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SPRING · SUMMER 2010



THE SPRING STORM OF 2010

On Monday, April 5th, as the NCAA men's championship basketball game between Butler and Duke was in the final seconds, a major spring storm hit Cedar Lake knocking out power and darkening the lakeshore. Strong northwestern winds followed with the wind howling at speeds reaching more than 75 miles per hour. Cedar Lake instantly transformed into a

stormy sea of crashing waves. In the darkness that followed, houses around the lake received a 20 minute non-stop pelting of hail that devastated windows, vinyl siding, roofs, trees and anything left outside including some of our robin and crow population.



Power was restored the following morning for some, while those less fortunate had to wait for up to two days. On the morning of April 6th, many residents could be seen surveying the damage to their homes and property. It had been an incredibly unpredictable storm and everyone felt very fortunate that only property was damaged and no serious personal injuries had resulted.

Once news of the damage around Cedar Lake had reached the media, the area was besieged by numerous contractors eager to change the fortunes of their struggling businesses into a windfall of profit that ironically was caused by the wind. As the residences around Cedar Lake are restored to their original condition, it will be interesting to see how many new roof colors



will appear. The spring storm of 2010 will long be remembered as another significant event in the history of Cedar Lake. ❀



***** CLRA SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING ***
JUNE 12 AT 9AM, PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL**



CEDAR NOTES

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

Remember, all "Trading Post" items are FREE to Cedar Lake residents. To place your item(s) on the Trading Post contact Dick Vlasak: 646-0575.

Jim Hosbein has logo clothing and coffee mugs available. Spring is a good time to order your new summer wardrobe.

Diane Battaglia continues to be the official new resident Cedar Lake greeter. Please feel free to contact her if you have new neighbors. Her phone number is 269-646-2658. Thank you.

Please note that Van Buren County now has a no-phosphate fertilizer ordinance in effect. If it makes your lawn green it will also make the lake green by accelerating algae growth.

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents John Lennon, John Buytendrop and Barbara Sekerke. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these special people. They will be missed!

MICHIGAN LAKES & STREAMS CONFERENCE, 2010

The Michigan Lakes & Streams Annual Conference took place in Lansing this year on April 30 and May 1. Jim Walters, Cedar Lake's Water Quality Chairman attended. Training sessions were presented on sampling and measuring key indicators of lake water quality, namely Secchi Disk readings, Phosphorus readings, Chlorophyll A measurements, Oxygen content and Temperature profile throughout the lake water column.

In addition training was provided regarding:

1. Identifying native and invasive weeds in our Lake.
2. The benefits and drawbacks of Chemical and Weevil treatment for the invasive Eurasian Milfoil.
3. Other invasive species that are a threat to Michigan lakes
4. Natural alternatives to sea walls that are both effective and beautiful
5. Best lakeside landscaping practices
6. The benefits of providing a "boat washing station" at our public access

Contact Jim Walters if you are interested in any of these issues or have questions regarding what can be done to maintain the quality of our shared natural resource. ❀

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

The CLRA annual meeting and potluck lunch will be held at the Porter Township Hall on [Saturday, August 28](#). The potluck will be from 12 –1pm with the Annual meeting to follow. The primary purpose of the annual meeting is the election of officers. Anyone interested in seeking office should call Bill Tucholke at 646-2289. ❀

MEMBERSHIP REACHES MILESTONE

There are 171 residences included in the 2009 Cedar Lake Directory. In 2009, the number of paid memberships reached 155 for the first time, up from 144 in 2008, 135 in 2007 and a previous high of 152 in 2001. At 90.6% Cedar Lake has the highest percentage of Lake Association membership in Southwest Michigan and possibly the entire state of Michigan. Our dues remain at \$20.00 per year. Congratulations go out to all our area representatives, members and neighbors for their support of our lake association that allows us to secure the lasting beauty and water quality of Cedar Lake! ❀

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Two days, twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan fishing, for **FREE!**

All fishing license fees will be waived for two days, [June 12 & 13, 2010](#). Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations will still apply. So grab a pole, your family and friends, and go fishing! ❀

MICHIGAN BOATING LAWS

During the 2009 Annual meeting, Marine Division Officer Mike Hostetler presented on changes to the Michigan boating laws. We have copies of the Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws & Responsibilities (2009 edition) that will be distributed to all lake residents by the area representatives. The 2009 edition is current and the most recent publication available from the state of Michigan as no changes will be enacted until 2011. A Van Buren County Marine Division deputy will be attending the CLRA spring meeting to provide a brief update on the Michigan boating laws and answer any questions. ❀

HISTORY OF CEDAR LAKE

It is often said that: "Good things take time" and so it is with the tabletop book being written on the history of Cedar Lake. After searching several old lake association newsletters it appears that lake residents have been encouraged to submit stories and photographs reflecting on their Cedar Lake experiences for several years.

