

Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner.

If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and other CLCC activities.

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Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake — Annandale, MN

April 2025



President's Letter by Greg Duppler

Happy Spring! The ice officially went out on March 29 — 15 days later than last year's record but almost a month earlier than April 25, 2023. We're excited for the season ahead and look forward to getting the docks, lifts, and boats into the water so fishing, boating, and fun can begin!

A special thank you to all the CLCC board members, committee chairs, and volunteers for their time and efforts to help support Cedar Lake and make it the best it can be.

Spring is the perfect time to pay your annual dues. Please refer to the back page of this newsletter for payment options. A heartfelt thank you to those families who have generously donated to the Visionary Fund.

TWO EASY WAYS TO PAY DUES



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



Online payment at www.cedarlakeecc.org

We're looking forward to a fantastic summer! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Fourth of July Boat Parade:** Decorate your boat and/or shoreline for a chance to win great prizes and have a lot of fun! Bunch up at the sandbar at 2pm on July 4th.
- **Annual Picnic on July 19:** We have an exciting new venue and a wonderful new menu to share with everyone. See more details on page 2.
- **Music On The Water at the Sand Bar July 19:** Following the picnic, join us for a great time, meeting new people, and enjoying live music, starting at 2pm.

- **Happy Hour at Spilled Grain:** We'll be repeating this popular event in August — it's been a huge success in previous years!

Winter was a busy time for important project planning, including:

- Aquatic invasive species ramp inspections at County Road 6 and Schroeder Park have been arranged for the season.
- The Rapid Response Team is prepared to address lake emergencies such as no wake zones, new invasive species, and algae blooms. We're also continuing to build funds to combat future invasive species.
- The walleyes stocked in October (and in previous years) are continuing to grow.
- Loon platforms are out, thanks to the Fish & Wildlife Committee.
- We're thrilled to announce the new Lighthouse Memorial Platform on Cedar Lake, see more information on page 3. A huge thank you to Glenn Baird for his dedication to this incredible addition!
- Camp Courage is busy with the construction of a new recreation center, set to be completed in early 2026.

If you're interested in joining the board, volunteering, or heading up any of the committees, please reach out to President-Elect Sue Wolf (suewolf5600@gmail.com) or myself (greg.duppler@yahoo.com). We're always looking for volunteers, and there's something for everyone to contribute. Here's to a wonderful summer of fun and sun. We look forward to seeing you on the lake!

Greg Duppler, CLCC President
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**Our grands fishing on Cedar.
Makes our hearts sing!**

Time to Pay 2025 Dues* *Please pay by May 15
Pay online at cedarlakeecc.org or use form on page 16



CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water July 19th, 2025

NEW LOCATION for Picnic and Raffle
The Boat House at 'Tween Lakes



Once again, let's set aside some time to celebrate and enjoy our fabulous lake community!

Picnic Lunch and Raffle July 19 *New Location*

The Boat House at 'Tween Lakes, 8980 MN-24, Annandale
Venue sponsored by Bob and Char Shadduck

- Doors open at 10:30! Come and check out the great raffle items and visit with lake neighbors!
- Lunch served from 11:30 to 12:30.
- **Lunch is free for all CLCC members** and children under 12. Guests welcome and lunch charge is \$10.50. Cottage Gourmet (new menu!) will provide lunch and ice cream (of course) by Sweet Escapes.
- The Raffle will begin at 12:15. Tickets are \$20 for 25 tickets and are sold at the event. Anyone wishing to donate a raffle item please contact Lori Larson at 703-599-4128. **We need your support along with the local businesses to make this a really fun event.** We have many talented artists on the lake and come see what they have donated. Must be present to win.

Music on the Water *Live Band* July 19th, 2-6pm

After the food and raffle, float on over to the sandbar to visit, dance on the water, and listen to great music from Stim Pak. They will entertain us from 2-6pm. **Music on the Water is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.**

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water

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Lunch

11:30 to 12:30pm
The Boat House at "Tween Lakes
[8980 MN-24, Annandale](#)
Venue sponsored by
Bob and Char Shadduck



Raffle

12:15pm (must be present to win). **Raffle items are needed!** Please contact Lori Larson 703-599-4128 to contribute to the raffle.

