



2011 Recipient



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Do you enjoy reading about the activities on the lake? This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner. If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support activities such as this newsletter.

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

April, 2012

President's Letter

Greetings to the Cedar Lake community! Spring is in full swing on the lake. Ice out was early this year-March 19th—and within a matter of hours our loons were back and calling. How did they know the ice would be out so early? Many on the lake have docks and toys in the water already. And since we didn't use the snow mobile suits much last winter, they work great for early spring pontoon rides!

CLCC is energized for our best year ever. We have a strong approach for Aquatic Invasive Species control and plan to stay ahead of the curve. Of course, time will tell as we are just beginning to understand what it will take to control Eurasian Water Milfoil on Cedar. The Water Quality Committee's report on page 6 provides more details.

The next CLCC event is **Earth Wings and Water Nature Expo** on May 19th at Camp Courage. The event is open to everyone and is free of charge. The list of speakers is over the top, including Stan Tekiela, well known author, naturalist and wildlife photographer and Darby Nelson, Aquatic Ecologist, professor, and author. New this year is a kid's program--Master Naturalist Lynn Fisher will lead small groups of children through ten learning stations and families can also assemble a bluebird house for a small fee. CLCC members Paul Schutte, Cheryl Wold, Ray Howard, and Mike Hankee have worked very hard to make this event even better than last year. Check out more details on page 2.

I would like to recognize two lake individuals who are in new CLCC leadership positions. Board member Cathy Campbell is our new secretary and Bob Badger is the chair of the Water Quality Committee. Please take a moment to thank these generous folks for stepping up to these important positions.

If you have not paid your 2012 CLCC dues, please take a moment right now to fill out the included form. This year, you will notice a spot to offer your time and talent to CLCC. Is this the year you can answer the call? Also on the 2012 dues form is a voluntary chance to add a bit more to your CLCC dues check. The Board decided to keep dues at \$25/year, \$10 of which will go toward this year's control curly leaf pondweed. Our dues are one of the lowest in the area. CLCC remains in a healthy financial position, thanks to almost 80% of the residents belonging and the Visionary contributions. More information about the Visionary program is available on page 7.

To close, I know there are many who share with me a deep gratitude for the gift of our lake community. As we enter the summer season, please establish a culture in your family to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species. **Always** remove plants, drain water, dispose of bait, rinse and dry your watercraft when transporting. When guests visit with their water craft, help them understand the importance of an inspected, clean launch. Honor our loons from a distance. Marvel at the bull-rushes and lily pads by leaving them undisturbed. Catch and release unless you are certain you will enjoy a tasty fish dinner. Consider that this might be a good year to do some natural lakescaping on your shore line. And above all, have fun and enjoy our treasure.

Blessings and health,

Kathy Jonsrud

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Cedar Lake Conservation Club

2012 EARTH, WINGS & WATER NATURE EXPO
May 19th 8:30am - 4:00pm Camp Courage Gymnasium

What native plants should I use to attract butterflies and hummingbirds? What do those different loon calls mean? What should I do if I find Eurasian Milfoil in the lake? The answers to these and many more questions can be found at the Earth, Wings & Water Nature Expo hosted by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. It is a free event and open to the public.

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30 - 9:00 Welcome, Refreshments
Displays, Silent Auction, Raffle Items Open for Viewing
- 9:00 - 9:40 BLUEBIRDS
Keith Radel & Carrol Johnson from the MN Bluebird Recovery Program
Cedar Lake residents active in bluebird recovery
- 9:50 -10:30 NATIVE PLANTS & SHORELAND RESTORATION
Rob Langer, Natural Shores Technologies
Cedar Lake residents who have native plantings
- LOON FACTS & FUN EVENT FOR KIDS
Lynn Fisher, Master Naturalist.
Learning stations to explore the loon, its habitat and calls
- 10:30 - 11:05 BREAK – Check out the displays, sales booths, raffles and silent auction items!
- 11:10 - 11:50 LAKE ECOLOGY & YOU
Darby Nelson, Aquatic Ecologist, Professor Emeritus, author of “For Love of Lakes”
Darby will have books for sale
- LOON FACTS & FUN EVENT FOR KIDS
Lynn Fisher, Master Naturalist.
Learning stations set up to explore the loon, its habitat and calls.
- 11:50 - 12:30 LUNCH BREAK - Free hot dog lunches available (consider a donation, please!)
Check out the displays, sales booths, raffles and silent auction items!
Cole Loewen - Clearwater River Watershed District
- 12:30 - 1:10 LAKE FISHERIES
Paul Diedrich, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor
Cedar Lake Conservation Club Wildlife & Fishery Committee members.
- LOON FACTS & FUN EVENT FOR KIDS
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- 1:20 - 2:40 UNCOMMON FACTS ABOUT COMMON BIRDS
Stan Tekiela, well known author, naturalist and wildlife photographer
Stan will have books for sale.
- 2:50 - 3:30 PURPLE MARTINS & CHIMNEY SWIFTS, Breeding Bird Atlas
Mike North, Minnesota DNR
Cedar Lake residents hosting purple martin colonies.
- 3:30 - 4:00 Final opportunity for sales, raffles, silent auction items

