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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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Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

April 2023

President's Letter by David Glass

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As of today, spring is in the air, but the lake is still frozen. The martins, loons, swans, geese, and ducks are as anxious as we are for ice out. There is eternal hope in the air for the pro sports teams. Spring is full of new life and optimism.

Here are some highlights of what has been going on since our last newsletter in November:

- -We hope to do a walleye stocking this spring. More information on page 3.
- -The Fish and Wildlife Committee will be placing 4 loon nesting platforms on Cedar as soon as the ice is out.
- The Clearwater River Watershed District is enhancing our water quality project with better carp control and monitoring of dissolved oxygen levels. More information on page 5.
- -We anticipate limited treatment of aquatic invasive species will be needed this year. Plans are well in hand to complete the professional mappings to identify any areas needing treatment.
- Contracts are signed and delivered to purchase an extra \$29,000 of access inspection hours for Cedar Lake.
- -The new watercraft cleaning station (CD3) will be placed at the CTY RD 6 landing this spring. This is the culmination of many years of financial contributions and effort from CLCC members. More information on page 6.
- -Please take a moment to thank Carter Diers for his ten-plus years as serving as our Nominating Committee Chair. Sue Wolf will be taking over as chair of this committee.
- -Chuck Vinar, our most capable and spot-on Treasurer has retired as he has moved back to the metro. Liz Baird has graciously offered to "mind the gap" as a new Treasurer is elected.
- -Our Secretary, Terri Erickson, will not be seeking re-election in 2023. Terri has made sure our minutes are in order since 2018. She also managed preparing many years of newsletters for our website and is a regular newsletter contributor for "A Step Back in Time".
- --The Facebook page is now managed by Dick Ebert. If you have any Cedar Lake pictures to share, please send them his way (dickebert@hotmail.com) so we can channel your inner Ansel Adams.

Seeking CLCC Treasurer and Secretary

We have two key CLCC leadership positions to fill. Is this your year to step up? Do either of these positions interest you? Please reach out to Sue Wolf (suewolf5600@gmail.com, 612-629-5600) or Dave Glass (glassdavida@gmail.com, 651-343-9674). Our organization's success is up to our members. I encourage you all to keep up our deep tradition of volunteering.

Speaking of members, our Visionary Fund contributions for 2022 (total of \$29,900!) were greater than 2021. We received 131 different contributions from \$10 to \$5000, averaging \$198.70. Grassroots fundraising is awesome to witness. It shows how much people on this lake care. More information about our Visionary Funds is on page 8.

As the saying goes, charity begins at home, so does almost everything else; education, ethics, foundation building, conservation and commitment to community.

Individual Actions to Improve Water Quality

For this summer season, think what you can do as an individual to help with our water quality. Has your septic system been checked in the last few years for viability (see page 9)? If you fertilize your lawn, check if your lawn needs fertilizing; have your soil checked for acidity and other needs. Kits are available from home garden stores or from the U of M.

If your yard is shady and you fertilize, ask yourself if you have the right grass. Maybe you need a shade mix. Consider slow growing fescue. Cut your mowing to three or four times a year, no fertilizing and less water. Maybe add clover—it stays green even in dry conditions. Don't plant grass to the shore, rather, add a buffer with native plants. Add a few more each year, no need to jump into the deep end. All these little changes in one yard add up to a tremendous amount around the lake.

If everyone added 10 feet of native plantings to their lakeshore this year, that is the equivalent of over one-half mile. Who doesn't want more butterflies and hummingbirds in their yard? The CLCC works to ensure water quality, however we need everyone's help in achieving this goal.

Enjoy placing your docks and lifts in the weeks ahead, putting the boats in and being able to perhaps spend a moment or two relaxing, serving on the board, helping protect the resiliency of your shoreline or all of the above.

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Time to Pay 2023 Dues | Still only \$50/year

Pay by June 1st and a new directory will be mailed to you See dues form on page 16 or pay easily on line at cedarlakecc.org

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Our annual picnic will be held at True Friends/Camp Courage Lakeside Dining Hall. As you enter the camp, stay to the left and head to the lake. Then follow your nose to the smell of popcorn! The address is 8046 83rd St NW. Maple Lake for your GPS.



