



# The Sugar Lake News

**JULY 2016**

**2016**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 30**-Golf Tournament

**August 6**-SLA Picnic

**August 20**-Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

**September 3**-Diane's Lights Night

**September 3** Sugar Lake 5K

**September 17**- SLA Meeting\*

**October 15**-SLA Meeting\*

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

March, September & October meetings at  
9 a.m.

### Send Newsletter submissions to:

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Hopkins, MN 55343  
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E-mail [don@sugarlake.org](mailto:don@sugarlake.org)

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

contact Cathy Beckman at  
10880 Imhoff Ave NW  
Annandale, MN 55302  
320-274-8623

E-mail [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

## Annual Picnic

It is annual picnic time! Come out and enjoy the day with your friends, family, and neighbors from around the lake. Check in at the membership table for your name tag and raffle entry. Enjoy the great food, drinks, kids' games, educational opportunities, and annual raffle.



**Date:** Saturday, August 6

**Place:** Enghausers and adjoining Kanniainen property, SE corner of the lake. 7112-108 St NW, Maple Lake.

### Schedule of events :

8 a.m.	Setup
12 noon	Picnic starts
1 to 3 p.m.	Kids' games
3 p.m.	Raffle and door prize drawings

Food will be served all afternoon until it is gone.

- *Please clean up after yourself, and be sure you don't leave anything behind on the grounds.*
- *Please note that registration and a name tag will be required for food and drink. Please register as soon as you arrive.*
- *Please leave your dogs at home.*
- *If you are bringing extra guests consider making a donation to help cover the cost.*
- *Anyone under 40 should be prepared to show ID for beer or wine service.*

Please donate an hour of your time at the picnic to help make it a success for everyone.

If you can help please contact:

Deb Beltrand 952-944-1526

email: [dbeltrand@comcast.net](mailto:dbeltrand@comcast.net)

If you, or someone you know, are interested in donating prizes for the picnic

please contact:

Sue Mann

12169 Hart Ave NW  
Annandale, MN 55302

Phone: 320-274-6267

## The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

The physical condition was 3 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
07-20-10	10'	75°	70°	24"	30"
07-13-11	9.5'	80°	69°	30.5"	35.5"
07-20-12	11'	81°	93°	19.25"	24.25"
07-19-13	13'	83°	74°	17"	22"
07-16-14	15'	74°	70°	21.5"	26.5"
07-17-15	13'	80°	78°	20.25"	25.25"
07-15-16	9'	76°	74°	22.25"	26.25"

## Membership

Paid SLA membership is currently at 176. 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](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

## News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains two email lists for communication with membership:

**News Flash:** This list is used to send information about invasive species treatment, event announcements, member information, government information, etc. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail to [newsflash@sugarlake.org](mailto:newsflash@sugarlake.org) requesting addition.

**For Sale:** This list is used to send information about items "for sale" by the membership. To subscribe to this list send an email to [forsale@sugarlake.org](mailto:forsale@sugarlake.org) requesting addition.

If you wish to unsubscribe follow the instructions in the email you receive from the list or send an email requesting removal to the addresses listed above.

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website: [www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org)

## Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2016

General Fund	\$11,693.75
Lake Improvement Fund	\$35,703.18
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$145,784.65
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$193,181.58</b>

## 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](http://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: Jean Just —Town Hall Phone: 320-558-6790

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at [www.clearwatertownshipmn.gov/office2.com](http://www.clearwatertownshipmn.gov/office2.com).

## Annual Meeting and Board Election

Proxy vote ballots for the candidates interested in serving as Board members are enclosed. You may cast your vote in person at the annual meeting, August 20, or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to Sally Quinn Phenow, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 20.

Six board positions need to be filled this August. Open positions will be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Appointed board members will serve one year of the three year term, then will be confirmed by vote at the 2017 annual meeting to complete the remaining two years.

## Rainfall

June rainfall was 3.84 inches. Thanks to Doug Beckman for providing rainfall data.

Proxy  
Sugar Lake Association  
Annual Meeting  
August 20, 2016

Sugar Lake Association Bylaws, Article 4, Section 10;

A vote may be cast in person or by proxy, provided that proxies shall be in writing, shall be only for the particular meeting designated therein, and shall be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting.

