



2011 Recipient

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Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

July, 2011

Don't Miss the First Summer Picnic on the Lake!

Promoting strong fellowship among Cedar Lake residents and friends

Saturday, August 27th 12noon

The CLCC is planning a great day of family fun, camaraderie, music, and lake activities. Last winter, the CLCC Board concluded that a new, on-the-lake activity should replace the spring potluck and annual dinner. Cathi Gabriel Westman and several others have worked hard to put together an exciting afternoon for all ages. Camp Courage has opened its lakefront facility for us! From 12 noon until 2pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a lunch of beef brisket, potato salad, chips, watermelon, cookies, and drinks. Games, raffles, lots of entertainment, information on CLCC activities, and great Cedar Lake merchandise sales will fill the time quickly. Then everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. "Preston and Paulzine," a popular local band, will perform on a barge until 6pm. This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine.

Though RSVPs are not required, it would help. Please drop an email to info@cedarlakecc.org with the number attending.

Enjoy a day of fun on the lake!

Picnic Highlights

12 noon - 2pm Camp Courage

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

Come by car or boat! The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7, or you can beach your boat on the shore

2:00pm-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar

"Preston and Paulzine" - Live Band
Sponsored by **Dingmann Marine**

**Cost: Free to CLCC Members,
Guests \$8 donation**

President's Letter

Kathy Jonsrud

Nothing better than summer on Cedar Lake! Nature and things to do—sun, fish, blue herons, orioles, purple martins, loons, kayaks, pontoons, ski boats, and jet skis—all combine for a great buzz of summer activity.

It was a blast to see many places on the lake filled with family and friends this month. With all the goings on, I hope you will take a few minutes of reflection and spend some time with this newsletter. We are facing a crucial moment on our lake with our fight against Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Inside you will find more details about CLCC efforts to preserve our beautiful lake and property values. We have great news about knocking down curly-leaf pondweed. Previously heavily infested CLP areas are significantly better, so we treated only 11 acres of CLP this year compared to 38 acres in 2010.

However, a new foe - eurasian water milfoil (EWM) - is fierce and will need our continued vigilance and attention. In fact, EWM has already spread from the north side to two areas on the east side and one area on the west side (see map on page 6). Please do your best to steer clear of the Eurasian areas. Eurasian is easily spread and we all need to understand where the infested areas are and minimize traffic. For those who have Eurasian near your docks, make it a habit to do a quick prop clean and inspection before you enjoy other parts of the lake. - Continued p. 2 -

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

President's Letter from p. 1

And we are all set for the **CLCC Picnic at Camp Courage on August 27th at noon**. This is a fresh new summer event for a day of family fun on the lake. We hope you can make it!

Finally, because of the new CLCC Picnic, we are moving our **Annual Membership Meeting to Saturday, September 24th, 9am Corinna Township Hall**. There will be a brief business update, a review of our finances, and time for questions.

May this be your best summer ever on Cedar!

Kathy Jonsrud

P.S. Practice *No Wake* near shore

With the higher water this year shoreline erosion is a growing concern. Please practice even more diligence to "no wake" when you are close to shore. Keep tubing, skiing, and "giving it the garlic" in the middle of the lake. And, again, know where the Eurasian is and steer clear.



Fun on the Fourth!

It was a beautiful day for a parade! This year's participants went way above and beyond with enthusiasm and creative decorations. Awards went to:

Most Enthusiastic: Seefeldt (Vikings)
 Most Patriotic: Wold (Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam)
 Most Creative: Petersmeyer/Bakken (Pirates)
 Dock/Lakeshore: Glass



"Earth, Wings and Water" a Big Success!

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club hosted its first "Earth Wings and Water" Day on Saturday, June 18th at Camp Courage. Even though the weather wasn't cooperating, it was a wonderful event with over one hundred people attending.



One of the many displays at EWW

Guest speakers and specialists on landscaping, birds, fishing, and water quality provided tremendous insights into their areas of expertise. Topics included helping to increase our population of bluebirds, chimney swifts, and purple martins; fun facts about loons, which so far seem to have survived the gulf oil spill; keeping a healthy fish population; and how to improve water quality through proper lakeshore management and protecting our lakes from invasive species through treatment and careful cleaning of our boats. The highlight of the day was the awarding of the Minnesota Star Lakes Award to Cedar Lake. There are only 11 lakes throughout Minnesota with this prestigious designation.

Along with the award came a grant of \$2700 to further the CLCC's lake improvement efforts.

