



Fall Newsletter 2010

NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2011—9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH McCARDLE at MAIN

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

We met again with the Mayor and the City Council Lake Committee on Saturday October 30th to continue discussions regarding a long term lease. We were informed that the council has directed the city attorney to draft a lease proposal. We agreed that at the next meeting of this working group, it would be helpful if the city attorney and the CGCLA attorney would be present to discuss any legal issues or understandings associated with the lease proposal from the city. Our attorney has written a proposed long term lease which we provided to the city about two years ago to establish a foundation for understanding and basis for a long term lease agreement. We are hopeful that they will use this as a starting point. We were also informed that the lake committee would like to have this issue settled prior to the April local elections so we maintain some consistency and corporate memory.

The benefits of a long term perpetual lease are endless. We believe that Kansas courts have established that this type of lease is the "equivalent" of ownership and would benefit not only the leaseholders but also Morris County and the City as well. With the equivalent of legal ownership, the leaseholders would then be responsible for the property taxes associated with their property. Many leaseholders have told us that they have had trouble getting financing to re-model, and/or re-build due to the expiration of the current lease on 12/31/11. Financial stability for the leaseholders will be greatly enhanced with a long term lease.

We continue to discuss a capital improvement fund, platting of lake lots and other issues. There seemed to be consensus among the lake committee that a survey and platting would indeed be beneficial to have the boundaries officially recorded.

While we are not at the end of this long road, we are getting closer to getting a lease finalized. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

CITY LAKE ASSOCIATION FOUNDER WAYNE CRISER DIES

It is with sadness that we bring the news of longtime lake resident Wayne Criser's death. But it is with a smile that we remember Wayne, his smile and good natured mannerisms. For those of you who weren't fortunate enough to know Wayne, you missed a great opportunity. Wayne passed away November 3rd at the Morris County Hospital, at age 96. He was very active in community activities until shortly before his death.

Wayne was a member of the United Methodist Church, active with the Chamber of Commerce, served on the Planning and Zoning Board, and volunteered freely for organizations and causes too numerous to list. He was concerned with making this a better community.

He and his wife, Loyte, were long time lake residents and instrumental in organizing the City Lake Association. Their persistence and leadership provided the foundation of today's organization. Wayne continued to provide valuable insight and advice to Lake Association leaders until shortly before his death.

In 2009 the Lake Association established the "Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award" to honor Wayne and annually recognize a volunteer following in his footsteps.

PREVENTIVE DAM MAINTENANCE

Preventive Maintenance of the City Lake Dam has long been a concern of the Lake Association, and has been addressed with the City on several occasions. This summer, the Lake Association Board of Directors sent a letter to the city expressing concerns and asking them to arrange for a formal inspection of the dam by the Kansas Dam Safety Program. Response from the city that they did not feel an inspection necessary at this time prompted the Lake Association Board of Directors to directly request a dam inspection by the State of Kansas (A free service). They have responded and plan to do an inspection after there is a killing frost, as there is presently too much growth on the dam to make an inspection.

WINTER IS COMING - WINTERIZE

Some of us have experienced firsthand the damage and frustration of broken pipes in a vacant cabin. It is that time of year to prepare your boat and cabin for freezing weather. If you don't have the time or know-how to do this job yourself, you can hire someone to do the work for you. Local businesses that provide winterization services may be found in the CGLA Business Directory on our web site www.cgclakeassoc.org. Also on the City Lake Association website are links to some excellent and very comprehensive articles on what needs to be done to protect your property. The links are also listed here so you can readily access the information.

Winterize your boat is at: <http://www.popularmechanics.com/outdoors/recreation/boating/1276866> .

Winterize your cabin: <http://blog.skibear.com/?p=402>

Do not assume that your furnace will heat the house enough to prevent water from freezing. We apparently experienced a loss of gas pressure at the lake last winter and pipes froze in some cabins causing extensive damage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next General Meeting of the Lake Association will be April 9, 2011—9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH McCARDLE at MAIN.

Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, April thru October at the COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2011 11:00 – 2:00 at the Council Grove Senior Center, 227 West Main Street.

CHICKEN AND NOODLES AND TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S BLACK-EYED PEAS sponsored by the CGCLA Relay for Life Team

April 16, 2011 **SPRING YARD SALE** sponsored by the CGCLA Relay for Life Team. Save your “goodies”



May 21st CGCLA Golf Tournament Contact John Nicodemus, (316) 619-0016 for more information



July 3, 2011 Boat Regatta and Fireworks Contact John Nicodemus,

September 3, 2011 **FALL YARD SALE** sponsored by the CGCLA Relay for Life Team

November 5, 2011 **CHILI FEED WITH UNBELIEVABLE PIE!!!** Sponsored by the CGCLA Relay for Life Team

For information about Council Grove and other upcoming events see the Chamber of Commerce website, Council Grove.com.