NEW FUN EVENTS!

New to this year's event is the children's area and a photo contest. Introduce youth to the natural wonders of the lake environment. Master naturalist Lynn Fisher will lead small groups of children through ten learning stations, discovering fascinating facts about the life, habitat and calls of our treasured loons. Assemble a high quality Peterson bluebird house (\$10.00 fee) and learn how to attract bluebirds. And, to celebrate beauty and diversity of our lake environment, bring 1-2 of your favorite photos (e.g. wildlife, plants, fish, sunsets). They will be on display and Stan Tekiela will select 3 lucky winners to receive his signed book.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE!

The latest in Cedar Lake goodies, birdhouses and feeders, and native plants for lakeshore and gardens will be available.

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	Bob Badger	badgerd@hotmail.com
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 among lake residents and friends of Cedar Lake	Earth Wings & Water Nature Expo 4 th of July Boat Parade Summer Picnic and Music Fest	Cathy Gabriel Westman	cgwlawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage and sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Cedar Lake clothing and merchandise	Leslie Kreutter	leslieabk@gmail.com
Nominating (New permanent committee per 2010 Bylaws Revision) 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 (New ad hoc committee) 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 encourages membership and member involvement by focusing on several activities, including member satisfaction, the newsletter, the member directory and the website. It also encourages giving beyond dues through the Visionary Program. Mike Hankee is the 2012 chair of the membership committee.

The CLCC is strong, with 187 out of the 241 property owners (77%) paying dues in 2011. The CLCC membership is well above the 50% average that good lake associations maintain.

The Board plans to continue increasing membership value, improving the awareness and understanding of committees and activities, and increasing engagement of members. A few of the items that the Membership Committee will be focusing on in 2012 include:

- Continue with the annual lake walk-around to provide CLCC information
- New-member packets
- Develop membership information about activities and committees
- Continue to build on the newsletter and website activities.

One of the key goals of the Committee is keeping members informed of all the club activities. The newsletter and website fill this bill nicely. There will be three newsletters this year in April, July and November. Mary Ellen Wells and Bill Arendt take care of editing and printing this informative publication. Feel free to send them recommendations to improve it. Mark Trostad continues to do a great job as our webmaster. Please take a look at the 2012 updated CLCC Website including an interesting update for our PO6 project.

www.cedarlakeecc.org

Please consider joining the Membership Committee! Do you enjoy welcoming new lake neighbors? Or maybe developing membership information? How about ideas for improving the value of our newsletter and website? Are you looking for a fun way to connect with lake neighbors? If so, the Membership Committee has something for you. If you are interested in more information contact Mike Hankee at mlhankee@lakedalelink.net

Welcome New Residents

Douglas & Christi Lain- 6829 Ingram Ave NW

New Membership

Chinmaya Mission Twin Cities- 6850 Inman Avenue NW

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Fish and Wildlife Conservation

By Paul Schutte

Earth Wings and Water Nature Expo!!

Last year's first event was such a hit, the CLCC is sponsoring another day of informative activities on May 19th. We're adding a few more topics and speakers, so please come – all are welcome! See the details for the day on page 2.

Loons

As you travel around the lake you will see some buoys marked "Loon Nesting Area." Everyone should stay away from this area until the loons have completed their nesting.

Last year the pair near the sand bar chose to use one of our platforms and successfully hatched out their chicks! Thanks to Paul Schutte, Dean Nicholson, and Mike Hankee for placing the platforms and buoys this year.

Walleye Stocking

This fall we plan to be doing our additional stocking of walleyes in Cedar Lake. The funding for this comes from raffles and donations at our events and with the Visionary Donations through CLCC. Let's make this even a larger stocking project than we had in the fall of 2010, when over 1900 walleye fingerlings stocked. Any donations are always accepted and are tax deductible.

