

Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

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Newsletter

April 2015

Join Us at the Annual Meeting for a Presentation by ESS Group on Management of Invasive Aquatic Vegetation

The District engaged the services of the ESS Group of Providence, RI to identify and map the weed population and obtain necessary permits for the management of invasive aquatic vegetation. A visual presentation is planned to show that Fanwort, a prolific and difficult to control invasive weed that has already infested the coves on the northern end of the lake, is spreading throughout the lake. A significant population has taken root along the southwest shoreline near the dam. Summer of 2014 saw an increased issue with Najas weed, causing my proprietors to remove very large clumps from around shorelines and docks.

Mark Your Calendar Now

... and plan to attend the **Annual Meeting** of the Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 99 Mannville Street, Leicester on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 7:30 P.M.**

Lake is Filling

There was no need to keep the water level down this Spring to complete dam repairs. Repairs to the core wall of the dam last fall stopped a known leak east of the spillway. Ice out finally occurred on April 13th and the flash boards were reinstalled in the spillway channel on April 25th. Lake is currently filling to capacity.

Would You like to Save the District Money?

Please help save the district money by opting to receive District mailings by email. By opting for an electronic version of the newsletter and other mailings, the District will save money on postage and copying costs. As an added bonus, you are helping the environment by using less paper! If you like to help us save money, please email the district clerk at clerk@cedarmeadow.org or give your email address at the Annual Meeting.

Boater and Swimmer Safety Reminder

Boaters, it is illegal to operate a vessel at more than headway speed within **150 feet** of shorelines used as swimming areas, rafts, floats and swimmers. **Swimmers**, please note that Massachusetts law states that no person shall swim or float more than 50 feet from shore unless accompanied by a boat. Massachusetts water craft regulations also state **that no craft may operate faster than 10 miles per hour between the hours of sunset and sunrise. Powered craft must display running lights and unpowered craft must carry flashlight or lanterns.**

To review the full text of MA Boater Safety Handbook, Go to the District's website www.ceqadarmeadow.org or the MA website at www.boat-ed.com/ma/handbook .

Please Plan To Be Represented At The Annual Meeting

If You Cannot Attend The Meeting

If a quorum is not present at the start of the Annual Meeting, it will be necessary to send people out to round up members and proxies in order to conduct the meeting. Please help us avoid this unnecessary use of time. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please allow a friend or neighbor, or an elected official, to carry your proxy. Contact information for your elected officials is included in this newsletter. A proxy form is enclosed. The reverse side provides instructions on how to complete the proxy form.

Your Elected Officials Want to Hear From You

The District is now using Twitter, @CMLWD, to distribute District news in addition to the Newsletters. Please remember to report any unusual lake activity. **Please note that the District has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 320, Leicester, MA 01524.** Finally, If you have any questions or concerns regarding the lake and/or dam, please contact one of the following elected officials.

Tommy Lee, Chairman Management Committee	508 892-3750	tommyjoelee@gmail.com
Paul Dufresne, Vice-Chairman Management Committee	508 868-7301	
Tom Forsberg, Management Committee	508 832-3249	tforsberg15@gmail.com
Michele Cospers, District Clerk	508 439-2443	clerk@cedarmeadow.org
Terry O'Coin, District Treasurer	508 347-6863	the.ocoins@verizon.net

Looking Forwarding to Seeing YOU the Annual Meeting!

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