Music on the Water Live Band—sandbar

2-6pm by Stim Pak, Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.



Cedar Music on the Water
Photo by Dick Ebert

Cedar Lake Memorial Platform Keepers of the Light



By Glenn Baird, CLCC Past Board of Directors, Fish and Wild Life Committee, Water Quality Committee

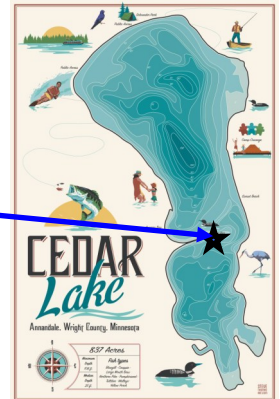


Example of plans for Cedar Lake
Keepers of the Light Memorial Platform

The CLCC Board of Directors has approved building a memorial lighthouse floating platform to honor those who have passed and dearly loved Cedar Lake. The lighthouse is a rendition of Minnesota's Split Rock Lighthouse on Lake Superior.

The 6' tall lighthouse will be mounted on a 6' x 6' floating platform and anchored on the most eastern reed bed at the sand bar (see location to the right). The lighthouse will feature an LED solar powered amber light that will shine continuously from dusk to dawn.

It will be put out around Memorial Day and removed after Labor Day.



Keepers of the Light
In memory of all who loved
Cedar Lake
45°15'45.6" N 94°03'36.1" W

The project is funded, and will be maintained, in part by private donations directed to the CLCC Memorial Fund.

Donations for this Memorial Fund project are welcome; there is a form on page 16 of this newsletter, or you can easily donate online at www.cedarlakecc.org (scroll down to "Become a Visionary, Memorial Fund").

Process in motion for required boat wrap recycling

By Kathy Jonsrud, Minnesota Coalition of Lake Association Treasurer

Soon many of us (or our lake service provider) will be removing the blue or white plastic that has covered our watercraft for the winter season. So where does all that plastic go? Right now, most goes to a landfill.

By way of background, Minnesota leads the nation in boats per capita. An estimated 90% of boats in the state are sealed with shrink wrap each winter for protection and storage. This requires millions of pounds of plastic film in process¹.

In early 2024, Minnesota became the **first US state to establish a product stewardship program for boat wrap**. The law requires boat wrap producers to designate and become members of a stewardship organization and operate under an approved stewardship plan to sell boat wrap or offer it for sale. The stewardship plan must include a recycling plan.

In Minnesota, the new law to recycle shrink wrap is like our law about paint and electronics; if you make it or sell it, you need to have a stewardship program to recycle.

2025	Planning and enrollment for producers in boat wrap stewardship/recycling program.
2026	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requires annual report on stewardship/recycling program.
2030	By June 1, 2030, no less than 50% of the total weight of boat wrap sold in Minnesota must be collected and recycled.
2035	By June 1, 2035, no less than 80% of the total weight of the boat wrap sold in Minnesota must be collected and recycled.

The process for the required boat wrap stewardship program is under the regulation of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Here's a timeline for the roll-out of the stewardship program and recycling efforts:



Please watch for more information about boat wrap recycling and engage to do the best we can to preserve our precious environment.

More information and references

1. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air-water-land-climate/boat-wrap-stewardship-program>

New required Watercraft Operator's Permit Starts July 1, 2025

By Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations (MN COLA)



New required Minnesota Watercraft Operator's Permit Starts July 1, 2025 Cost: \$34.95

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/education.html>



Here are a few details about the new law that requires a Watercraft Operator's Permit in Minnesota.

The law was passed in 2023. Starting July 1, 2025 the phase in begins; adults born on or after July 1, 2004 must hold a permit to operate motorized watercraft (no permit required for 25 hp or less motorized watercraft). Full enforcement is by 2028.

