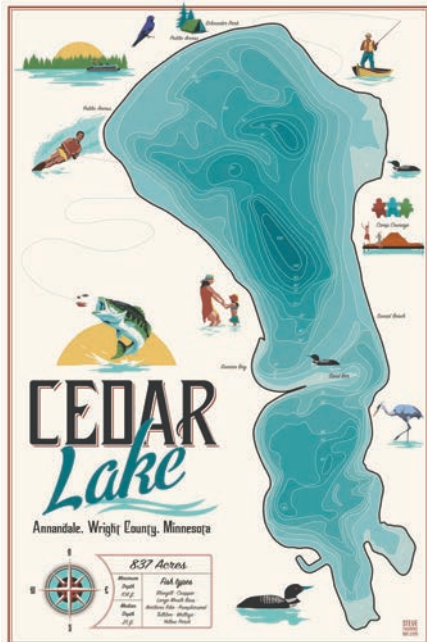


Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

November 2025



Message from Greg Duppler, Past President

I've had the honor to serve as the CLCC President the past two years and I've been on the board since 2019. I'm proud to have worked with such an outstanding group of volunteers, board members, and officers to support the fulfillment of our mission. It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. I've met and become friends with many residents of Cedar Lake along with many current and past board members.

As I transition into the role of Past President for the next year, CLCC is in good hands with Sue Wolf who assumed the role of President at our September annual meeting. Sue has done a great job as President Elect and is well prepared to step in as President the next 2 years.

Have a great winter and I look forward to seeing you on the lake next spring!



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Kathy and Orv Jonsrud were recognized at the Cedar Lake Conservation Club Picnic.



For those that may not know their story, it all started in the 80's when Orv bought the lot on Cedar Lake, and in 2005 they made Cedar Lake their home. Since then, they have dedicated themselves to the lake, the community, and the people on Cedar Lake. Kathy and Orv have lived the mission of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club-to promote fellowship, protect and preserve the fish and wildlife, and ensure this beautiful place thrives for generations.

Key Projects and Community Initiatives:

Cedar Lake Conservation Club-Served on the CLCC Board as President, Vice President, Water Quality chair, grant writer to secure funds for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) treatments, 10 year Editor and Chief for the CLCC Newsletter, Directory and Website, Kids Don't Float-Schroeder Park, CD3 Station on County Road 6, Earth Wings and Water Festival at Camp Courage and the Purple Martin Festival at Schroeder Park, and popcorn maker at the CLCC Picnics.

Wright County COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) – Served on the Wright County COLA as Treasurer and Board member MNCOLA (Coalition of Lake Associations)-Serves on the MN COLA as Treasurer Clearwater Watershed District -Board Member Annandale Food Shelf Volunteer

Hosted annual cucumber boat races and is the neighborhood "snack lady". Kathy and Orv are not only great friends and neighbors, but also visionary thinkers, strategic leaders, and generous mentors to all who have the privilege of working with them. Thank you for showering our lake community with your love, talents and generous financial support. You will be truly missed by all, especially the martins, loons and all the birds that live on the lake.

Loon Talk

Bren Stepp,
Fish & Wildlife
Committee



I'm writing this at the beginning of October and loon calls are no longer keeping me awake at night. Migration of common loons from Minnesota is currently underway. The adults began their journey south in mid-September, with juveniles to follow in October and November as the lakes begin to freeze. Loons winter along the Atlantic coast from North Carolina south to Florida, or on the Gulf of Mexico.

If you also "migrate" to a winter home in Florida, you may not recognize the loons. At the end of the breeding season, adult loons begin their molt. During this time, they transition from their striking black-and-white plumage into their gray-and-white winter plumage. The loons are dark gray above with a white breast, belly, and a light gray bill.

CLCC Visionary Funds

The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to CLCC, a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization.

Our visionary funds were started over a decade ago. Your contribution can be directed to the fund of your choice: General, Water Quality, Walleye Stocking and Memorial Fund.

Donations can be made online at the CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) or use the form on the back of the newsletter if you prefer to mail in your donation.

Thanks to all our generous contributors, you are helping to make a difference on Cedar Lake.

Cedar Lake Water Quality Annual Review

By Dave Glass

2025 was a relatively quiet year for the Water Quality Committee (WQC).

- **No wake zone:** No implementations were needed this year. It was touch and go in late June, when we were monitoring the lake level almost daily.
- **AIS vegetation survey:** Both last fall and this spring's surveys showed low levels of aquatic invasive species (AIS), so no eradication efforts were required.
- **Water clarity:** The water was very clear this spring.
- **Landing inspections:** Our inspection program continues to be successful. Final numbers for 2025 will be available at the November Board meeting.

Rapid Response Team

The team did not need to meet this year, as no emergency issues arose. We did, however, place a sign and cleaning tools for boats and trailers at Wurm's Landing. All tools remain in place and will be collected for storage this fall.

