

Homeowners' Spring Meeting Saturday May 23rd 9am at Clearwater Forest

Please plan to attend the homeowner's association meeting on May 23rd at Clearwater Forest. Once again, DJ has offered to host our meeting in the Dining Hall from 9-11 am.

If you have a full house for the Memorial Day weekend, bring along a family member or two to allow them to get to know what's happening on our lake.

Agenda for meeting:

1. Introductions and welcome
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of new officers for 2009-2011
4. Aerial Lakeshore analysis (Guest: Alan Cibuzar)
5. Habitat reports – loons, animals, fish
6. Water clarity and quality
7. Recycling
8. Thank you and dismissal

Leaders Wanted

The Clearwater Lake Homeowner's Association is looking for a group of new leaders for the 2009-2011 term. The current co-chairs (Phil Turnquist & Denny Morrow) have been in their offices for six years; Gary Bergren has been treasurer for three years and will be looking for a new treasurer when his term expires in May.

Please let Phil, Gary, or Denny know if you'd be willing to serve. The organization will be leader-less unless you volunteer to serve. You don't have to be an 'old hand' on the lake to be a leader. All it takes is a willingness to serve and good communication skills! Thanks to Phil and Gary for their service!!!

Loon Nesting Platforms

Please remind visitors this spring to stay 100 feet away from loon nesting platforms. The loons are territorial and we want them to have a calm nesting season. Please speak up if you see people chasing loons or infringing on their nesting areas. These loons are a wonderful, but fragile, part of our lake environment. Let's all be committed to their safety!

The half-dozen platforms are the annual work of Al & Annette Kittock and Jeff & Paulette Zernov. Thanks again to you for all of your extra work on our behalf. Many loon couples are 'repeat customers' and we want them to keep coming back.

Water Quality

The water quality study was completed in 2008 and was distributed to homeowners who requested one. If you didn't get yours, several will be available at the annual meeting. You can call Denny Morrow if you'd like one sent earlier (612-804-7654).

2009 Aerial Lakeshore Analysis

The recent aerial study will be a major discussion point at our annual meeting. Please plan to attend. Since the data included in this study is largely on computer disks, we will have multiple copies to distribute at the annual meeting. Printer copies will be available at the meeting for those without computers.

Association Dues now \$50

Thanks to the 45 of you who sent checks in 2008! We have included a reminder and an envelope this year in the annual meeting mailing. If we all contribute our \$50 each year, we will be able to build a fund gradually to take care of the eventual bigger issues that may arise. Please make your check payable to Clearwater Lake Homeowners' Assn and send to our treasurer:

Gary Bergren
8893 Hidden Oaks Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344-4105

In addition, if you were not able to make a **special contribution to fund the aerial survey** during the winter of 2008-09, you still can! This aerial survey has pinpointed septic leaks or other infiltration of pollution into the lake. The total cost for this infrared photo-generating fly-over was approximately \$9,000. So, the average cost per home on the lake was about \$150. We have paid the bill, but if you'd still like to contribute that would be great!!

Roster

Please review the enclosed Roster to ensure accuracy of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Please add email addresses if you have one and notify dennis.morrow@comcast.net

As you can also see, many people have begun to add the names of their adult children to the lake association roster. This is a great way to keep them informed. Please email or send new (or corrected) information to Denny at the email address above or:

Denny Morrow
13305 35th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55441-2256

Fish Stocking Data

Thanks to Arne Johnson for this information:

"Thought you all may be interested in what fish have been put into our lake over the years. I was amazed that there had been stocking efforts well before there was a public access, which I had always thought was a prerequisite to any DNR commitment to stocking a lake. I never got a definition of how many fish were in a "can", but it looks like early on there was an effort to build up bass, northern (pike) and crappie populations in the lake (Ed: very successful). Following is a very complete stocking history that Mr. Bastrup of the Brainerd DNR office provided from my inquiry."

