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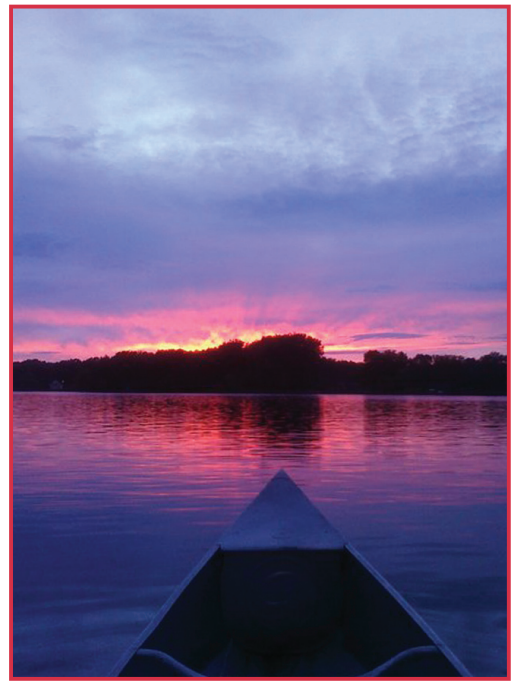
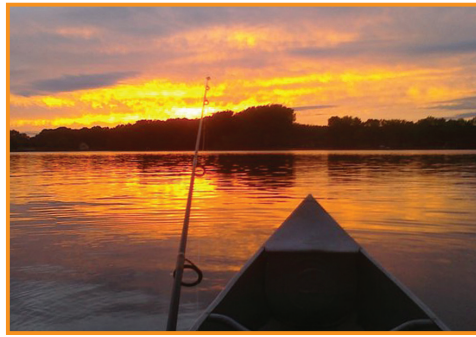
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Sunset picture taken by Dick Vlasak.  
Canoe sunset pictures taken by Matt Mason.

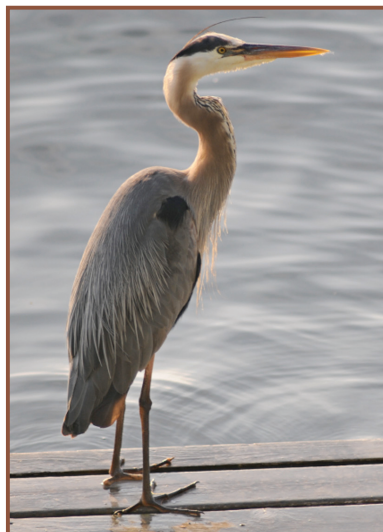
*Before the birds  
 head south  
 and flowers are  
 buried in snow,  
 There comes a  
 festival season  
 When nature is  
 all aglow.*



*Author Unknown*

## CEDAR LAKE SPLENDOR

As the autumn colors welcome Cedar Lake into a new season residents reflect on summers end. Many sunny days brought the enjoyment of swimming, fishing, sailing, skiing, and boating. Fun and relaxation comes in many forms. What a delight in seeing numerous colorful kayaks paddling along the shoreline. With much work to be done following our April 5th hail storm, the favorable weather permitted residents to proceed with property repairs. As a result the lake neighborhood is looking fresh and new. Now's the time to just sit quietly, enjoying the flocks of birds and nature's foliage. The presence of sunsets can't be overstated, looking out onto the lake never gets old. ❖



## WHO'S SEEN HECTOR (OR PERHAPS HENRIETTA?)

The blue heron lives exclusively near water but the water might be no more than a drainage ditch or marshy field. It's recognized most easily by its size: An adult gets up to 4 feet tall. When it flies, its neck curves into a graceful S, its wings beat slowly, and its legs hang down in a unusual unretracted mode. On the ground, the heron stands on long legs and stalks haughtily through shallow water, its eyes trained downward, looking for fish, frogs and snakes. The male and female are similar, so keep an eye out for Hector or Henrietta on Cedar Lake. ❖





## CEDAR NOTES

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

Remember, all "Trading Post Ads" are FREE to Cedar Lake residents. If you would like to place your item(s) on the Trading Post contact Jerry Gilchrist at (269) 303-0721.

Dave Frank has Cedar Lake logo merchandise available for sale! (Think Xmas gifts!)

Diane Battaglia is the "new resident" Cedar Lake greeter. Please contact her at 646-2658 if you have new neighbors.

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents Barbara Andrews & Freeland Bent. Our thoughts & prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.

Thanks to Julie Mason for donating her time & talents to this newsletter. Without her skilled assistance this newsletter would not go to print. Please feel free to send any pictures throughout the year that you think would add to this newsletter to: [grafficjam@comcast.net](mailto:grafficjam@comcast.net)

## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION 2010

Happy times were had as Cedar Lake residents celebrated an extended July 4th weekend with fireworks, boat parade and a picnic fest. Friday night was the kickoff with a quality fireworks display. Much appreciation goes to Stuart Cornish for his efforts in making fireworks a reality again this year. A big thanks to continued cash offerings.