Zebra Mussel Project

Holly Linn's zebra mussel monitoring project will wrap up this weekend with collection of the zebra mussel traps. Pictures and other data will be submitted to the U of M contact, early the week of 9/15. New this year, is testing the hardness of the water at each trap site. Last year, the summary report from the U of M was received the first week of December.

CD3 Stations

Our two CD3 stations continue to be successful. These units bridge the gap between good intentions and long-term actions. They help prevent the spread of invasive species through increased compliance, better education, and proven biologically effective methods.

Lake Steward Program

Christa Lane-Larsen initiated a Lake Steward program on the lake this year and has had active conversations with 3-4 residents so far. This is a great start, and once more residents see the benefits, we expect participation to grow. Expanding this program is an important goal—our lake needs more stewards.

Budget

Glenn Baird has managed the financial side and the WQC recommends that we keep both the budget and the annual property tax assessment the same as last year.

Acknowledgments

Thank you to Glenn Baird, Bruce Emerson, Holly Linn, and Christa Lane-Larsen for their hard work and dedication this year.

Addressing Vegetation and Algae Blooms

We've had several questions about the native vegetation and algae blooms seen this year. While they don't occur every year, they are happening more frequently.

Here's why:

- Zebra mussels filter the water, making it clearer and allowing more vegetation to grow.
- More vegetation means more plant material eventually dies and decomposes.
- Decomposition uses oxygen, which affects the lake's natural balance.

Other contributing factors include:

- Climate change (warmer temperatures, less snow, shorter winters)
- The narrow north-south structure of the lake
- Runoff from lawns, roads, and surrounding land

Unfortunately, these conditions are part of our lake's "new normal." While these conditions definitely affect Cedar Lake's water quality, there is no easy solution. As individual property owners, we all need to do our part to limit the impact we have on the lake. The CLCC as always will continue to work with our partners and follow the science as we explore viable options and communicate them to the membership.

Breaking News

James Johnson of Freshwater Scientific Research completed his annual fall survey of the lake this week. I spoke with him and received a preliminary report. The final written report will be presented at the fall meeting. In short, **NO EUROPEAN MILFOIL**. He did not report on Curly Leaf Pondweed, as that is surveyed only in the spring. If we have a winter with ice and a lot of snow cover, it may kill off the curly leaf.

The algae bloom is normal for this time of year and is not unexpected. Paraphrasing here, starting the last two weeks of August, we start losing 2-4 minutes of sunlight per day, this means cooler temps at night and the upper layer of lake water loses heat. The bottom part of the lake loses oxygen content, releasing nutrients into the lake. Algae determines its own buoyancy and rises to the top of the lake.

Zebra mussels do not like blue-green algae and spit it out releasing it back to the bottom of the lake. The cycle repeats.

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CLCC Lake Photo Contest Winner

by Joe Clemence

Congratulations to our Summer Cedar Lake photo contest winner, Megan Elizabeth Trout!

Posted July 27 – 96 likes, loves and emojis

Her incredible photo won her \$100 from the Cedar Lake Conservation Club!

Honorable Mention – 4th July fireworks video – Kim Paul 74 likes/loves



"Electric Sunday night on Cedar Lake with a stunning rainbow view."



Keep the photos coming this fall and winter. Use our hashtag below on future posts to make this the best lake page in the State!

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DNR To Walleye Stock Fingerlings

by Paul Schutte

This Fall the DNR will be stocking Cedar Lake with Walleye Fingerlings. This usually takes place around Mid-October. Our CLCC Walleye stocking will take place in the fall of 2026. With your continuing and generous donations from our Walleye Fund, we continue to work with the DNR to help keep Cedar Lake a Great Fisheries in the Area.

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Treasurer's Report

by Liz Baird- CLCC Treasurer

The Board of Directors approves all fund expenditures.

Funds as of October 15, 2025		Examples of how funds are used:
General CLCC	\$42,947.61	Member communication, events, insurance
Water Quality	\$110,147.78	Contributions to large water quality projects
Walleye Stocking	\$4,532.90	Every other year walleye stocking
Memorial	\$1,492.12	Special projects as determined by CLCC Board of Directors
TOTAL	\$159,120.41	

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Summer Picnic

This year marked an exciting first for the CLCC - our annual picnic was held at The Boathouse at Tween Lakes, and what a wonderful day it turned out to be!

Members, friends, and family gathered to enjoy good food, ice cream, great company, and the beautiful setting. It was the first time we've hosted the picnic at the Boathouse, and the change of venue brought a fresh energy to the tradition. The setting couldn't have been more perfect for a day filled with laughter, conversation, and community spirit.



Thanks to our ticket salespeople: Jeff Benwart (friend of the lake) Chris Nelson, Mark Grimme and Kent Larson

A highlight of the day was our raffle... especially the quilt and kayak which added a bit of fun and excitement to the event.



