

The Sugar Lake News

SEPTEMBER 2009

2009

Calendar of Events

October 24-SLA Meeting*

*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna Township hall at 8:00 a.m. September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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Give Our Lake a Break

Remember to keep your leaves out of the lake this fall. Leaves are a very high source of phosphorus. Learn to compost your leaves. Visit one of the following websites:

www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/components/3296-01.html

Or

www.mastercomposter.com/

Diane's Lights Night By Doc Williams

The weather could not have been better for our annual celebration of Diane's Lights Night. The day was warm and sunny and the evening brought only a slight breeze. The participants in this year's event were equally great with many new and unique displays. There was the "star of the north" bay, a heart on south side, a big D L for Diane's Lights, and luminaries that outshined the stars atop a tall crane. There are 2 honorable mentions this year. The first goes to the Hackenmuellers at Warner's resort who put up a huge cross lighting their hillside. It was a sight to behold. The second goes to the Hebzynski family on the east side of the point. Who other than Herbie would use the occasion to display "4 sale" with luminaries, in front of one of his properties he's trying to sell.



The judges for this year's contest were 6 members of the DeGroot clan. After going around twice, each member rated their 5 finalists giving them a 1, 2, or 3 then tallying all the scores together.

Third place this year goes to Charlie Werdin on the north side of the lake that designed and put up the display with little other help. He had one luminary hanging high in a tree, 5 in a row strung between 2 other trees, several sitting atop his boat lift, and many others on the ground. He also used 1/2 gallon jugs and 70 plumber candles to add to his exhibit. Charlie may some day own the cabin that he decorated so beautifully; but that may be a while off for Charlie is now only 13 years old.

Second place goes to the Zieska family on the east side of the point who beautifully displayed an outline of Sugar Lake and a sail boat on the hill in front of their home. This is the second year in a row that the Zieska's have taken second place. Last year they did an outline of a loon and half moon. Daughter Hanna was a big help until a better offer came along in the form of 2 boys in a boat. Mom, Dad and daughter Sara finished up.

This year's first place goes to Mary & Gary Williamson, pictured below, on the east side of the point. Their display consisted of many red, white, and blue Luminaries scattered randomly in their front yard along with a number of Tiki torches. They also took baby food jars with tea lights and placed them in their sea wall next to the water. In all, they used about 200 candles. As the judges came by, they were sitting on their patio with friends laughing and having a great time. This was a factor in the judges awarding them the first place because the party atmosphere added to the display. Gary said he never intended to win but just wanted to have fun. The Williamsons have agreed to be next year's judges.

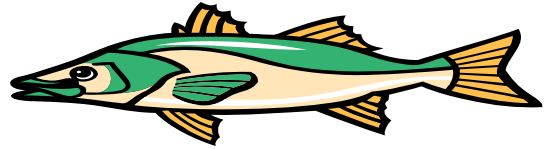


A BIG THANKS goes to all who put out a display whether it was big or small. You added to the evening and made our lake shine like the jewel that it is.

Now, for next year.....

KASTL'S KORNER

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



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
09-16-04	9'	64°	62°	17"	22"
09-14-05	10'	61°	54°	23"	28"
09-14-06	8'	64°	64°	17"	22"
09-19-07	9'	60°	70°	16"	21"
09-15-08	10'	66°	70°	16"	21"
09-18-09	13'	72°	71°	17"	22"

Membership

Paid SLA membership for 2009 has reached 317.

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Cathy Beckman. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Cathy of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Cathy at 320-274-8623 or email membership@sugarlake.org.

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 correct e-mail address. Please just send an e-mail to news-flash@sugarlake.org and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information. To be added to the "For Sale" list send an email to: forsale@sugarlake.org.

Visit our website at sugarlake.org for all the latest.

Treasurer's Report

As of September 18, 2009

General Fund	\$34,184.34
Lake Improvement Fund	\$18,219.14
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$42,960.76
Total All Funds	\$95,364.24

Rainfall

August rainfall was 5.5 inches. September rainfall was .55 inches. October rainfall through Oct 7 has been 3.2 inches. Year to date rainfall total is close to normal Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall totals

Winter Meeting

The winter meeting this year will be a general membership meeting. Date to be announced in the October newsletter.

Township News

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: Mary Barkley Brown 320-274-8049

- Visit the Corinna Township website at www.corinnatownship.com.

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

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com.

Outdoor Catholic Mass



On Sunday of Labor Day weekend, a Catholic Mass was held at the Shallbetter family cabin on Sunset Point. The Reverend Marty Shallbetter celebrated the Mass with about 120 people in attendance. A collection was taken up and over \$400 given to the Annandale food shelf. Following the Mass, several point residents provided refreshments and goodies for those who stayed and socialized.

Corinna Township Building Permit Process Update

On September 1, 2009, the Dept of Labor and Industry affirmed that Wright County ceased to have authority to issue building permits anywhere in Corinna Township as of August 14, 2008. Corinna Township issues all building permits throughout the township.

