

APRIL NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 13, 9:00 a.m. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
McCARDLE and MAIN STREETS**

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Master Plan

At the April 8th meeting Dr. Curt Brungardt presented the Council Grove City Lake Association's Master Plan to the membership. There were a few minor changes as a result of suggestions after the presentation of the draft plan at the February community forum meeting, and posting the draft on the web site. The final Master Plan in its entirety is available on the web site <http://www.cgclakeassoc.org>. A summary brochure of the plan is available and will be mailed to Lake homeowners soon. In addition to highlighting the major initiatives of the plan, Curt explained that lake residents will need to volunteer their time and efforts to help implement the 32 initiatives in the plan..

The purpose of the plan is to serve as a guide for future lake improvements and communicate the desires of the majority of the homeowners at the lake. The final plan is the result of comprehensive surveys and several open meetings to collect information and validate that the plan represents the majority of the homeowners.

The Master plan will be presented to the city council on April 24 th 5:30pm at city hall. All lake homeowners are encouraged to attend. The plan will be presented to the county commissioners at their regular meeting on April 25 th.

Lake Entrance Signs

Several responses to the Master Plan Survey suggested that the entrance signs to the City Lake be upgraded as part of the beautification plan. Bill and Jane Swofford have developed a comprehensive plan to refinish the signs and make plantings in front of the signs. Their plan includes scheduled maintenance of the plants. If you would like to assist in the actual planting, or be part of the maintenance program, please email us at cglakeassoc@yahoo.com.

Fourth of July Celebration

Christie Brungardt is the coordinator for the Lake Fourth of July Celebration. We hope to expand the lake celebration this year .If you have new ideas or would like to help with the events please email Christie at cjbrunga@fhsu.edu.

Volunteers needed:

Wa-Shun-Gah Days Parade

Traditionally, the Lake Association has participated in the Wa –Shun-Gah Days parade. As part of our effort to be a part of the community we would like, not only to have a float in the parade, but to be noticed and compete for the first place prize. Our need is for someone to take charge and lead this effort and others to step up and help. Budget is available to make this a first class effort and this event has the potential to be a lot of fun! Email us today to volunteer, or call one of the contacts in the newsletter heading.

Committee to research Bylaws changes

During the “off season” the Executive Board necessarily had to deal with the annexation issue and the resulting Master Plan. We have come to realize that our Bylaws were developed for more of a “picnic club” than for an organization that conducts business. As we have met with other lake associations and groups that represent home owners on lakes similar to ours, we have realized that in order to effectively deal with dynamic issues, we need to revise our By laws to allow our representatives more latitude to respond in a timely manner to time sensitive issues, such as annexation when dealing with other entities such as the city. We need a committee comprised of people who represent the core of the Lake Association to research this issue, look at the bylaws of other lakes and make a recommendation to the membership before the annual meeting in June so any changes can be voted on by the full membership. If you would like to help with the research, and participate in this process email us at cglakeassoc@yahoo.com or call one of the contact phone numbers in the heading of this news letter.

Walleye Stocking

The Community Fisheries Assistance Program is beginning to show benefits. Last fall the KWDP stocked channel cat in the lake. On the 14 th of April KDWP stocked 450,000 walleye fry in the lake. We are looking forward to providing an organized volunteer effort to improve the lake and move toward credit for money, grants and more benefits.

Cabin Signs

Please make an effort to post your section and lot number where it is visible from the road and the water. A significant number of EMTs are not local, but contract help from out of town and are not familiar with the lake. Not only are proper signs a city ordinance, they could save a life! We are working with the city to make the ordinance more practical.

Lake Association Effectiveness

We have experienced some significant changes in the activity and effectiveness of the Lake Association in the past year. The strength of the Master Plan and the Lake Association is only as strong as the participation and dedication of the individuals that it represents. If we want a voice in the management of the lake, and how that management affects our investments and quality of life at the lake, each individual must be involved in

some capacity. Whether it's a parade float or managing a major initiative of the Master Plan our success is dependent on you!

Business Directory

A new business directory is being compiled. It will be in each monthly mailing beginning next month