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SPRING · SUMMER 2012

SPRINGS WELCOME

What a joy it is to seeing nature spring back to life on Cedar Lake. Nature brings new growth, fresh vibrant colors, with lake residents once again bringing life and activity to our shores after a gentler, kinder winter. Winter was quite unusual with less snow and mild temperatures. Some brave and hardy souls did venture out to do some ice fishing near the boat launch, although much of the lake had open water throughout the winter. Hard to imagine, but on January 1st a bass boat was cruising the lake for several hours. The open water also lured a bald eagle to spend its days here on Cedar Lake. Winter's story is one of Mother Nature's great gifts to us right out our windows. The following is Richard Meek's observation of the American bald eagle. ❖



Cedar Lake eagle - taken by Dawn Gearhart

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE

Looking out at the lake some days I enjoy seeing the ice, snow and fishing shanties. This was a day that I was looking at the open water out past the weeds wishing for the warmth and sun and spring. I noticed a big bird standing alone on the ice by the open water, thinking "eagle" I took my binoculars and saw it was an eagle standing there for a long time. I panned over to the weeds and there was about thirty coots all huddled together trying to look big. There was a swan with them and eventually the swan swam over toward the eagle, with a couple flaps of his huge wings, the eagle flew over to the coots, dropped down and with those big talons grabbed one of the coots and flew about thirty feet to the ice, landed and had a nice juicy coot for lunch. So goes survival in the wild. What a spectacle to watch. ❖

**SPRING MEETING
PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL
JUNE 9, 2012 · 9:00 AM**



CEDAR LAKE SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

The Cedar Lake sewer petition process has moved forward. Eighty three percent (83%) of the land mass residents are supporting the development and installation of sanitary sewers around the lake. Plans are currently underway to coordinate efforts, assisted by Lakes Area Sewer Authority (LASA) and the engineering firm of Wightman & Associates, Inc. Grant monies totaling \$50,000 have been applied for to fund necessary engineering studies to determine the scope and cost of infrastructure required to support a sanitary sewer project around Cedar Lake. These studies will provide construction drawings and specifications to bid and construct. Studies will also provide necessary documentation to apply for loan and grant assistance from the USDA-RD. USDA's current loan rate is 2.85%. Porter Township and Cass County have also agreed to provide financing. Research is underway to possibly add Pine and Hemlock Lakes into this project, thus reducing the cost per resident. Detailed information will be presented at the May 2012 Porter township meeting. All property owners encompassed by this sewer project will receive notice prior to the meeting. ❖

WEED PETITION

The petition process for the control of exotic weeds and/or algae in Cedar Lake for the 2012 thru 2016 seasons was completed on January 11, 2012. At the Porter Township public hearing the final spreading of the tax roll was completed. The annual tax assessment per riparian will be \$120 per year and will appear on the summer tax bill. PLM Lake and Land Management will provide the lake management program using Fluridone (Sonar A.S.) in April/May 2012. This weed treatment is of the entire lake for the control of exotic plant species Eurasian Milfoil. If required an algae treatment will be performed in conjunction with the initial treatment. Notification of shoreline treatment is the responsibility of PLM Lake and Land Management and will be conducted according to MIDEQ regulations. ❖

Cedar Notes...

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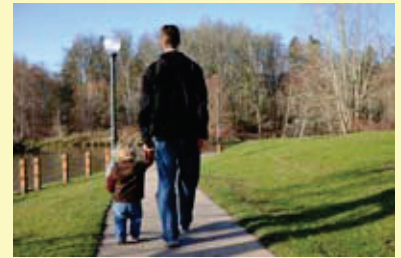
There have been reports of pets wandering off their property. Please try to control barking dogs and know there is a leash ordinance.

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 (269) 624-3600 has Cedar Lake logo merchandise available for sale. Great gifts for family and friends.

Diane Battaglia is the "new resident" Cedar Lake greeter. Please contact her of any new neighbors. Her phone number is (269) 646-2658.



I LOVE THE WAY MY DADDY LOVES

Submitted By Vicki Hosbein

Bending over me in the morning,
his face beaming bright as the new
day's sun, admiring me as I sleep.

Whispering softly in my ear how
much he delights in me and is
eager to spend the day with me.

Brushing through my long
chestnut-colored hair with
a cool breeze, coaxing out
the tangles and the snarls.

Oozing tears of joy, flowing
freely down his cheeks, beholding
all that I am becoming.

Cuddling me tightly in his arms
when I run to him in pain.

Caressing all my fears away
as compassion and peace
spill from his quiet lips.

Dancing the flamenco to the pitter
patter splashing of the April rains.

Sailing with me through the
tempestuous waves of life,
as the rudder of my ship.

Delighting in a tandem
romp through October's
crunching leaves.

Chuckling as I lay wiggling,
fashioning angels in the snow.

Accompanying me everywhere...
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all that life holds.

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kaleidoscope of opportunities
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more glorious possibilities
than the day before.

CEDAR LAKE GARAGE SALE



On Friday June 15 and Saturday June 16 Cedar Lake will once again hold a garage sale at Harvey's pole barn located on Bluff Drive – Becker Beach. Joe Wiest is coordinating this event and needs volunteers for a variety of tasks which include: item pickup, pricing, sales, loading & delivery, and post-sale clean up. All residents are encouraged to support this activity by donating & purchasing sales items, volunteering and promoting this event with their friends and relatives. The Wiest family has successfully coordinated this event for a number of years raising in excess of \$1000 each time which help support Cedar Lake activities. Please call Joe to volunteer and/or to donate items at (574) 850-8699. If Joe is unavailable, contact Jim Hosbein at 646-9169. Donations will be accepted at Harvey's barn after June 1. ❖

LAWN & LANDSCAPE OPTIONS

Before you start applying fertilizers and pesticides to your lakeside lawns and landscapes this spring, take into consideration the conditions you are creating and how your actions will affect our watershed. There are alternative practices and products that will produce beautiful lawns and landscapes without the detrimental nutrient leaching of chemical fertilizers and pesticides into the lake.

Listed below are some practices that will help build soil and beautify lawns and landscapes. These practices will help reduce or eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Core Aeration: mechanical means of pulling “plugs” out of your soil to help alleviate compaction. Compaction is caused from repetitive application of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, lawn mower and foot traffic, and seasonal weather. Many types of weeds indicate you have compaction in your soil. Resolving compaction issues will

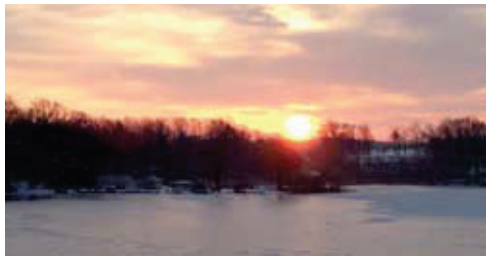
help reduce weeds allowing desirable plants to succeed. Core aeration also allows oxygen, water and nutrients to get down to the root zone.

Compost Top Dress: Adding a thin layer of high quality compost to your lawn and garden will increase organic matter (ability to hold water and nutrients,) make nutrients more available because of soil microorganisms, and add small amounts of non-leachable nutrients and trace minerals to the soil. ❖



JULY 4, 2012 FESTIVITIES

The week of 4th of July festivities will be kicked off with our annual boat parade on June 30 at 11 AM led by parade marshal, Jerry Gilchrist. In the interest and safety of all participants we ask that those wishing to engage in water balloon and water canon dueling, bring up the rear of the parade. The staging area for the parade will be in front of Jerry's house on Cornish shores. ❖



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