in late fall. Currently we have \$6,498 in our fund. Our goal is \$8,000. You can easily contribute to the Walleye Fund on line at www.cedarlakecc.org (scroll down to Visionary) or use the form on page 16. We will continue to strive to have one of the finest fisheries in the area and we thank you for your donations.

What's Happening to Our Birds?

Has anyone noticed fewer bird species out there? I know I have, only because I spend a lot of my time outdoors and have most of my life.

This should be a concern of all of us. Since 1970 we have lost over 2.9 billion birds from our landscape!

- 53% of grassland birds
- 37% of shorebirds
- 3% of Boreal Forest birds
- 29% of Western Forest birds
- 23% of Arctic Tundra birds
- 17% of Eastern Forest birds

There are numerous reasons why this is occurring: urbanization, sprawl, fragmentation, and the immense loss of wetlands and native prairies. Other man-made factors are the over-utilization of certain chemicals, herbicides and pesticides. This



has led to the reduction of a vast number of our native insects and pollinators. Feral cats alone kill 1.4 billion to 3.7 billion birds in the U.S per year! However, there are things you can do as lakeshore owners to help with the decline. See ideas to the left in *Paul's Corner*.



CALENDAR OF 2020 CLCC EVENTS *Mark your calendar!*

COVID-19 CLCC is committed to the health and safety for all in the community. Final decisions about all in-person meetings and events will be provided at a future date.	May 9th	CLCC Fishing Contest Opens	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
	June 13th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
	July 18th	CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water	11:30 to 1pm Lunch at Camp Courage 8046 83rd ST NW Maple Lake Lakeside Dining Hall 2-6pm Live Music from the Sandbar
	August 26 th	CLCC Fishing Contest Ends	Weigh your fish with Dean and Kathy Nicholson 8979 Iresfeld 320-274-3516
	September 12th	2020 Annual Member Meeting Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! Fishing Contest Winners Announced 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
	November 14th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

CLCC Plans for \$25,000 of Access Monitoring

CLCC has made another major commitment this year to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). As in past years, Wright Soil and Water Conservation District has a program for lakes to purchase additional access monitoring to augment the access monitoring provided by Wright County.

The CLCC Board of Directors plans to purchase an extra \$25,000 of access monitoring in 2020. This will provide approximately 4 shifts of weekend monitoring (2 shifts each at CTY RD 6 and Schroeder accesses) and 4 shifts of weekday monitoring each week during the boating season. Other Cedar accesses will be included in the monitoring on a random basis.

As of the writing of this article, the impact of COVID-19 on access monitoring protocols is being evaluated by the DNR and Wright County. CLCC remains in close contact with Wright County to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the access monitoring program.

High Water | Watch Your Wake

Cedar Lake has a Wright County ordinance that requires a 300 foot no-wake when the water elevation reaches a certain level. Since the ordinance was enacted in 2012, two 300 foot no-wakes have been authorized. A policy has been developed with Wright County for the process and communication when a 300 foot no-wake is required.

In 2019, we were close to the 300 foot no-wake level in the early summer because of the unusual precipitation amounts. CLCC carefully monitors the water level, and this year, the level is starting high, but about 6 inches lower than the mandatory 300 foot no-wake.

In late 2019, CLCC Board of Directors modified the high water policy. Along with the existing county ordinance, the Board has established a level for **VOLUNTARY** 300 ft no wake. Communication will be provided to Cedar Lake residents and stakeholders during the summer season when the water is high and request a voluntary, mindful 300 foot no-wake.

HWY 24 Construction in Annandale

Once again 'tis the season for road construction. MNDOT has a project to reconstruct HWY 24 from HWY 55 to north of Popular Avenue in Annandale. The project includes city utilities and pedestrian access improvements. The work is planned from early April 2020 until November 2020.

Stage one (red on map to the right) is April until the end of June. Stage two (yellow on map) is July to November.

Access will be maintained and open to business and residents.

