

# The Sugar Lake News

OCTOBER 2006

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## Calendar of Events

**February 10**–Mid-winter meeting

**April 21**–SLA Meeting\*

**May 19**–SLA Meeting\*

**June 16**– SLA Meeting

**June 23**–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  
Home 952-939-0172  
Work 952-361-3026  
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

## Good deed done for the lake

A concerned citizen who knows that unprotected soils means erosion "poisons" will get washed into the lake saw a project start without adequate erosion protection. They took enough interest in the lake to contact the County first (no luck they were closed for a holiday) and then contacted the contractor. The contractor agreed that they intended to install silt fence and that they would do it the same day.

No harm was done to the lake and no hard feelings existed, but the builder now knows that we all care about our lake and we know that the first thing to get done on any project on Sugar Lake is to protect the lake. The lake belongs to the citizens of the state of Minnesota, but we are the ones that live here and can observe things that happen to the lake on a day to day basis. We need to watch and visit with our neighbors and their contractors to help everyone to understand how important it is to protect the water first. It is not difficult, nor expensive, but it is essential in protecting Sugar Lake.

If we keep talking to people to make them aware eventually everyone should know that if you start with the silt fence and protect the lake first, your neighbors will be happy to see your project begin. We love to see improvements made around us, and we know that it will happen every year and we know that if good procedures are followed for protecting the lake, know it will go for everyone.

Keep loving our lake.

## Mid-winter meeting to be held at Cabela's in Rogers

A mid-winter general membership meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Cabela's in Rogers.

The agenda will include:

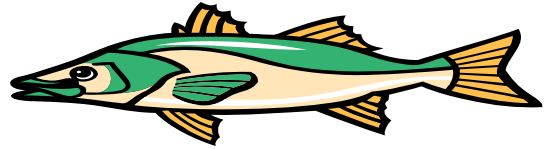
- Discuss the 2007 plan for aquatic invasive species control including Curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil
- Shoreland vegetation education
- A membership meeting to allow a vote on any issues critical to an early spring start for the Curly leaf pondweed fight

Cabela's is located in Rogers near the intersection of I-494 and MN Hwy 101 at 20200 Rogers Dr. The conference rooms are on the second floor near the deli. Plan to attend the meeting, stay for lunch, and look at the great exhibits in the store.

This is an important meeting this year because we will have the information available to develop the spring 2007 plan for treatment of Curly leaf pondweed. There is a short window of opportunity for treatment in the spring. We need to be ready for it.

## KASTL'S KORNER

the latest lake report.. The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). No loons noted.



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
10-10-01	14'	56°	60°	9"	14"
10-14-02	13'	51°	44°	27"	32"
10-08-03	13'	70°	82°	13"	18"
10-13-04	6'	64°	68°	18"	23"
10-11-05	11'	47°	54°	26"	31"
10-03-06	8'	58°	60°	17"	22"

## Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2006 has reached 375. If you haven't paid your 2006 dues, please send your \$25 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to: Sugar Lake Association 7630 106 St NW., Annandale, MN 55302.

2007 dues invoices will be mailed in January. A new directory is planned for spring 2007.

### Please welcome new members:

Erik & Erica Achman.

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 [darelp@lakedalelink.net](mailto:darelp@lakedalelink.net).

**SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH:** This e-mail service is available for Sugar Lake members, family, and friends. Contact Craig Johnson at [csjohn@mac.com](mailto:csjohn@mac.com) to get your name on the Sugar Lake News Flash list or to submit news items or sale items. Please keep your email address updated with Craig.

## Treasurer's Report

As of October 21, 2006

General Fund	\$13,156
Lake Improvement Fund	\$15,336
Milfoil Fund	<u>\$53,813</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$82,305</b>

## Rainfall

September rainfall was 5.13" October rainfall was .7". November rainfall to date has been about .4". Total rainfall this year through November 1 has been 21.5" Normal is about 25". Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall information.

## Give Our Lake a Break

Keep the ice clean this winter. Whether you are ice fishing or just out for walk on the lake pick up after yourself and others.

## Sugar Lake Apparel

Lee Slama and Kathy Radtke-Slama formed A.U.S. Sales to sell Sugar Lake apparel and gifts. Picnic sales are complete and, as promised, Lee and Kathy have donated profits of \$200 to the Sugar Lake Association. Thank you Lee and Kathy for making Sugar Lake Apparel available and for the generous donation of profits.

## Ice Safety

### Recommended minimum ice thickness

4" of new clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot

5" is minimum for snowmobiles and ATVs

8"- 12" for cars or small trucks

Remember that these thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

## Additional donations

**\$10.00 thru \$99.00**

Fred & Jean Kirsch

James & Elaine Fox

## 2007 Budget

The proposed budget for 2007 was unanimously approved:

General fund	\$10,385
Milfoil & invasive species	\$47,000
Lake improvement	\$14,500

## Fundraising

Craig Johnson  
Fundraising Committee

Have you ever consider the real value of your lake property? Is it landscaping, the new home, proximity to your year around residence? Certainly all of these things. But only if the lake water quality is acceptable. Have you considered the options to attaining good water quality?

Do you know that if water quality continues to erode, your property values will dramatically decrease?

