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A FISH TALE

During the Labor Day weekend, four year old Cody Schoppe caught an 18 inch walleye off his grandparent's (Richard & Terry Schoppe) dock!



Cody Schoppe and his walleye



Summer living at its best! Do you know who lives here?

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Docks and boats have all been taken care of for the year. As summer at Cedar Lake activities dwindle down, the sounds of heavy equipment could be heard. Cedarama Drive was the initial construction spot for the long discussed waste water treatment system.

'The contractors will be finishing services and repaving Cedarama Drive within the next month.



Lawn restoration will occur next spring. Upcoming work locations for sewer installation will be on Lake Street and Cedar Cove Court, starting at Lake Street and heading east.



FALL • WINTER 2013

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



## Cedar Notes...

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.

There have been reports of pets wandering off their property. Please 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 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.



## BOATER SAFETY

Jason Phipps, Marine Officer with the Van Buren Sheriff Department spoke at our fall meeting. The marine division has patrol responsibility on 113 county lakes (73 accessible to the public) and Lake Michigan, one mile from shore.

Officer Phipps detailed several Michigan water laws including: to legally operate a boat and you were born after 7/1/96, you must have a boater's safety certificate and be age 12 or older. To legally operate a personal water craft (jet ski), and you were born after 12/31/78, you must have a boater's PWC safety certificate or you could be guilty of a misdemeanor. That means anyone currently under the age of 35 needs a PWC safety certificate to legally operate a jet ski. Officer Phipps stated that the single highest complaint his department receives are alcohol related. Currently in Michigan, a blood alcohol reading of .10 and above is considered intoxicated and a DUI citation may be issued. The most serious lake accidents almost always involved a jet ski. Driving too fast within 100 ft of docks and shore (which legally requires operating a vessel at no wake speed), inexperience on the operating controls of a jet ski, excess alcohol use and

driving the wrong way around a lake were cited as frequent examples of accident creating activities.

Remember the next time you have friends and family visit your lake residence...the fun and enjoyment of lake activities can turn tragic very quickly when the four items mentioned above are committed. No one sets out to hurt themselves or innocent others, but accident events are set in place when safety procedures are not followed.

Marine patrols were increased on Cedar Lake in 2013 due to an increase in issued safety citations. A DUI citation was issued this past summer in the middle of the night.

Boating safety is everyone's responsibility. The Sheriff's department encourages residents to report illegal and dangerous behavior. Anonymous calls are taken seriously. ❀

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake resident **Blaine "Skip" Marsh**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be forever missed.



Bite-size brownies topped with cream cheese frosting and a strawberry. Sweet!



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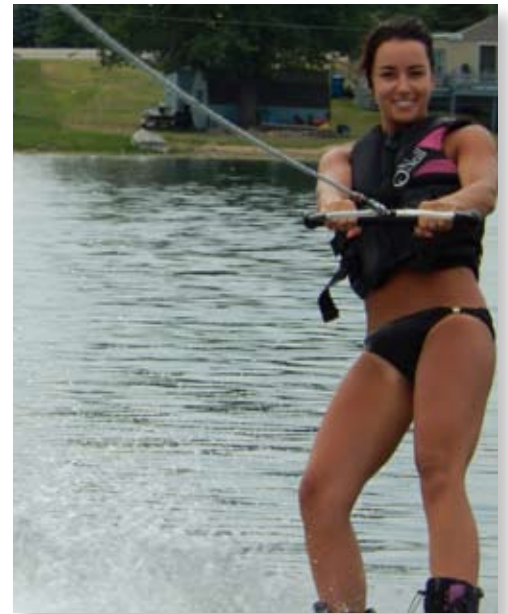
## REPUBLIC SERVICES OPPORTUNITY

Rob Hogan, Residential Sales Supervisor of Republic Services also spoke at the fall meeting. Currently Republic services approximately 75% of all the lake residents. Based on a suggestion from one of our residents, in an effort to minimize heavy refuse truck traffic around our lake, Mr. Hogan has offered exclusive discounted prices and future curbside recycling to our association members. Interested residents should access our web site: Cedarlakera.org or contact Mr. Hogan at 269-216-8004

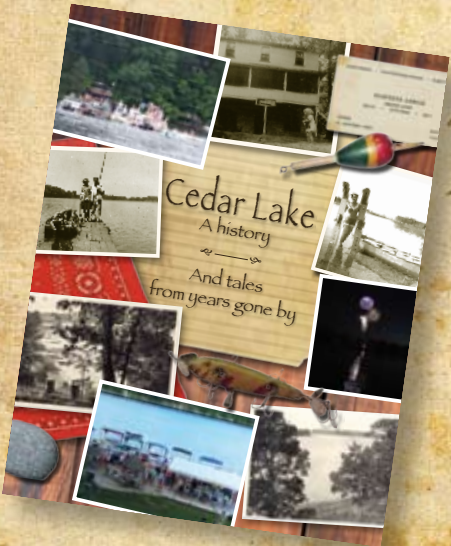
Saving money, minimizing heavy truck traffic noise and their impact on our roads makes good sense. ❁



The Meisling Family enjoying the sunshine while daughter Lilly works on her wake board skills.



Frankie Miastkowski ripping up Cedar Lake.



## HISTORY BOOK

A draft of the Cedar Lake history book has been circulated among association board members and is entering its final editing. Barb Walters and Julie Mason are spearheading the project, stay tuned for availability details!



Frosty trees from Becker Beach

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