Kayak winner: Dawn Punchochar

THANK YOU to everyone who participated - and congratulations to our lucky winners!



Patty Glass made and donated the quilt.



Quilt winner: Madeline Hace



Pictured at the kayak raffle table are Glenn Baird and Beth Trout.



Special thanks to Lori Larson for organizing the donations for the picnic.



Sue Wolf and Jen Hennen did an outstanding job co-chairing the picnic committee.



Providing information on Fish and Wildlife; Bren Stepp and Paul Shutte.

After the picnic, the festivities continued as we headed to Music on the Water at the Cedar Lake Sandbar to enjoy live music by Stim Pak. We're grateful to everyone who helped make this event a success and THANK YOU to everyone who helped set up and take down and everything in between.

Mark your calendars for July 18, 2026 for we are looking forward to gathering at The Boathouse at Tween Lakes again!



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Looking for committee participants

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. The Nominating Committee, led by Sue Wolf, will oversee the effort to fill Board of Directors openings at the Annual Meeting on September 12, 2026.

Service to the lake is a great opportunity to meet neighbors, providing a deeper connection to the lake with shared service and purpose. A great way to volunteer is to participate on a committee. Is there a particular committee that interests you? Or a leadership position on the Board?

The success of CLCC depends on volunteer effort, so is this your year to step up? Please let Sue know if you are interested.

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Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

Please welcome Julie Grimme and Joe Clemence to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) Board of Directors. Julie and Joe were elected to the Board during the Annual meeting held on September 13, 2025. CLCC Directors serve a 4-year term on the Board.

Julie Grimme and her husband Mark built their lake home on Cedar Lake in 2008. Julie has volunteered and served on the CLCC Board for years, most recently serving as Secretary. Julie and Mark split their time between their home in Bloomington and time at the lake, they love to travel, golf, and spend time with their children and grandkids.

Joe Clemence, his wife Brittany, and their 3 kids bought their property on Cedar Lake in 2024. Joe is a realtor with Keller Williams, active in the community supporting his kids sporting activities, and supporting the CLCC Facebook page.

Thank you to Directors-Dick Ebert, Scott Erdahl, and Bren Stepp for their service. Their terms ended in September.

Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

Officers		Term Ends	email
President	Sue Wolf	Sept 27	Suewolf5600@gmail.com
Past President	Greg Duppler	Sept 26	
President Elect	OPEN		
Secretary	Bren Stepp	Sept 27	
Treasurer	Liz Baird	Sept 27	
Board of Directors			
Director	Joe Clemence	Sept 29	
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Director	Kathy Fisher	Sept 28	
Director	Beth Trout	Sept 28	
Director	Mary Ellen Wells	Sept 28	
Director	Karl Leslie	Sept 27	
Director	Holly Linn	Sept 27	
Director	Chris Nelson	Sept 27	
Director	Luann Schutte	Sept 27	

WAVES OF FUN: CEDAR LAKE BOAT PARADE 2025

What a fantastic turnout for this year's Cedar Lake Boat Parade!

With more than 20 boats joining in, the lake was alive with color, creativity, and community spirit. A big shout-out to all of our members who decorated their docks and shorelines, waving and cheering as the boats passed by - you helped make the day even more festive!

This year's winners were:



Most Creative - Pirates of the Caribbean - Smith Family



Most Patriotic - Maass Family



Most Enthusiastic - Red Solo Cup - Emerson Family



Best Shoreline - Kotzer Family

A huge thank you to Greg Dupler, Dick Ebert, and Sue Wolf for capturing great photos and serving as judges - we couldn't have done it without you!

It was another wonderful Cedar Lake tradition filled with laughter, cheers, and community pride.

But get ready - because **July 4, 2026** will be extra special. Cedar Lake's beloved parade will coincide with **America's 250th Independence Day celebration!** It's a once-in-a-generation milestone, and we can't wait to see our community's creativity shine brighter than ever. Start dreaming up those themes, dust off your red, white, and blue, and prepare to make the **2026 Boat Parade** a dazzling celebration.

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Happy Hour

A SUMMER TRADITION:
AT SPILLED GRAIN

Our annual Spilled Grain Happy Hour in August was another wonderful evening for CLCC members.

We welcomed 60 plus members, a turnout that has been strong and consistent with past years, showing how much this tradition is enjoyed.

This year we added a free raffle to bring extra fun while also supporting our hosts at Spilled Grain Brewhouse. The raffle was a big hit - adding excitement, laughter, and plenty of goodnatured anticipation.

The atmosphere was filled with conversation, smiles, and camaraderie - a reminder of what makes Cedar Lake so special.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and a special thanks to Spilled Grain Brewhouse for hosting. We hope to see you all again next year for another round of good cheer, community spirit, and plenty of smiles.



Congratulations to the raffle winners;

Don Linn, Chris Nelson,
Julie Grimme and Vicki Haugen



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