



# Sugar Lake Association

Sugar Lake, Wright County, Minnesota

[www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org)

May 2007

Dear Sugar Lake Residents,

Attached is the May edition of the SLA News and raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser. The raffle prize offerings are a \$500 cash grand prize and a chance at a \$250 second prize and a \$50 third prize. The prizes that are offered should make them easier to sell than ever before and we ask for your help in selling 20 tickets at \$1.00 each. The proceeds of the raffle ticket sales will be allocated 100% to the milfoil and invasive species fund and will be used to fight Curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil.

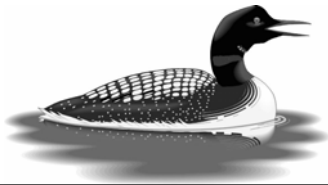
The raffle drawing will again be the final event of the Sugar Lake picnic to be held on Saturday, August 4, 2007. Winners of the raffle prize drawing need not be present to win. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to this annual event and enjoy the food and games while having fun with your neighbors from the lake.

Please return your sold ticket stubs and tax-deductible checks, payable to the Sugar Lake Association, (NO CASH please) in the enclosed envelope by August 4. Please do us a big favor this year and remove the staple from your ticket stubs before you send them in. If you need additional tickets, please contact Nancy Dunn at 320-274-8689.

The May newsletter includes a list of those who have donated money beyond the \$25 dues. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sugar Lake Association, *thank you*. The fundraising campaign started last fall with the dues mailing has raised a total of \$33,750. Of that amount \$32,380 is designated for the milfoil and exotic species fund. The *buy-an-acre* program has sold 87 acres to 81 members to date. Watch for a windsock along your shore.

Don Peterson  
Chairman, Sugar Lake Association





# The Sugar Lake News

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## Calendar of Events

**June 16**– SLA Meeting

**June 30**-Fishing Contest\*

**July 21**-SLA Meeting\*

**August 4**-SLA Picnic

**August 18**-Annual Meeting/Board  
Election\*

**September 1**-Diane's Lights Night

**September 15**– SLA Meeting\*

**October 20**-SLA Meeting\*

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna  
Township hall at  
8:00 a.m.

### Send Newsletter submissions to:

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Hopkins, MN 55343  
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E-mail don@sugarlake.org

### For membership, address, e-mail, or property owner changes

contact Pat Dahl at  
7630 106 St NW  
Annandale, MN 55302  
320-274-3486

## Vegetation Report

by: Dale Gustafson

We have been working with the DNR for the last year or so on our Lake Vegetation Management Plan and we have still not reached agreement. Our problem stems from the fact that we want to be very aggressive in controlling aquatic invasive species and the DNR does not have a mechanism for allowing individual lakes to get that type of approval.

In an attempt to treat all of the areas of Curly leaf pondweed we found in 2006 we submitted a permit request for 100 acres. Our DNR Aquatic Specialist suggested that we could only get that approval if we were part of the Pilot group to do "Whole Lake" treatment and if we would follow the protocol that had been established. I said that we would, but later became aware of what that protocol would entail. The protocol would require three complete plant assessments per season for all of the littoral area of the lake based on a point intercept method. That would mean about 200 points would have to be sampled three times a summer. We are attempting to accomplish that goal through our volunteers and professionals we will hire.

At the present time we are attempting to control curly by treating the most severe areas of infestation without exceeding our 53 allotted acres of littoral area per year for all treatments to the lake including personal treatments of the shoreline. Our consultant Steve McComas of Blue Water Science thinks that we may have the ability to keep it in check with this size of a treatment area. Time will tell, and we will continue to work at monitoring the situation.

In addition to the chemical treatment with Aquathol K we also have the option of cutting and harvesting up to 88 acres of Curly that may develop in areas we did not treat. I think that is a good idea, and in the past we have relied on volunteer help for this effort. We are looking in to hiring someone to do the cutting but we still need volunteers to assist with cutting and harvesting related activities. If you can help please contact Marlin Grant at 952-831-3948 or 320-274-7242 or 612-363-1208

Mechanical harvesting of curly leaf pondweed helps by reducing seed production and removing plant mass from the water. The plant naturally breaks apart and floats free in the lake spreading its seed in the form of turions, a seed pod. At the same time the curly leaf plant decomposes releasing nutrients that increase the amount of phosphorus in the lake contributing to algae blooms.