- The picnic lunch will be served 11:30 to 12:30pm. The cost is free to CLCC members and children under 12. Guests are \$8. Cottage Gourmet will cater the food and Sweet Escapes will bring ice cream.
- The popular raffle will begin at 12:15pm. Tickets are \$20 for 25 tickets. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle item, please contact Lori Larson (703-599-4128). We need your support along with local businesses to make this a really fun event.
- After we've eaten, float over to the sandbar to listen to some great music from STIM PACK. They will be set up on a barge from 2-6pm.
- The day is all about getting to know our neighbors, enjoying the great outdoors, and appreciating the great lake we live on.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

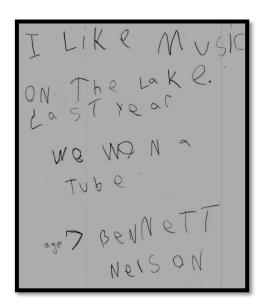
We won a tube at the 2022 Picnic Raffle

Chris and Scott Nelson's grandkids





Cedar Lake Kids Corner What I Like on Cedar By Bennett and Sophia Nelson Grandchildren of Chris and Scott Nelson





Our family on the pontoon.



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Fish and Wildlife Committee

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

CLCC 2023 Fishing Contest | May 13 through September 2 Get your gear ready

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



Here's the fishing contest scoop:

- Contest runs May 13th through September 2nd 2023.
- Bring your lunker for weigh-in at: Dean and Kathy Nicholson's | 8979 Iresfeld (northside near Schroeder Park) 320-274-3516
- Usual prize categories are walleye, bass, northern pike, crappie, and sunfish, but the judges are impressed by all species.
- All ages are encouraged to join the fun!
- Cash prizes awarded at the CLCC Member Annual Meeting, September 9th, 2023 | 9am | Corinna Town Hall, 9801 Ireland Ave NW.

CLCC Walleye Stocking Hoping for this spring

The CLCC stocks walleyes every other year on Cedar. Last fall we had to postpone our usual stocking of walleye fingerlings due to the quality of fingerlings available.

Now this spring, with the long winter and heavy snow and ice, the rearing ponds may not have faired well according to our vendor—West Central Bait in New London/Spicer. They will not know the outcome until ice out.

Currently we have \$9,000+ in our Walleye Fund, which will get us a nice stocking. If stocking does not occur this spring we will move forward with a 2023 fall stocking.

A long and hungry winter

All our wildlife had a very tough winter this year. Surprisingly the strong can make it through, somehow finding food and shelter

The deer on Cedar have been dining at yards and bird feeders this winter. A herd of 18 were in our yard, waiting their turn at our bird feeders. Also, the landscape bushes were food for the deer.



All welcome!

In general, when

the winters are more severe, the sloughs and shallow lakes may freeze out, resulting in a fish kill, including the invasive carp. This allows native vegetation to remerge, which is good for ducks and other wildlife.

We are all anxious to be looking at open water soon!

Loons on Cedar What happens in their Florida home?

This winter we were lucky to vacation in Florida on the Gulf Coast. During part of our stay we were affected by a red tide. Red tides are harmful algal blooms. They occur when colonies of algae grow out of control and produce toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals and birds. The toxins may also make the surrounding air difficult to breathe, which we observed.

The red tide can also turn the water red. The causes of red tides can be from decaying sea life, air pollution, and runoff from streets and lawns into rivers and streams. Urban development and nutrient rich drainage of the Mississippi are additional contributors to red tides. We saw many dead small fish washed up on shore which brought many birds

into feed on, which resulted to be fatal for some.



What we weren't expecting to see was a dead pelican and a dead juvenile loon nearby.

We stood there just wondering which northern lake the



dead loon was from. We were hoping it did not make the trip to its fatal destination from Cedar Lake.

What's the buzz for May?

- 1st week | Orioles and humming birds return—get the feeders out! Frogs start their symphony.
- 2nd week | The bees become very busy on the apple blossoms. Robins and blue birds are busy feeding their young.
- 3rd week | Warbler migration is peeking. Female orioles are weaving their amazing nests
- **4th week** | Monarchs usually return. The honeymoon is over for the loons and they are tending to their nests.

