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CEDAR LAKE SPRINGING BACK TO LIFE!

Spring is a time of anticipation by young and old alike. Birds begin to return from their winter homes, gardens start coming to life and trees start to bud. Personally I enjoy the annual brief visit of the loons as they make their way north to their nesting grounds. The greatest anticipation lies with your children and grandchildren as they await the warm days spent in bathing suits, playing, fishing, skiing, tubing, and begging for rides on the boat. Their excitement and joy as the dock goes in and that first leap into the frigid water with a leap right back out, gasping. They impatiently wait as someone checks out the boat, gathers the life jackets, buys the fuel and fills the tank. Finally you are out there on the lake with the wind in your hair and cold spray in your face and summer is here at last. Is your household ready for what's to come? Have a fun, safe summer season. ❀



SPRING MEETING

♦
**PORTER
TOWNSHIP HALL**

♦
JUNE 11, 2011

9:00 AM

OUR LAKE ~ OUR RESPONSIBILITY

All of us—whether residents, visitors, vacationers or admirers of Cedar Lake should recognize our role as caretakers of one of our nation's most precious and priceless natural resources. We share the responsibility of protecting and preserving our lake for present and future generations. Treasure the natural beauty of Cedar Lake and help preserve it by staying current on aquatic invasive species. For relevant and timely information regarding the constantly growing list of aquatic invasive species in the U.S. territorial waters, the U.S. Geological Survey has created an online resource called the Non-Inigenous Aquatic Species site. This resource will help you recognize the undesirable species in our lake. ❀



SPRING · SUMMER 2011



Cedar Notes...

All residents are encouraged to support the advertisers whose fees are helping to defray the costs associated with this newsletter.

There have been reports of pets wandering off their property. Please try to control barking dogs and know there is a leash ordinance.

The annual fall meeting will be held at 10am on August 20 instead of the regular 4th Saturday of August to avoid conflict with the Marcellus Bluegill Fest scheduled for August 26, 27, & 28. I urge you all to join in the festivities of this Marcellus event.

Julie Mason's time and talents are much appreciated. Without her skilled assistance this newsletter would not go to print.

Remember.....all "Trading Post Ads" are FREE to Cedar Lake residents. To place your item(s) on the Trading Post contact Jerry Gilchrist: (269) 303-0721.

Dave Frank has Cedar Lake logo merchandise available for sale.

Diane Battaglia is the "new resident" Cedar Lake greeter. Please contact her (646-2658) if you have new neighbors.

*We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents **Ron Boyer & Shelly Mason**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be forever missed.*

CEDAR LAKE EARTH DAY

May 28, 2011 has been designated as Earth Day on Cedar Lake. Each area of the lake is urged to gather volunteers and clean up the accumulated debris on the roadways leading into your area. ❖



10 WAYS TO PROTECT CEDAR LAKE

1. Don't use lawn fertilizer that contains phosphorus.
2. Use the minimum amount of fertilizer recommended on the label—more is not necessarily better! Do not use fertilizer or pesticide within 20 feet of the lake.
3. Water the lawn sparingly to avoid washing nutrients and sediments into the lake. Remember if it makes your lawn green it will make your lake green!
4. Don't feed ducks and geese near the lake. Water fowl droppings are high in nutrients and may cause swimmer's itch.
5. Don't burn leaves and grass clippings near the shoreline. Nutrients concentrate in the ash and can easily wash into the lake.
6. Don't mow to the water's edge. Instead, allow a strip of natural vegetation (i.e., a greenbelt) to become established along your waterfront. A greenbelt will trap pollutants and discourage nuisance geese from frequenting your property.
7. Infiltrate drainage from your downspouts rather than letting it flow overland to the lake.
8. Don't dump anything in area wetlands. Wetlands are natural purifiers.
9. If you trailer your boat from lake to lake, wash your boat and trailer before launching back into Cedar Lake.
10. Don't be complacent—our collective actions will make or break the lake. ❖

LAKE WEEDS

The lake association has obtained the annual permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to spot treat the Eurasian milfoil present in many areas of the lake. We will be using the chemical Renovate once again this year. For years the lake association has been successful keeping the Eurasian milfoil at a manageable level, thus avoiding a special tax assessment district required to cover cost of a professional lake-wide treatment. ❖

BOAT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ETIQUETTE

- Be courteous on the water
- Know and obey boating safety rules
- Always travel in a counter-clockwise pattern around all lakes
- Operate a boat that is the right size and speed for your lake
- Put all trash including food wastes into a bag to dispose of in a trash can on shore
- Observe no wake zones
- Maintain a 10 mph speed limit on small lakes
- Operate motorized boats at slow speeds in shallow water (under 15 feet deep)
- Run your boat or jet ski during hours when most people are awake
- Stay at least far enough away from the shorelines to protect the ecology and shoreline
- Stay off shallow and small lakes with motorized craft
- Special note for bass fishing tournaments watch speed near shoreline and in boat traffic
- **Keep at least 100 feet from other boaters, fishermen, docks, rafts and swimmers...for their safety and yours!!! ❖**



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WINTER ON CEDAR LAKE



This past winter Cedar Lake experienced complete ice cover by December 16 and old man winter did not release its hold till March 17 when the ice went completely out. The ice cover provided for a long ice fishing season, as well as ice skating and with cover on the lake, cross country skiing. Abundant snow resulted in repeated snow removal and provided for creative snow sculpture. Pictured on the left are a snow gnome and dragon created by Greg Roll & his daughter, Rachel. Coyotes were spotted on the ice crossing the lake mid Christmas Day. Seeing them at midday is quite unusual, as they are mainly sited at sunrise and sunset. Coyotes generally feed at night. This member of the dog family is extremely adaptable and survives in virtually all habitats. Mated pairs breeding period in Michigan is from mid-January into March. They have four to seven pups. If you fail seeing them, you may hear them. ❖



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & ACTIVITIES

BOAT PARADE ~ The theme for the 2011 boat parade is "Eco-Green – Save our Lake." All residents are encouraged to decorate their boats and participate in the festivities on Saturday July 2. Entrants are encouraged to arrive early prior to the parade so that proper spacing may be achieved. Jerry Gilchrist is the 2011 Grand Marshall. He will lead the parade starting promptly at 11:00am in front of Dave and Peggy Hazen's home, the site of the annual picnic.

ANNUAL PICNIC ~ The annual picnic starts at 1:00pm with the barbecued chicken and pork catered by Scott's Pig Roast. Tickets for the picnic are available from your area representatives at a cost of \$6.00. Children under 5 are admitted free. The annual picnic is our major event of the summer season. Help is needed in making the picnic a success. Getting involved leads to new friendships and fresh ideas. We need you, call Jerry (269)323-8262 or Dick (269)646-0575. Please bring as dish to pass based on your family last name: **A~H Desserts** **I~R Starch dishes** **S~Z Salads** ❖



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