Operation Of Your Watercraft

As the boating season begins we urge everyone to be a responsible watercraft user. We encourage everyone to operate your watercraft at no wake speeds in all of the shallow areas on the lake. This courteous and safe speed will help many things such as preventing shoreland erosion, vegetation disturbance (uprooting native species and allowing the non-native species to take over) and destruction of fish habitat. Your cooperation is essential to maintaining a healthy lake.

Doing Our Part

As I look out on Cedar Lake, I feel very blessed to be here on a great lake that provides us with much enjoyment. It's a great fishery lake, with many birds and animals that we take for granted. Much of what we have begins with "Water Quality." Please ask: "What can I do to help improve it?" A healthy lake brings so much, and we are lucky to have an active Conservation Club with many dedicated volunteers. Get involved, even if it is just a little bit. Take interest in an area you like and focus on that, and you can make a difference. We are all in this together, so please participate. See you at the Expo!



New Recreation Enforcement Supervisor

Deputy Joel Mackereth retired from the Wright County Sheriff's Office in February with over 28 years of service. Sheriff Hagerty has appointed Deputy Jake Hermansen to take over as the Recreation Enforcement supervisor for this area. Jake has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1995 and has been part of the Recreational Enforcement Division since 2001. Jake has served as a patrol deputy, detective, and school resource officer. The Wright County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Hermansen look forward to working with the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. You can contact Deputy Hermansen at 763-682-7689 or jake.hermansen@co.wright.mn.us

CLCC Treasurer's Report Fund Balances at 3/31/12

By Bill Arendt

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$38,991.98
Walleye Stocking	1,581.19
General CLCC	8,233.81
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>2,915.00</u>
TOTAL	\$51,721.98

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

2012 Calendar of Events

Plans are underway to continue the successful events from 2011. Mark your 2012 calendars with the following lake activities:

Earth Wings & Water

May 19, 8:30am - 4pm

Location: Camp Courage Gymnasium

July 4th Boat Parade

July 4, 2pm

Location: North Side of Sandbar

Board Of Director Meetings

9am - 11:30am on February 11, April 14, July 14, and September 22

The September 22 meeting will include the CLCC Annual Meeting. All CLCC members are encouraged to attend.

Location: Corrina Township Hall.

2nd Annual CLCC Picnic

August 25, 12pm - 2pm

Location: Camp Courage Lakeside Picnic Area

Annual Fishing Contest

Fishing Openers - August 18th

Cash prizes awarded at the Annual Picnic

To enter a fish or for more information contact Dean Nicholson at 320-274-3516

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Star Lake Merchandise

By Leslie Kreutter

Cedar Lake logo items make wonderful and reasonably priced gifts for family and friends. Pictured are women's v-neck t-shirt \$15, regular t-shirts \$12, caps \$10, beach bag \$15, 6-pack cooler \$12, large cooler \$25, deluxe beach towel in various colors \$25 and flag beach towels \$20. Contact Leslie Kreutter leslieabk@gmail.com for clothing. Glassware pictured include beer mug \$7.50, old fashion glass \$7, plastic wine glass \$5, clear wine glass \$6, blue wine glass \$8, tall beer glass \$7, stemless wine glass \$8 shot glass \$4 and salt & pepper shakers \$12. Contact Doris Schaffer at dorisschaffer@hotmail.com for glassware. See the Cedar Lake Conservation Club website for additional merchandise.



Get To Know The 2011-2012 CLCC Board!

Board Member	Start	End	E-Mail	Home TN	Lake TN
Ray Howard	Aug 2008	Aug 2012	raymarie@lakedalelink.net	320-274-3715	320-274-3715
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Kathy Jonsrud	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	kjonsrud@yahoo.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
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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	
Arlan Daniel	Sept 2011	Sept 2015	arlandaniel@yahoo.com	952-237-6665	
Cathy Campbell	Sept 2011	Sept 2015	cathylc@mao.com	952-831-3257	
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.

