



## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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## CEDAR LAKE SEWER PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT - APRIL 17, 2014

The following information was collected at the project status meeting on April 17, 2014:

#### Work status

- Underground – Southwest Transport Co. (SWT) reported two (2) crews onsite as of 04/17/2014. Crew 1 resumed work where it was left off on Lake Street and is continuing installing main line sewer and services leads towards M-40. Crew 2 is working on Shore Lane Drive where the road has been milled and stockpiled and installation of main line sewer has begun. All testing is up to date with the exception of Shore Lane Drive and the directional drilling conducted near the boat launch.

- Restoration – None noted currently as underway due to early spring weather conditions.

#### Upcoming schedule

- Underground – SWT plans to start up a third crew on Monday, 04/21/2014. Crew 1 will continue on the current route and estimates reaching M-40 by mid-May. Crew 2 will be continuing installation of main line sewer and services along Shore Lane Drive and anticipates finishing this work and moving to Becker Beach Drive by 06/01/2014. Crew 3 will begin work on 04/21/2014 at Willow Drive installing main line sewer and services. Crew 3 is scheduled to finish work on Willow Drive by 06/01/2014 and will then move to Becker Beach Drive to join Crew 2.y. ❖



The Liebendorfer family "cooling off."



This is how the best memories are made



A Cedar Lake sunset never disappoints



Phillip Vitale, age 10, grandson of Pat & Diane Battaglia proudly displays his largemouth bass.



## Cedar Notes...

**Good News!!** Republic Waste Services plans to begin "Single Stream" recycling pickup for lake residents every other Monday by the end of May. Contact Rob Hogan at 269-217-6079 to participate.

Burning leaves or campfires next to the lake provides phosphorous which stimulates weed growth. Please do not burn near the lake.

All residents are encouraged to support the advertisers whose fees are helping to defray the costs associated with this newsletter. To place your ad call Dick Meek, 646-1050.

Bill Tucholke, 646-2289, has Cedar Lake logo merchandise available for sale. Great for holiday gifts!!

Diane Battaglia is the Cedar Lake "new resident" greeter. Please contact her of any new neighbors, 646-2658.

Your attendance at association meetings is your voice in matters related to the gem we all share; Cedar Lake.

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake resident **Noel Kindt**, and former resident **Betty Statsick**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be forever missed.

## MICHIGAN DNR FISH STOCKING UPDATE

The current management strategy for Cedar Lake is to stock approximately 13,450 spring fingerling walleyes (50 fish/acre) in the lake every other year. The lake was stocked in 2013, so it probably will not be stocked again until 2015. The walleyes typically are 1.2-1.5 inches long at the time of stocking. These stocking records are available online ([www.michigandnr.com/fishstock](http://www.michigandnr.com/fishstock)).

Largemouth bass, northern pike, and panfish (i.e., bluegills, black crappies, pumpkinseeds, and yellow perch) have adequate spawning habitat in Cedar Lake and are able to maintain their populations without stocking. Walleyes require clean gravel or rocky substrate for successful reproduction. These substrate types are rare in southwest Michigan lakes and our walleye fisheries are supported almost entirely by stocking.

Brian Gunderman Senior Fisheries Biologist  
MDNR Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit.

## CEDAR LAKE HISTORY BOOK



Final editing changes are underway. Book proofs and pricing are under review. A proof copy will be available at the Spring Meeting. Barb Walters has led a mammoth undertaking by a significant number of lake residents to complete a history book detailing life around Cedar Lake. The final product looks fantastic and is sure to be a family keepsake for generations. Area reps will be taking book orders once final pricing is determined. Come see for yourself! ❖



Larry & Barb Wolfrum enjoying a "quiet" boating experience.

## CEDAR LAKE GARAGE SALE

On Saturday June 7 (8 – 5 PM) and Sunday June 8 (8 – 2 PM) Cedar Lake will once again hold a garage sale at Harvey's pole barn located on Bluff Drive – Becker Beach. Joe Weist is coordinating this event and needs volunteers for a variety of tasks. All residents are encouraged to support the sale by donating and purchasing sale items. No computers, TVs or large appliances will be accepted as donations. The Weist family has successfully coordinated the garage sale for a number of years; usually raising more than \$1,000 for the benefit of CLRA. Please call Joe to volunteer or donate items at (574) 850-8699. Donations will be accepted beginning June 2nd. ❖

## SPRING MEETING PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL JUNE 14, 2014 • 9:00 AM

Agenda:

**Sewer Project update**  
Wightman Engineering  
attending

**History Book**  
Proof available to review

**July 4th Boat Parade**

**Pontoon Party**





## Watermelon Cake

Cut a large seedless watermelon as shown below. Whip 2 cans coconut milk or whipping cream until extra thick and frost watermelon (very thick yogurt will work also.) Toast coconut or sliced almonds and gently press into the sides. Decorate the top with your favorite fresh fruits and serve within a few hours of assembly. Makes a beautiful, as well as refreshing, summer dessert!



Cut your watermelon like this

Answer to the cottage photo in the Fall edition: Who's cottage is this?  
Answer: Pat & Diane Battaglia



The Harvey family in their favorite summer mode of travel!

## WATER QUALITY REPORT

Cedar Lake is part of the Michigan Lakes and Stream Association which entails certain water and wildlife management strategies. We participate in multiple testing techniques. We complete a weekly Secchi disk reading for water clarity from May through October. By dropping the disk down, we take a measurement of the depth in which we do not see the disk anymore and record that number every week. We also complete 2 Phosphorous tests to determine the amount of phosphorous that is contained in the water. Phosphorous has many sources such as fertilizers, soaps, detergents and naturally occurring phosphorous from aquatic/biologic life. We conduct an invasive species check by taking small samples of the plant life using a small rake in

certain sections of the lake. This is usually completed in conjunction with the extension office through Michigan State University. One of the last tests we do is a monthly Chlorophyll test. This too, like the Phosphorous test is water samples collected at certain depths. The Chlorophyll and Phosphorous results are kept frozen and turned into the DNR(Department of Natural Resources) to be analyzed. We then receive the results. This year, the phosphorous results were up from a recent downward trend, but our overall 10 year trend is pointing in the right direction. Monitoring these help us determine both short and long term management strategies to help preserve and conserve the quality of our lake.

Submitted by David Kindt ❖

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