Any curly leaf the association cuts will be harvested and removed from the lake.

In our evaluation of the success of our treatments so far this year we are impressed and discouraged at the same time. We have made great strides in some areas and have found new infestations of curly leaf in other areas. Our battle needs to continue.

## Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 30th!

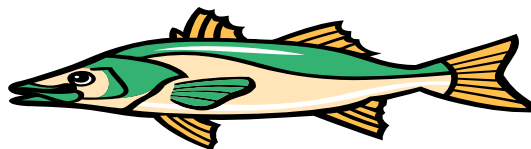
When: 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Weigh in at noon.  
Where: Home of Dan and Lynne Bonine on the north end of Addison Bay.  
Cost: \$5 per person. All entry fees applied to the prize fund.  
Prizes: First, second, and third prizes awarded for the largest fish in each category.  
Who: Open to members and friends. The Kids contest is for ages 0-8 and 9-15. Kids can share in the prize money if they pay the entry fee.

Hot dogs and refreshments will be served afterward.  
If you have any questions, call Lynne at 320-274-2005.

*If you have one of the traveling trophies awarded last year, please return it to Lynne Bonine before the fishing contest, or call Lynne and arrange to bring it to the contest.*

## **KASTL'S KORNER**

the latest lake report.. The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). 5 loons noted.



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
05-15-02	9'	48°	49°	23"	28"
05-15-03	9'	59°	66°	24"	29"
05-14-04	10'	58°	49°	18"	23"
05-20-05	10'	52°	62°	22"	27"
05-21-06	10'	48°	60°	26"	31"
05-12-07	10'	61°	62°	22"	27"

## **Membership**

Paid SLA membership for 2007 has reached 328. If you haven't paid your 2007 dues, please send your \$25 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: Sugar Lake Association 11102 Hoyer Ave NW., Annandale, MN 55302.

### **Please welcome new members:**

Doug & LaVonne Becker

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Pat Dahl. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Pat of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Pat at 320-274-3486 or email [darelpatt@lakedalelink.net](mailto:darelpatt@lakedalelink.net).

### **SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH:**

Want the latest information on what's going on at the lake? If you are not getting the occasional e-mail from the Association it's probably because we do not have your up to date e-mail address. Please just send an e-mail to [webmaster@sugarlake.org](mailto:webmaster@sugarlake.org) and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information.

And, by the way, visit our website at [sugarlake.org](http://sugarlake.org) for all the latest.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As of May 19, 2007

General Fund	\$14,590
Lake Improvement Fund	\$16,403
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$83,484
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$114,477</b>

## **Sugar Lakescapers**

A kick-off meeting was held for the Sugar Lakescapers immediately following the May Association meeting. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lanette Dammann at 320-864-3004 or email: [daseed@myclearwave.net](mailto:daseed@myclearwave.net)

## **Give Our Lake a Break**

We all need to help in the removal of curly leaf pondweed in Sugar Lake. It is important to know that curly leaf is an annual plant and grows from seed each year. Most of the valuable aquatic plants in our lake are perennial and grow from the roots each year. Be sure you know that you are cutting Curly leaf, and cut the plants off near the bottom of the plant and then remove them from the lake. We only want to remove curly leaf, but if we cut some good native plants with the curly they should re-grow and not be lost from the lake.

## **Sugar Lake Association Board Nominations**

If you are interested in becoming a Sugar Lake Association board member or know someone interested in becoming a board member, please contact Charlotte Quiggle:

320-963-5478.

The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before the June meeting.

An eighteen-member board administers the SLA. Each board member serves for 3 years and then is required to take a year off before being eligible to be elected again. Board members can serve on committees including water quality, vegetation, education, fisheries, communication as well as helping with annual events like the picnic. It is a great way to learn about the lake and be involved in what is happening.