Special thanks to Cheryl Wold, Paul Schutte, Mike Hankee, and other volunteers for a wonderful day!



Thanks to the Nash Family for leading the parade, and to guest judges BR & Beth O'Halloran; Kathy Jonsrud; and Carter, Kobie and Ben Diers



CLCC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Where can you help?

Please consider joining one of the following committees:

Committee	Activities	Chair	Contact Information
Water Quality Protect and improve our water quality and beneficial vegetation.	Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil control, Water Quality Monitoring, Special Projects	(Interim) Kathy Jonsrud, Mike Hankee	kjonsrud@yahoo.com mlhankee@lakedalelink.net
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve and protect beneficial wildlife, fish, and the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Educational programs, Weed Wrench Loan Program, Walleye Stocking, Fishing Contest, Loon Nesting & Buoys	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership and Quality Lake Life Encourage membership and involvement in Cedar Lake Conservation Club	Membership retention and growth, Newsletter, Website, Directory, Visionary and Friend Programs	Mike Hankee	mlhankee@lakedalelink.net
Social Promote fellowship amongst lake residents and friends of Cedar Lake	Summer Picnic, 4 th of July Boat Parade	Cathi Gabriel Westman	cgwlawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage and sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Cedar Lake clothing and merchandise	Leslie Kreutter	leslieabk@comcast.net
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Securing nominations for annual Board elections	Carter Diers	Carter.diers@co.wright.mn.us
Grant Writing Explore and apply for grants that further the purpose of CLCC	Research and apply for grants with an immediate focus to help support control of invasive species	TBD	

Membership Committee by Mike Hankee

The Membership Committee focuses on encouraging membership and member involvement and also on providing an informative website, newsletter, and lake directory. Member satisfaction is very important and we encourage members to share ideas to improve the functions of this committee. We are always looking for more people to serve on the Membership Committee. If you enjoy these activities, please consider joining the Membership Committee by contacting Mike Hankee.

The CLCC membership has been steadily increasing the past few years:

Total Properties = 252
 2009 Members = 184 (73%)
 2010 Members = 193 (77%)
 2011 Members = **Goal of 200 - Have you paid yours?**

Website: www.cedarlakecc.org

Our webmaster—Mark Trostad—has some great material. You can browse past newsletters, the CLCC lake management plan, check ice out dates, and view fun photos and videos. You can also check out a great detailed map of Cedar Lake highlights including completed native lake shore restoration projects, purple martin house locations, bull rushes, loon nesting areas and more. One great feature you won't want to miss is the video of wood duck hatching, jumping from the wood duck house and 16 baby

wood ducks marching away with their mother. The web site also has many educational links, like the U of M Extension Service, Minnesota DNR, Minnesota Waters and the Clearwater River Watershed District. There is also a link for donating to the CLCC Visionary Program. Also, information on the proposed AIS project will be posted. Please check out your CLCC website for up-to-date news and information.

Directory Updates

One of the more popular services your CLCC provides is a lake directory. The directory includes alphabetical listings, map location information, and a color map and includes lake address, lake phone, mailing address, home phone, and email information. *No contact information is shared with outside organizations.* Your email address is very important to keep updated because we now have the ability to send mass emails to our members.

Directory updates will be available at the August 27th picnic and at the September 24th annual meeting.

Please take a moment to review your directory and send any updates to CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, Minnesota, 55302.

Dues

Please use the form on the back of the newsletter to send in your dues. It's vital that CLCC have everyone contributing!

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Fish and Wildlife Conservation

By Paul Schutte

Cedar Lake Loons

Both pairs of our loons produced two chicks this year! The nesting took place in Camp Courage Bay and the other on the sand bar on one of the CLCC nesting platforms. Unfortunately, as of this writing, the pair from Camp Courage Bay lost one of their chicks. While it can be difficult to spot these diving birds, please use caution while boating around the loons and other wildlife and try to maintain a reasonable distance from them.



Walleye Stocking

This fall, the DNR will be stocking our lake with walleye fingerlings as part of its every-other year plan. As you recall last fall, the CLCC stocked Cedar Lake with over 1900 fingerlings to supplement the DNR's efforts. Depending on donations, the CLCC will continue to stock in the off year of the DNR. Currently we have a total of \$622 in the Walleye Account. We encourage everyone to contribute and support this beneficial lake activity. Watch for a raffle at the Picnic to build up this fund!

