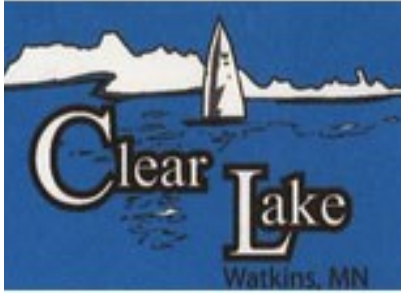


Reflections

Clear Lake Property Owners, Inc.

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A Message from our President



Greetings Lake Association Members,

As winter turns into spring, we all look forward to getting outside and utilizing the lake more often.

Our lake has seen many changes these past few years. More members are making Clear Lake their

year-round home, new construction and remodeling projects, as well as new neighbors joining our association continues to make our lake life especially important. With the passing of Guy Bobendrier, our former lake association president, changes to the board have also taken place.

Your CLPO Board of Directors' commitment to the management of our lake association is solid. We have a strong team that works well together and we're fortunate to have these fine people serving. As your new president, I can report that your CLPO Association Board Members have been representing your interests over the winter. Please see the new project, Project \$99... My Weeds – Our Weeds found on page two of this newsletter.

You are invited to begin the season by attending our Spring meeting where you will hear details about our Clear Lake Property Owners association plans for the year. Details can be found below.

We look forward to working together as a lake association to preserve the recreational use of Clear Lake. Your support for our lake improvement projects has been terrific!

On behalf of the Clear Lake Board of Directors, have a safe and enjoyable 2021.

Debbie DeGulianis

Annual Spring Meeting April 17, 2021

Please join your neighbors and CLPO Board of directors for our annual spring membership meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 11 am at the Watkins Village Hall. We will practice social distancing and ask all members in attendance to wear a mask.

We look forward to seeing all of you face-to-face soon!

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Special points of interests

- Harvester Paid Off
- North End Project
- Clear Lake News on website:
www.clearlakewatkins.org

**New CLPO
Email**

clpoine@gmail.com

Project \$99... My Weeds—Our Weeds

Clear Lake member contributions of \$99 will launch the **My Weeds – Our Weeds** project for 2021.

My Weeds are those around our docks and shore areas. *Our Weeds* are those in the outer lake.

Project \$99 attacks *My Weeds* and *Our Weeds* with mechanical tools of control.

We need \$8,200 in \$99 member contributions to support our receiving \$21,400 in grants.

The \$29,600 *My Weeds – Our Weeds* project will support the operation of our mechanical harvester, including the new cost of hiring harvester operators for 300 hours to support the many hours of volunteer operation to control curlyleaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil in the outer lake.

Please plan to submit your \$99 contribution to help sustain our outer lake harvester operations.

The harvester will begin operations in the outer lake in late April and will continue attacking the curlyleaf pondweed until July 1 when Eurasian watermilfoil becomes the weeds problem in the outer lake and will be the target of the harvester until September.

The \$99 project will double the time we operated the harvester in 2020.

The result will be the removal of up to 500,000 pounds of *Our Weeds* from the outer lake.

As last year, the harvester will remove weeds only in the outer lake areas and pathways to it - not in the first 150 feet from shore, which the DNR defines as under the control of the lakeshore property owner.

However, this year, based on our \$99 per member support, we will also begin helping address the shore area *My Weeds* problem as well.

Within our \$29,600 project, \$6,000 is designated for the purchase of shore area weed control equipment to be owned by our lake association and loaned to our members for their use in removing nuisance vegetation around their shore areas.



At the Members Meeting, the Board of Directors will propose that the CLPO bylaws be revised to state as follows:

Directors of the Board shall serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms which shall be staggered so that approximately one-third of the Directors shall be elected each year.

Thank You for 2021 Membership Dues

Many of our members have responded to our recent membership dues notice inviting your annual \$25 payment which is tax deductible as a charitable-educational donation. Please send dues to:

CLPO, Inc.
PO Box 244
Watkins, MN 55389-6058

Project \$99... My Weeds—Our Weeds (cont.)

Beginning at our Annual Spring Members meeting on April 17, we will have 7 sets of 3 pieces of mechanical weed control equipment available for loan at no cost for use by our \$99 Project participant members.

