



# Cedar Lake News

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## ANNANDALE - MAPLE LAKE MN

### ATTEND THE SPRING FLING

The annual "Spring Fling" potluck dinner (no charge) will again be at the American Legion Club in Maple Lake but this year it will be on SATURDAY, May 27th starting at 5:00 PM with social time (cash bar) lasting until 6:00 P.M. when we will enjoy a potluck. Bring yourself(ves) and a dish to share (main course, salad or dessert). We'll have a good time renewing old acquaintances and gaining some new Cedar Lake friends.

Adult size Cedar Lake sweat shirts will be available at this get-together. They will sell for \$25.00 each.

On the back page of this newsletter is a membership form. Memberships may be paid at the potluck.

See you there!

Note: If you have guests you'd like to bring they are most welcome but we ask that you bring a larger dish to accommodate your guests and so we're sure not to run out. Thanks much!



### Letter from your President Dean Sanberg

Despite the relatively mild winter, January, February and March are the months we tend to daydream for summer life on the lake. The start of a new year represents the potential for making this coming summer the best ever on Cedar Lake.

We need all the residents of the lake working together to assure we all have the best lake experience possible. With all lake residents joining the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, we are in essence, working together for the common cause. A Membership Committee was formed last year and Bill Westhoff is our committee chair. The goal of this committee is to increase membership, and we have included a self-addressed envelope for you to send in your dues.

Over the winter months, work has been ongoing in our efforts to improve lake water quality. As a member of the CLCC, you will have a voice in how we reverse the trend of poor water quality. Dave Larsen is our committee chair heading up this effort and will have information to share with us in the near future.

Finally, we welcome two new board members: Colleen O'Keefe and Kevin Kolstad who are replacing Leslie Kreutter and Char Duppler. A complete list of the CLCC Board of Directors is inside on page 4.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Important dates for 2006 include the **Spring Pot Luck** which will be held on **SATURDAY May 27, 2006**. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE TO SATURDAY which we found to be successful last year. It will be held at the Maple Lake American Legion as in years past.

The **Annual Boat Parade** will be at 2:00 PM on **Tues, July 4th**. Again it will start on the north side of the sandbar and there will be a lead boat.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held **Saturday August 12, 2006** at the VFW in Maple Lake.

### 2005 ANNUAL MEETING WAS A BIG HIT

The annual meeting was held August 13, 2005 at the Maple Lake VFW. About 170 people enjoyed our traditional turkey dinner and prizes donated by area merchants

## ARE SEPTIC SYSTEMS PART OF THE PROBLEM?

As the CLCC is working hard to find the causes and solutions to our water quality concerns, we are trying to be as thorough as possible. As part of a comprehensive plan, it is encouraged by the Clearwater River Watershed District that we pay attention to what we are putting into the lake. One piece of this is keeping our septic systems well maintained and up to code. Are our septic systems adding to the water quality issue? This is the question I was tasked with. Here is the clearest answer. If your system is not working properly or not up to code, it very well may be polluting Cedar Lake. As individual property owners, we can do our part to maintain and update our systems.

When many of the original lake cabins were built, there were no standards for septic systems. The original systems, such as seepage beds, were proven to pollute the lakes. Then in July of 1972, Minnesota Shoreline Management set new septic standards for lake front property. However, due to the large number of dwellings, the standards were not enforced for the following several years. By 1978, the standards were more uniformly enforced. Therefore, according to Chuck Davis of the Wright County Planning and Zoning Department, "most systems installed after 1978, while not necessarily in compliance, are probably in pretty good shape." He goes on to say, "Due to the building and remodeling on Cedar over the years, most of the properties are up to code." While this is not true for all cases, most of Cedar Lake, as we all know, is surrounded by sand providing exceptional drainage. This may mitigate some systems that are not working correctly.