WAYNE CRISER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Joyce Hutter (right) was named as the recipient of the 2010 Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award. She was honored Saturday during the September meeting of the Council Grove City Lake Association. The award is named for Wayne Criser, long-time lake resident and volunteer. The award was established to give recognition for volunteerism which goes above and beyond for the good of all city lake residents, and making improvement in conditions and relationships with the city and county. Presenting Joyce with the award is Christie Brungardt, chairperson of the selection committee.

NEW APPAREL AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

Lisa Palmer has worked extremely hard this year to bring you the apparel items you have requested. New Lake T's and Caps were available for sale beginning at the July General Association Meeting. Additionally, all apparel from previous years was for sale for \$5.00 per item, limited to what is currently in stock. The new shirts sell for \$12.00 and the caps are \$10.00. With great assistance from local merchants, Council Grove Marina, Saturday Morning Boutique and Trowbridge Classics, we have sold 184 shirts, 90 caps and 46 special order fish caps. Thanks for your support. We love getting our name out there in front of the public. Lisa will continue to have the items over the winter and may be contacted by email at palmerscove@gmail.com or 620 767 6659.



COUNCIL GROVE CITY LAKE ASSOCIATION RELAY FOR LIFE

The Soup and Chili Feed held by the Council Grove City Lake Association Relay for Life team on November 6, was a big success and made \$337.00 for Relay for Life. Many thanks to all of you who supported this event. We especially want to thank those who worked so hard to organize and serve this event.

The Lake Association Relay for Life Team has been a huge success, and continues to grow. They provide us and the community with excellent opportunities to socialize with a purpose as we raise both money and awareness in the fight against cancer. . If you would like to join the team, help work, or just have questions about activities, contact Renée Roths at 317 259 8203.

ZEBRA MUSSELS FOUND IN COUNCIL GROVE CITY LAKE

In early July, a small number of Zebra mussels were confirmed present in the Council Grove City Lake by KDWP. From Association records, Christie Brungardt compiled a summary of activities by the Lake Association since 2005, aimed at ANS prevention and attempting to get the city to take positive prevention efforts. She also compiled a summary of known City ANS prevention activities since 2008. All of this information was presented at the July General Business meeting of the City Lake Association. The presence of ANS is especially disappointing because the history of eradication is extremely poor. Recently a small number of Zebra Mussels have been found in different areas of the lake.

NEW ANS PREVENTION CITY ORDINANCES

Although Zebra mussels have been confirmed in the city lake, you need to be aware, of and comply with, the city ordinances that require an Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) certificate for persons 18 and over to boat or fish at the city lake. Strict ANS Prevention is still necessary to prevent the introduction of other ANS into the city lake and the spread of zebra mussels from the city lake. If you have questions concerning the specifics of the ordinances contact city hall at 620 767 5417. The KDWP ANS Education Certificate is available at <https://reserve.ksoutdoors.com/cert/Certifications/ANS-Certification>

EMAIL LAKE NEWS AND NEWSLETTERS

Our email news list has supplemented and at least partially replaced our printed newsletter, which is now planned to be published on a quarterly basis. Many of you have let us know that you are willing to receive the newsletter by email only. While this appears to be a good way to cut costs and save trees, we've found that it's just not feasible at this time.

The email list distributes news in a timely manner and the cost is practically zero. Although our email contact list contains approximately 320 names, we have some members who do not have email access or prefer a mailed printed newsletter. We have decided as an interim measure to change the printed and mailed newsletter to Quarterly or as needed to distribute important information.

Homeowners, and other interested people, send an email request to cgclakeassoc@gmail.com to be added to our lake email news list. This allows recipients to stay current with lake happenings. You may need to add cgclakeassoc@gmail.com to your contacts list to prevent our emails from going to your spam email box.

2010 MEMBERSHIP

Because of your involvement, over 90% of lake homeowners became paid members of the Council Grove City Lake Association in 2010. The Association could not begin to accomplish our mission without you. It is only with your continued support that we can promote your interests as a lake homeowner and keep you informed of developments that may affect you.

We will not collect 2010 dues from new transfers until the first of 2011 when the annual dues card and invoices for 2011 dues are mailed.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
And
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**