Protecting our Shores and Native Vegetation

With above average rainfall, Cedar Lake is at a very high level and causing unusual damage to the shoreline. As a result, all boaters should try to *keep a greater distance from shore* and to run at *no wake in shallow water*. A Tip: look at your wake. As it reaches the shore, it should be a "gentle roller." Please remember that the use of motor craft in shallow water tears up native weeds and more importantly spreads invasive species throughout the lake.

Banding of Purple Martins

Enclosed in this newsletter is a new map highlighting areas of activity around the lake. This map shows habitat and nesting areas for some of our wildlife species. One of them is Colony housing for the beautiful Purple Martin. As you can see on this map, many lake owners are involved in providing proper housing for the Purple Martin.

On July 9th, Kelly Applegate, a Wildlife Biologist with the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe and the Director of the Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group, banded 81 Purple Martin chicks at six locations around the lake. Banding will provide invaluable information to help improve the population growth of this beautiful bird.

Nominating Committee

By Carter Diers

The Nominating Committee is now in search of untapped energy and talents. Please let me know (320-274-6564 or carterdiers@yahoo.com) if you are interested in serving on the CLCC Board. *You won't regret it!*

CLCC Treasurer's Report Fund Balances at 07/ 07/ 11

By Bill Arendt

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$31,890.92
Walleye Stocking	662.19
General CLCC	12,201.94
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>2,915.00</u>
TOTAL	\$47,630.05

If you have any questions, please let me know (320-274-2422, wfa12345@aol.com)

Mark Your Calendar For Remaining 2011 Events!

Event	Date, Time, Location	Description
Annual Fishing Contest	Through August 20th	Cash prizes to be awarded at the Summer Picnic on August 27th. Contact Dean Nicholson at 320-274-3516 to weigh and validate your fish entry.
First CLCC Summer Picnic	August 27th , 12pm, Camp Courage	A day of family fun on Cedar Lake. Don't worry, if it rains we will have the picnic in the Camp Courage Dining Hall. Free food and beverages, games for everyone and plenty of raffle items. After the picnic the party moves over to the sand bar with a live band on a water barge.
Annual Club Meeting	September 24 th , 9am, Corinna Township Hall	The board welcomes and encourages your attendance and participation. Board business meeting to follow. Contact any board member for more information.

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Star Lake Merchandise

By Leslie Kreutter

Need a gift? Want to proudly display your lake? We have new merchandise to commemorate the Star Lake Award, an honor which Cedar Lake recently received. Discontinued merchandise is on sale. Go to the CLCC website for more details and pictures. To order items, email me leslieabk@gmail.com. Also, merchandise will be available at the Summer Picnic on August 27 at Camp Courage.

Camp Courage Request

Camp Courage lost the use of two of their floating fishing docks during the storms last year. They are asking for donations from anyone who would be interested in helping replace these docks. Contact is Heidi Strand, at the camp for more information. 320-963-4110



Take this along as you tour Cedar Lake! (larger copy available on website)

Cedar Lake Visionary

Please consider making a donation to the Cedar Lake Visionary Fund. This is a great way to make a tax deductible contribution that will be directed to the fund of your choice. The CLCC is a non-profit 501c3, tax exempt organization. There are several funds that offer flexibility: General, Wall-eye Stocking, Water Quality and other funds as established by the board. The Visionary Program provides a great way to recognize a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special date. You could also provide a remembrance memorial to someone who loved the lake. This program really took off last year so let's keep it going by supporting a fund of your choice!

- Silver Visionary (Up to \$99)
- Gold Visionary (\$100 - \$499)
- Platinum Visionary (\$500 - \$999)
- Lifetime Visionary(\$1000 or more)

A Big Thank You To The New 2011 Visionaries

Silver Visionary

- Judy & Jim Martin in memory of Jim Segner (Water Quality Fund)
- Leslie Kreutter (Water Quality Fund)
- Ken & Karen Savik (Water Quality fund)