Corinna Township Vacation Rental Ordinance

Includes yearly registration, occupancy limits & septic, noise, and parking requirements by Linda Dircks and Cathi Gabriel Westman

In 2020, the Corinna Township Board adopted "Private/ Vacation Home Rental" requirements to their land use ordinance. This regulates the rental of homes by the night or week. All properties on Cedar Lake are in Corinna Township and impacted by this requirement.

The Township acknowledges the benefits of vacation rentals, however recognizes that short-term rentals can have a negative impact on neighbors.

Corinna Township is the only area in Wright County that has a vacation rental ordinance.

Highlights of the requirement include:

- Private/Vacation Home Rentals in Corinna Township are required to register annually. Annual registration form can be found at https://tinyurl.com/yckzn4nd.
- Maximum occupancy is 3 guests per bedroom, or 12 guests which ever is less. An Interim Use Permit is required to exceed those occupancy requirements.
- Rental property management information and notifications are required to be provided to Corinna Township and adjacent properties.
- Parking requirements are defined.
- If the property has a septic holding tank, an Interim Use Permit is required.

This is intended to be only a summary of the ordinance. For a complete copy of the ordinance, please visit tinyurl.com/sn2yvszr sections #781 on pages 178-181, or con-

tact Corinna Township 320-274-8049.

Corinna Vacation Rental Ordinance Highlights

- Private/Vacation Home Rentals in Corinna Township are required to register annually. Annual registration form can be found at https://tinyurl.com/yckzn4nd.
- Maximum occupancy of 3 guests per bedroom or 12 guests, which ever is less, otherwise Interim Use Permit required.
- If the property has a septic holding tank, an Interim Use Permit is required (regardless of occupancy).
- Use of detached or temporary sleeping accommodations (e.g. RVs, tents, campers, etc.) to increase overnight guest capacity is prohibited.
- Standards for noise level, on-site parking, and preservation of road rights-of-way must be followed.

Editor's Note; Linda Dircks and Cathi Gabriel Westman are residents of Cedar Lake and serve on the Corinna Township Planning and Zoning Board.

Lake Stewardship Beyond Cedar's Shores

Bait Composting Maintenance on Sugar, Indian, Limestone, Eagle Dwight Geisler, Cedar Lake Resident

On Cedar Lake, we have a deep history of lake stewardship. Dwight Geisler, Cedar Lake resident, exemplifies this as a Bait Compost Bin volunteer on other area lakes.

Two years ago, Wright County Soil and Water started a program to compost bait at select lake accesses. The use of live bait (worms, minnows and/or leeches) is incredibly common, with 92% of anglers surveyed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reporting using live bait. However, over one third of those anglers have reported releasing live bait in Minnesota waters which can spread new species and disease. The bait compost bins provide a convenient location to dispose of live bait at the access.

Dwight Geisler answered the call for help and maintains the Bait Compost Bins at Sugar, Indian, Limestone, and Eagle. Dwight cleans the units about every 3 weeks and provides data back to Wright County about his maintenance.

A common concern about the bins was "But it will smell!". The volunteers in the program tracked the smell of the bin noting either: "no smell", "I could smell it standing right next to it" or "I could smell it getting out of my car". Out of 101 observations only once was the smell noticeable immediately leaving the vehicle. In this instance someone had placed four large carp in the bin. There were ten other instances in which the smell was noticeable when standing at the bin. Volunteers usually commented that these smells were associated with trash in the bin and not the fish. Therefore, when the bins are used for the intended purpose and regularly maintained the smell disruption is minimal. Also regular maintenance by volunteers has shown to decrease the use of bins for trash.

Dwight Geisler comments: "I really enjoy my role as a Bait Compost Bin volunteer. Highlights of my job include interacting and educating those I come in contact with at the boat ramps as well as exchanging information with all the great AIS inspectors. It would be a real benefit if Cedar was able to participate in this program!"



Eagle Lake Bait Composting Bin | Early June

CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

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

Enhanced Carp Control Project for Cedar Chain By Dawn Cole | Cedar Lake Resident, Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) <u>crwd.org</u> recently approved a project that will benefit Cedar and the three lakes upstream that flow into Cedar.