Assurances have been given by the editing team {Dave Frank, Barb Walters and Jim Walters} that once the book is published, it may not quite make Oprah's best seller book list but will definitely be a must buy for anyone who enjoys Cedar Lake. The book will be filled with entertaining stories, antidotal information, incredible photographs and the history of our beautiful lake. Anyone with an interesting story or experience related to Cedar Lake is encouraged to submit their story, photographs and information to Dave, Barb or Jim. We are hoping to have one of them offer a sneak preview of the book at the June 12 lake association meeting. ❀



CLRA GARAGE SALE

On Friday June 18 and Saturday June 19 Cedar Lake will once again hold a garage sale at the Harvey's Pole Barn located on Bluff Drive—Becker Beach. Kay Wiest is coordinating this event and needs volunteers for a variety of tasks that include: item pick-up; pricing; sales; loading & delivery and post-sale clean up.

Residents are encouraged to support this activity by donating & purchasing sale items, volunteering and promoting this event with their friends and relatives. All proceeds go to support Cedar Lake activities. In 2008, \$1,108.20 was raised. Please call Kay to volunteer or if you have items to donate at 646-9475. If Kay is unavailable, contact Jim Hosbein at 646-9169. ❖

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

This year the Fourth of July festivities will be held on **Saturday, July 3rd**. This will allow for a Sunday rain date if needed. This is a special holiday weekend to honor our veterans, the independence that has been so valiantly fought for and the freedoms we enjoy as individuals and a country. All residents are encouraged to proudly display our nation's flag on their homes, boats, and docks.



Boat Parade:

The theme of the 2010 boat parade is "Let Freedom Ring." Dick Vlasak is the Grand Marshall and will lead the boat parade starting promptly at **11:00 AM** in front of Dave and Penny Hazen's home, the site of the annual picnic. Once again a panel of impartial judges will award the traveling trophy for the most originally decorated, patriotic theme boat. Last year the Bill Stapel family received this award.



Annual Picnic:

The CLRA annual picnic will be held at the Dave and Penny Hazen residence on Cedarama Drive – Cedarama Shores starting at 1:00 PM. The Hazen lake home is currently for sale, but according to their family (Dick and Sug Beach) if sold, hosting the 2010 CLRA annual picnic will be included in their sales agreement. Kudos goes out to Dave and Penny for their commitment to our residents and the lake association!!



Catering is again being provided by Scott Shugars with the meat dishes consisting of chicken and pork. Beverages will be provided by the lake association. Area reps will have tickets available when they collect your membership dues. Amazingly, for the past 14 years the cost has remained the same, \$6.00 per ticket. Children under 5 are admitted free.

Please bring a dish to pass based on your family's last name:

A - H Potato/Pasta dishes **I - R** Salad **S - Z** Dessert

2010 Fireworks Cancelled

In order to hold a professional fireworks display on Cedar Lake, \$4,500.00 was needed by the end of April 2010 to cover the costs. CLRA treasurer Jim Hosbein reports that as of April 30, 2010 unfortunately the total collected was only \$913.25. As agreed to when donations were given, Jim will be writing checks to refund all fireworks donations collected during this past year. ❖

CLRA POKER RUN

Thanks to the dedication and organizational skills of Don & Carol Dewey, the Cedar Lake "Poker Run" has become one of the most popular and highly anticipated social events of the summer. The third annual poker run will be held on **Saturday August 7th** with Sunday August 8th as a rain date. The award festivities will once again take place on Ron and Karen Reoch's beach. Ron is already formulating plans to have music available for the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Don or Carol at 646-2090. ❖

(Super-Yummy!)

Strawberry Pretzel Squares



2 cups finely crushed pretzels
 1/2 cup sugar, divided
 2/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
 1 pkg. (8 oz. each) softened cream cheese
 2 Tbsp. milk
 1 cup thawed cool whip
 2 cups boiling water
 1 pkg. (8-serving size) strawberry gelatin
 1 cups cold water
 4 cups sliced strawberries

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Mix pretzel crumbs, 1/4 cup of the sugar and the butter. Press onto bottom of 13x9 baking pan. Bake 10 min. Cool.

BEAT cream cheese, remaining 1/4 cup sugar and milk until well blended. Gently stir in cool whip. Spread over crust. Refrigerate until ready to use.

MEANWHILE, stir boiling water into dry gelatin, mix in large bowl at least 2 min. until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water. Refrigerate 1-1/2 hours or until thickened. Stir in strawberries. Spoon over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Cut into squares to serve. Store leftovers in refrigerator.

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