Gold Visionary

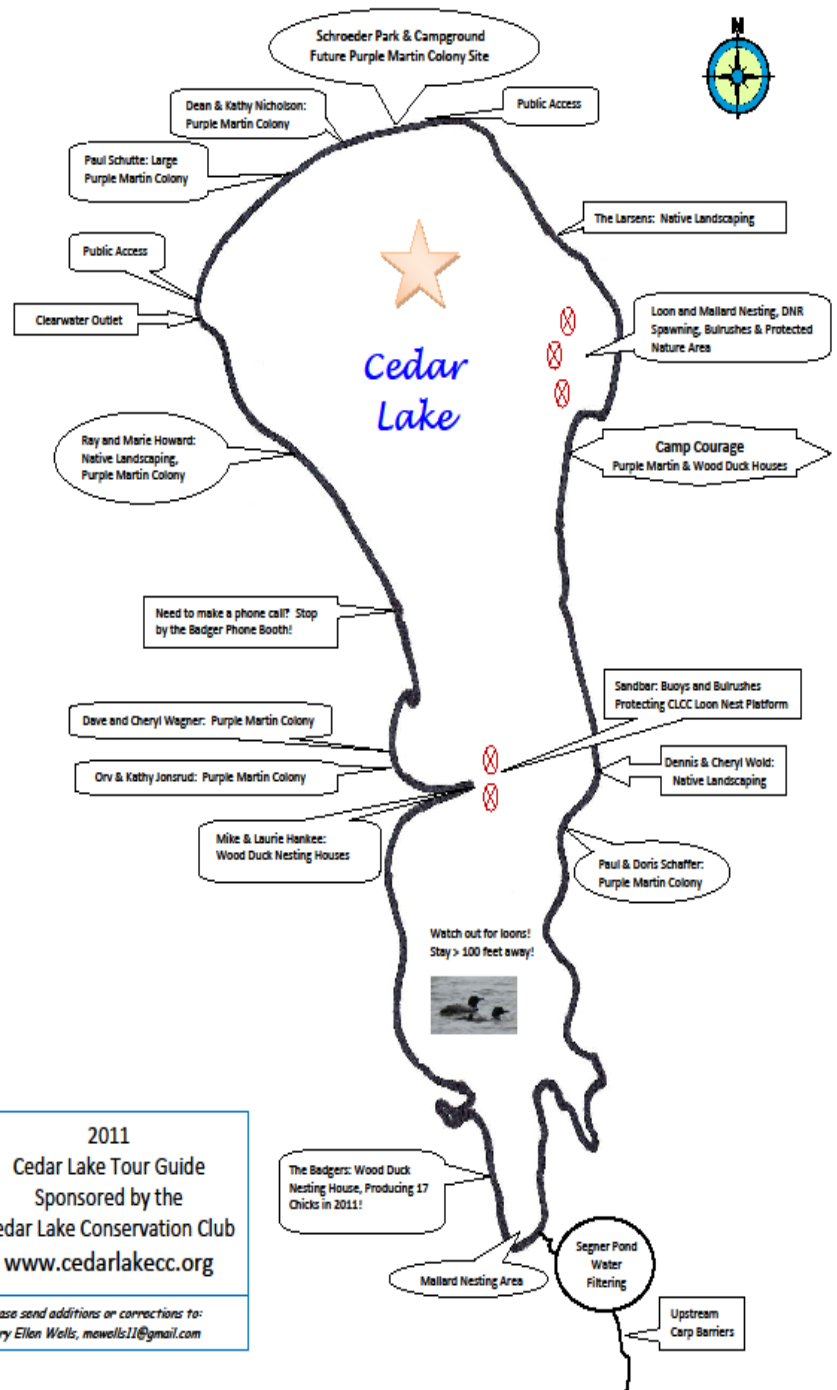
- Greg & Char Duppler (Water Quality Fund)

Lifetime Visionary

- The Dave Larsen Visionary Fund

Forms available at www.CedarLakeCC.org

Questions? Contact Mike Hankee,
mhankee@lakedalelink.net



2011
Cedar Lake Tour Guide
Sponsored by the
Cedar Lake Conservation Club
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Please send additions or corrections to:
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Water Quality Committee *By Kathy Jonsrud and Mike Hankee*

Curly Leaf Pond Weed

CLCC managed a very successful CLP treatment in 2011. Approx 11 acres were treated on May 27th with excellent results. Particularly noticeable is the decrease on the south end of the lake. **The 11 acres treated this year are significantly less than the 38 acres in 2010.** The DNR inspected our lake twice this year to permit for CLP. Though there is some CLP in previously treated areas, it is defined as "spotty" and the native vegetation is coming in nicely. The hard winter with heavy snow fall may have slowed the CLP infestation, along with our two years of treatment. Cost of chemical application was \$6560. CLCC will contribute \$1,930 (40% of our 2010 membership dues revenue) towards this expense. The balance of the expense—\$4,630—will be assessed through the CRWD P06-01 project.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

EWM has been avoided in Cedar Lake for many years. However, in August of 2010 EWM was discovered on the north side of the lake. Our strategy is to hit it hard and early. Orv Jonsrud worked closely with the DNR this spring and we were very lucky to secure a permit to treat 9.82 acres before the July 1st state shut-down. Cost of the EWM treatment was \$4,910 which will be funded by the CLCC Water Quality Fund. We plan a hand harvest this summer.