The use of this shore area equipment by property owners requires no permit from the DNR.

Initially, the 7 sets of equipment will be maintained by the 7 members of our association Board of Directors. Project \$99 participants will call to reserve and pick up one, two or three pieces of equipment for a period of three days to manage *My Weeds* at their lakeshores.

The initial equipment available are pictured below.

Videos showing how to use the equipment will be shown at our Spring Meeting on April 17 and will also be accessible online on lake association website.

We hope this equipment will support our members interests in maintaining their lakeshore areas. Some may choose to continue to use chemicals to address their shore area weeds while supporting our \$99 Project aimed at outer lake harvesting.

More sets of the equipment will be purchased as needed.

Because the *My Weeds – Our Weeds* project is dependent on the \$99 contributions of our members, we ask that members submit their contributions promptly, either at our members meeting on April 17 or in response to this newsletter - to CLPO, Box 244, Watkins MN 55389

Then, to borrow a set of the equipment, or if you have a question about using it, please contact a CLPO Board member near you, three on the west side of the lake and four on the east side, to reserve equipment for three days to be picked up and returned to their address.

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612-919-1650

Rob Swanson, Treasurer (east side)
612-799-2897

Ron Graham, Vice President (west side)
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Amy Ertl, Secretary (south side)

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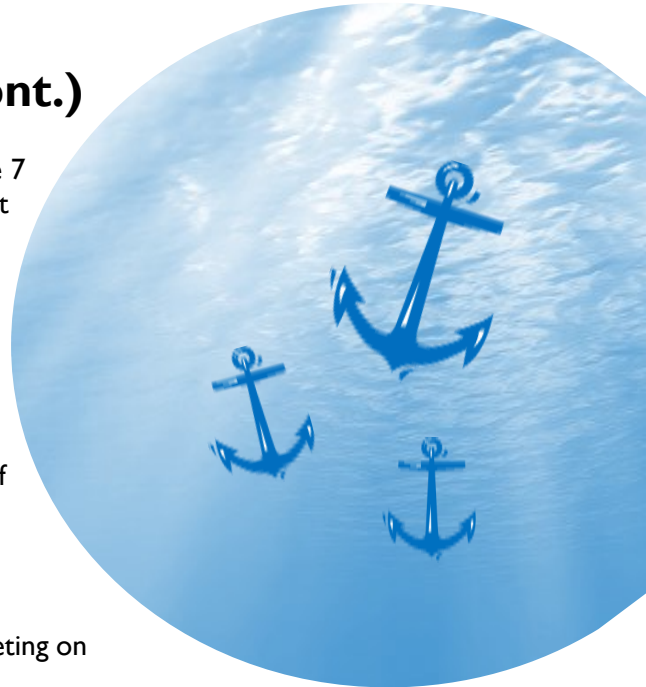
Weed Cutter and Gloves

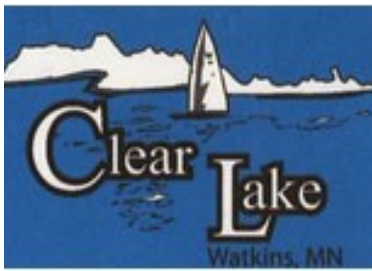


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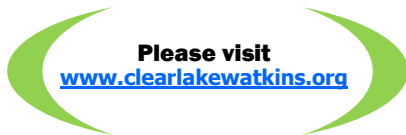
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Mission Statement:

Working toward making Clear Lake
once again worthy of its name.

Vision:

"Clarifying our Waters"



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**CLPO
Spring
Meeting
April 17**

First Class Mail

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following CLPO events:

- Spring Membership Meeting - Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 11am
- July 4th Parade of Boats - Saturday, July 3rd at 1pm
- Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting - Saturday, August 21st at 12pm

Visit our website at clearlakewatkins.org to learn more!

New to the Lake?

Do you have new neighbors?

We would love to add them to our mailing list.

Visit us online: www.clearlakewatkins.org

Or contact Denise DeJuliannie at
clpoinc@gmail.com with new owners name,
lake address, email and phone number.

**Questions?
Comments...**
The Board invites
your calls.