For the phase in, born on or after the following dates:

July 1, 2004	Effective July 1, 2025
July 1, 2000	Effective July 1, 2026
July 1, 1996	Effective July 1, 2027
July 1, 1987	Effective July 1, 2028

- MN DNR is responsible for program.
- The MN DNR has recently made the determination that those who completed the Youth Boater Permit in the past meet requirements for the new law.
- Core safety education in water way rules, towing, and user conflict reduction.
- Lake ecology (aquatic invasive species, impact of big wakes and prop thrust)
- Here's the law that provides all the details
Minnesota Statutes 86.30
<https://tinyurl.com/ms743u4d>



Benefits of the Watercraft Operator's Permit

- Help calibrate all Minnesota boater's knowledge with current information and research.
- Increase likelihood of responsible, respectful operation.

2025 Minnesota Boating Guide Watercraft Operator's Permit page 24

The 2025 DNR Minnesota Boating Guide is available and provides information about the required Watercraft Operator's Permit on page 24.

<https://tinyurl.com/28ue3cey>

To obtain print copies of the Minnesota Boater's Guide, you can email boatandwater.dnr@state.mn.us, requesting a copy of the publication, and include your name and address in the email.



CLCC Facebook Summer Photo Contest

By Dick Ebert and Joe Clemence



The Cedar Lake Conservation Club Facebook page is a great way to keep close to the lake. The group has 500+ followers!

Over the winter, steps were taken to reduce the amount of spam posts.

A special shout out and thanks to Joe Clemence for his help and engagement for the administration of the Facebook group.



Also, we are pleased to announce another summer Facebook Photo Contest!

- Post your best photos on the CLCC Facebook page now through September 1, 2025.
facebook.com/groups/cedarlakemn
- \$100 prize for Most Likes/Loves of a photo.

Note: CLCC Board of Directors not eligible for contest.



Fish and Wildlife Committee by Paul Schutte

MN DNR Quality Sunfish & Crappie Initiative Limits Being Considered on Cedar

For years, anglers have been telling the MN DNR they were satisfied with sunfish/bluegill numbers, but an increasing number of anglers have been concerned about catching so many small sunfish. DNR fisheries managers responded with a Quality Sunfish and Crappie Initiative that uses proven daily limits of sunfish to protect and improve sunfish quality on select lakes with both the biological potential to produce large sunfish and strong public support. There are numerous lakes in Minnesota with Quality Sunfish and Crappie Initiative limits, including neighboring lakes like Sylvia, Maple, Sugar, Clearwater, and Pleasant.

The MN DNR conducted a fish survey in 2024 on Cedar to better understand the numbers and size of sunfish and crappies. They determine that Cedar could benefit from limits.



The current sunfish limit is 20 fish (statewide regulation) with no size limits. The proposed sunfish limit would be 20 with no more than five sunfish over eight inches. This would allow anglers to harvest sunfish while also protecting/increasing the number of larger sunfish in the population.

CLCC Fishing Contest Retired

The Board of Directors has decided to retire the Cedar Lake Fishing Contest. Participation has been consistently low over recent years. The Fishing Contest will be a sweet memory on Cedar.

Special thanks to Dean and Kathy Nicholson for their many years of managing the fishing contest.

Enjoy fishing on Cedar! Grandpa Bass and Walter are out there!

CLCC walleye stocking next in 2026



Dean Nicholson on Cedar
30" Walleye January 8, 2025
And yes, it was catch & release!

CLCC continues with our cooperative walleye stocking schedule with the MN DNR. In 2025, the MN DNR plans to stock walleyes. The next CLCC funded walleye stocking is planned for 2026.

The 2026 Walleye Visionary fund is ready for your contributions! The current amount in the fund is \$1,151. Our goal is \$10,000. Here's how to contribute:

- Using the form on page 16 or:
- Contribute online at www.cedarlakecc.org and scroll down to Visionary Walleye Stocking Fund.

We thank you for your donations to the Walleye Visionary Fund!

We also propose reducing the daily bag limit on crappie from ten to five to conserve the existing crappie population. This would make the regulations somewhat similar to other larger lakes in the area (Sugar, Clearwater, Maple, East/West Sylvia, and Mink/Somers Lakes).

The CLCC Fish and Wildlife committee supports the DNR's recommendations and plans to survey the CLCC membership later this summer on whether they would like to be part of this regulation proposal.

Proposed Regulation Change Timeline

December 2025	Propose changes for sunfish and crappie regulations.
May to October 2026	—Post signs at public access that regulations may change. —Online public input accepted.
December 2026	Final decision made.
March 1, 2027	New regulations go into effect.