If you are not sure if your system is working properly or up to date, why not have it checked out to be certain? At our spring pot luck, we will provide a list of licensed professional inspectors. Also, we will again have the "Septic System Owners Guide" provided by the U of M Extension Service. This comprehensive booklet explains good septic maintenance, provides a maintenance record, and has a worksheet on the back for cleaning frequency guidelines. If you didn't get one at the annual dinner, you may want to pick one up. For more information, you may also refer back to the 03-04' Cedar Lake News article "How to Keep Your Septic System in Shape." Remember, no system should go longer than three years before it is cleaned and inspected.

The residents of Cedar Lake and the members of CLCC have a long history of community and individual action to support efforts to keep our lake clean. There is not a silver bullet solution to improve or maintain water quality. Part of our clean lake plan is individual septic systems that work the way they are supposed to.

Let's all do our part to eliminate our personal pollution and have each of our septic systems functioning and maintained properly.

By: Carter Diers, Board Member

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The membership committee was formed last June with the following members:

Bill Westhoff, Chair (billw@lakeviewadvisors.net)  
Carter Diers, member (carter.diers@co.wright.mn.us)  
Sharon Knaup, member (tsknaup@lakedalelink.net)  
Ron Linder, member (rlinder56@hotmail.com)

The committee's has two objectives – To welcome new residents of Cedar Lake to the Conservation Club and encourage them to be involved; and to encourage all residents of Cedar Lake to support the CLCC through the payment of the annual dues of \$15.

Our first season was successful in raising the awareness of the CLCC and collecting dues from more residents. In a typical year approximately 150-160 residents out of about 285 residents pay dues. In 2005, there were 172 residents that paid dues. The committee also created a Welcome bag to give to new residents at the annual meeting.

We have a supply of Welcome gifts to give to new members. Please let any of the committee members know of new neighbors so that we can contact them. Now that a new year has rolled around, we are encouraging all residents to pay dues promptly. You can send your dues to Bill Pallies, Treasurer; 8773 Ingram Ave. NW; Annandale, MN 55302.

## Boat Lift For Sale

Shore Station Lift, Model SSSL1888A with Canopy, Cradle bkts and Centering Device, Excellent condition. [SE shore Cedar Lake Note: 3 cottages south of your editor]

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# History of Maple Lake

From the "Welcome to Maple Lake" website:  
<http://maplelakemn.org/>

On February 20, 1855, Wright County was created. The county is named after Silas Wright, a politician from Orange County, New York. Organization of the county administration, surveying, school districts, and road construction made up much of the first year's business for the county commissioners. In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state in the Union.

Maple Lake is situated in a part of central Minnesota once inhabited by the Chippewa Indians. In 1855 the Government revoked the treaty with the Winnebago and opened up Wright County for non-Indian settlers. The history of the city of Maple Lake begins in the mid 1850's. Early maps of Wright County illustrate a number of villages which included a city labeled "Geneva" located on the northwest shore on Maple Lake. Early pioneers came to Maple Lake to farm but, in 1857, C. H. Hackett surveyed a 200 plat and named it "Geneva". The 1857 severe depression caused a financial panic which resulted in failure of the development of the city of "Geneva". The city of "Geneva" never materialized but the town site of Maple Lake was established in 1858 with the establishment of a mail site.

The Irish migrating from Clare County Ireland began to influx into Maple Lake in the late 1850's and early 1860's. With this early group of Irish immigrants, came Patrick O'Loughlin Sr. who would become the pioneer founder of the present day village of Maple Lake. O'Loughlin saw the establishment of the village but his son-in-law, James Madigan, platted the village of Maple Lake in 1886 and began to sell lots in 1887. The first lots were sold to John Roehrenbach who opened a dry goods and groceries store on a street known as "Easy Street". Today this site is the location of the Maple Lake City Hall. Other businesses were developed in 1888. The development of the city spurred the development of farming, the expansion of the "Soo Line" railroad through the city as well as the opening of an elevator in 1889.