**Thanks** to everyone who took and reported water temperatures to determine the best time for Curly leaf treatment:

## Water Quality Report

by: Dale Gustafson

All lakes in the Silver Creek Watershed, including Sugar Lake, will be participating in a testing program administered by Wright Soil & Water. We will be making turbidity tests as well as collecting samples for lab analysis. Testing will be done at inlet, outlet, and select run-off areas.

Sugar Lake is also a participant in the Wright County Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program. This is a program designed by the state to establish trends in water quality of Minnesota lakes. Data is collected once a month, May through September, on water clarity, amount of total phosphorus, and chlorophyll-A (algae). Ed and Jan Quinn have been taking these samples since 2001. You can see the results at [www.rmbel.com](http://www.rmbel.com). At the May meeting the Sugar Lake board authorized increasing the sample frequency of this program to double what it is now.

## Diane's Lights Night

As you may remember, Labor Day weekend of 2006 was for the most part a washout. Try as we may, we were unable to hold Diane's Lights Night on the scheduled day of Saturday or the alternate day of Sunday.

To my knowledge, that was the first time we had to completely cancel the event. I did however hear of several brave souls who defied nature and put up their displays in the rain. My hat is off to you.



Enough said for last year. A new summer has arrived and a new challenge is being made to each and everyone of you who dwell on the shores of Sugar Lake. Diane's Lights Night will once more be the grand finale for the summer, on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Again, we will use the alternate day of Sunday in case of rain, but with any luck, we won't need it. Hopefully you kept your unused decorations from last year and have all this summer to improve on them. For those who haven't tried to do a display, why not make this the year. Gather with family and friends to make a winning display. Let your imagination be your guide. It doesn't have to be big or expensive. Some of the past winners were simple but timely. They displayed in Luminaries what many of us were thinking or was pertinent to the events of the day.

Remember, the winners get a summer of free Pepsi products. Better get started.

## Membership Meeting

The June 16 Sugar Lake Association meeting at the Corinna Town Hall will be a general membership meeting. Nominations for the board of directors will be finalized. A possible dues increase for next year will be discussed. We will hear an update on the curly leaf pondweed treatment program.

## Township News

By Charlotte Quiggle

**Corinna Township** Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. The Corinna Town Hall is located on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Clerk: Vi Novotne 320-274-5179

- Junk Amnesty day is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Visit the Corinna Township website at [www.corinnatownship.com](http://www.corinnatownship.com).

The recently appointed 6-member Corinna Planning Commission (2 of whom live on Sugar Lake: Steve Huff and Charlotte Quiggle) has had 2 monthly meetings to date and plans to hold a Public Hearing at its next meeting (June 14) to approve both the amended Comprehensive Plan (which includes some revisions to allay some concerns of the County) and the Corinna Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Representatives from the Township and the County will be meeting earlier that same day to discuss the nuts and bolts of the relationship between the County and the Township as Corinna takes over administration of land use.

**Clearwater Township** Town Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Clearwater Town Hall is located on Highway 24, 3-1/2 miles south of Clearwater.

Clerk: Sharon Lee 320-558-6725

## Wright County

By Charlotte Quiggle

After more than 10 years in planning, MnDot will finally begin work on re-doing Highway 24 between Clearwater and Annandale this summer; the project is expected to last up to 18 months. During that time, most non-local traffic will be diverted from Highway 24, so people on Sugar Lake will have to drive to Annandale via Highway 55 and Clearwater via County Road 7.

Of major concern to many people in the community has been the proposed gravel mines in the area that will supply material to MnDot for the project. The Township Supervisors approved 2 sites near Bass Lake and disapproved of one between Cedar and Clearwater Lakes on Cnty Rd 39, primarily because of the asphalt plant that was also being proposed for that site; the County will make the final decision on June 14. Should the asphalt plant remain in Silver Creek Township (as is desired by the people who attended the Public Hearings), we can count on a lot of increased truck traffic on 39 which will further complicate our driving this summer.

## Water Patrol

Remember to renew or obtain your swim raft permit. Contact the Wright County Sheriff's Department at 763-682-7622. Your permit # must be displayed and the raft must be reflectorized to reflect light from all directions.