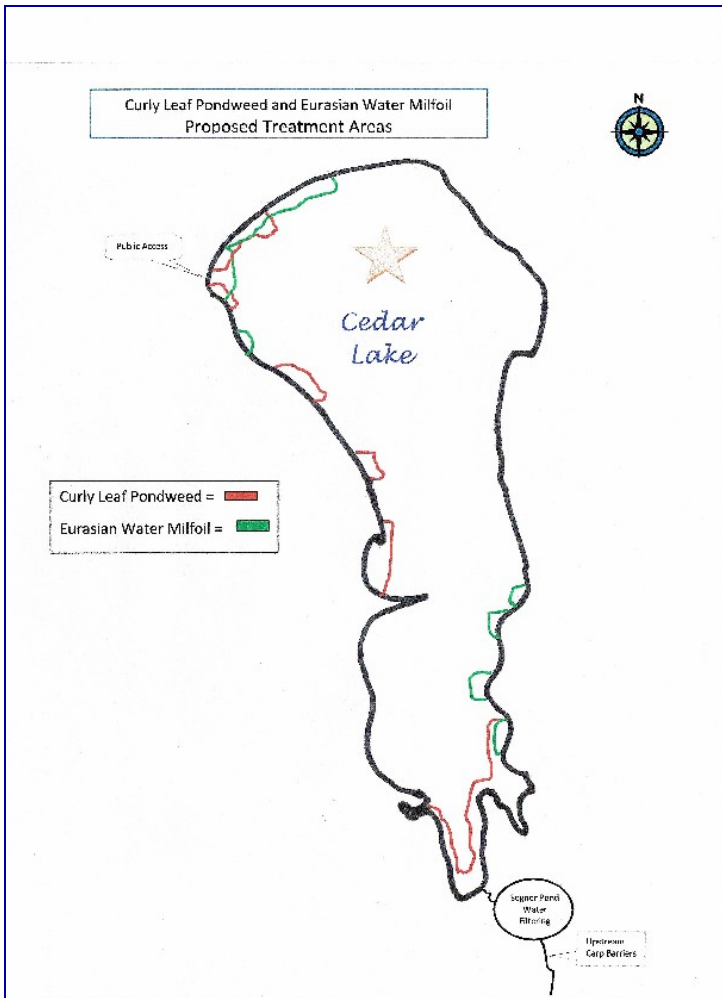
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Water Quality Committee *By Bill Arendt*

Update on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

A recent survey of CLCC members shows that overwhelming majorities believe controlling AIS and improving lake water quality are 'mission critical' activities for CLCC. This reinforces the Board's involvement in AIS Control and many water quality improvement projects.

Professional Lake Management (PLM) has preliminarily identified 21 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and 39 acres of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) that should be treated. Cards were sent to 139 property owners seeking their approval to treat the lake by their shorelines. As of March 30, 2012 there are 124 responses. All but 2 approved the treatment plan. We anticipate the CLP will be treated in late April or early May and the EWM treatment will be in late June. At this writing, PLM has completed a Spring 2012 vegetation delineation and has submitted this to the DNR to process with our permit application. See the map below; it can be viewed in more detail on the CLCC website.



Many of you are familiar with our AIS control efforts. In summary, here are a few important points:

- The DNR makes the final determination about the acreage we can treat. We can only treat those areas that the DNR authorizes.
- The CLP treatment is paid for by the CLCC water quality fund (\$1,900) with the balance collected by the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD). The chemical used for CLP is endothall.
- The EWM treatment is paid by the CRWD under our new AIS project. This project provides a long term funding strategy which leverages contributions from all lake shore owners. The chemical used for EWM is triclopyr.
- CLCC continues to provide AIS oversight and management on a volunteer basis.

New DNR Regulations For "AIS" Control

This spring will be the first time that boaters will be impacted by the new DNR Regulations for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). These regulations require several steps everyone must take when transporting or launching any watercraft:

CLEAN: All watercraft and trailers must be cleaned of all weeds & mud. Especially be on the alert for zebra mussels, since numerous lakes have already been infected. Rub your hand over trailers, motors, propellers & water intake vents. These are areas that might be hiding AIS species.

DRAIN: All drain plugs must be pulled (and kept out) and water drained before transporting. On the Inboard wake board boats, be sure to drain all plugs. In addition, live wells, bait buckets and bilge areas must also be drained. The DNR will be utilizing checkpoints throughout the state to enforce these regulations and fines will be given for violations.

DRY: When possible, let your boat dry at least one day when going from lake to lake. Be especially cautious when leaving an infected lake. These lakes have signs at the launching ramps that signify an infected lake.