"The stocking plan for Clearwater Lake is to stock 1 lb of walleye fingerlings per littoral acre (Ed: Clearwater has a calculated 252 littoral acres) every third year. (Ed: A littoral acre is defined as the portion of water in a lake that has at least 15 feet of depth, according to Mr. Backstrup) This amounts to 252 lbs of fingerlings, and depending on the size of the fingerlings, the number of fish is generally from approximately 3,000 to 12,000. Following is fish stocking history of Clearwater Lake:

1909-1945: 22 cans of bass; 12 cans of pike; 4,845,300 pike fry; 120,000 lake whitefish fry; 40,000 tullibee fry; 8,457 bass fingerlings; 100 adult bass; 150 smallmouth bass fingerlings; 3,000 crappie fingerlings; and 216 adult crappies.

1949	4,000 pike fingerlings
1954	39,750 pike fingerlings
1961	6,200 pike fingerlings
1962	350,000 pike fry
1986	2,016 walleye fingerlings
1989	4,052 walleye fingerlings
1992	11,965 walleye fingerlings
1995	20,647 walleye fingerlings
1998	4,095 walleye fingerlings
2001	11,088 walleye fingerlings
2005	255 walleye adults
2008	5,720 walleye fingerlings

Recycling Program Kicks Off

Bay Lake Township is pleased to announce that we will be offering a recycling program.

The recycling bin will be located at the Bay Lake Town Hall. This will be an unsupervised 24/7 operation and there will be signs posted giving you directions on the procedures and what items will be accepted. Please rinse out containers so we won't attract any unwanted varmints to the area.

We are counting on all our township residents to please be respectful of the operation and not drop off garbage or other non-recyclable items.

The Park at Clearwater Estates

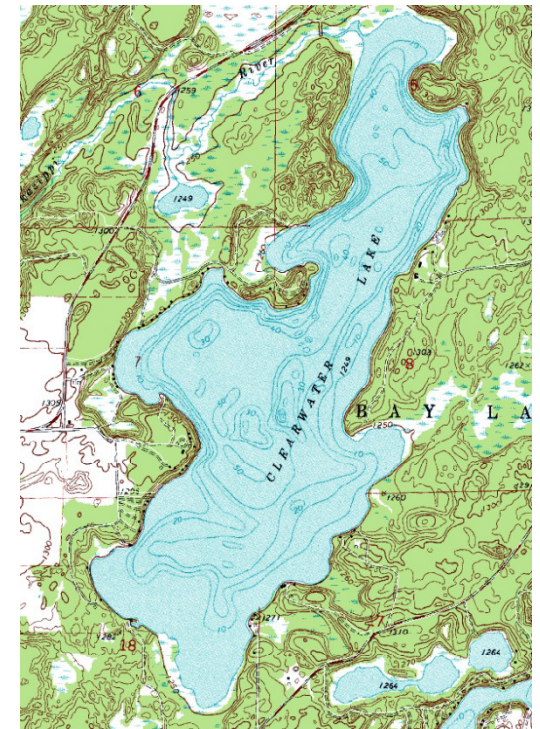
Thanks to Paul Wilson for all of this recent information regarding the planned unit development (PUD) on Clearwater Lake:

"I went to the public auction of the Clearwater Estates in Brainerd at the sheriff's office. The Kiertys were also there. The only 'buyer' there was a guy who was hired by Lakeland Construction Finance company (the lenders to Pagel & Swanson). His role was basically to be there to make sure no one bought the property for less than the assessed value. He presented a check to the sheriff's rep, and the auction was over. This man told us that what Lakeland would likely do is petition to have the redemption period reduced to 5 weeks and then they would be free to do what they wanted with property. We asked if there would be any public notice of when the property officially changes hands back to Lakeland and we were told 'no'. He told us that we could contact the lawyers for Lakeland to find out".

Gurstel Law Firm;

Mark Peterson (612) 664-8200
401 N Third St
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1300

Clearwater Lake Homeowners' Assn Spring 2009



Annual Meeting Notification

Please join us for the annual meeting of the Lake Association on Saturday morning, May 23rd, 2009 beginning at 9am in the Dining Center of Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp on Crooked Lake Road. See inside for complete agenda!