## Dues Increase

A proposal to raise dues to \$50 has been made. If you would like to comment on this please contact any member of the Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors or attend the June 16 Association meeting.

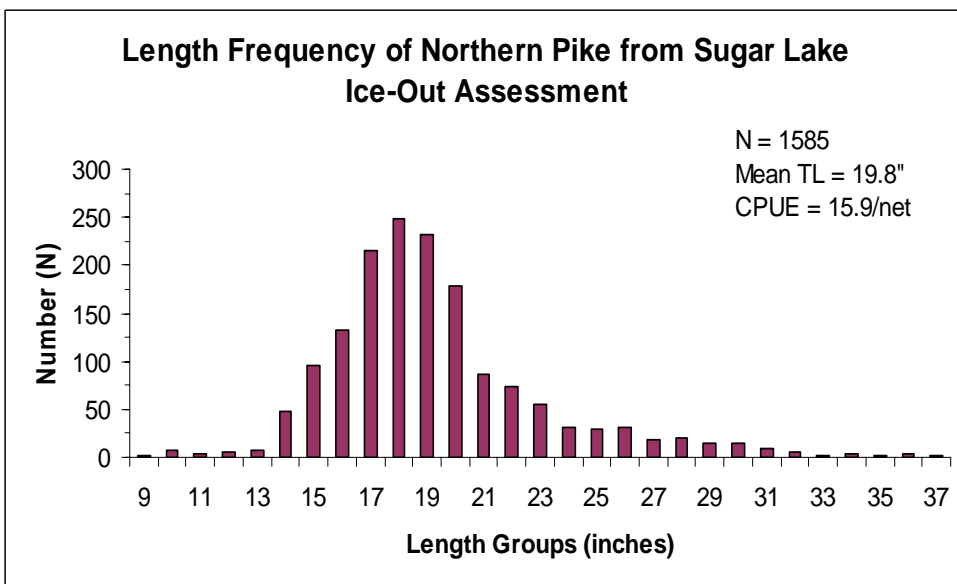
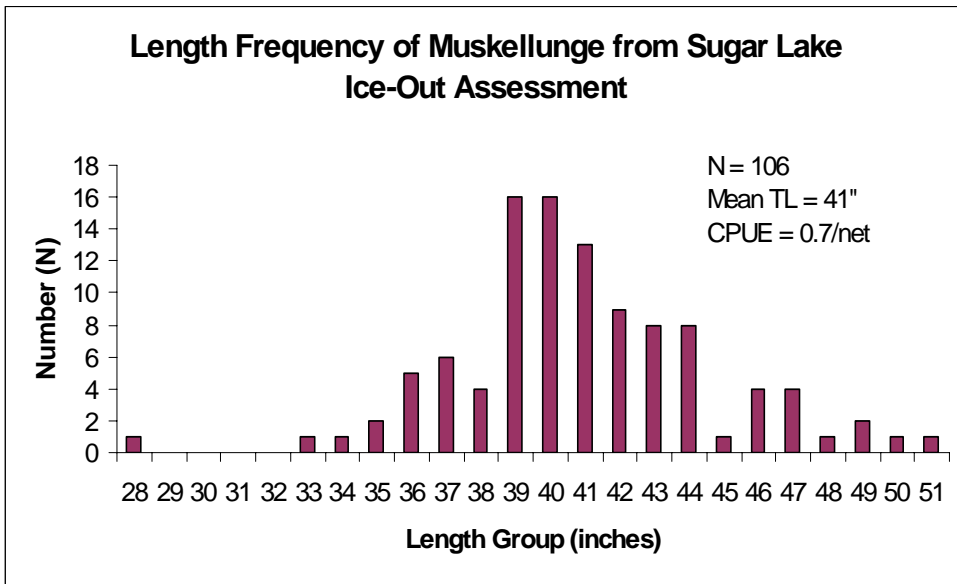
# DNR Fisheries Report

You may have noticed the DNR on Sugar Lake this spring. They are surveying our fish population. Here is some of the initial data supplied by Paul Diedrich:

The DNR Fisheries Section is conducting studies of Sugar Lake during 2007.

