



Newsletter April 2008

NEXT MEETING: MAY 10, 9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH McCARDLE and MAIN STREETS

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Consistent with our Master Plan and our established goals for 2007-2008 the Lake Association is expanding its activities to include fundraising efforts for our local schools. We believe a strong organization is multi-faceted where we address issues of self-concern, while at the same time serving the community around us. In that spirit, I am happy to announce our 2008 fundraising activities for the USD 417 school district. Our efforts include two programs. First, we are selling Council Grove City Lake license plates. Thanks to a gift from Lake Homeowner Leon Lunquist, we are able to provide 100% of the proceeds from the license plate sales to the Educational Fund of the Community Foundation of Council Grove. Each license plate retails for \$10 and are sold at our Lake Association general meetings. Second, the Lake Association has paid for the development of fundraising brochures for the Educational Fund of the Community Foundation. We hope that this material will encourage additional gifts to our local schools. I strongly encourage you to buy one of our license plates and show pride in the lake community while at the same time supporting our schools.



UPDATE ON FINANCIAL STABILITY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The Lake Association leadership is encouraged by the recent support we have received from several business leaders in Council Grove. Linda Wessel (President of the local Chamber of Commerce) and Tim Tyner (Council Grove businessman) have expressed their support for the Lake Association's efforts to negotiate an equitable agreement with the City in 2008. These business leaders as well as others have confirmed the important role lake residents play in the social and economic activities of Morris County. We applaud and support their efforts to renew negotiations between the Lake Association and the City on these important issues.

NEW ADDITION TO OUR LEGAL TEAM

This month the law firm of Stinson, Morrison, Hecker have joined the Lake Association legal team. Stinson, Morrison, Hecker is one of the largest firms in America and has a strong national and international reputation. Their real estate litigation department will be assisting and providing advice to our attorney Bill Frost and the Lake Association Board of Directors on important legal issues.

RESPONSE TO THE MAYOR'S LETTER

Please see attached to this newsletter, letters from Curt Brungardt, President of the Lake Association, and Dave Fritchen, Executive Committee member. These letters are in response to the letter dated March 25, 2008

from Council Grove Mayor Cynthia Engle. Both Curt and Dave served on the latest Special Commission and worked closely with city officials during the recent negotiations.

THANK YOU FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT

The officers and the executive committee of the Lake Association would like to thank all those members who sent notes, letters, emails, and phone calls of support and encouragement over the last month. Your remarks have been an inspiration to us as we proceed through these difficult times. We know it is not possible for everyone to devote their time to advancing our causes (especially if you live far away or are employed full-time). However, it is most gratifying to know we have your support. Please keep the feedback coming. We need to hear from you.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

This June, the Lake Association membership will elect eleven new board members under our new corporate by-laws. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Lake Association, please fill out the candidacy form located on the Lake Association website. Deadline for candidacy forms to be completed and mailed or emailed is May 10.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

In late May for the Board of Director ballots will be mailed to all Lake Association members in good standing. Ballots will need to be returned to the Lake Association address or hand delivered at our June membership meeting. Further instructions about this process will be sent to the members with their ballot. To be a member in good standing, membership dues must be received by midnight May 25, 2008.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Business Directory for the 2008 season is attached to this newsletter. This Directory will be published and mailed four times during the calendar year. A copy will also be sent to each new lake resident in the "welcome packet". A current copy is also available on our web site www.cgclakeassoc.org. Please save this directory as a reference and patronize these services. Also, the bottom of our web site homepage now has direct links to our premier sponsors' web sites.

We provide the Business Directory as a service to both lake homeowners and the local community. This year's directory is the result of considerable volunteer work and a desire to help the communities, by LuAnn Fuller. Please take time to thank her for the fine work.

SPRING LAKE CLEAN-UP

The Spring Lake Clean up was a huge success, and came at an appropriate time as the debris from the winter ice storm was quite large. The city crews hauled off over sixty dump truck loads of brush and other debris. We complement the city for their efforts and cooperation with the Council Grove Pride Committee. We also express our appreciation to Lake Residents Cheerie Baker and Diane Bolton for their leadership and work with the Pride Committee to coordinate with the city and make these clean-up efforts possible. Thanks, ladies!!

SHIRTS, BAGS, APRONS AND OTHER ITEMS

This year we are going to be ordering T-shirts to sell. Hopefully we will have a sample at the May Association meeting. We will be taking orders at that meeting. These will be a great item to have for all your kids and grandkids when they are here. Plan ahead!!! Get their sizes and order on May 10th!!!