Rumors of the incorporation of the village of Maple Lake surfaced in 1888 but the actual incorporation was completed in 1890. Following the incorporation, Martin O'Loughlin was elected to serve as Mayor and the village began developing ordinances in January 1891. The first ordinance passed by the council was the establishment of the city seal.

Education for the children of the Maple Lake area began in 1866 with the construction of a one room log structure in then District #28. District #104 for the village of Maple Lake emerged in 1882 from District #28. In 1892, the village school was relocated to the center of the village and a new building was constructed. In 1898, the school building was doubled, in 1907, this building was abandoned, a new site was selected and a building was constructed. The former site now serves as the site of the

current fire station. In 1991, the 1907 school was abandoned and demolished and a new school complex was built in northeast Maple Lake.

The 1890's brought growth in the number of businesses and the establishment of a school. Also a number of businesses burned down. In 1896, the Maple Lake Cooperative Dairy Association was formed for farmers dairy products. Early Maple Lake was established as a center for wood milling and related wood products.

The turn of the century brought the continued development of businesses and the flourishing of farming. In 1900, the business district was taking shape but was changed by more fires. One of the businesses that burned that year was the Jude Hotel. The turn of the century also brought the development of streets, construction of sidewalks from the business district to the railroad depot and other civic improvements. That year the village council paid \$1,000 for land to build a community park which is today's Central Park.

1903 brought the construction of street lights. In 1906, Security State Bank opened. The 1910's brought the construction of a water tower, water mains and sewers; the arrival of the first car; and, the "Spanish Influenza" which caused epidemic death. The 1920's brought the opening of the Maple Lake Garage and the Maple Lake Pavilion.

The 1930's brought the donation of land by the Maple Lake Improvement Club to entice the construction of a power plant by United Power Association and the headquarters of Wright-Hennepin Electrical Cooperative. The 1930's also brought the paving of Olson Memorial Highway (Minnesota State Highway 55). Baseball was the primary form of entertainment for the people of Maple Lake in the 1930's.

The 1940's events include the "Armistice Day" blizzard on November 11, 1940; the tornado of 1942 that damaged or destroyed many downtown buildings; the passing of the "old guard" who were responsible for the incorporation; and, the construction of Irish Stadium on a piece of land obtained from Herb Bolduan. This stadium has hosted numerous state high school, state Babe Ruth, and state amateur baseball tournaments.

During the 1950's and 1960's, Maple Lake experienced great shifts in its economy. Agriculture declined as a percentage of employment with the shift to manufacturing and service employment. The population also began to become migratory with significant shifts of both in-migrants and out-migrants.

The 1970's brought the Maplewood Addition for residential development including the Maple Manor Senior Citizen Housing Development. A second unit, Maple Manor West was built and opened in 1981.

The 1980's included the Jude Industrial Park that initiated the extension of utilities to northwest Maple Lake

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and sites for the development of Bernatello's Pizza, Cedar Lake Engineering, Jude Candy and Tobacco, Sun Patio Pontoon and Elletson Bowl and Recreation.

The 1990's have included the expansion of Jude Industrial Park to the west allowing the expansion of Sun Patio/Warrior Boats, Cedar Lake Engineering as well as sites for new industries like Rhino Roto Mold, Elletson Manufacturing, Product Technologies Inc., Dental Resources Inc., KWM Manufacturing and H & H Sports. Residential development was spurred by the platting and development of the Donald C. Jude Addition and the Donald & Victor Jude Addition both located in north central Maple Lake. Commercial development in the 1990's included Roger's Amoco, Security State Bank branch facility, H & H Sports Shop, Pizzazz, Pauman Our Own Hardware, VFW, and the American Legion. Plans are currently underway to accommodate additional residential, commercial and industrial development. The future of Maple Lake was best described in a 1909 Great Northwest Magazine article that described Maple Lake as follows:

*Perhaps no city was ever more favorably and fortunately located than Maple Lake. Maple Lake is what may be termed an ideal agricultural, home, church and school town.*

Since 1990, both population and business activity have been growing rapidly. Contributing factors are: renewed spurt of industrial and commercial developments and the in-migration of population because of the community's proximity to Minneapolis and, to a lesser extent, to St. Cloud.