The first population estimates were made for muskellunge at Sugar Lake in 2007. Marked were 106 muskellunge captured in trap nets. Night electrofishing on April 30 and May 1 recovered 22 fish, eight of which were fin-clipped. Bailey's population estimate was 261 with lower and upper confidence limits of 140 and 533. This estimate of muskellunge for fish 33 inches and larger, 0.26/acre, is within the range of reported values for Minnesota lakes (0.2 - 0.4/acre).

I have attached histograms which show the lengths of muskellunge and northern pike. The numbers and size structures are radically different. Northern pike are much smaller and more numerous compared to muskellunge.



**The following individuals have contributed money beyond their dues. These contributions will allow us to treat invasive aquatic species according to our plan. We will be able to continue the work of maintaining and improving the water quality of Sugar Lake to the benefit of all property owners.**

Craig & Linda Allen	Jerry & Carol Hackenmueller	Rick & Mary Olson	Bill & Marilyn Tierney
Marilyn Andersen	Tom & Maggie Hall	Russell Ottenstroer	Joe & Jean Urista
David & Susan Anderson	Elvira E Hanson	Keith Otto	Donald & Joyce Van Eyll
Ken Anderson	James & Betsy Hanson	Richard Paul	John & Colleen Van Sytzama
Ken & Bonnie Anderson	Dr. John & Paulette Harapat	Bob & Chris Peltier	Tom & Sharon Velin
Jim & Ginny Arone	Chris Harff	Al & Donna Pertl	Frank & Irene Vinella
Steven & Jill Banker	Bob & Jean Heberle	Craig Peterson	Ralph & Tina Walker
Melanie & Charles Barry	Harold & Joan Hennen	Don & Cindi Peterson	Al & Joyce Wallin
Jim & Doris Bayerl	Lee & Jonelle Hennen	Jim & Cindy Peterson	Jim & Deb Werdin
Doug & LaVonne Becker	Jerry & Toni deRosier Hertel	Mark & Teresa Peterson	Marilyn Westlin
Doug & Cathy Beckman	Stan & Shirley Hillestad	Scott & Katie Peterson	Dave (Doc) & Beth Williams
Christopher & Brenda Behm	Harold & Carol Hinnenkamp	Denny & Sally Phenow	Fred B. Williams
Dennis & Debbie Beltrand	Gary & Marilyn Hiscock	Tim & Michelle Pippo	Gary and Mary Williamson
Gary (Bendickson Family) Bendickson	John & Deb Hoaby	Rosemary Pitra	Pat & Peggy Willis
Chuck & Sandy Benner	Gary & Cindy Hoganson	Marion Pohlman	Steve & Diane Wiltermuth
Vernon & Jean Berkness	Dr. Jeff & Kim Holmberg	Judy Pucci	Alan & Susie Wojchouski
Don & Dawn Berry	Ron & Kathy Hubred	Ralph & Jeanette Pugh	Denny & Sue Wurm
John, Gerry & Bill Biebesheimer	Steve & Roxanne Huff	Tom & Pam Pugh	Patrick & Deanne Wurm
Kevin & Veda Vargo Blohm	John Ironside	Donald & Patty Purcell	Tim & Nancy Young
Don & Marianne Borgeson	Al & Lorna Ittel	Charlotte Quiggle	Mike & Vicki Zieska
Gary & Jan Borrell	Craig & Sharon Johnson	Ed & Janet Quinn	William & Susan Zietz
Bob & Cathy Brabant	Gordon & Olive Johnson	Douglas Radtke	Debbie Zinniel
Jerry & Doris Brinkman	Jon & Elizabeth Juntunen	Peter & Lynn Ramme	
Sheldon & Mary Brown	Rick & Carol Kanniainen	Dale & Lois Rasmusson	
Tamzin Brown	Chris & Mary Kastl	John & Joan Rausch	
Thomas & Barbara Brown	Jim & Mary Kastl	Perry & Roseanne Reed	
Scott & Debra O'Leary Bullock	Mrs. Karl (Bobbie) Kaufmann	Rick & Melissa Riesgraf	
Larry & Mary Burns	Dr. John & Dorothy Klobe	John & Jean Rivers	
Lester & Linda Cantin	Mike & Jane Kluge	Troy & Lori Roovers	
Bruce & Dana Chamberlin	Al & Judy Kowalczyk	Roz Roswell	
Ellen Collins	Avon Kreatz	Art Sauter	
Darrell & Pat Dahl	Jim & Deb Lano	Gerry & Janet Schafer	
Donald & Mary Dahlke	Marie Lehn	Peter & Charlotte Schreiner	
James & Lanette Dammann	Chuck & Arlys Lingen	Elton & Gloria Schuette	
Terry & Cheryl Delbow	Jim & Phyllis Ludwig	Ed & Marge Scinto	
Mark & Sue Dixon	Nancy & Sally Thompson Lund	Irvin & Lorenchia Scott	
Orville & Joyce Doering	Robert N. Lund	Wayne & Carole Seestrom	
Tom & Sandy Ducharme	Sheri Lundstrom	Greg & Joni Selle	
Dan & Cori Duffy	Mike & Barb Madden	Shallbetter Family Cabin	
Nancy Dunn	Steve & Sue Mann	Bob & Ellie Slama	
Gerald & Rose Dykhoff	Cathi & John Mara	Barb Slimmer	
Ron & LuAnn Elsner	Jim & Sandi Martin	Al & Cheryl Smith	
Karl & Enith Enghauser	Blaine & Barb Masee	Michael & Karen Smith	
Daniel & Sheree Mattes Erdmann	Mike & Suzanne McDonald	Paul & Joan Smith	
Jim & Jan Foldenaur	Mark & Donna Mengelkoch	Bob & Deb Sodman	
James & Elaine Fox	Mike & Janet Mengelkoch	Pete & JoAnne Solinger	
Barry Friends	Fred & Geraldine Menth	Jane & John Spielmann	
Lynette Gagnelius	Mark & Barb Menth	William & Mary Spielmann	
Joe & Pat Gill	Tom Michaud	James Stewart	
Paul & Mary Gilles	Mary Miezwa	Herbert & Judy Storms	
Marlin & Wilma Grant	Steven E. Miller	John & Karen Stringer	
Nolan & Deb Grimm	Dave & Karen Moonen	Mary Stumpf	
Craig & Christine Groenke	Obert Nelson	Greg & Kathy Suddendorf	
Gloria Groenke	Tom & Patty Newell	Karen Sutherland	
Bob & Kathy Gruys	Dan & Martha Newell	Bill & Carol Swope	
Rob & Karen Gusaas	Robert & Diane Niederer	Tom & Connie Tart	
Dale & Nan Gustafson	Tom & Suzanne Nimmo	Marie Tauer	
Paul & Patricia Gustafson	Lyn & Jeff Nonhof	Jerry & Lynn Thomas	

