

Clearwater Lake Property

Owners Association

2018 Fall Newsletter

Save the date:

Saturday, June 1, 2019: 9 AM Annual CLPO Meeting at Corinna Town Hall

Saturday, August 3, 2019: 10:30 AM-1 PM Annual CLPO Picnic: Lower level of the Annandale City Park



Membership:

2018 Dues are \$50 and go to support many lake benefits. You may pay your dues via check (a Dues form is attached), on our website at www.clpo.org. All donations are tax deductible and if you pay on-line, PayPal can issue you a receipt. Please remember that the activities of the Lake Association benefit everyone! If you have paid your dues already, we've noted this on the last page by the mail to address with a date paid thru.

Also, make sure we have your current contact information, especially your email address. We send many updates throughout the year and it helps us save on postage. You may update your information on the website, complete the membership form attached or email us your information and we'll update it for you; if mailing the membership form, please check the box if your information has changed. Thank you!

Join us for the best lake view and dining experience in the area!



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A word from our president...

It's October and the boating season is winding down. This was another good year for Clearwater Lake and for CLPO. Management and monitoring of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) in the lake continues by the CLPO with financial support from the milfoil levy as well as by grants through Wright and Stearns counties. We appreciate the strong support we are receiving from the watershed district and also more recently by grants. We are pleased to report that no additional AIS have been found in the lake as we continue to aggressively search for it. However, we realize that one bad experience could change that very quickly and so you can do your part by just remembering to "Clean, Drain, Dry" every time you leave any lake.

New AIS project: A new AIS project for Clearwater Lake was approved and ordered last month by the Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers (CRWD). The Clearwater Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Management Project will begin in 2019 and will incorporate the activities currently under the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) project. The EWM project began in the 1980's, was amended in the 90's, and has been in place since then. Back then EWM was the only identified AIS in the lake. Because of the manner in which that project was written funds collected under that project can only be used to treat EWM. The CLPO realized that new AIS threats are before us but with no management plan and no specific funding for treatment. In recognition of a potential problem the CLPO board approached the CRWD in July 2017 asking that the EWM project be amended and expanded to allow treatment of any AIS. CRWD attorneys examined the old project and determined that it would be very difficult to amend that project since that project was written under old laws that have since been amended and replaced. The legal recommendation was to start over with a new project.

Following the laws on watershed districts and petitions the CLPO board conducted a petition drive last fall, collecting many more signatures than needed, and then approached the CRWD board with the request. The CRWD board accepted the petitions and instructed their engineers – Wenck Associates – to assemble a new management plan for review. Through the winter the engineers developed the plan with input from the CLPO board. The final plan – available at www.crwd.org – was reviewed and approved in May by the CRWD board. Through the summer the costs and benefits determination process was conducted, which is the process that determines which properties are affected and included and at what level. The CRWD held its public hearing on the matter last month where many good questions and comments were heard and addressed. Following the hearing the CRWD board unanimously approved the new project.

The new project has a ten-year initial term and replaces the old EWM project on next year's tax statements. The new project levy will be about \$19 month per year plus fees and interest over the old levy for a single family home on the lake. (Fees and interest vary slightly between Stearns and Wright counties.) A prepayment option is available that avoids all fees and interest over the next ten years, but residents needed to take advantage of that before October 15th. The new project includes continued treatment for EWM and funds collected from that old project remain in that fund, and over the next couple of years or so those funds will be spent down on EWM. This means that the new project balance can rise a bit allowing for monies to be immediately available should a rapid response be required to address a new AIS infestation if any is discovered.

The CRWD treats projects like these as a capital project where there is an initial capitalization followed by an ongoing management period. The difference between this project and a 'traditional' capital project is that the initial capitalization is done over ten years instead of all at once. The new project has a bottom line of \$435,000 that is spread over ten years but the fund balance will never approach that level. Funds will be paid in over the years and monies paid out for various AIS services similar to the current EWM project.

Ongoing AIS Work: In the meantime the CLPO continues on with our AIS work. This year we continued with our rake tossing at the top five popular ramps around the lake. Every week or so volunteers go to their assigned ramps and toss rakes in a distributed pattern to see what comes up. Suspicious weeds are brought to experts to find out what it is, and if necessary samples can be sent on to labs for a more expert determination. Our current largest concern is Starry Stonewort but there are dozens of other potential AIS out there. In order to get a better view we often need to literally get into the weeds and so the CLPO also again this year hired a diver to conduct a detailed underwater examination of the area around the popular ramps. We plan to continue these actions next year.

Finally, the CLPO secured grants from both Wright and Stearns counties to conduct boat inspections at the two DNR ramps on the west end of the lake. Inspections are done on weekends, holidays and other special days (e.g., fishing opener). In mid-summer a budget check allowed us to add additional time to include some weekdays and inspections through the end of October.