Saturday brought sunny blue skies for the boat parade. This year the theme was "Let Freedom Ring." The water route was filled with many entries dressed in red, white and blue. And the applause from the shoreline spectators was an added bonus. All the participants are to be applauded for their creativity and enthusiasm in making the parade a ton of fun. First place prize went to Steve and Michelle Whalen for best decorated boat. Their traveling trophy was presented at the picnic.

The annual picnic followed the parade. The dining experience brought 143 picnickers to the lake-front yard of Dave and Penny Hazan. This year's event was chaired by Jerry and Linda Gilchrist. They did an excellent job in coordinating

a successful picnic. The barbecued chicken and pork was catered by Scott's Pig Roast. Residents elaborated the food line with a variety of salads, vegetables dishes and desserts. Hefty winds can threaten the tents but Mother Nature provided ideal weather this year. A thank you also to the "set up and tear down" crew. ❖



## CLRA POKER RUN

The third annual poker run was once again coordinated and organized by Don & Carol Dewey. It was held on August 7th, a splendid Saturday afternoon. Thanks to Carol & Don, the seven docks that distributed the cards and provided creative entertainment added to the enjoyment for lake residents who participated. Many thanks to Ron & Karen Reoch for providing a beautiful setting for the post run festivities! A great time was had by all. ❖





# 10 WAYS TO PROTECT CEDAR LAKE

1. Don't use lawn fertilizer that contains phosphorus.
2. Use the minimum amount of fertilizer recommended on the label—more is not necessarily better!
3. Water the lawn sparingly to avoid washing nutrients and sediments into the lake.
4. Don't feed ducks and geese near the lake. Water fowl droppings are high in nutrients and may cause swimmer's itch.
5. Don't burn leaves and grass clippings near the shoreline. Nutrients concentrate in the ash and can easily wash into the lake.
6. Don't mow to the water's edge. Instead, allow a strip of natural vegetation (i.e., a greenbelt) to become established along your waterfront. A greenbelt will trap pollutants and discourage nuisance geese from frequenting your property.
7. Infiltrate drainage from your downspouts rather than letting it flow overland to the lake.
8. Don't dump anything in area wetlands. Wetlands are natural purifiers.
9. If you trailer your boat from lake to lake, wash your boat and trailer before launching back into Cedar Lake.
10. Don't be complacent—our collective actions will make or break the lake. ❖

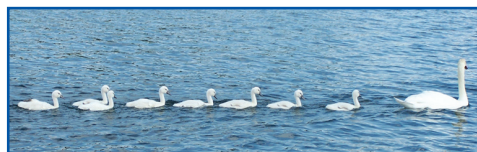
## 2010 CEDAR LAKE WATER QUALITY UPDATE

As reported in the fall Lake Association meeting, the water quality of Cedar Lake is still very good, but there are some disturbing changes that should be considered warning signs. Weekly Secchi disk readings (a measure of water clarity) this year varied from 23 feet in the spring to about 8 feet by mid-summer when the algae growth peaks and there is lots of boat traffic. In previous years the early spring readings were usually over 30 feet. The lowest (mid-summer) readings were, however, fairly typical.

Also worsening for the previous two years (this year's readings are not yet known) is the amount of phosphorus in the water, which has a direct and huge impact on weed growth. The increase may be due to the high water the past two years which has eliminated in many areas the recommended 20 foot buffer zone between the water and any fertilized lawn and plants. Hopefully the banning of fertilizers containing phosphorus in Van Buren County will begin to bring the phosphorus levels to their previous low levels. In any case Cedar Lake land-owner SHOULD NOT use any fertilizers containing phosphorus and SHOULD NOT use any fertilizer or pesticide within 20 feet of the water's edge.

Monthly chlorophyll samples are a measure of the algae content of the water and have been sent to the DNRE for testing along with the spring and fall phosphorus samples. 25 mid-July water samples were collected from various sites around the lake and tested for the E-coli bacteria this year (an indicator of septic tank failure). The highest reading was still less than 1/20th of levels considered dangerous, a very good result.

Jim Walters has conducted a weed survey around the lake this year to identify native and alien weeds. Contact Jim if you see any unusual or out-of-the-ordinary weeds in the lake. ❖



Ready in just 5 min!!

### PUMPKIN FLUFF DIP

1 (16oz) cool whip, thawed  
1 (5oz) pkg inst. vanilla pudding  
1 (15oz) can solid pack pumpkin  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

#### Directions

In a large bowl, mix together instant vanilla pudding mix, pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice. Fold in the thawed frozen whipped topping. Chill in the refrigerator until serving. Serve with regular or cinnamon graham cracker sticks.

### How Pumpkin Pie is made:



### CLRA GARAGE SALE

This June many treasures were found at the gigantic garage sale. The trash to treasures earned over \$1,000 for the lake association! For many years the Weist family have rolled up their shirt sleeves and spent countless hours organizing and coordinating this fund raiser. Many volunteers cleaned and prepared numerous items to be sold. The sale was held at Robert and Joann Harvey's pole barn. The CLRA thanks the Weists, the Harvey's, the many volunteers, the donors and the shoppers. If residents missed out on some great finds plan to come out in two years for the next fabulous sale. ❖

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