The project is an additional part of the CASH (Cedar, Albion, Swartout, Henshaw) Program, begun in 2007, to improve water quality in Cedar and its sub-watershed. The new project will improve the carp control and management on the four lakes. Carp are a major contributor to water quality problems.

We don't see many carp on Cedar because part of the original project included five fish barriers to prevent their movement in and out of our lake. However, Albion, Swartout and Henshaw (the three lakes to the south of Cedar) do have significant carp populations. These large ugly bottom-feeders stir up the lake bottoms, releasing dangerous phosphorus and other pollutants stored in the mud. Phosphorus encourages algae growth. The CASH project includes maintaining filtering ponds to reduce phosphorus flowing into Cedar; however, heavy rains can overwhelm the filtering systems and phosphorus-loaded water washes into Cedar from the upstream lakes.

The two-year carp reduction program will begin this spring. The program includes detailed assessment of carp bio-mass and

abundance, as well as monitoring their movement and reproductive behavior. This data will be used to target the areas for efficient and effective harvesting of the carp.

This project benefits from new knowledge and advanced technology that allows experts to count the fish and to track their spawning migrations. It will also provide data about the effectiveness of our existing carp barriers.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$85,000 over the twoyear period. It will be funded from the original CASH program's ongoing maintenance fund. Most Cedar Lake residential properties are taxed \$164.58 per year for the CASH program (see " Special Assessments" on your Wright County property tax statement, lower left corner). The assessment amount for this project is not expected to increase due to the carp enhancement project.

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) is a local government unit serving portions of Wright, Meeker, and Stearns counties in central Minnesota. The District promotes and protects water resources in order to maintain property values and quality of life. Cedar Lake is part of District and directly benefits from two CRWD projects.

Dawn Cole is a resident of Cedar Lake and serves on the CRWD Board of Managers and as CRWD Secretary.

Second Watercraft Cleaning Station (CD3) to be installed on Cedar By Karl Leslie, CLCC Past President, Water Quality Committee Core Team

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (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.

A CD3 station is a solar powered, free to use, self-service, watercraft cleaning station that includes 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).

The first CD3 station in Wright County was a portable unit placed at Schroeder Park on Cedar Lake in May 2020. Cedar Lake's second CD3 station has been delivered, and will be installed on a concrete slab at the public access on County Road 6 once conditions allow.

After this year, there will be five CD3 stations in Wright County. Last year, two stations were installed on Pleasant Lake. This year, in addition to Cedar Lake's new CD3 station, Sugar Lake will have its first CD3 station installed at its south public access after the site has been prepped.

The four newest CD3 stations are all co-sponsored by the WSWCD, while the Schroeder Park station was a joint effort between CLCC and the Wright County Parks and Recreation Department. Current operating agreements call for a five-year operating period. In all cases, Wright County is the ultimate owner of the stations – with WSWCD and the Parks Department each respectively responsible for unit maintenance.

donated to Wright County. The Schroder Park CD3 was a costshare between the CLCC and Department. Similarly, Sugar Lake's CD3 is a costshare between the



lake and WSWCD. The two stations on Pleasant Lake were funded by a grant from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

According to Alicia O'Hare of WSWCD, "CD3 stations are great for cleaning off equipment after a brief trip on the water. WSWCD is excited to facilitate free to use tools at the access to support clean, drain, dry, dispose activities."

CLCC President David Glass adds, "The CLCC Board determined a second CD3 will be beneficial as our data indicates almost half of all boats launched into the lake are done at the County Road 6 landing. These tools will lessen the chance of transferring AIS issues to wherever the boat is launched next."

The new Cedar Lake CD3 was purchased by the CLCC and

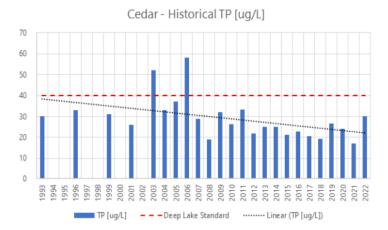
Cedar Lake 2022 Report Card

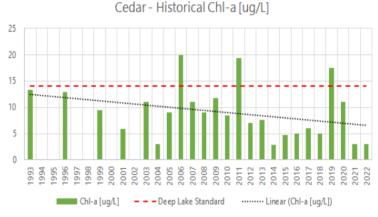
Average clarity was 16.7 feet

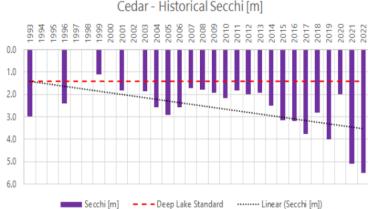
2022 was a year of extremes in Wright County. In early May, almost 4 inches of rain over 2 days were recorded, then a 4 inch 1 day rain event in June, and the rest of the summer was very dry.

