

CLA Mission

To protect the interest of the members of this Association in the real property owned by them; to endeavor to maintain the natural level in said lake; to protect against water pollution and unhealthy conditions; to secure adequate protection against fire, theft and pilfering, to secure improved roads leading to and around the lake; to protect and promote good fishing condition in said lake; and for such other purposes as shall be beneficial to the interests of said members and the community.

CLA General Meeting - A Must Attend!

10 a.m. on July 18th

Please plan to attend the CLA General Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 18th at 10 a.m., Sailing Club.

You will hear from Restorative Lake Sciences on the status of our lake, plus updates on Township news, financial report of the CLA, etc.

This meeting will have many important updates and members have the opportunity to help guide the direction the CLA takes in the future. We look forward to a lively discussion and feedback.

In addition, the CLA Board has vacancies and new board members/officers will be elected. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Board, please contact any board member for information or send an email to: kanitzb@msn.com.



Crystal Lake Association

Established June 5, 1932 www.crystalonline.org

Water Quality and Weed Abatement News

On June 16th, Crystal Lake was treated by PLM Lake and Land Management Corp for the eradication and control of Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort, both highly invasive non-native plants. Renovate OTF was used to treat 4.3 acres and *Sculpin* used for 12 acres. Now what happens?

Restorative Lake Sciences will return after six to eight weeks to inspect each treatment spot. If we don't have a minimum of 90% eradication, PLM will come back and re-treat. There will be no additional costs at that time as it is part of their warranty.

On July 18th, at the CLA General Membership meeting, Jennifer L. Jermalowicz-Jones, PhD Candidate, Water Resources Director, Restorative Lake Sciences, will brief on the status of our lake and answer any questions pertaining to treatment and our Lake Management Plan. Please attend this very informative meeting at 10 a.m. at the Sailing Club.

Funding - The cost for the invasive plant treatment was \$6,271.22 and the cost of hiring Restorative Lake Sciences is \$7500. As of this article, over \$8000 has been raised toward the cost of treatment. Our current members have contributed over \$6000 and with the membership drive continuing, more contributions are expected.

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Welcome To Crystal



Have you noticed the new street flags around the lake? We hope you have!

The banners were purchased by the CLA and put up by volunteer members, Denny Woodworth and Mike Roberts with a bucket truck from CA-SAIR. It took two and a half days and we are very grateful for the donated time and effort.

The award winning picture of fireworks over Crystal Lake on the banner was taken by Corey Smith, of *The Daily News*. We are pleased to have received many compliments on the banners.

A Silent Auction will be held August 8th at the Crystal Art and Car Show in the park. So come out for a fun filled day, and stop by the Silent Auction! Help us raise the remaining dollars needed to fund this year's water quality project. The point of contact for this Silent Auction is Crystal Heights Association and CLA Member Kim Morgan. Kim can be reached at 989-235-6959 if you have items to donate (or dropped off in advance to Bonnie Kanitz, 1949 Strait Tow Blvd). Kim has been busy reaching out to local businesses to get items for the auction. So, stop on by on Aug 8th to see all the great items up for sale!

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Goose Round Up 2015

by Fred Engle

All was going well, we had all the applications in for the round up and the date set, Friday June 19, 2015. On the Monday before the round up, I called the company that we hired to relocate the birds for us and was told that they were not allowed to do any relocation this year per the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

On the following Wednesday I received an email from the DNR and Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) departments. They announced that the state's first confirmed cases of HPAI H5N2 in Michigan. Avian influenza (AI) is a virus that can infect both free ranging and domestic poultry such as chickens, turkeys, quail, and geese. It represents the most serious threat to domestic poultry production in decades.

To date, no Michigan flocks have been affected, in part because of the measures recently instituted by the MDAD and DNR. We now have evidence that AI is present at low levels in an expanding area. While the virus does not present a significant human

health threat, it does present a clear and important threat to agriculture. Erring on the side of caution, we are immediately suspending the statewide goose round-up program for this year.

With this type of HPAI, sick birds may experience neurological signs and abnormal behavior (e.g. difficulty walking), as well as nasal discharge, sneezing or coughing. If you notice geese or other waterfowl exhibiting these symptoms or find three or more wild birds dead, report it to the DNR at 517-336-5030.

While this is inconvenient for us as cottage owners, we cannot do a lot to solve the issues this year. We can make it as legally uncomfortable for the geese such as low fences along your shore line to keep the geese off the land and maybe when they can fly again they will find a new place to settle down.

In the future, the association will start looking at new ways to legally keep the goose population down. We will keep you informed of our plans.