Although we did not receive the DNR Early Detection and Rapid Response Grant, we obtained a very detailed mapping of the Eurasian on our lake as of this June.

The Eurasian has already spread to three more locations in our lake. This is tough news to share. Please see the red areas on the map to the right. In addition to the north side, there are rare occurrences on two spots on the east side and a scattered occurrence in Sunrise bay. The DNR's recommendation is to hand harvest these areas as they are too small for even spot chemical treatment.

This is a call to action for us to sharpen our EWM identification skills and band together for a robust hand harvest this summer. Ken Savik is leading the charge for the Milfoil Warriors. He is planning a training session on EWM identification and hand harvesting. If you have not signed up to be a Milfoil Warrior in the past, but would like to help, please contact Ken at (ken.savik@gmail.com).

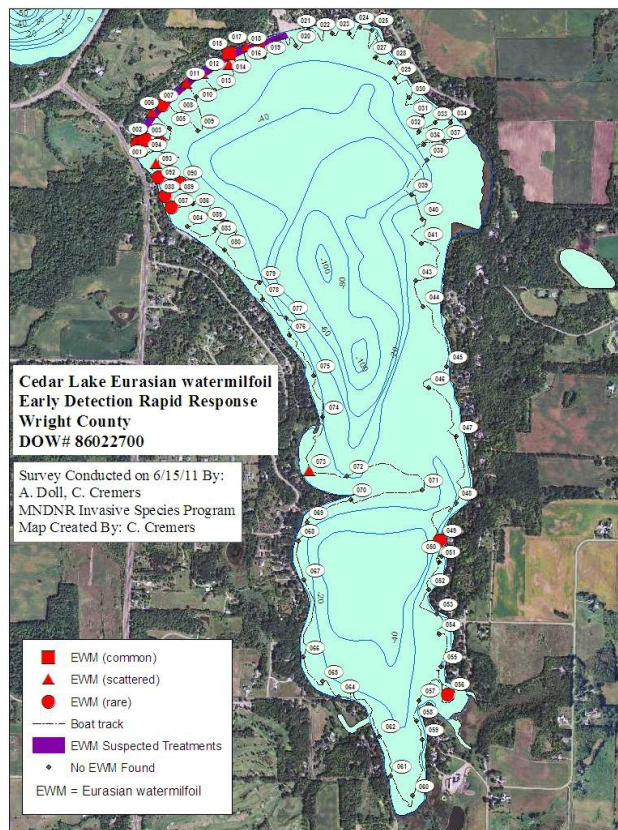
New AIS Project Update

Earlier this spring, the CLCC sponsored a petition to the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) to explore a property tax assessment for funds to control Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) on Cedar Lake. 25% (about 65) signatures were needed to move forward. There was a resounding response to the petition, with almost 40% of the owners (94 +) signing. Thanks to all who sent in the petition and gathered the necessary signatures from your property. Some families had numerous signatures to secure and your efforts are appreciated.

While it was hoped that the AIS Project could be a pass-through of annual costs, the CRWD determined that a set amount must be collected for 5 years. After that time, if the funds are not used, they can be adjusted and remain ear-marked for future use on this project. After several discussions and research, the financial analysis of the petition was completed and the CRWD Board of Managers approved the recommendation of spending up to \$16,000/year for 5 years. *This works out to \$57/unit per year.*

\$16,000/year for the AIS project is a conservative estimate. With careful and vigilant stewardship, AIS should remain under control. *The CLCC focus is to preserve our pristine lake and our property values.*

The final step for this AIS petition is a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 14th, 7:05pm, at the Annandale Middle School.** Watch for more information on this hearing.



Water Quality Monitoring

Hats off to Carter Diers for the good-guy lake commitment to perform Water Quality Monitoring. Carter measures clarity, temperature, and collects water samples for the program. He drops off the samples and all the bookwork in Buffalo. Next time you see Carter, give him a big attaboy!

Got Eurasian Water Milfoil?

It would be a beautiful thing if every owner on the lake could identify EWM. While Northern Milfoil - a good native plant - exists in Cedar, with a bit of experience it's not difficult to tell the difference between Northern and Eurasian. EVERYONE needs to be on the look-out for Eurasian.