Loons on Cedar 4 platforms ready



The love of having loons on Cedar Lake is never ending.

As we all know, nothing on the lake "just happens" and the Committee works hard to maintain the 4 nesting platforms on the lake.

The platforms are placed on the water as soon after ice-out as possible. Often the loons are watching and waiting as the platforms are placed and will hop onto the platforms as we pull away.

A special **thanks and recognition this year to Glenn Baird** for the complete rebuild of one of the loon platforms. Other platforms needed various repairs which were completed.

Marvel and enjoy this incredible gift on Cedar, but please give the loons and their new families plenty of room—200 ft.

Loon Platforms on Cedar
Please keep your distance and give them plenty of room—at least 200 ft

The new chicks won't be diving till at least July, and parents will not dive if a chick is tucked on their back.

What's the Buzz for May?*


- **1st week** | Time to put out the oranges and the grape jelly for the returning dazzling Baltimore Orioles! Fill up the hummingbird feeders as they usually arrive this week—and they are hungry! Purple martins are back on Cedar Lake, checking out all the great housing provided by Cedar Lake landlords.
- **2nd week** | Lilacs are in bloom and the bees are busy! Barn swallows are getting their nests constructed and ready for their new families. Both the male and female barn swallow build the nest, and share egg incubation responsibilities.
- **3rd week** | Monarch butterflies are welcomed back from their winter in Mexico. They are on the hunt for milkweed where they will lay their eggs.
- **4th week** | The loons are usually sitting tight on their nests, incubating their eggs. As the summer boating season starts, please give the loons plenty of room—200 ft or more—as they tend to their families.

* Source: Minnesota Nature Notes, Jim Gilbert



Cedar Lake
Photo by Dave Glass

2025 CLCC Events Mark Your Calendars

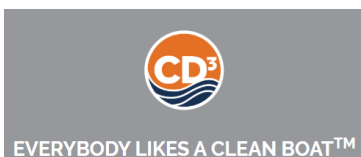
June 14th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
July 4 th	CLCC July 4 th Boat Parade	Decorate your watercraft or shoreline to celebrate America's birthday. Bunch up a bit before 2pm on the north side of the sandbar and follow the lead boat.
July 19th	 CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> New Venue for Picnic this year The Boathouse at Tween Lakes 8980 MN-24 (north side of Cedar) </div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: top; margin-left: 10px;"> 10:30 Doors Open 11:30 to 12:30 Lunch 12:30 Raffle 2-6pm Music on the Water </div>
September 13th	2025 Member Annual Meeting Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW
November 15th	Board of Directors Meeting	All welcome! 9am Corinna Town Hall 9801 Ireland Ave NW

Self Serve Watercraft Cleaning Stations (CD3) Cedar Schroeder and CTY RD 6 Accesses Leave AIS at the launch

- Free to use!
- Available 24/7
- Solar powered with lighting
- Tools include:
 - Wet/dry vacuum
 - Air Blowers
 - Grabber
 - Wrench
 - Brush

Schroeder Park (north side of Cedar Lake-Wright County) and the County Rd 6 public access (west side) have great watercraft cleaning stations for boaters to use to reduce the chance of spreading aquatic invasive species.

The cleaning stations are sponsored by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, Wright County Soil and Water, and the Wright County Parks and Recreation.



CD 3 at Cedar County Road 6 Access
Photo courtesy of Dick Ebert

CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

by Dave Glass

This spring looks to be more on track from last year. We called ice out on March 29th. Ice fishing was back in full swing with a lot of activity on the lake over the winter. It does appear much of Minnesota is abnormally dry or moderate drought, though our section of Wright County does not classify us in any type of drought.

Very soon docks and lifts will be going back in the water. Please clean off your equipment removing any dead vegetation or zebra mussel residue.

As we reported last fall, we have no plans to treat any AIS species this year, as no areas were discovered needing treatment. We will continue monitoring launches to help reduce the chance of introducing invasive species and educate the boating public. This program has been very successful. With the addition of our two CD3 stations, we are providing the tools and education to make all users better lake stewards.