**I've learned a lot over my many years. Let me share a few things.**

I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

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# CLCC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2005

Board members in attendance:

Carter Diers, Char Duppler, Sharon Knaup, Leslie Kreutter, Ron Linder, Holly Linn, Susan Nordbye, Bill Pallies, Dean Sanberg, Bill Westhoff.

Guests:

Merle and Pat Anderson – Clearwater Watershed District

Rebecca K. – engineering firm used by the CWD

Presentation was provided by Rebecca K. District Engineer

Copy of presentation was requested for CLCC records.

Main points include the following:

- Phosphorous level of Cedar Lake has increased dramatically since 2003
- Annual monitoring has been expanded
- Watershed District is investigating possible causes
  - Lakes draining into Cedar also have high phosphorous levels (Swartout, Henshaw and Albion)
  - Goal is to have less than 1000 lbs of phosphorous in Cedar lake
  - Annual load from Swartout alone is around 2000 lbs. – upstream lakes contribute as well
  - Watershed District has brainstormed a number of possible options and evaluated these from a high level cost, effectiveness and probability of an effective result.
  - Top four ideas presented have to do with controlling the carp population
    - Curley leaf pond weed can be a contributor as well – the weed dies off in June/July and releases phosphorous

## Next steps

- Board will review monitoring analysis monthly
  - Keep communication going between board and the Watershed district
- Merle Anderson touched on a couple of key points:
- Watershed District is taking "baby" steps in order to ensure information and the solutions are the best possible.
    - Will keep working through the process over the next six months – residents will remain involved
    - Lake scaping would be helpful – residents encouraged to contact Merle for information.
    - Watershed District has a website – Cedar Lake could create a page to post there
    - Carp trap suggestion – Watershed has done this on the Clearwater river near Kimball and harvests the carp.
    - An option of treating the stream between Swartout and Cedar would be expensive and would include setting up the system, running the system for a

number of years and hauling out the result.

- Clear Lake is currently treating for Curly Leaf Pond weed.
- DNR website has information about chemicals, cost per acre, toxicity, rules/permits and required time to stay out of the lake.

Bill Westhoff spoke about membership committee activities:

- Tote bags have been created and are presented to new members along with information in the tote.
- Residents were encouraged to notify the membership committee when new residents move to the lake – committee member names were in the newsletter.
- Contact information was requested as residents entered the dinner. The goal is to have two-way communication.
- There are approximately 280 addresses around the lake. Membership is estimated to be approximately 170 people.

The annual meeting was called to order by President Dean Sanberg.

A motion was made and passed to waive reading of the 2004 annual meeting minutes.

Bill Pallies presented the treasurer's report. A copy of the report will be kept with the meeting minutes.

A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

## Activity Summary

- 2006 spring pot luck will be held on a Saturday. (An informal vote was taken at the meeting to confirm Saturday is the desired day.)
- Boat Parade will be planned for 2006
- Milfoil search was completed 7/9/05. Dean thanked the people who participated.
- Fishing contest winners were announced
  - A copy of the winner's names will be kept with the meeting minutes by the secretary.

## New Board Member Nominations

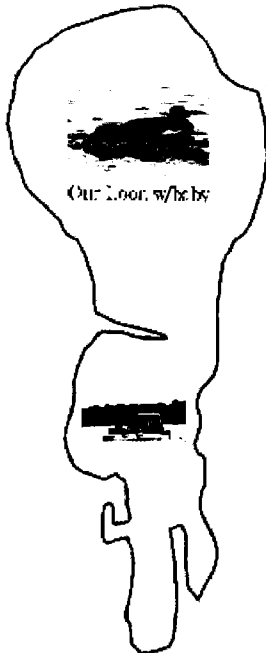
- Leslie Kreutter was thanked for her years of service on the CLCC board. Leslie is retiring from the board effective 8/2005.
- Colleen O'keefe was nominated and approved to serve on the board effective 2006.