Nominations to the CLPO Board: The CLPO board is always looking for good people willing to step up and contribute to the community. Calls for nominations to the CLPO Board of Directors begin in late winter/early spring so look next year for the announcement in the mail and on our website. We are also always on the hunt for volunteers willing to spend a few hours a month. Just contact any of us – contact info is on our website at www.clpo.org.

If you're heading elsewhere for the winter we'll see you next spring. If you're sticking around we'll see you at the grocery store or on the ice. Either way have, a great season and stay safe!

Jim Kutzner, CLPO President

Lake Property Weed Control

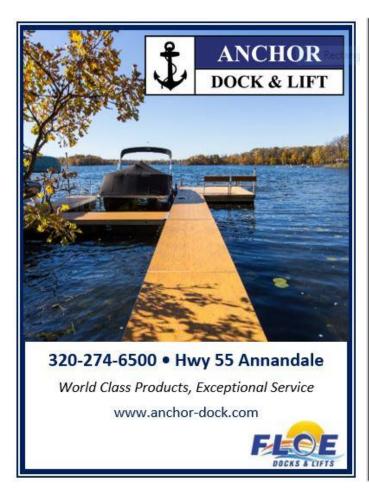
Many have inquired about who to contact in regards to have their lake weeds commercially treated. Now is the best time to apply for permits for next year's season; as it does take some time to get through the permit process. Here is the website info or you also can find it on our website under AIS.

DNR approved Aquatic pesticide companies:

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/apm/commercial aquatic pesticide applicators.pdf

DNR Permitted Commercial Mechanical Control Companies:

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/apm/commercial mechanical control companies.pdf







Talents

We are always looking for volunteers to help with misc items throughout the year. If you have a talent you'd be available to help the CLPO at some point, please let us know so we can make a list of available resources. Send us an email, talk to one of the board members or note it on the Membership form. Thank you!







Community Lawn Care: They offer 2 programs: Do It Yourself & Full Service. They will donate 5% of every dollar you spend to the CLPO. Just mention you're a member of the 805 Hwy 55 E, Buffalo 763-307-3311 CLPO or download the form on our website under "Lake Info".

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Pumpkin Gingerbread



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Ready In

Recipe By: frosty

"Wonderfully flavorful and fragrant bread for the holidays."

Ingredients

3 cups sugar

1 cup vegetable oil

4 eggs

2/3 cup water

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree

2 teaspoons ground ginger 1 teaspoon ground allspice

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground cloves

3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

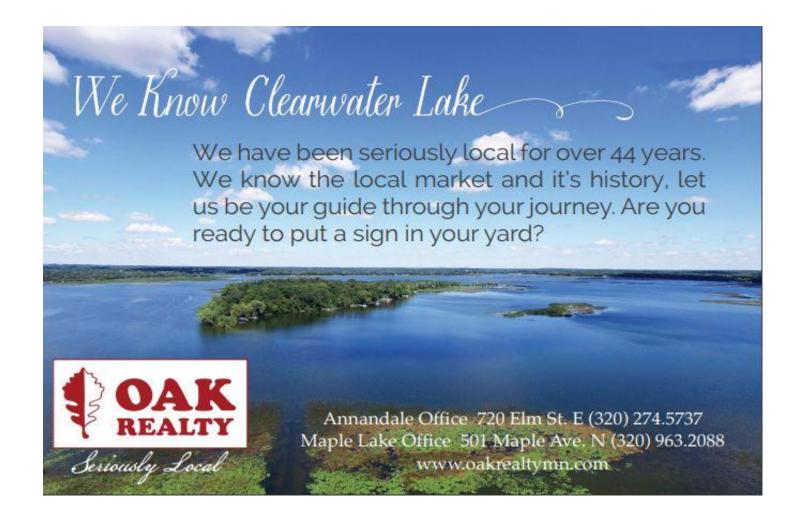
1 1/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Directions

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf
- In a large mixing, combine sugar, oil and eggs; beat until smooth. Add water and beat until well blended. Stir in pumpkin, ginger, allspice cinnamon, and clove.
- In medium bowl, combine flour, soda, salt, and baking powder. Add dry ingredients to pumpkin mixture and blend just until all ingredients are mixed. Divide batter between prepared pans.
- Bake in preheated oven until toothpick comes out clean, about 1 hour.

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2018 CLPO Member Form

Please encourage your neighbors to do the same and join. We have made a big difference in the lake quality in the past 15 years and will be able to continue in the years to come if we get your support. Thank you!

2018 CLPO Annual Membership Dues Payment:		\$50.00	
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