More information can be found at mndot.gov/d3/projects/



New Clearwater River Watershed District Website www.crw.org

Cedar Lake is part of the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD). CRWD is a governmental entity, established in 1975, to promote, protect, and preserve the waters in the District. Cedar has two specific projects, and is part of the whole to improve District water quality.

CRWD recently updated their website www.crw.org. Take a moment to enjoy information about the many CRWD projects and detailed information about the Cedar projects.

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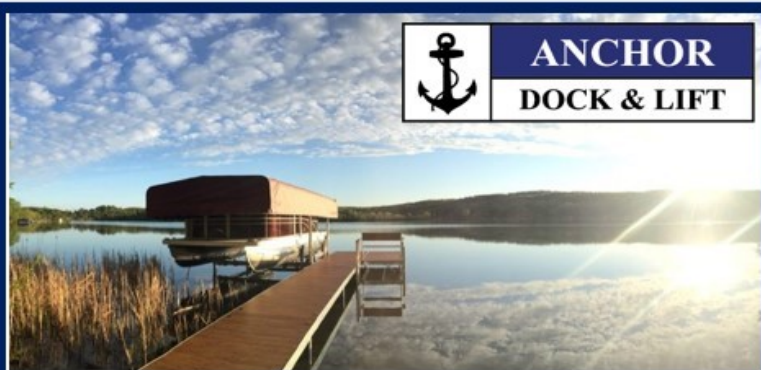
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As of this spring, we have a number of members who have already paid their dues for 2020—thank you to! Membership fees can be paid easily online with just a few clicks at www.cedarlakeecc.org or by mailing them along with the form located on page 16 in this newsletter.

Consider adding a few extra dollars with your membership which allows you to direct your contribution to any of our Visionary funds: Water Quality, Walleye, Memorial, or the General fund.

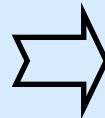
Please check with your employer, as some will match your contributions. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The last three years we have averaged Visionary contributions of over \$26,000 per year. Thank you to all for these generous gifts.

An important part of our outreach is to identify new owners on Cedar Lake. **Please let David Glass (davidaglass@gmail.com) know if there is a new owner in your neighborhood and we will reach and introduce them to CLCC.**

TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY DUES



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



Online payment at www.cedarlakeecc.org

CLCC Website Great Information

www.cedarlakeecc.org

The CLCC website is a great tool to keep up with information. A favorite feature is the Events listing; just scroll down the home page and get information about what's happening on the lake.

You can pay dues and contribute to the Visionary Fund online through the CLCC website.

Take a look at the great information on the website!

Visionary Contributions	CLCC Events
Summary of Water Quality Information	Board of Directors Contact Information
CLCC Committees	Historical Information (starts at 1930)
Advertiser Websites	Electronic Newsletters

CLCC Treasurer's Report Fund Balances as of 4/11/2020

FUNDS	AMOUNT
Water Quality	\$71,600.13
Walleye Stocking	\$6,983.15
General CLCC	\$25,358.89
Memorial Visionary	\$3,205.44
TOTAL	\$107,147.61

Thanks to Chuck Vinar —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 to ensure that funds and transactions are accurate.

Newsletter, Website, Facebook Stay in Touch with CLCC

Our Facebook page followers have been growing steadily—now over 150. CLCC Board member **Elizabeth Hace** (elizhace@gmail.com) manages the page. Facebook provides yet another way to stay in touch with Cedar Lake.

The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November). A copy is also posted on our website. **Kathy Jonsrud** is the editor of the newsletter.

Scott Brooks is our webmaster—taking care 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 Chuck Vinar, ohs7100@gmail.com.

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Where on Cedar from page 5

Photo #1 is looking south. Photo #2 is looking northwest—you can see Clearwater Lake in the background. Photo #3 is a dazzling sunrise (looking east) over Sunrise/Turtle Bay. Drone skills and photo credit go to Cedar Lake resident Rick Seagraves. We would love to have your photos of Cedar Lake—send to kjonsrud@yahoo.com.

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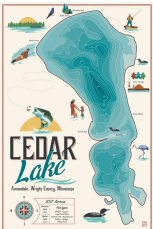


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