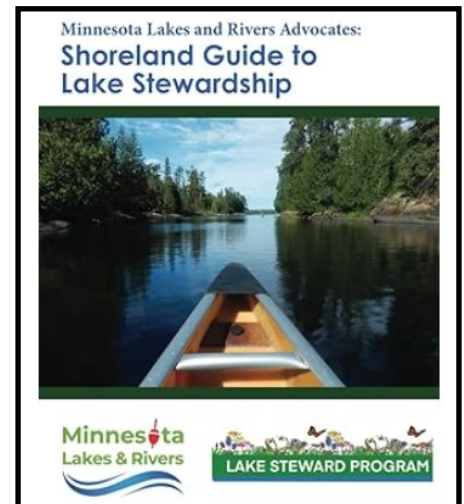
Last summer we published results of a CLCC member survey. The two areas that received the highest response of mission critical were controlling AIS and Improving/maintaining water quality. CLCC is fulfilling that mission. This shows me all lake residents support

these ideas.

Now it is your turn to help with your property. Voluntarily adopt one or more of these actions.

- Reduce or eliminate fertilizer and pesticides.
- Maintain the septic system.
- Ensure stormwater runoff is reduced from your yard by installing a rain garden, or other feature.
- Clean all pet waste and fire pit residue.
- Plant native plants in rip rap to help in runoff and habitat and plant a buffer along the shore to help filter contaminants and silt from entering the lake.

These actions will all add up to make our lake an even better lake. Look at the money you can save, the new birds and butterflies you can enjoy, the cleaner your lakeshore will be. Some require no work at all, others can be a family event, not a job.



I have a limited number of "MLR's Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship" booklets which normally sell for \$10.00. **My wife and I purchased copies to give to those who are interested.**

I will take donations made out for any amount to the CLCC Water Quality Fund, but no donation required. We believe in working for a better lake and also believe in residents doing what they can do to help as well. Please contact me at glassdavid@gmail.com or by phone at 651-343-9674 and we will get a copy to you.



Where on Cedar?

Answer on page 13



Here is a stunning photo of Cedar Lake.

This is a tough one to figure out, but here is a hint: it is NOT the sun in the sky.

We all enjoy the photos of the lake; please join the Facebook page (see more information on page 4) to share your photos of lake fun and beauty.

Not on Facebook? We would still love to have your photos; email to Kathy Jonsrud (kjonsrud@yahoo.com)

Kids Don't Float Free life jacket loaner station

Never.
Ever.
Risk It.

CLCC, with kind cooperation from Wright County Parks, sponsors a **FREE life jacket loaner station** on Cedar. The station is at Schroeder Park beach (north side of lake) and is **available for all to use.**

You will find a great assortment of high quality life jackets, including adult sizes.

Just use and return.

Mark Grimme, CLCC member, manages the station and works with Wright County Parks and the Wright County Sheriff's team to provide this service.



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Membership Update and Welcome New Residents

By Sue Wolf, President Elect

Spring is here, the ice is out and summer is right around the corner!

As we continue to plan and prepare for the year ahead, I wanted to say **"THANK YOU"** to the members that have paid their 2025 annual dues (still only \$50)! Membership dues/Visionary contributions can be easily paid online via the website www.cedarlakecc.org or by mail using the form on page 16. Please pay your 2025 dues by May 15, 2025.

In addition to the annual membership dues Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) offers Visionary Funds to support Cedar Lake. Many add a bit more when dues are paid. CLCC visionary funds include; Water Quality, Walleye stocking, Memorial Funds, and the General Fund. Every donation is important and is greatly appreciated. CLCC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization,



Welcome New Cedar Lake Residents! There was a lot of Cedar Lake property sales in 2024; according to member and realtor Rick Seagraves, 10 Cedar Lake properties changed owners in 2024 with the average sales price of \$1,013,700.

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

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

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

The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts, **so is this your year to step up?**

Please let Sue Wolf know if you are interested.
suewolf5600@gmail.com | 612-619-5600



IMPORTANT!

Do we have your correct contact information?

New email?

Do you have a new neighbor?