CLA Membership

What you get:

- **Fireworks**
- **Water Quality**
- **Sheriff's Patrol**
- **Goose Roundup**
- **Community Support**
- **Winterfest**
- **Township Report**
- **Lake Association Directory**

Membership is easy – just go to our website and sign up, or mail in your application or call us and we will pick up your application.

Membership News

As of June 25th, 238 members were signed up for 2015. We have approximately 55 members from last year yet to send in renewals. Our target membership goal is 280 members. If you haven't submitted your 2015 membership application, please do so ASAP. Every member counts and we need your support! Volunteers will be putting

reminder slips on doors with applications to finish up the drive. We welcome all our new members to the CLA. Without your support, we could not put on the 4th of July fireworks, obtain new banners to enhance our community, and take care of our lake.

Danger Buoy

On the east side of the lake in the sandbar protruding from the park toward the center of the lake, there are two boulders. As cottage owners on the east side, we would place a gallon a jug marking that area for the safety of boaters. Usually at the end of the week, the jug would be gone. We have found

out that in order to place a buoy to mark danger in the lake, there needs to be DNR approval. While we don't understand the need for approval, it does make sense to have the buoys so the CLA is making application and will purchase a buoy for these boulders for the safety of all boaters.

Township News

- 1) Buoys will be installed at the Public Beach for this summer!
- 2) .5 mills voted and approved last fall for extra police protection status – 54K in the township account to pay for the extra patrols, but contact with the Sheriff's Dept. came too late in the year to establish the extra coverage. It was stated the Sheriff's Dept. does not have the staff presently to provide extra coverage in Crystal Township. They will continue to pursue obtaining extra coverage for the high season.
- 3) Drain consolidation was approved to merge Crystal Township drains with the Montcalm County Drain Commission. Planning and work has begun in areas surrounding the lake and in town by the county drain office.
- 4) Ordinances on lot size for building and splitting lots were amended to include appeal process. A variance hearing was held June 17th, where:
 - One split was approved (property was between two neighbors and NOT lake frontage).
 - A second request to split a 50' lake frontage lot into two 25' frontage lots was disapproved.

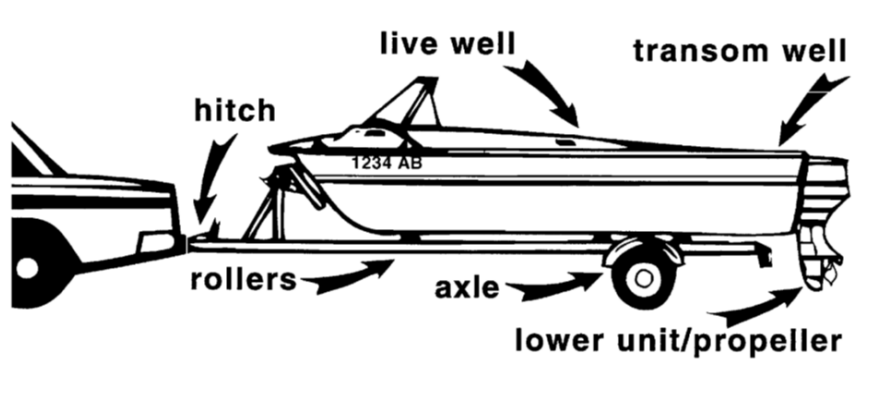
Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will be conducting a survey to determine what improvements the community would like in the downtown area.

Water Quality

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The CLA Board held a "Pig in the Park" fundraiser on June 13th. Everyone pitched in to help. The BBQ pork was absolutely a winner! As our first fundraiser, we didn't quite know what to expect, but with Bill Hacker, Wet Willie's Bait Shop, doing the smoking, plus combining a bake sale and silent auction, \$2000 was raised towards the cost of treatment. It was a dreary day, but our members and community really came through for us, buying goodies, bidding on auction items and taking away great BBQ. A special thank you to the members of the CLA Board, Bill Hacker, Amy Meinhardt, Deborah Moomey, Jim Ayres, Carol Wiles, Bob Siburt and all the people who brought bake sale items and donated items for the Silent Auction. It was a great day.

Simple Inspection Can Prevent Lake Contamination



Make sure your boat and trailer are clean and free of weeds and plants before you launch. *You can make a difference.*

CLA Membership Application and Donation Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City, State & Zip _____

Crystal Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE VIA EMAIL _____

GO PAPERLESS!

2015 ANNUAL DUES (\$35.00)	\$ _____
FIREWORKS DONATION (2015 TARGET \$9,000)	\$ _____
WATER QUALITY FUND (2015 TARGET \$17,000)	\$ _____
LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

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