Permit applications can be obtained and submitted at the Corinna Town Hall (township office hours are 8-3 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday); there's also a drop box outside the Town Hall for 24-hour pick-up or drop-off of application forms. The Town's building inspector is Metro West Inspection Services, Inc.

Both Wright County and Corinna Township require septic permits at this time.

Corinna Township Planning Commission hears all shoreland variance, conditional use permit and subdivision requests in a public hearing, after which the Township makes a recommendation to the County, which makes the final decisions. Applicants should work with both the Township and County Zoning Administrators.

Wright County has instituted a \$50 "Land Use Review Fee" for permit requests in shoreland areas. Does not apply to roofing, siding, remodels, or other work that doesn't change the footprint or number of bedrooms.

The Corinna Zoning Administrator is Community Growth Institute. Zoning Administrator office hours are 8:30 am to 12 noon on the second Monday of each month (Tuesdays if holiday) at Town Hall. The Zoning Administrator can also be reached weekdays from 8:00 to 4:30 pm by calling toll free at 866-900-3064. Meetings can be requested at Town Hall by appointment if necessary.

For more information and downloadable permit forms, go to www.corinnaplanning.info

Clearwater Township

All Sugar Lake property owners whose houses are in Clearwater Township should obtain all permits from Wright County.

Water Patrol

Please be sure you remove all buoys and any other equipment from the water this fall. Anything left in the lake can present a hazard to winter lake traffic.

Invasive species fund

The Sugar Lake Association board voted unanimously to transfer \$22,500 from the general fund to the invasive species fund.

2008/2009 Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors

Terms expiring August 31, 2010

	<u>Lake #</u>	<u>Home #</u>	<u>Area</u>
Rhonda Hiler.....	320-963-6353.....	952-544-9711.....	N
Rick Kanninen.....	320-963-2226.....	Same as lake.....	K
Steve Mann.....	320-274-6267.....	Same as lake.....	Y
Ed Quinn.....	320-274-3226.....	941-408-0430(winter).....	O
Greg Suddendorf.....	320-274-5993.....	952-474-6553.....	O
Karen Sutherland.....	320-963-5597.....	651-698-2284.....	N

Terms expiring August 31, 2011

Marilyn Andersen.....	320-963-5527.....	Same as lake.....	M
Cathy Beckman.....	320-2748623.....	Same as lake.....	R
Deb Beltrand.....	320-274-8299.....	952-944-1526.....	T
Mike Kluge.....	320-274-2729.....	Same as lake.....	Y
Greg Selle.....	320-963-5626.....	763-476-4844.....	L
Jim Stewart.....	612-709-2993.....	Same as lake.....	L

Terms expiring August 31, 2012

Doc Williams.....	320-963-6776.....	952-888-9884.....	H
Betsy Hanson.....	320-963-5772.....	507-282-5514.....	Y
Matt Kutz.....	952-380-8808.....	W
Sue Dixon.....	320-963-3055.....	317-849-9534(winter).....	A
KJ Gusaas.....	320-274-8666.....	952-941-4089.....	T
Ron Elsner.....	612-718-2087.....	763-755-5421.....	S

2008/2009 Officers

Chairman: Doc Williams

Vice-Chairman: KJ Gusaas

Treasurer: Jim Stewart

Secretary: Marilyn Andersen

Directories

The new 2009 – 2010 directory has been distributed. If you didn't receive yours contact Cathy Beckman at 320-274-8623 or email membership@sugarlake.org.

Bulrush planting

The bulrush planting program was continued this year. Over 100 bulrush were planted at 5 sites around the lake. After several years of planting, some of the sites are showing real promise of re-establishing. This year, a combination of hardstem and softstem bulrush were planted.

SLA Committees and Positions

Area Communicator coordinator	Doc Williams
Diane's Lights Night	Doc Williams
Education	Open
Fisheries	Steve Mann
Fundraising	Open
Government Liaison	Open
Lake Vegetation	Dale Gustafson
Lakescapers	Karen Sutherland
Membership	Cathy Beckman
Newsflash	Rhonda Hiler
Newsletter	Don Peterson
Parliamentarian	Matt Kutz
Picnic	Deb Beltrand & Betsy Hanson
Volunteer Coordinator	Open
Water/ Snow Patrol	Rick kanniainen
Water Quality	Dale Gustafson
Water Quality Report	Jim Kastl

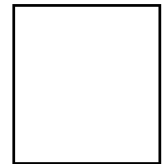
Committees are where the real work of the Sugar Lake Association happens. It is not necessary to be a board member to get involved in committee work. If you are interested in getting involved in any of the committees or positions listed above, contact either the individual listed, any board member, or Doc Williams at
lake—320-963-6776
home—952-888-9884

Vi Novotne retires

After 22 years of service, Corinna Township Clerk, Vi Novotne, has retired. Vi is pictured to the left with Dick Naaktgeboren. An open house was held at the township hall on October 4. The Sugar Lake Association wishes Vi well in her retirement and thanks her for her help over the years.



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