



Touch lightly...enjoy deeply

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN *Early Summer Special Edition* June 2021

CLCC Picnic and Music on the Water July 17th, 2021



Picnic Raffle Donations Needed

Would you like to donate something to the CLCC Picnic raffle? Perhaps a gift card from a favorite local business? Or an original piece of art? Or cash is always good, too! If you are willing to make a raffle donation, please contact:

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CLCC is delighted to announce that we will be having our annual Picnic and Music on the Water this year! The activities will be on July 17th, 2021.

The picnic will once again be held at True Friends—Camp Courage Lake Front facility. From 11:30am to 1:00pm, Cottage Gourmets will serve a tasty picnic lunch, followed by the raffle (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. "STIM PACK" will perform on a barge from 2-6:00pm.

This lakeside music fest is sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty.

**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.

**Cost for Lunch: Free for Members
Guests \$8 (kids 12 & under free)**

**Indoor and outdoor picnic seating.
Raffle (indoors) and must be present to win.**

**2:00-6:00pm Cedar Lake Sandbar
"STIM PACK" - Live Band**

Sponsored by Dingmann Marine and Oak Realty
Bring Your Own Refreshments



**No reservations required.
Guests are warmly welcome.**

**Plan to relax, enjoy, and celebrate our
lake community.**

July 4th Water Parade 2pm | North side of sandbar

Start making your plans for the CLCC July 4th Water 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.
Sunday, July 4th
a bit before 2pm
and follow the lead boat.*

2019 Most Patriotic
Suddendorf Family



2019 Most Enthusiastic
Cheryl and Dave Wagner Family



For Everyone's Sake Own Your Wake

There are active conversations state wide about the popularity and impact of wake boats. Legislation to regulate wake boat activity was considered in Minnesota this year, but is being carried over to 2022 pending the completion of a U of Minnesota study on wake boat impact.

Given Cedar's narrow and long shape, the impact of wake boats can be amplified. Under Minnesota law, the damage caused by wakes to property is treated the same as

damage caused by an actual collision.

Wake boats create artificial wakes that are:

- Four times as powerful and destructive above and below the water as motorboat wakes;
- Two times as high as motorboat waves;
- Two times deeper than motorboat waves.

A recommendation to minimize the damage caused by wake boats is to stay 1,000 ft from shore (2,000 ft radius) and operate in at least 16 feet of water.



The Problem: Artificially-enhanced wakes created by wake boats and wake enhancing devices cause environmental damage to lakes and lakeshore, safety risks for people on the water and on shore, and physical damage to property and shorelines.

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 this summer:

- **Access monitoring** is in full swing at Schroeder Park, CTY RD 6, and Wurm's Landing (east side). CLCC has purchased an extra 1,550 hours of access monitoring to supplement the Wright County Soil and Water standard program.
- **Treatment of 4 acres of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)** on May 20th on the south east side of the lake.
- **Treatment of limited Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is planned for July/August.** Last year, we did not have any patches that met treatment criteria, but we are carefully watching a small patch on the southwest side. 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, lifts, and sea legs 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.

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 98% 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. Our aggressive control strategies over the past decade have been successful and we have very small areas of infestation.

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.



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). Though not available in 2020 due to COVID restrictions, it is well stocked and ready for fun this year. 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.



Need a life jacket? Don't take a chance—get a free loaner! Schroeder Park (north side of lake)

Spectacular Loon Update

The CLCC Fish and Wildlife Committee put up four loon nesting platforms this year. We are delighted to report all four platforms attracted nesting pairs and all have successfully produced chicks.

The south pair was first with one chick, then, not much later, the sandbar pair was tending to their one chick. By the end of May, the

northeast pair **and** the northwest pair each had twins.

Please be mindful of the loon families during this critical time when the young chicks are not yet diving.

The chicks do not go back to the nest so they are exposed to the many perils of open water. **Give them plenty of space on the water when enjoying the lake.**

Wright County FREE Watercraft Pressurized Hot Water Decontamination

If your summer guests bring a watercraft to Cedar, please encourage them to do a free decontamination before launch, and after they leave Cedar.

WHERE: 1300 Business Blvd, Annandale (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd—follow road to the end)

WHEN: Fri-Sun 8-6 | Mon-Thu 9-5

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?: Smaller boats about 10 minutes, larger vessels 20-30 minutes.

Free watercraft decontaminations available at 1300 Business Blvd (HWY 55, north on Annandale Blvd, follow road till the end).