Do you think you have Eurasian? Immediately contact Orv Jonsrud at ojonsrud@yahoo.com or 320-274-2166

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More on Water Quality *By Kathy Jonsrud and Mike Hankee*

Tons of Carp Prevented from Entering Cedar Lake

The Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) partnered with CLCC in 2006 to establish a long-term project (P06-01) to reduce the phosphorus load in Cedar Lake. Reduction and control of phosphorus is a key component of preserving water quality. The project is a multi-pronged approach with a sedimentation pond on the south side of the lake (Segner Pond) and best management practices on the south side of Hwy 55.

One of the best management practices is the carp barriers to prevent entry into Cedar Lake. The rooting and churning of the carp stir up the bottom and cause release of phosphorus from the lake bottom. This year, 4,800 pounds of carp were harvested from the barriers. That's a lot of carp that will not find their way into Cedar Lake!

Additionally, CRWD, as part of the P06-01 project, oversees the maintenance of Segner Pond. Due to the high water this year, there was some damage to the skirt of the pond, which CRWD repaired. The high water also allowed some carp over the downstream barriers, but they were trapped in Segner Pond. CRWD staff harvested the fish from Segner to keep the pond functioning properly.

Hats off to Cedar Lake partners from CRWD. It is not one simple magic bullet to preserve the quality of the lake, but a multitude of collective and individual practices.

Clearwater River Watershed District Invitation to Tour District August 20, 7:30am - 11:00am

On August 20th, 2011, the CRWD will be hosting a tour of select district projects. Ranging from wetland treatment systems to field buffers, the tour will show the many different projects the CRWD is undertaking to fulfill its mission of promoting, preserving, and protecting the water resources of the district.

From 7:30 - 8:30 am, a breakfast of egg bake, rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice will be provided at the Annandale Park Pavilion, courtesy of the CRWD.

At 8:30 am, the participants will then board a bus to ferry them to various project locations throughout the Annandale district. Staff will explain the projects and answer any questions.

People can get off the bus to look at certain projects up close, so please plan accordingly.

The tour will be finished around 11 am, and district staff will remain to continue discussions with tour participants. Watch for more information from CRWD or if you plan on attending, RSVP no later than Aug. 5th at: CRWD, PO Box 481, Annandale, MN 55302.

Get To Know The 2010-2011 CLCC Board!

Board Member	Start	End	E-Mail	Home TN	Lake TN
Doris Schaffer	Aug 2007	Aug 2011	dorisschaffer@hotmail.com	952-210-2247	952-210-2247
Sue Nash	Aug 2007	Aug 2011	nash@augzburg.edu	507-281-6379	320-274-6298
Ray Howard	Aug 2008	Aug 2012	raymarie@lakedalelink.net	320-274-3715	320-274-3715
Paul Schutte	Aug 2008	Aug 2012	pschutte54@hotmail.com	612-968-3034	612-968-3034
Gary Goldetsky	Aug 2008	Aug 2012	jgg1850@aol.com	763-557-1258	
Leslie Kreutter	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	leslieabk@comcast.net	320-274-2148	320-274-2148
Kathy Jonsrud	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	kathryn_jonsrud@medcohealth.com	320-274-2166	320-274-2166
Cheryl Wold	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	chjefu@charter.net	763-241-0199	
Jim Martin	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	orvandjudy@comcast.net	320-274-5730	320-274-5730
Gary Miron	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	miron72@comcast.net	763-425-0904	
Jean Skomoroh	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	jeaned@lakedalelink.net	320-274-7155	320-274-7155
Mike Hankee	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	mihankee@lakedalelink.net	651-503-4189	
Bill Arendt*	Aug 2004	Aug 2008	wfa12345@aol.com	320-274-2422	320-274-2422

*Non Board member, elected Treasurer in 2009

CLCC board meetings are open to members and include an open forum for new business. The board welcomes and encourages member attendance and participation. All meetings begin at 9am at the Corinna Township Hall. Contact any Board Member for further information. Remaining for 2011: Annual Membership Meeting and Board Meeting on September 24th.

CLCC
P.O. Box 192
Annandale, MN 55302

CLCC Membership Dues

Annual dues to CLCC are \$25.00, based on the calendar year.
CLCC is a 501 C (3) tax exempt organization, so dues are tax deductible.

Thank You!

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include this form and make checks payable to: Cedar Lake Conservation Club or CLCC.

Mail to: CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302