Cedar Lake had exceptionally clear water in 2022 but did experience—as did many high-quality lakes—filamentous algae due to the unusual precipitation events. 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 2022 average secchi depth (clarity) value was the best since monitoring started in the early 1990's. Clearly, our Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) project implemented in 2006--and with enhancements and ongoing maintenance--is delivering results, even with wide variations in climate factors.







Here is a summary of our 2022 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 2022 phosphorus level in Cedar was 30ug/l. The unusual rain events in May and June contributed to higher than normal phosphorus readings in early summer, with the rest of the summer readings in line exceeding project expectations.

The average secchi depth (clarity) reading was 5.5 meters (16.7 feet). The dry end of summer and the presence of zebra mussels more than likely contributed to this exceptional clarity—the best since monitoring started in the early 1990's.

The chlorophyll average was 3ug/l, again, the lowest value since monitoring started, representative of limited algae blooms.

Phosphorus Level Good Lake Less than 40

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.

Chlorophyll-a Good Lake Less than 14

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.

Secchi (Clarity) Depth <u>Good Lake Greater than 1.5 meters</u>

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.

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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 Funds were started over a decade ago and have become an important cornerstone of making a difference on Cedar Lake.

In 2022, our Visionary donations were over \$29,900! We received 131 different contributions, ranging from \$10 to \$5,000, with an average of \$198.70. Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking, Water Quality, and Memorial THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!

Fund.

Payments can be made either by check (P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302—see form on page 16) 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 Greg Duppler (greg.duppler@yahoo.com | 612-310-7236).

Visionary Contributions Since November 2022 and Lifetime Visionary

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Where on Cedar? When was the earliest ice out date? Answers on page 11

Can you figure out where this ice-out picture is from? Some years the wind can cause the ice to break up in a stunningly dramatic fashion and give us a real show!

CLCC keeps track of ice out dates—we have dates back to 1955. They are available on the website, www.cedarlakecc.org, and scroll down to "Ice Out Records".

When was the earliest ice out date on Cedar? Was it in 2012. 1988, or 2016? No peeking on the website!

Be Septic Aware Pump septic tanks every 2-3 years

by Kathy Jonsrud, Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations Scott Deckert, Wright County Planning and Zoning

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.

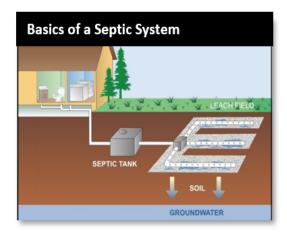
Wright County took steps over twenty-five years ago to address septic concerns. The regulations have specific requirements and a permitting process for those designing and installing systems. For lake property owners with existing individual systems, the regulations focus on three major components:

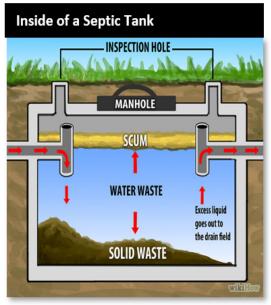
—For every property transfer that occurs in Wright County, the current septic system must be certified as compliant, or it must be upgraded, replaced or properly abandoned.

—Whenever a permit is applied for in a shoreland area, the status of the septic system for the property will be reviewed by Wright County Planning and Zoning, and it may be required to be inspected or upgraded.

—Septic tanks should be pumped every 2-3 years. Review www.co.wright.mn.us/183/Septic-Systems for more information.

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 drain field. 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

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- ✓ 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 pumped every 2-3 years.
- ✓ Do keep a detailed record of repairs, pumping, inspections, and permits.
- ✓ Do use <u>liquid</u> detergents and <u>mild</u> 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.

