Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District

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Mark your Calendar and Plan Join Us at the
Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Please 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 24, 2018**, at **7:30 P.M**. A quorum of proprietors is necessary for the Annual Meeting. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please allow a friend a neighbor, or an elected official, to bring your proxy. A proxy form will be enclosed with the Annual Meeting Warrant that will be sent by mail 3 weeks prior to the meeting date.

Refilling the Lake & Water Clarity

An ice-out occurred as of late February. Upon ice-out, the upper channel remained open along with the lower gate because of the abundant rain and snow that has been falling in central Massachusetts. The upper channel will be closed by installing the flash boards when there is low risk for potential shoreline damage. The lower gate valve will be opened to 1/4 to simulate Spring brook conditions.

Last summer, the lake visibility remained good throughout the summer months in 2017. ESS Group did remind the District Proprietors to use only eco-friendly phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer to help keep the water at nutrient levels that will deter the growth of algae. The District continues to monitor to the lake water clarity. To achieve a properly balanced lake, the District urges (1) all Proprietors who use fertilizers to spread the low/no phosphorus fertilizer and (2) to curb any water from storm drainage that could potentially add nutrients to the lake. Furthermore, MA law has stated that fertilizer containing phosphorus can only be used on (1) lawns that show a phosphorus deficiency by a soil test or (2) newly established lawns. Please see the following link for further information: http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/plant-nutrient-management.html

Rawson Street Bridge Closure

As part of the project to replace the Rawson Street Bridge, MassDOT will close the bridge over Cedar Meadow Lake on ~~March 26~~ April 2, 2018. The bridge will remain closed until project completion which is estimated to be in October of 2018. Rawson St. will be closed between Burncoat Ln. and Lake Dr. with local traffic access only. Eastbound traffic will be detoured to Greenville St. to Main St. to Burncoat St. to Rawson St., reversed for Westbound traffic. The contractor will put up two message boards notifying the public about the upcoming bridge closure. One will be placed at the intersection of Burncoat and Main; the second at Greenville and Kingsbury. The contractor will be on site installing construction and detour signs on Monday March 19. Should you have any questions, please contact the Town Administrator's office at 508-892-7000 M,W,Th 8am to 5pm or Tuesdays 8am to 7pm.

Boating Safety and Respect Reminder

- Please remember, it is illegal to operate a vessel at more than headway speed within **150 feet** of shorelines. Please be mindful of the safety of your fellow proprietors and our neighbors using the beaches.
- To review the full text of MA Boater Safety Handbook, go to the District's website, www.cedarmeadow.org, or the MA website at www.boat-ed.com/ma/handbook.
- Please be respectful of the buoys and signage at the Rawson Street Bridge as the buoys and cables are delicate. Therefore, no boats should be anchored to or floating upon cables, buoys or signage in this area.
- Please be respectful to any wildlife that also inhabits our beautiful lake and its shores.
- No trespassing signage has been posted at the dam and on the Charles Street gate.
- The Cedar Meadow Skiers were quite active last summer. If you are interested, please contact John Moisan (moisan_j@charter.net) for information on joining the club in 2018.

Your Elected Officials Want to Hear From You

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
Tom Forsberg, Management Committee	508 832-3249	tforsberg15@gmail.com
Michele Cosper, District Clerk	508 439-2443	clerk@cedarmeadow.org
Terry O'Coin, District Treasurer	508 347-6863	theocoins@charter.net

Looking Forward to Seeing YOU the Annual Meeting!

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