CLCC will be refreshing the lake directory this year and we would like to have the best information possible. Please take a moment and send any changes (name, lake address, mailing address, phone and email(s)) or information on new neighbors to: Liz Baird, CLCC Treasurer, lizbaird22@gmail.com

Your CLCC Officers and Directors

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Lake Steward Program could be a good fit for Cedar

By Dave Glass, Water Quality Committee Chair



You may or may not have heard of The Lake Steward Program. This started with the Gull Chain of Lakes (promoted by MN Lakes and Rivers) to among other things, help lake associations improve water quality.

The CLCC continues with a deep stewardship and dedication to water quality. According to a recent set of articles on Minnesota Public Radio,

Kirsti Marohn spotlighted this issue in her series *Trouble by the Water: Minnesota's Vanishing Lakeshores*. Here are a few highlights:

- Nearly half the state's natural shorelines are gone.
- Natural shorelines continue to vanish by 1 to 2 percent a year.
- Water running off mowed lawns and hard surfaces continues to pollute lakes.
- A single pound of phosphorus in a lake can produce 500 pounds of algae.
- Many of Minnesota's lakes are in trouble.

The Lake Steward Program, strictly a volunteer effort, has succeeded where other efforts have failed, by using a quiz to get lakeshore owners interested, and then making contact which is personal and centered on the individual lakeshore owner, their family, and their relationship to their land and the water.

The MN DNR has scored 836 lakes. Out of a possible score of 100, Cedar Lake scored 62. Our shoreline quality rating is "Low quality habitat". **We can be better.**

The process starts by sending 10 questions to "score your shore" to the resident. If the property qualifies, a sign is awarded designating the owner as a Lake Steward. If the property does not qualify for a sign, volunteers can talk with owners to develop plans to qualify, if they so choose.

How can we make this happen on Cedar?

Step 1: We would like to assemble a team (1-3 people) that can help respond to surveys, visit properties and share education and grant resources with the shoreline owner.

Step 2: Distribute the Lake Steward quiz to our members.

Step 3: Contact quiz responders and ask to visit the property.

Step 4: Conduct site visits.

Step 5: Order signs.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this team, please contact me at glassdavid@gmail.com or by phone at 651-343-9674.

For more information, check out:

<https://mnlakesandrivers.org/mlr-lake-steward-program/>

<https://www.mprnews.org/environment/trouble-by-the-water>

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.

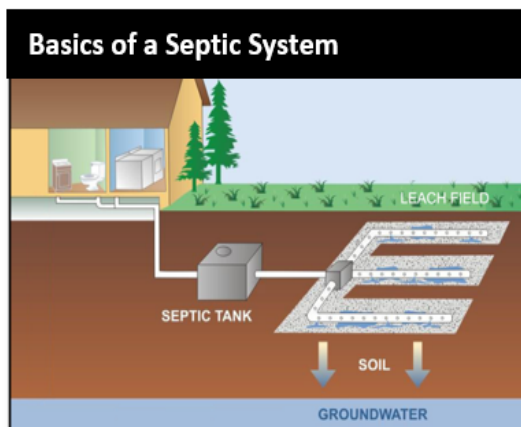
Wright County took steps over twenty-five years ago to address septic concerns. The regulations have specific requirements and a permitting process for those designing and installing systems. For lake property owners with existing individual systems, the regulations focus on three major components in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

- **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 <https://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.

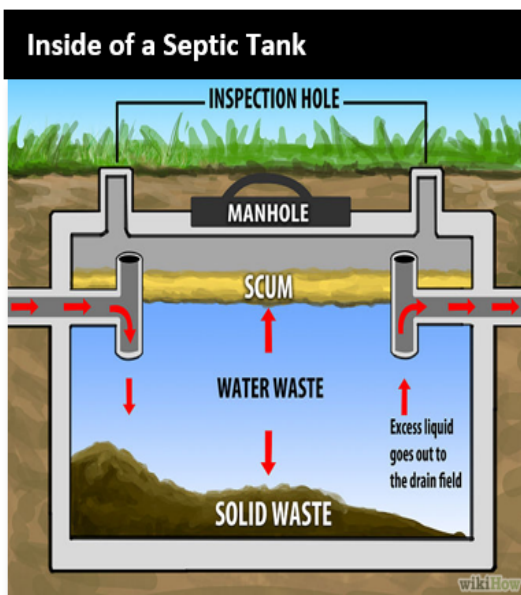
Septic System Dos and Don'ts

DO

- ✓ **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 liquid detergents and mild 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.