DON'T

- 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 drain field except grass. Roots may clog and damage the drain lines. Never cover the drain field 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.



2023 CLCC EVENTS Mark your calendar!

| May 13th to September 2nd | CLCC Fishing Contest | Bring your lunker for weigh-in at: Dean and Kathy Nicholson's 8979 Iresfeld (northside near Schroeder Park) 320-274-3516 | |
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| June 10th | Board of Directors Meeting | All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW | |
| July 15th | CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water | 11:30 to 12:30pm Picnic lunch at True Friends Camp Courage, 8046 83rd St NW. Maple Lake 12:15pm Raffle 2 to 6pm Music on the Water by Stim Pak | |
| September 10th | 2023 Member Annual Meeting Board of Directors Meeting | All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW | |
| November 11th | Board of Directors Meeting | All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW | |

MN Legislature | Proposed Expansion of Minnesota's Boater Education Program

The Minnesota Legislature is considering HF949/SF553 this session which, if passed into law, will expand Minnesota's existing boater education program. The bills are widely supported across the state, from boat dealers, lake associations, law enforcement, chambers of commerce, resorts, and more.

This bill would broaden Minnesota's existing boater education requirement for youth (ages 12-17) to <u>all</u> boat operators age 12 and up, born on or after July 1, 1987. It would cover core safety education in the areas of waterway rules, user conflict reduction, and towing responsibility.

Here are a few key facts about Minnesota's growing boating community:

As A Minnesota Boater, How Do I Comply To The Expanded Education Course?

Minnesota
Resident

Born ON or AFTER
07/01/1987?

Born BEFORE
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- Minnesota ranks second in the U.S. for registered watercraft and first per capita.
- 2021 had 18 boating fatalities on Minnesota waters, among the most on record since 2005.
- U.S. Coast Guard statistics confirm 75% of boating deaths occurred on boats where the operator had no safety instruction. That number drops to 12% when the operator received a nationally approved boating safety education certificate.

The bills would also provide important lake ecology education on preventing the spread of AIS and understanding how excessive wake height and powerful propeller thrust can negatively impact shoreline erosion, lake bottom habitat, and water quality—all of which are pressing issues for most lakeshore owners. The passage of this bill would help calibrate all Minnesota boaters' knowledge with current information and research, and increase the likelihood that users operate their watercraft in an informed, responsible, and respectful manner.

As of this writing, the bills are progressing through committee hearings. The bills have bipartisan support in both houses, and the extensive list of partners working on this legislation is at the right.

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A Step Back In Time | 1975-1976 Tidbits from CLCC Newsletters

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24 YEAR VOL.3 NO.1. ANNANDALE-MAPLE LAKE. JAN.-MARCH 1975

July-September 1975 (3rd Year) Volume 3, No. 3

After 3+ years of negotiations, final court settlement was reached with F.G.R. (property developer for Cedar Acres). F.G.R. Inc will agree to protect hard stemmed vegetation in Turtle Bay (now called Sunrise Bay) which will help protect a fish spawning area.

A park will be established on the

bay, with dock facilities allowed at the north end of the property. The park area is to be used only by Cedar Acres residents and guests. A plan was put in place for taxes to be paid on the park.

December 1975 Volume 3, No. 4

In addition to a Board of nine members, the Board had 13 Lake Representatives around the lake that helped with lake owner questions.

July - August 1976 Volume 5

Secchi disc (water clarity measure) in 1976 was about 5 feet - similar to July & August 1975. Readings in July & August 1974 were 4.5 foot.

"What is a Secchi disc" - It is a round, flat, metal disc, eight inches in diameter, painted white & fastened to a calibrated rope.

Residents are reminded that it is unlawful to cut weeds along the shoreline & just let them float away. Clean them up!



"A Step Back in Time" is a regular feature to enjoy the charming history of the CLCC newsletters.

Would you like to read more Cedar Lake History?

Check out a nifty historical summary—1930 to 2001— of Cedar Lake: find the CLCC newsletters, going back to 1973, and the historical summary at www.cedarlakecc.org

Where on Cedar? When was the earliest ice-out on Cedar? from page 8

Where on Cedar? This stunning ice-out is from the north side, looking west in 2017. Photo is by Karen Lohn. Earliest ice-out? Summer came early in 1988, with ice-out on March 14th.