I hope you do know these things.

This coming year we have determined that it will take nearly a 50% increase in the funds necessary to control invasive species of plants in the lake. The very problem that impacts our declining water quality. And without your support - not your neighbors, the program will not be able to be carried out.

Your Association has undertaken this challenge in the belief that collectively we can solve this problem at a lower cost to each homeowner, rather than have a governmental entity do it for us.

The problem is complex. Visit our Web site <http://www.sugarlake.org> to learn more about this problem and the dramatic alternatives we face.

You and I have both seen a dramatic increase in the value of our lake property. This year you should consider taking some of that property value increase and investing it in the maintenance of the value of your property, investing in water quality of Sugar Lake.

So this year, when it comes time to renew your membership in the Association, add some zeros to your membership pledge. It really only makes sense.

## 2006/2007

### Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors

#### Terms expiring August 31, 2007

	<u>Lake tel</u>	<u>Home tel</u>	<u>Area</u>
Pat Dahl .....	320-274-3486	Same as lake	O
Nancy Dunn.....	320-490-4047	Same as lake	S
Tom Hall.....	320-963-5631	Same as lake	N
Carla Huro.....	320-274-2104	Same as lake	S
Arv Klemz.....	320-963-5019	Same as lake	F
Linda Williams .....	320-274-8878	Same as lake	S

#### Terms expiring August 31, 2008

	<u>Lake tel</u>	<u>Home tel</u>	
Mary Williamson.....	320-963-5838	Same as lake	H
John Harapat.....			T
Don Peterson.....	320-963-8843	952-939-0172	K
Charlotte Quiggle .....	320-963-5478	Same as lake	L
Marsha Schrupp.....	763-571-1217	763-571-1217	B
Joni Selle .....	320-963-5626	763-476-4844	L

#### Terms expiring August 31, 2009

	<u>Lake tel</u>	<u>Home tel</u>	
Lynne Bonine.....	320-274-2005	Same as lake	W
Lanette Dammann ....	320-864-3004		W
Cheryl Delbow.....	320-963-3997	Same as lake	K
Craig Johnson .....	952-270-6781	952-894-3593	O
Lyn Nonhof .....	763-553-9595	Same as lake	W
Steve Wiltermuth.....	320-274-6133	Same as lake	W

#### 2006/2007 Officers

Chairman: Don Peterson  
Vice-Chairman: Charlotte Quiggle  
Treasurer: Tom Hall  
Secretary: Nancy Dunn

## Corinna Township Comprehensive Plan

Charlotte Quiggle

There will be a Public Hearing for feedback regarding the new Corinna Township Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Map on Tuesday, November 28, at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall. You should be receiving a postcard regarding this meeting at least 10 days before the hearing.

The Public Meeting will be open to all people affected by the Plan. As I understand it, there will be a short (15 minute) presentation of the plan, then the floor will be open for discussion. It would be a good idea to read the Plan and study the map before the meeting so that you can be prepared with questions or comments. The Task Force was told that at the next Town Board meeting following the hearing, the Board will vote on whether to adopt the plan, revise the plan, or reject the plan. Therefore the Public Hearing will be your opportunity to be heard in case you think there's something missing or just plain wrong in the Plan, or to ask whatever questions you might have regarding implementation, which will most likely be formalized at a later date. If you have views that you would like to express on how the plan is to be implemented, now's the time to begin letting the Board know.

The draft of both the Plan and the Land Use Map will be posted to the Community Growth Website ([www.communitygrowth.com](http://www.communitygrowth.com)) and the Corinna Township website sometime soon. You should be able to follow links on the SugarLake.org website to find them.

I hope to see many of you there.

# Wright County Local Water Management plan

A public hearing was held October 17th immediately following the Commissioners meeting to review and take public comment on the proposed LWMP (Local Water Management Plan) as presented by Joe Jacobs, Water Plan Manager. The current plan was last revised in 1997. This new revision will be in effect through Dec 11, 2011. The purpose of the LWMP is " to identify existing and potential problems and opportunities for protection, management, and development of water resources and related land resources in Wright County." The commissioners voted to adopt the LWMP. The plan is available to read on the Association website [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org).

**Snow Plowing**  
For snow plowing or snow removal  
call Darrell at 320-274-3486

# Septic systems & winter

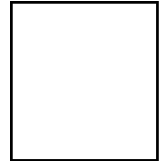
Septic systems can freeze in the winter due to a lack of snow cover, soil problems, leaking plumbing fixtures, cold air entering the system, or a combination of these problems.

If your septic system freezes call a professional. Do not add anti-freeze or additives, or run water constantly. Installers and pumpers have the equipment to thaw the system and help evaluate the source of the problem. Unless the underlying problem is solved the system can refreeze.

To prevent freezing:

- Place a layer of mulch over the pipes, tank, and drainfield for insulation.
- Leave the grass over the drainfield a little longer for extra insulation.
- Fix leaking plumbing fixtures.
- Keep all traffic off the drainfield.
- Make sure all septic system risers, inspection pipes, and manholes are securely covered.
- Use warm water. If freezing is a concern spread out water use, wash a warm/hot load of clothes each day, use the dishwasher or take a hot bath. Don't leave water running all the time because it will overload the system

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