



## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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### 2015 CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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SPRING • SUMMER 2015



Jump right into your summer on Cedar Lake!

*Advice from a Lake....Be Clear. Make Positive Ripples.  
 Look Beneath the Surface. Shore Up Friendships.  
 Take Time to Reflect. Be Full of Life!*

SPRING MEETING • JUNE 13 • 9:00AM • PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL

### 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

We have decided to try something new! We are hosting an evening boat parade! Decorate and light up your boat and then stay out to watch the Lawton fireworks. More details to follow. ❁



### BOAT SAFETY

Michigan passed stricter laws to prevent boating under the influence. The new limit has gone from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent and matches the standard for drunken driving. A sheriff from Van Buren County will be at our next meeting to talk about boater safety. ❁



### PROTECTING OUR LAKE

Everyone knows how harmful pesticides and phosphorus are on the lake and I'm sure follow the recommendations. However, do you know what your lawn service uses? Some post signs that state 'stay off lawn because of applied pesticides.' If it isn't safe for you to walk on, it isn't safe for the lake. ❁



## Cedar Notes...

Republic Waste Services offers "Single Stream" recycling pickup for lake residents every other Monday. Contact Rob Hogan at 269-217-6079 to participate.

### **New Cedar Lake resident?**

Are you a new resident or do you have any new neighbors? Please contact Diane Battaglia, the Cedar Lake resident greeter at 646-2658.

### **We need you!**

Do you want to get more involved in our lake and meet your wonderful neighbors? Then volunteer! We cannot host picnics, parades, garage sales, pontoon parties, etc. without help. Contact Kathy Potts if you want to help.

### **We need your pictures and Cedar Lake stories!!!**

If you have any news or pictures to share for upcoming newsletters, please send to Kathy Potts at: [K\\_M\\_Potts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:K_M_Potts@sbcglobal.net)

*We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents*

*Donna Hokanson and Lee Fisher.*

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be forever missed.*

# A Lake For All Seasons



## ML&SA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Kathy Potts, new Cedar Lake president attended the ML&SA conference in Boyne Mountain where she attended many classes on protecting our lakes from invasive species, riparian law review and aquatic plant identification. There she learned about a great website [www.misin.msu.edu](http://www.misin.msu.edu). MISIN stands for Midwest Invasive Species Information Network. This website has pictures of all animal and aquatic plants from Michigan. There is also a free phone app for download called MISIN. You can report plants and animals on the website or the app. They are also on Facebook. ❀

## DAN WALTERS UPDATE

(Submitted by Barb Walters)

Thanks to the prayers and support of many of you on the lake, the grace of God and the dedicated skill of many medical people here and in Grand Rapids, Dan Walters continues to recover from a catastrophic motorcycle accident last October. Dan not only emerged from the coma but recovered his cognitive skills except for about a month of memory. He is working hard in therapy to recover physically. His family thanks all those who sent cards, well wishes and prayers. His sons continue the dock business. Please look at their ad for more information. ❀



## SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Wightman and Associates has been working on restoration around the lake. If you have any issues please contact your area rep ASAP so the punch list can be complete. Issues will be considered closed and completed by July 1 so it's imperative to let your rep know as soon as you can. ❀





## CLRA WEBSITE

Do you want to see water quality test results for our lake? Do you want to look at old newsletters? If so, check out our website at [www.cedarlakera.org](http://www.cedarlakera.org). There is a wealth of information thanks to Larry Wolfrum. There are links to State of Michigan, DNR, fish stocking, Michigan aquatic plants and meeting minutes, all at the click of a mouse. ❖



## LAST CHANCE FOR CEDAR LAKE HISTORY BOOKS!!

We have a limited number of extra books. Cost is \$50. Dick Vlasak will be selling them along with Cedar Lake logo gear at our spring meeting. ❖

## FISH STOCKING UPDATE

DNR plans to stock Cedar Lake with walleyes in early June. Michigan DNR stocks our lake every other year. The target is 13,450 spring fingerlings. There are no plans to stock any other species because our lake has adequate spawning habitat for most game fish (e.g., largemouth bass, bluegills, black crappies, and yellow perch) so these species can maintain their populations without our assistance. ❖

## WHO MAY OPERATE...

### A BOAT

A vessel operator who is required to have passed a boating safety course should carry a DNR Boating Safety Certificate on board.

Those less than 12 years of age:

- May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) legally without restrictions.
- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally only if they:
  - Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat and ...
  - Are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
  - May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those born on or after July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat. Those born before July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally without restrictions.

### A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC. Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and ...

- He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or ...
- He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Those born on or before December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions. ❖

Have a safe and fun summer!

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