**FOR SALE**

2001— 18 foot Bayliner Capri #184  
90HP Mercury motor with trailer  
Minikota trolling motor  
Depth finder, JVC AM/FM stereo, 2 fishing chairs  
Live well, tow & ski pole, lots of storage, waterskis & tow  
rope, low usage / low hours  
\$13,000 or best offer  
Contact Bob 651-739-0007 or  
Jen —cell 651-261-8917, home 651-714-1442

**FOR SALE**

Newmans boat launcher boat lift  
1800lb 96 inch wide-aluminum  
\$700.00 or best offer  
Mike 612-849-0207  
can be seen on the east side of the lake-  
11107 Hollister Ave NW

**WANTED**

LAWN MOWING AND MORE  
Annandale high school student doing mowing, raking, fertiliz-  
ing, cleanup, flowers, odd jobs. reasonable rates  
Call Todd 320 274 3134

**Curly leaf pondweed cutting**

We will soon be starting the cutting and harvesting of curly leaf  
pondweed. In addition to the equipment we have we need to  
borrow the following:

- Flat bottom J or duck boats
- Outboard motors 9 to 25 HP
- Large fishing nets to pick up the cut weeds

Of course we also need more volunteers. If you can help with  
equipment or time please contact Marlin Grant at:  
952-831-3948 or 320-274-7242 or 612-363-1208