

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.

Coming Events:

- **Crystal 4th of July Parade July 4 , 2010 1 p.m.**
- **Crystal Lake Fireworks: July 4, 2010 10:30 p.m.**
- **CLA Annual Meeting July 10, 2010 10 a.m.**
- **Crystal Car & Craft Show August 14, 2010**

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Crystal Lake Association

Established June 5, 1932

www.crystalonline.org

President's Message

Everyone in Crystal looks forward to the Fourth of July celebration and this year will mark my 41st in attendance. I think we need to do our best to ensure the next generation has fond memories like we do. The CLA contributes greatly to this goal. The CLA has helped you ensure you have a great July 4th by rounding up the geese that make a mess of your lawn. By ensuring you don't have funneling or keyholing next door and you can enjoy swimming in the clear water that is verified clean through the water testing paid for by the CLA. You enjoy the rebel free boating thanks to the officers and patrol boat paid for by the CLA. The big event that everyone waits for is the fireworks display provided solely by your CLA.

Saturday, July 11th at 10 a.m. the CLA will hold the annual meeting at the sailing club. Each year three board position terms expire. I encourage you to attend the meeting and run for the open board positions. Any member may nominate you. Following the annual board meeting, a short first meeting of the new board and the new officers is held. This year the Treasurer and Secretary Officer Positions as well as Membership and Directory committee chair positions are available. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer are paid positions. I encourage you to attend and run for the board as we are actively seeking new board members.

Have a safe and happy fourth.

Steve Meinhardt, President



4th of July Weekend Events

July 2

- 10 – 3 p.m. - Kid's Scavenger Hunt (Chamber of Commerce)
- 6-10 p.m. - Street Dance and Activities (Crystal Elementary School)
- All Day – Garage Sales throughout Crystal

July 3

- 10-4 p.m. - Open House Stone House Treasures
- 10-6 p.m. - Independence Day Celebration Candle Cottage
- 9:30 p.m. - Fireman's Light Parade
- All Day – Garage Sales throughout Crystal

July 4

- 12:00 p.m. - Chicken BBQ (Crystal Park)
- 10:30-2 p.m. - Bake Sale (Crystal Congregational Church)
- 12-3 p.m. - Hot Dog Days \$1 (Lake Street Station)
- 1 p.m. - Parade (Around Crystal Lake)**
- 10:30 p.m. - Fireworks (provided by your CLA)
- All Day – Garage Sales throughout Crystal

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2009/2010**

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Treasurer's Report by Larry Fate



So far this year we have 211 paid members' In 2009 CLA had 248 Members at the end of the year, down from a high of 286 in 2006. Our fireworks contributions this year are \$5,635, which is higher than most recent years (except for 2006) but still short of the \$8,500 cost. There is still time to make a contribution, so please do. We typically have

around \$800 available from advertising surplus, and additional funds to help pay for fireworks if needed.

The 2010 Directories and Membership cards were distributed to current members by the CLA board members over the Memorial Weekend . All other cards will be delivered

by Larry Fate the weekend after dues are received. If you have not received your 2010 card, please call Larry at 989-235-3589 and the packet will be sent or delivered. Thanks for your 2010 membership, and if you neighbors have not joined please encourage them to join the CLA and support our beautiful lake

Crystal Fishing Report by Bonnie Kanitz

Walleye

Unfortunately no walleye restocking is in sight. The DNRE is only stocking lakes and rivers which have direct access to the Great Lakes. The virus is still existing within the walleye population and the DNRE is not stocking inland lakes such as Crystal. They did suggest we could obtain a permit to stock walleye ourselves at our own expense. Does this sound more like a money

problem with the State? Crystal has not been stocked with walleye since 2005.

Northern pike

Stunted growth in our northern pike ? Many who fish regularly are catching only Northerns between 17 and 18 inches. I spoke to the DNRE Fish Biologist in Plainwell. He has sent me instructions and envelopes to collect scales off of these potentially

stunted Northerns. The scale samples twill determine the age of the Northern Pike. If indications are such that these pike are stunted, DNRE will lower the size limit so we can take them out of the lake. Volunteers are needed to help collect scales. Call Bonnie Kanitz, 989-283-9339 to obtain instructions and envelopes for DNRE sampling.



YEEHAW It's Roundup Time Again by Theron Guild

I attended a 4hour class put on by the DNR to apply for a permit to remove/destroy geese and or nests from Crystal Lake this year. Some counties, Montcalm being one of them, that have had a high number of geese removed in the past are required to

to obtain a permit at a cost of \$200, to be allowed to hire a licensed goose remover. The cost this year was \$350, a flat rate, rather than being based on the number of geese removed.

The round-up was June 17th and netted, pardon the pun, 38 geese. The roundup is conducted by many lake residents willing to help with this important community service each year.



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Welcome to the official [boating safety course](#) developed for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. **If you are 12 or older**, this online safe boating course can be taken in place of the classroom course as preparation for the proctored final exam which is required to obtain your Michigan boating safety certificate.

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 Law Enforcement Division
 P.O. Box 30031
 Lansing, Michigan 48909
 517-373-1230 517-373-1230



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Township Update by Bonnie Kanitz



Township Issues currently being worked are installing buoys at the public swim area, and Ordinance 15A.

Next working meeting with the Township Board on Ordinance 15A will be July 21 at 7 pm.

Status is the same as last

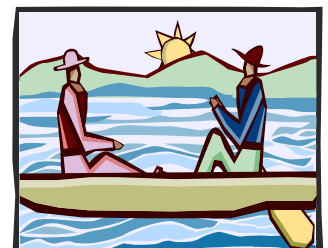
reported as meetings have been postponed from month to month. The real issue prompting a change to 15A was the proposed campground next to the Wet Spot. The Township Board grandfathered, under the current Ordinance 15A, twenty-five campground sites. The rationale being the owner had the hotel with 25 rooms prior in this location.

The other issue is the square footage required.

Current Ordinance 15A requires 12000 sq ft, and it has been suggested to lower this to 5000 sq ft with a 50 foot frontage. CLA currently agrees with this suggestion.

Our proposed language for a new Ordinance 15A will be based upon Cliff Bloom's article in the last Riparian Magazine, CLA recommends that the Township concur.

The annual Fourth of July fireworks display is entirely funded by the dues paying members and other generous contributions to the "fireworks fund" of the CLA.



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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