

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 8, 2005 8:30 AM BOWER'S CENTER 317 W MAIN ST

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Richard & Karen Waring A-8 Martin & Stephanie Albright B-31

Byron & Jackie Cline E-13B

Web Site and Email

Our web site is now online although most is not yet operational. Visit it every few days to see the progress and updates. The site is cgclakeassoc.org. For now the email address is still cglakeassoc@yahoo.com and is not tied to the web site. To receive Lake news updates as they occur send us your email address. We are soliciting suggestions to make sure the site fills members' needs. Thanks to all of you who previously sent web site suggestions. After seriously considering building and maintaining the web site ourselves we decided it best to turn it over to a professional.

Lawn Care Management Class

The next Lawn Care Management class (chemical class.) Will be held October 7, at 7:30 pm at the Courthouse meeting room, down stairs entry through the back door. A minimum of ten reservations is required for the class to be held. Reservations should be made before October 3rd by calling 620 767 5136, and if necessary leave a message to reserve a class spot. Be sure to leave your phone number or other contact information. Completion of this class is required to use ANY lawn care chemicals or insecticides at the lake. The certificate is valid for two years.

Fishing Committee

Jim Ransom has volunteered to lead a committee to make recommendations to the city and other appropriate agencies to improve fishing opportunities and water quality at the lake. With the Communities Fishing Assistance Program currently being implemented, we have plenty of opportunities to improve any facilities related to fishing activities. This effort also will include habitat improvement and developing liaison with fisheries biologist. Volunteers should contact Jim at e-mail: jransom1@cox.net Tel: 785-273-9556

CITY ANNEXATION

Most of the current news about annexation is included in the minutes of the September meeting. Most of you already know from email or the Council Grove Republican that during the September 1st City Planning and Zoning meeting Councilmen Jones and Evans presented a proposal on annexation that was scheduled to culminate in a city

council vote on October 3rd. During that meeting they agreed to revise their proposed schedule to allow the Lake Association to research the full implications of annexation and make inputs for long-range plans for the lake.

Volunteers Needed

Due to the increased workload on Board Members, we are in need of reliable volunteers to help spread the work among the association. The two jobs listed below are accomplished one or two times each month.

Meeting Coordination

This currently takes two to three hours each month and it would be good to have two people, preferably a primary and an assistant. These volunteers would be responsible for all aspects of the meeting logistics: reserve facility, put notice in newspaper, open facility and arrange chairs, tables, etc., obtain refreshments & make coffee, and close facility.

Lease Transfers

This job requires a computer, email and very basic computer skills. We would be happy to assist with hands on instructions. Time required varies by month, probably averages four hours per month. Basic tasks are: email changes to Lexinet, print and mail welcome letters and packets, update lake directory, periodically audit mailing list.

City Lake Master Plan

The next master plan meeting will be October 2, 2:00pm at the Bowers Center
The orientation meeting was held September 10th, with approximately 52 people in attendance. The meeting was lead by Dr Curt Brungardt, Director of the Center for Civic Leadership, Fort Hays State University. The Goal is to develop a Master Plan for the City Lake. This will include both short term and long-term lake area improvements. This document will be used to guide the association, cabin owners and local governing boards as they make decisions about future improvements. The meeting is summarized with notes added to Curt's hand out.

Purpose of a master plan:

1. To develop an organized plan of improvements that most people support. Not everyone will be in favor of all aspects of a plan, as we all have varying opinions, but we will work toward the majorities' priorities.
2. To provide a context to do research. To find the best solutions to reach the goals of all parties involved. That would include items such as an economic impact study determining the benefits and drain of the lake to all concerned, lake homeowners, the City, and the County.
3. Provide a position for the Lake Association as they work with governing boards.
4. Provide an overall long term plan to facilitate grants
5. To be a collaboration of all parties involved.
6. Provide a vehicle for all of us to share views.

Resources:

1. Volunteer time
2. Economic Impact Study: Drain & benefits of the lake shared by all (lake, city, county)
3. Leadership Center, Fort Hays State University

Process of the plan – This involves eight steps. A brief summary of each follows:

1. Vision development: Some of the “elements” of an enjoyable and prosperous city lake were discussed as financial stability, moving from “knee-jerk” reactions to long-term; property boundaries, long-term ownerships, safe boating and fishing, 1200 & 1300 road improvements and infra-structure, improvements to boat ramps and parking, water and sewer systems, code enforcement, restaurant/concession type operation, restroom facilities, facilities for public swimming and such, mowing of roads, etc., noxious weed control, fish cleaning station, fish fence, stocking the lake, dredging (could impact water quality, etc.) leases are up in 2009-financial impact.
2. Identify key strategic issues: The following were identified: annexation, improvement district, ownership, etc.; roads, sewer system, water quality, ramps and boat docks, safety issues, water level issues, Federal Reservoir, residential development issues, activities and events, lake area maintenance, fishing and conservation, rapport between the lake, city, Federal Reservoir.
3. Assessment and analysis
4. Objectives/Action step formation (the what, how, who and when of it)
5. Submit plan to Association for approval The goal is to do this February 200+
6. Present plan to local governing board and others
7. Implementation of the plan
8. Plan alterations (must constantly be making updates and changes)

Open Communication: All meetings must be open forum, no closed meetings

Role of the Stakeholders:

1. Cabin owners
2. Association
3. City
4. County
5. State Legislators

**Consensus Building, Majority Vote and Collaboration
Time Table**

1. Sept. 2005-Pre planning process, vision development, identify key strategic issues, sub-committees developed
2. Oct. 2005-Key strategic issues (sub-committee), assessment and analysis
3. Nov 2005-Assessment and analysis (sub-committee, Identify objectives (sub-committee)

4. Jan. 2006-Objectives/Action steps formation

5. Feb. 2006-Plan completion and presentation to the Lake Association

We will be conducting a survey in the near future to determine priorities for improvements and goals. Take some time to think about new things that you would like to see happen or changed at the City Lake. Try to envision the long-term future of the perfect City Lake.