COUNCIL GROVE CITY LAKE LICENSE PLATES

We are gearing up for the big "push" for sale of license plates in May. Students of USD 417 Media Class, taught by Bruce Hula, have designed a slide which will be appearing on cable channel 2 television and on the channel 2 website. Those students will also be distributing flyers to business owners in the communities for them to display in their windows encouraging patrons to purchase a license plate. And the BIG NEWS, at the

May 5th meeting of the USD 417 Board of Education, Lake Association President Curt Brungardt will present a check of our first donation to Chairman of the Educational Enhancement Fund, Ralph Mock. We are extremely excited to be able to contribute to the school district in this manner. Keep the money coming!!! Thank you so much for your support. Together, we can!

COUNCIL GROVE BUSINESS EXPO

Once again the Lake Association sponsored a booth at the annual Council Grove Business Expo. Several Lake Association volunteers answered questions and distributed information about the Lake Association. The brochure the Lake Association provided to the USD 417 Educational Enhancement Fund and flyers about our City Lake License plate fund raiser were also distributed.

FUTURE LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

General Membership Meetings

June 14, 2008

July 12, 2008

August 9, 2008

September 13, 2008

Board of Directors' Meetings

June 28, 2008

July 26, 2008

August 23, 2008

September 27, 2008

The Lake Association general meetings will be held on Saturdays at 9:00 AM at the Community Christian Church on Main Street in Council Grove. The Board of Directors' meetings will be held on Saturdays at 9:00 AM at the Hays House Kaw Room in Council Grove.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM HEADED FOR THE OLYMPICS!

We've started and we're off and running for the gold! Our team has decided to have several money raising events so you will have an opportunity to be a part of helping us reach our goal. Those of you that were at the last Lake Association Meeting were pleasantly surprised to see lots of food on the tables. We had our first bake sale which we're very happy to report was a huge success, making \$277.00, so we will be having another one at May's meeting. We've discovered we have many excellent cooks living at the lake!!! If you wish to be a part of the team in anyway, contact Carolyn Nelson at 620-767-7207 or LuAnn Fuller at 620-767-7207.

PRELUDE TO SYMPHONY IN THE FLINT HILLS

Morris County and the City of Council Grove would like to welcome you for a Prelude to Symphony in the Flint Hills, Friday and Saturday June 13th and 14th. Join us on the Riverwalk for Friday night's activities, featuring artisans, cowboy poetry, and musicians. Buy your tickets early for the family chuck wagon dinner prepared by the Flying W Ranch. Call: 620-767-5807 or email dbolton@tctelco.net Adult and children meals are available. Savor the flavor of the west! Tour the Kaw Mission; open Friday and Saturday from 10AM to 4PM. Don't miss the free concert on the lawn at 8PM Friday, sponsored by the Kansas State Historical Society and Friends of the Kaw Heritage. Remember to bring your own chairs. For a full list of working ranch tours, nature walks, historic walk and tours, quilt show, art/author walk, Riverwalk activities, shops, restaurants, and lodgings, visit the web site www.councilgrove.com or call 800-732-9211. Spend some time in our small friendly towns and discover for yourself why Morris County is truly the Heart of the Flint Hills.

INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA

The annual Independence Day Regatta and lake front decoration will be Saturday July 5th. Details will be available on the web site soon. Christie Brungardt has agreed to chair this committee again this year. If you would like to assist her, please give her a call. This is an event which requires people to organize and judge so she will need several volunteers.

Lawn Care Management (Chemical Class)

The next City Chemical Class will be held on May 16th. If you are not familiar with city ordinance requirements to complete this class the ordinance is available at the lake association web site www.cglakeassoc.org. The following is pasted from an email received from the City.

After receiving an inquiry this morning on what chemicals could be sprayed at the lake, I called Loy James to see then he would be willing to have another chemical class.

May 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the courthouse meeting room is when and where the the chemical class will be held.

The DEADLINE for signup is May 9th at 5:00 pm. No participants will be allowed to attend without signup on or before May 9th.

The deadline gives Loy James adequate time to prepare and insure that there will be enough handouts for people that have signed up.

Signup forms are available at city hall. Or by request the city will mail out the signup form. If the form is mailed, the form must be returned to city hall by the deadline cutoff along with the \$10.00 fee.

The Chemical Class will be cancelled if there is not 10 or more participants. PLEASE INCLUDE A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER ON THE SIGNUP FORM IN CASE OF CLASS CANCELLATION.

Please notify all your members. I will advertise in the Council Grove Republican.

If you have any questions please feel free to call City Hall at 620-767-5417.

Danny Matthews
City Administrator

CALL TO JOIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Forgot to pay your dues? We strongly encourage all lake homeowners to join in our efforts, be a part of the lake community and let your voice be heard.-

Council Grove Lake Association
PO Box 13, Council Grove, Ks 66846
2008 Annual Dues \$25.00

Lot Number _____
Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Lake or Cell Phone _____
I volunteer to assist with _____