I appoint \_\_\_\_\_ SLA Chairman, Suzanne Quinn-McDonald or  
\_\_\_\_\_ SLA Member, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting August 20, 2016. My proxy for Directors should be cast as shown below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Sugar Lake Association member.

Select Candidates for Director by placing a mark next to the name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ron Elsner

Vote to confirm the appointment of the following directors by placing a mark next to the name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Suzanne Quinn-McDonald

\_\_\_\_\_ Sally Quinn-Phenow

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug Miller

- Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 20, 2016, to:
- Sally Quinn Phenow
- 13251 Lily St. NW
- Coon Rapids, MN 55448



## Vegetation Report

By Dale Gustafson

### Curly leaf pondweed:

Thanks to those of you that sent e-mails to [vegetation@sugarlake.org](mailto:vegetation@sugarlake.org) telling us about CLP in your area. That information was helpful for locating additional areas around the lake. The CLP was not terrible this year, but we did locate some new areas that make us worry about what will happen next spring. We have located the worst areas and will make plans to treat next spring.

### Eurasian water milfoil:

The EWM infestation has us puzzled this year. There is not as much as we expected by this time in the year, and it does not seem to be growing at the normal rate. We are unsure that this situation will continue, so we will be watching for this plant to become more dominant in the next few weeks. That may sound like good news, but it may be because of some other issues. The first is the amount of algae that is growing on all the plants. As we were searching for EWM, we found it hard to identify the EWM because it was covered with algae and all the plants look the color of the algae. We only found a few plants that showed the typical reddish tip of the growing EWM plants. Perhaps this will change, but it looks like most plants are restricted in growth from the algae. We have not heard back from our experts, but we think they will say the same thing.

There is another plant that has puzzled us this year. It is one of the narrow leaf pondweeds that is native to Sugar Lake. We think it is one called Frie's pondweed (*Potamogeton friesili*), or possibly Flat stem pondweed. This could very well be a common cycle of nature that causes one species to be more dominant in a particular year. We will be watching to see any changes, but in the meantime you just have to get used to cleaning off your lure on almost every cast.

## Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend, 9/4/2016, Father Marty Shallbetter will again celebrate an outdoor Catholic Mass at his family's cabin. It is located on the west side of Sunset point at 11777 Gulden Av. N W (area G). Park on the west side of the road. If you wish to come by boat, you may tie up at any of the neighboring docks. Look for the sign. Mass will start at 10 AM and refreshments will be served after. Some chairs will be provided however, you may want to bring your own. Please join us.

## Seventh Annual Sugar Lake 5K

On **Saturday, September 3, 2016**, the seventh annual Sugar Lake 5K run/walk will take place. The start line and finish line will be at the Corinna Township Hall on Ireland Ave. Please park in the lot at the Township Hall. All ages are welcome. The roads will be patrolled.

This is a non-USATF registered event. Funds go to the Sugar Lake Association/ Lake Improvement Fund. The SLA is a 501C-3, and all donations are tax deductible.



Feel free to donate even if not participating.

8:00 – 8:50 am Registration/Check-In

9:00 am 5K Run/Walk

10:00am Awards ceremony

The registration form is available at:

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

## YOUR SLA PICNIC PRIZES

In recent years we have had a wide variety of door prizes for members who attend the picnic. These prizes have been in addition to the raffle ticket winnings, lunch and beverages, game prizes and other membership "freebies" such as the directory. As always, it takes a team of volunteers and a lot of follow-up hours to seek out these items from the local businesses, several of whom have been feeling the squeeze of multiple lake association requests during a tight economic time. Perhaps you read the requests for our members to offer gift items that could be among our door prizes. Did your family participate?

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to contact:

Sue Mann

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Annandale, MN 55302

Phone: 320-274-6267

email: [smann@lakedalelink.net](mailto:smann@lakedalelink.net)

to donate. All items are welcome. Thank you for being a good neighbor and helping make this event successful!

# WELL, WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER?

Instant  
Results!



Just bring a  
1 cup  
sample!