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CLCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Happy Spring! (finally!) Thanks to those members who have already paid their dues (\$50) for 2023. Membership fees can be paid easily online at www.cedarlakecc.org or by mailing them along with the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Please consider adding a few extra dollars to your membership and direct your contribution to any of our visionary funds; Water Quality, Walleye Stocking, Memorial, or General Fund. Every donation is important and very much appreciated. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization so your donations are tax deductible.

A popular member service is our Cedar Lake Directory, which is updated every 2 years. This is the year for an update. We would love to make sure you have the newest directory, so please pay your dues by June 1st, and a directory will be mailed to you.

A very important part of keeping our records up to date is to identify new owners on Cedar Lake. If you know of any new owners in your neighborhood please let Greg Duppler (greg.duppler@yahoo.com) know, so they can be welcomed to the lake.

Cedar Lake Favorite Recipes By Bren Stepp

I've made this dish many times for family and guests. Even my father-in-law loved it and requested it when he visited from Nebraska. Also, a great choice to do ahead and finish baking for Spring Chore Day at the lake!



Enchilada Casserole (10-12 servings)

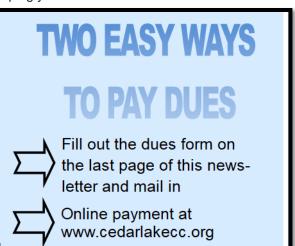
- 2 pounds ground beef (chuck)
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 10oz red enchilada sauce
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup sliced black olives
- 4oz can chopped green chilies
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 12 flour tortillas, cut into 4-inch strips
- 2 cups Monterey jack cheese, shredded

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In large pan, cook meat, onions, and garlic until meat browns. Drain fat.
- 2. Stir in soups, enchilada sauce, milk, olives, chilies, and cumin. Bring to a simmer and remove from heat.
- Spread 1/4 of the sauce in a 9x13 pan. Layer tortilla strips, 1/4 of the sauce, and 1/3 cheese. Repeat layers twice more ending with cheese. Cover with foil.
- 4. Bake at 350F degrees for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake 20 minutes more or until bubbly.

CLCC membership continues to be very strong. The vast majority (over 80%) of our lake residents are members. Most large lake associations are happy to achieve 50% membership. Thanks a million to all of you!

Here's hoping you have a wonderful summer on Cedar Lake.



Stay in Touch with CLCC in Your Favorite Way

Newsletter | Kathy Jonsrud

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The CLCC newsletter is published three times a year (April, July & November) and mailed to all Cedar Lake property owners. A copy is also posted on our website.

Facebook | Dick Ebert dickebert@hotmail.com

Take a quick moment and follow us on Facebook!

Website and E-mail | Scott Brooks bianchibrooks@gmail.com

There is a treasure of information on our website www.cedarlakecc.org—check it out! We can support two emails per family. Updates to emails (and other directory information) should be sent to Liz Baird (lizbaird22@gmail.com).

CLCC Treasurer's Report Liz Baird — CLCC Treasurer lizbaird22@gmail.com 612-599-4128

| <u>FUNDS</u> as of 3/31/2023 | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| General CLCC | \$48,738.86 |
| Water Quality | \$71,830.63 |
| Walleye Stocking | \$9,229.65 |
| Memorial Fund | <u>\$100.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$129,889.14 |

The Board of Directors approves expenditures from all funds. Examples are:

General: Member communications, events, insurance **Water Quality:** Contributions to large water quality projects, aquatic invasive species control, watercraft cleaning station, "Rapid Response" funds for new aquatic invasive species infestations

Walleye: Every other year walleye stocking

Memorial: Special projects as determined by CLCC Board of Directors





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Pay your 2023 Dues by June 1st and get a directory mailed to you!



CLCC needs your support. 2023 annual dues to CLCC are \$50, based on the calendar year, and can be paid by check with the form below or electronically online.

If you want to pay online, visit the CLCC website (www.cedarlakecc.org).

| CEDAR LARE STORES | Dues Payment YES! I can give a bit more as a Visionary (circle desired fund): General Water Quality Walleye Stocking Memorial TOTAL: | \$50.00 |
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