Sharon Knaup explained the door prize process (names drawn during the dinner, posted and prizes redeemed after the meeting).

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by CLCC Secretary Holly Linn

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# Coming Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade** (on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>) at **2 pm**  
 Starting Boat will be waving a flag on the north side of the point for  
 a clockwise SLOW cruise around the lake (no passing please)  
 Prizes announced and awarded at the Annual Dinner



**ANNUAL DINNER SAT. AUG. 12th, 2006**  
**AT MAPLE LAKE VFW CLUB**

Social Hour: 5:00 PM \*\*\* Dinner: 6:00 PM

Adults attending: \_\_\_\_ @ \$8 Children 12 and under: \_\_\_\_ @ \$6

Total Amt included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Menu:** Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, veggie, rolls  
and fruit plus coffee and milk

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this a change of address?** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you very much for supporting your Lake Assn.**

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Cedar Lake Activities Suggestions

A note from Doris Schaffer: "Since my husband Paul and I bought our lake home 6 years ago (east side almost directly east of the sand bar), I have been trying to think of a fun way to meet other people with similar interests. Below I have listed many, but certainly not all, of the activities people might like to share. Whether you are interested as a couple or as an individual and whether you are interested in one or many ideas, you can contact me at: Phone: 952/210-2247 or email: dorisschaffer@h otmail.com Or send me a note at: Doris Schaffer; 7507 Ingram Ave NW; Maple Lake, MN 55358.

I presented this idea at the spring potluck and received a good response. If this catches on I will need a couple of helpers to get the information out. If you can help please let me know soon. Thank you!

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

- \* Art, painting, drawing, etc
- \* Woodworking
- \* Needlework, sewing, etc
- \* Quilting
- \* Knitting, crocheting, etc
- \* Scrap booking
- \* Photography
- \* Collecting
- \* Dancing
- \* Music; listening, singing, playing instrument

#### INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- \* Cards, bridge, poker, whist, 500, etc.
- \* Board games—Chess, checkers
- \* Movie watching—classics, etc
- \* Book reading, discussion
- \* Investing, finance, etc
- \* Bible study
- \* Gourmet cooking
- \* Baking, grilling, etc.
- \* Cookies, cake decorating, taffy pull, etc.

- \* Puzzles
- \* Foreign language study
- \* Computers
- \* Lake History discovery
- \* Wine tasting
- \* Happy Hour
- \* Square dancing

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, FITNESS

- \* Fishing, ice fishing
- \* Boating, canoeing, kayaking, etc
- \* Biking
- \* Horseback riding
- \* Yard games, bocce ball, horse shoes, etc
- \* Golf
- \* Tennis
- \* Hunting
- \* Bird Watching, etc
- \* Ice skating, roller blading, hockey
- \* Yoga, Tai Chi, etc.
- \* Skiing, Cross country, downhill
- \* Snowmobiling
- \* Gardening

- \* Campfires and cookouts

#### OTHER IDEAS

Interested in going to:

- \* Theatre, movies, concerts
- \* Gambling, casinos, horse racing
- \* Shopping, Arboretum, Zoo
- \* Valley Fair
- \* Museums, travel, antiques
- \* Shopping, bowling, etc.

#### HAVE TALENTS, SKILLS, SERVICES TO SHARE

Either as a volunteer or for pay.

- \* Yard work
- \* Babysitting
- \* Exercise class
- \* Computer skills
- \* Supply rides into city, St Cloud, church, etc.
- \* Etc, etc, etc