These rules also apply to docks and lifts that may be transported between lakes. The DNR will have decals available at the Earth Wings and Water Expo to attach to trailers as a reminder of the steps to be followed. More information is available at the DNR website www.dnr.statemn.us/invasives

Improvements Made To Segner Pond

Segner Pond is a basin built in 2006 as part of the Clearwater River Watershed District's Cedar Lake improvement project P06-1. It is located between Cedar Lake and Hwy 55. The pond is used to store water from Swartout, Albion and Henshaw lakes for treatment through a limestone filter berm. Phosphorous-laden water passes through the berm, where

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Water Quality continued from p. 6

phosphorous binds to the limestone and stays in the pond while the water continues to Cedar Lake. The basin also gives suspended sediment time to settle out to the bottom of Segner Pond instead of the bottom of the lake.

Last November, the area south of Segner Pond pond was widened to aid the process of seining carp. Erosion damage from last year's high water was also repaired.

Go to the new CRWD website, www.CRWD.org to get up to date information regarding P06-1, 2011 Water Quality reports and a history of P06-1.

If you're interested in serving on any water quality project please contact Bob Badger or Kathy Jonsrud.

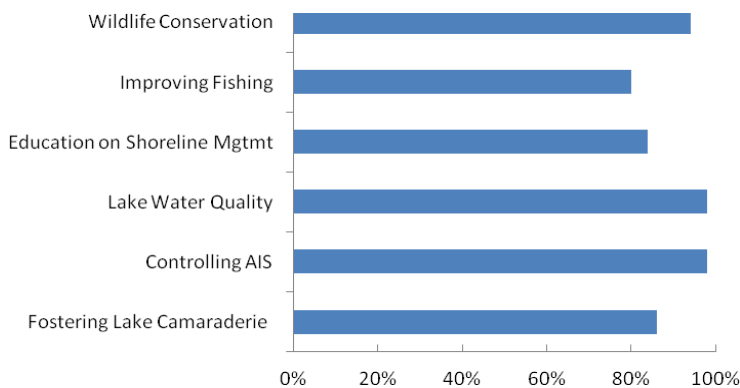
Segner Pond Rebuild



The Survey Says CLCC Member Survey Results

- Thanks to all those who completed the member survey last month. The results confirm that the lake association is focusing on the right issues. 98% believe controlling Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and maintaining/improving water quality is mission critical or important.

This chart depicts the percentage of respondents who believe these issues are mission critical or very important.



Here are a few more highlights:

- It appears that the communication efforts are working. 98% strongly agree or agree that they understand what CLCC is doing to control AIS,
- 76% can identify Eurasian Water Milfoil.
- 98% understand how they are paying to control AIS.
- 94% agree the directory is important.



Cedar Lake Visionary

By Mike Hankee



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. Please consider the CLCC when planning your donations. The CLCC is a **non-profit 501c3 tax exempt organization**. The current Visionary Funds are the General Fund, Walleye Stocking Fund, Water Quality Fund and other funds as established by the board. This 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. **New to the visionary program will be a cumulative tally of your contributions and 'sustaining' will be added if you give each year. Once you have reached a certain visionary category you will be recognized in that category.** This program really took off last year so let's keep it going by supporting a fund of your choice! Donation forms are available on the website:

www.CedarLakeCC.org

Visionary Categories

Silver (Up to \$99)

Gold (\$100-\$499)

Platinum (\$500-\$999)

Lifetime (\$1000 or more)

A Big Thank You To Our Newest 2011 Visionaries

- Dennis & Katherine Smaagaard (Silver)
- Ed & Jean Skomorah (Silver)
- Bob & Colleen Dutcher (Silver)
- Dave & Cheryl Wagner (Sustaining Gold)
- Brett & Mary Bergeron (Gold)
- Mark & Julie Grimme (Gold)
- Dick & Mary Beth Ebert (Lifetime)
- Steve & Paula Ostrom (Lifetime)
- Mike and Laurie Hankee (Sustaining Lifetime)

Questions? Contact Mike Hankee,
mlhankee@lakedalelink.net

- 96% strong agree or agree that the newsletter provides enough information.
- 86% have visited the website.
- 60% prefer hard copy newsletter.
- The results regarding the exploration of a slow/no wake zone on the east side sandbar were mixed:
 - 52% strongly agree or agree;
 - 24% are neutral;
 - 24% disagree or strongly disagree

The Board of Directors is keeping the feedback top of mind as it plans activities.

EARTH, WINGS, and WATER

NATURE EXPO

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Courage Center Gymnasium

8:30am ~ 4:00pm



See details inside!

CLCC

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