Wright County SWCD

will test your private well for nitrate at the  
Wright County Fair

July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>  
Building 2

Questions?  
Alicia O'Hare  
Wright SWCD  
[Alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net](mailto:Alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net)  
763-682-1970 ext 3



## **FREE NITRATE TESTING** **AT THE WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR!!!**

Not all Minnesotans know the quality of the water they drink. If you own a private well it is up to you to test your water quality. Routine testing can prevent serious health problems. One of the compounds the Minnesota Department of Health recommends testing for on a regular basis is nitrate, which is dangerous for infants and pregnant women. Concentrations over 10 parts per million can cause birth defects and even death of infants. Nitrate comes from fertilizers, animal waste, and septic systems.

**Getting your well tested is easy!!** The Wright Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is offering FREE nitrate testing at the Wright County Fair (July 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>)! Bring a 1 cup sample from your well to the Wright SWCD booth in Building 2 for onsite results. For best results run the tap for 2-5 minutes prior to collecting the sample in a clean plastic/glass container or Ziploc bag, if possible keep your sample cool until testing.

If you have any questions, please contact Alicia O'Hare (Wright SWCD Water Resource Specialist) at 763-682-1970 or [alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net](mailto:alicia.ohare@mn.nacdnet.net).



## DUES

This is a reminder to send in your dues for this year. You will also have the opportunity to pay your dues at the annual picnic, August 6. Your support and participation is key to the success of this association and our goal to protect and preserve Sugar Lake. Please take a moment to complete the form and carefully consider how you can best share your time and talents for the betterment of our beautiful lake.

If you have any questions please contact us by e-mailing Cathy Beckman-SLA Membership Chair at [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org)

## Takin' Time: Music in our own Backyard!!

By Jan Tift

Takin' Time is back for one more show on Saturday August 27th. They have been providing outdoor and indoor concerts on their beautiful farm near Silver Creek for the the past several years until they decided to sell the farm. They have not sold the farm yet and it will be a half day event, late afternoon to early evening. It will be for all ages and BYOB. They are trying to get a food truck there, but you can bring your own food as well.

Artists so far will be:

- The Blunderbuss Band- this is a new project out of Chicago featuring Dan Andree on fiddle (formerly of The Henhouse Prowlers)
- Pat Otto on mandolin (of the Alex Hoffer Band and Eric Lambert & Friends)
- Aaron Smith on Upright Bass (freelance Chicago musician)

Trevor Marrin - Trevor is the guitar player and vocalist for the Duluth based bluegrass band "Tin Can Gin"...and an incredibly kind human being!

They are BEYOND excited that these extremely talented and kind individuals will be joining them for this last summer shindig! Let's get a big group from Sugar Lake to attend! If you have questions email Jan at [jantift@gmail.com](mailto:jantift@gmail.com)

## Co-Chair's Corner

Wow, have we had the storms lately! To the tune of four "thousand year rain events" within the last ten years. Because of the higher frequency and intensity of runoff flowing into Sugar Lake, it has become increasingly important to attend to 1). Where the water is flowing from, and 2). What types of silt and/or contaminants is it bringing with it? Think neighborhood watersheds: a region of land that drains rainwater and snowmelt into a specific body of water. The water flows downhill from the highest point we can see...



Neighborhood watersheds vary greatly in shape and size, and may include farmland, roads, wetlands, blacktop, forests, prairie, etc. Next time it rains, take a look around, and see what you can see...until then, enjoy the waters of our gorgeous Sugar Lake! Let's all combine efforts to keep it Sweet!

Suzanne and Sally

## Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

It's hard to believe that summer's end is only a few weeks away. We all have an opportunity, though, to say goodbye to our neighbors in a grand fashion. On Saturday night of Labor Day weekend we will hold our annual Diane's Lights Night contest. All lake shore owners are invited to put out luminaries, be it a few or many, as a way of saying farewell to another great season on Sugar Lake. For those of you who are going for the "gold" in putting up a big display remember that all illumination must come from a flame. Any electric lighting will disqualify your display.

To the first place winner goes 12 cases of Pepsi products for the twelve weeks of summer and most importantly - bragging rights. We will also have second and third place winners. Look to the September newsletter for the results.

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