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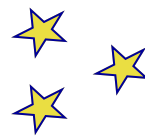
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In 2024, our Visionary donations were over \$32,500, which is a new record. Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Walleye Stocking, Water Quality, and Memorial Fund.

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—scroll down the home page for the Visionary information.

For further information, contact CLCC President Elect Sue Wolf (suewolf5600@gmail.com 612-619-5600).

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!

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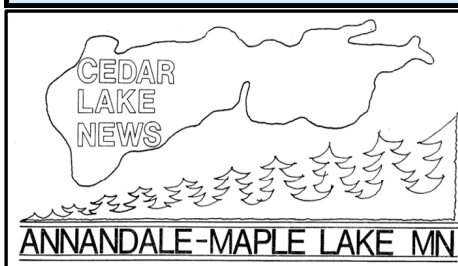
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Where on Cedar? from page 7

This photo is from Daniel and Laurita Roos, taken from the southeast side of Cedar on December 13, 2024 at 5:03 AM. Yep, that is the moon setting and what a spectacular winter treat!

A Step Back In Time | Spring/Summer 1978 Tidbits from CLCC Newsletters



- CLCC 1978 Annual Meeting was a brunch at the Annandale VFW Hall. CLCC members were treated to a free brunch, and additional tickets available for \$2.60.
- Here's a lake friendly, tummy filling recipe from the March 1978 issue—No Peek Chicken.

- "The DNR does not encourage removal of aquatic vegetationthe lowly bullrush may be an eye sore to the new lake shore owner...however bull rushes provide valuable spawning habitat for fish. The plant also draws nitrogen and phosphorus from the water, thus helping to cleanse the lake."

NO PEEK CHICKEN

1 1/2 CUPS RICE
1 CAN CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
1 CAN OF CREAM OF CELERY SOUP
1 CAN WATER

PLACE RICE IN BOTTOM OF PAN. (USE PAN AS FLAT AS POSSIBLE). WARM SOUPS AND WATER; THEN POUR OVER THE RICE. PLACE PIECES OF CHICKEN (ABOUT 3 1/2 #) IN SOUP. SPRINKLE 1 PKG OF ONION SOUP MIX OVER CHICKEN. COVER PAN WITH FOIL & SEAL. BAKE AT 350 FOR 2 HOURS AND 15 MINUTES.

DON'T PEEK ! !



"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 and find the historical CLCC newsletters at www.cedarlakecc.org.

Cedar Lake Favorite Recipes Kathy Jonsrud CLCC Acting Communications Editor

Stay in Touch with CLCC in Your Favorite Way

Easy to do and perfect with that spring ham or chicken, or as an impressive appetizer.

Asparagus Cheese Tart

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp flour
- 1 sheet (about 8 oz) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Gruyère cheese
- 1 lb. medium asparagus, trimmed
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp lemon pepper seasoning
- 1/4 tsp dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste



Directions

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.
2. Sprinkle flour onto work surface, then roll out pastry dough to a 14 x 9-inch rectangle. Trim the dough for neat edges, then transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Score the pastry dough lightly with a 1-inch border on all sides. Pierce



the interior dough with a fork. Bake until light golden, about 10 to 12 minutes.

3. Remove the pastry from the oven and sprinkle with the cheeses. Place the asparagus on the interior of the tart, alternating with ends and tips. Drizzle the asparagus with the olive oil, scatter thyme and lemon pepper on top. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Bake until puff pastry is golden and asparagus is tender, about 15 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 6 servings.

Cooks Notes:

- I've used a variety of cheeses; mozzarella or pepper jack work well too!
- Easy to make ahead; just cover and refrigerate after assembly.

Newsletter | **Seeking a new Communications Manager!**

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

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CLCC Treasurer's Report Liz Baird—CLCC Treasurer

Funds as of 3/31/25	Amount
General CLCC	\$56,651.47
Water Quality	\$103,681.23
Walleye Stocking	\$1,151.00
Memorial	\$1,646.00
TOTAL	\$163,129.70

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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

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