

Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN *Early Summer Special Edition* June 2019

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water



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July 20, 2019

Picnic Raffle Donations Needed

The raffles at our annual picnic always generate anticipation and fun. Do you have an idea for a lake gift basket? Or wish to donate a gift card from a favorite local business? If you are willing to make a raffle donation (cash is good too!) please contact:

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CLCC is continuing the tradition of a great day on the lake filled with family fun, camaraderie, music, and lake activities on July 20th, 2019.

True Friends—Camp Courage has opened its lakefront facility again. From 11:30am until 1:00pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a tasty picnic lunch. Raffles, lots of entertainment, and information on CLCC activities will fill the time quickly.

This year, we have a brief program at noon, featuring Joe Stewig from DNR Fisheries to provide a review of recent Cedar fish surveys. The raffles will follow the program (must be present to win).

Then, everyone is invited to float on over to the sandbar, soak in the sun, and go dancing on the water. "Broken Spoke," a popular local band, will perform on a barge until 6:00pm.

This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and More.

11:30am-1:00pm True Friends—Camp Courage Member Appreciation Free Lunch

8046 83rd St NW, Maple Lake MN 55358
 Lakeside Dining Hall **Remodeled with Air Conditioning**

The entrance to Camp Courage is on County Rd 7; stay to the left to get to the Dining Hall. Sorry—no boat parking is available.

New this year A brief program at noon featuring **Joe Stewig from DNR Fisheries** who will share recent Cedar survey results of our aquatic friends.

Raffle to follow program.
2:00-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar "Broken Spoke" - Live Band
 Sponsored by Dingmann Marine
 Bring Your Own Refreshments

No reservations required. Guests are warmly welcome.
Plan to relax, enjoy, and celebrate our lake community.

And YES, the balloon sculptor will be at the lunch to surprise and delight!



July 4th Parade 2pm | North side of sandbar

Start making your plans for the CLCC July 4th Parade. Categories of competition are:

- ◇ Most Patriotic;
- ◇ Most Enthusiastic;
- ◇ Most Creative and;
- ◇ Best Dock/Shoreline.

There are great prizes for the winners! Bunch up on the north side of the sandbar.
Thursday, July 4th a bit before 2pm and follow the lead boat.



2018 Best Dock/Shoreline
 Scott and Chris Nelson Family

CLCC Website Has New Look and Great Information

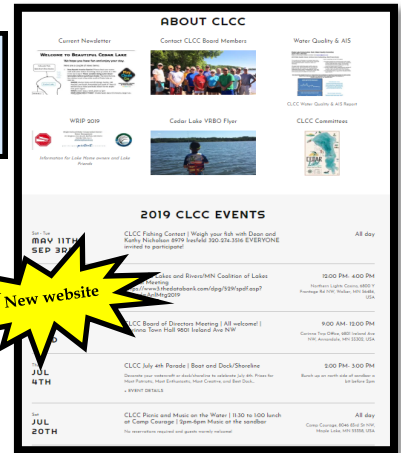
www.cedarlakeecc.org

The CLCC website has a fresh new look and great information, thanks to CLCC volunteer webmaster Scott Brooks.

As before, **you can pay dues and contribute to the Visionary Fund online** and the new site provides slick navigation.

Take a look at all the other great information on the website!

Latest Lake Levels	CLCC Events
Summary of Water Quality Information	Board of Directors Contact Information
CLCC Committees	Historical Information (starts at 1930)
Advertiser Websites	Electronic Newsletters



Aquatic Invasive Species Updates

Plans are well in place to control aquatic invasive species (AIS) on our lake. Here's the bumper sticker of what is happening:

- ◇ Treatment of 9.6 acres of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) on May 20th.
- ◇ Treatment of 5 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is planned for late June/July. If the water within 150 feet of your property is treated, there is a sign posted on your shoreline. There are very few restrictions should your property be in the treatment area.

Cedar Lake is infested with zebra mussels.

If your watercraft is "resident" to Cedar (e.g. in the lake all summer) there is a good chance it will have zebra mussels. Given this knowledge, and the time and difficulty for a complete decontamination, **consider not visiting other lakes with your watercraft.** Likewise, docks and lifts are favorite hiding places for zebra mussels, so sell or buy used equipment only if it has over-wintered before moving to a different lake.



Cedar Zebra Mussels
May 2019
Found attached to vegetation

Please remember to remind all your guests of the importance of a clean and dry launch of their watercraft.
*Free watercraft decontaminations available at 1300 Business Blvd (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd, follow road till the end).
 Mon-Thu 9am-5pm Fri-Sun 8am-6pm*

Kids Don't Float Free Loaner Life Jacket



CLCC is pleased to again sponsor the lifejacket loaner station at Schroeder Park (north side of lake). CLCC has partnered with Wright County Parks for this popular service. The station provides an opportunity for any one using the lake, who finds they don't have enough life jackets, to borrow a life jacket at no cost and then return it to the station. **Have fun and be safe!**

Good Weed or Bad Weed?

Included with this mailing is a page of common lake vegetation in Cedar. Again this year we are seeing some **native clasping pondweed on Cedar—often confused with curly leaf pondweed.**

Good Weed



Over 95% of the aquatic vegetation in our lake is a good weed—native vegetation. We have a wonderful assortment in our lake including the highly desired hard-stemmed rushes and lily pads. Some scientists believe a robust native population may reduce invasives. Our diverse native vegetation is a sign of a healthy lake with a balanced system to provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Bad Weed



Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)—aquatic invasive species are in our lake.

The newest bad weed in Minnesota is starry stonewort. The threat is close to Cedar given nearby infestations in Sylvia, Pleasant, and Koronis. Starry stonewort spreads by fragments.



If you wish to reduce some vegetation for recreation at your shoreline, please check the DNR Aquatic Plant regulations. Should you elect to cut or rake the aquatic vegetation, remove the vegetation so it doesn't end up on your neighbor's shoreline.

Lake Levels are High

CLCC closely monitors Cedar Lake levels to prevent shore erosion. We are part of a 300 ft no-wake Wright County ordinance when the water reaches a certain level. We have **not reached** the 300 ft no-wake level, however please consider a **voluntary 300 ft no-wake.** Watch the CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) for the latest on lake levels.

Wright Regional Watercraft Inspection Program Not Operating in 2019

Due to lack of approval and support from the DNR to expand the Wright Regional Inspection Program, the program will not operate in 2019. Along with the DNR lack of approval, the support from the Wright County Commissioners for expansion was mixed.

The program, started as a pilot in 2017, required a free mandatory inspection at a regional site before entering select Wright County Lakes. Cedar, along with other lakes, had hoped to join the proposed 2019 expansion.

CLCC will continue funding extra at the access inspections. Courtesy decontaminations continue to be available at the regional site—1300 Business Blvd (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd, follow road till the end).

Watch for more information about the inspection program in the July newsletter.