

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.

Winterfest 2011
January 22, 2011

— CLA will be sponsoring the warming tent for the 2nd annual Winterfest. We are looking for volunteers to help out, plus tents, heaters, etc. Last year was the first Winterfest and it was a grand success. Please contact Bonnie at kanitzb@msn.com if you can help out or provide any supplies required for a warming tent. Thanks!

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Crystal Lake Association

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www.crystalonline.org

AROUND CRYSTAL LAKE

Crystal Lake is one of the nicest and prettiest lakes in the area to walk, jog, run, bike, or drive around. While there are many lakes that you cannot go all the way around, we here at Crystal Lake have the advantage of being able to do just that. As we enjoy our way around the lake, we **MUST** remember that there are certain, specific rules we need to obey in order to keep us safe.

1). Walking, jogging, and running on the road is to be done on the **LEFT SIDE FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC**, as close to the left edge of the road as possible. If there are two or more people together, and a vehicle is coming toward you, everyone is to walk in single file.

2). Bicyclists on the road must follow the rules that vehicles follow. Bikes are to be ridden on the **RIGHT SIDE GOING WITH TRAFFIC**. All road signs, such as Stop Signs, Speed Limits, etc are to be obeyed. If there are two or more biking together, and a vehicle is coming up behind you, the bikers are to get into single file.

3). Golf carts right now are considered vehicles. **EVERYONE** in a golf cart needs to have a SEATBELT on.

These rules and regulations of the road were given to me by Lt. Russell con't on page 2

Welcome New CLA Board Members

At the annual meeting of the Crystal Lake Association, held at the Crystal Sailing Club July 10, three new members were elected to the board. Kim Siburt was elected to the board and the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Roxy Eaton and Mike Manning were elected to 3 year terms as Directors. Mike will be working with the fireworks committee and Roxy will be joining the membership committee.

The board thanks Larry Fate for his term as treasurer. Larry will continue as a Director and work with the membership committee. The board also thanks Theron Guild for his years of service to CLA and his willingness to continue his role as the "Goose Master" even though he will no longer be on the board. Special thanks to Rena Ray, past Secretary and long time board member for her tireless efforts on behalf of the CLA.

Steve Meinhardt was reelected to a second term as President of the board and Bonnie Kanitz was reelected to a second term as Vice President.

Ring of Fire

Special thanks go to the Crystal Lions' Club for their continued flare sales and all who make the "Ring of Fire" a proper precursor to our fireworks show. One of the folks from our contractor, Night Magic, commented he's never seen anything like the Crystal Ring of Fire and was truly impressed.

Board of Directors 2010/2011

Board President:

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Mike Dyer
Roxy Eaton
Larry Fate
Mike Manning
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We're on the Web!
See us at:

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Presidents Message: by Steve Meinhardt

As fall approaches the lake takes on a new look. Its fun to see everyone busy one last time around Labor Day taking in boats and docks.

The shorter days and colder nights bring out more bonfires and less mosquitoes. Later in the fall the colors start to change which make for a beautiful color tour around the lake.

With more inside time available please take the opportunity to visit the local establishments such as the restaurants, shops and entertainment.

Our community is a great place to live and visit. Your CLA is committed to providing services and protection of this great natural resource.

I'm very proud of the

CLA accomplishments over the past year and we will continue to do our best. If you have an interest or concern please let us know.

Also, take a moment to visit our online forum for the latest up-dates and happenings.



Crystal Fishing Report by Bonnie Kanitz

Just a reminder, for those who will be ice fishing this winter, I need scale samples from Northern Pike, length approximately 17-20 inches. I have sample envelopes (30) to hold the scales and send to

DNR to determine if our Northerns are stunted in growth. If this is proven by age determination from the scales, DNR will drop the size limit for our lake. Contact me at kanitzb@msn.com or call Bonnie at

989-283-9339 to obtain the small envelopes and instructions on removing sample scales



Around Crystal Lake by Kim Siburt

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of the Montcalm County Sheriff's Department. These rules can also be found at legislature.mi.gov, section 257.655 for pedestrians, and section 257.660a for bicycles. Be safe and enjoy your trip around the lake.

Thank you,

Kim Siburt
Secretary/
Treasurer CLA



Fireworks Follow-up by Mike Dyer

Once again the weather treated us well on the fourth of July and we completed a (nearly) flawless fireworks display.

Feedback was positive regarding the quality of the displays, the timing and the location of the barges.

We will be investing a small amount of CLA funds to improve the safety of the barges for future years. We need to purchase real anchors and hardware as the concrete buckets failed to hold the barges steady in heavier winds. We also had a minor issue with the barges becoming disconnected during the rougher waters we en-



Bonnie Kanitz tows the fireworks barges to the launch site mid lake

countered this year. We'll be designing a more permanent mounting system between the four barges. This will provide a more reliable (safer) platform for the pyro technicians. Total cost of these upgrades will be less than \$1,500 and should be a one time expense.

Our budget for the 2011 show has been negotiated at \$8,500, the same as this year.

As we look beyond 2011 however we should expect an increase in the cost of the individual rounds. This will cause us to either look at a smaller display or a larger budget. As always we invite feedback from the CLA members.

Township Update by Bonnie Kanitz



- As of our last Township Board meeting, reports from the police stated they patrolled 206 hours, responded to 50 complaints and issued 16 citations. The July meeting held discussions on vandalism in the park and public beach area. The "Run Around the Lake" saw 148 runners this year and the Walk/Bike Path is still on hold pending meetings with the property owners affected.
- On Oct 1st and 2nd, electronics and tires can be turned in for responsible recycling in Edmore and Carson City with minimal costs.
- Our township is negotiating to buy the former Crystal Elementary School and they are looking for ideas on how to put the building to use.
- Sept 15th will be the next Ordinance 15A working group meeting held at the Township Hall. CLA provided copies of Cliff Bloom's suggested language to use in such an ordinance (Riparian Magazine Spring 2010 issue).

Please Remember You Don't Need to Burn Your Leaves!

Just rake them in a pile by the road and Crystal Township will come by and remove them.

Burning is not good for our Crystal Clear Air and besides your neighbors don't like it much either.

Also, never rake leaves into the lake. It is against the law and it is harmful to the lake and the fish.

Thanks for your help.

CLA Membership Application and Donation Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City, State & Zip _____

Crystal Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

ANNUAL DUES (\$35.00)	\$ _____
FIREWORKS DONATION	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Annual Membership Meeting: Saturday following July 4th at the Crystal Sailing Club 10 a.m.

You will receive your membership display card within 2 weeks of dues payment.

Questions? Visit the online forum at www.crystalonline.org

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