



Newsletter July 2009

NEXT MEETING: August 8, 2009 9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTAIN CHURCH McCARDLE and MAIN STREETS

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President: Ken Mulanax **Vice President:** Dave Fritchen **Treasurer:** Joyce Hutter **Secretary:** Fred Vance
Board Members: Dave Baker, Curt Brungardt, Gary Catlin, George Forrester, LuAnn Fuller, Andy Hutter, John Nicodemus

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The lake Association Board of Directors has elected officers to lead the Association. The new Officers are President, Ken Mulanax; Vice President, David Fritchen; Treasurer, Joyce Hutter; Secretary, Fred Vance. A brief summary of each officer's experience and philosophy follows:

PRESIDENT KEN MULANAX- At the lake since the late 1950's. Derby, KS. Library Board (8 years), City Council (8 years), currently on Planning Commission, previous board member and president of the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Assoc. Seeks to continue to move forward on many of the current goals of the association, i.e., negotiate a workable lease, officially establish lot lines, have input on lake maintenance issues.

VICE PRESIDENT DAVID FRITCHEN-At the lake since 1965-Served on 1st and 2nd Mayor's Special Commission, current Executive Committee, Liaison to legal counsel. 21 years in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps doing engineering and construction around the world. Returned to Kansas in 1993. Currently Dept. Head for the Dept. of Architectural Engineering and Construction Science in the College of Engineering (the largest department in the College). Litigation consultant to law firm in Topeka dealing with construction contracts and related legal disputes. Appointed to the Capital Restoration Commission for the renovation of the State House in Topeka. Past President of Wyndham Heights Villas Home Owners Association. Seeks long-term lease for financial stability, self-governance to provide a voice in setting funding priorities and policies for the lake, work with the city to build a positive and mutually beneficial relationship to enhance economic development with growth and stability for the business community and downtown, continue to unify membership and provide organizational structure to serve the membership through communication, activities, and play an active role in the city and county.

TREASURER JOYCE HUTTER-13 years at the lake. Association Vice President 2007-2008, treasurer, 2008-2009. Communications assistant and newsletter editor. Previously taught high school English, debate, Managed real estate office of 17 agents, taught licensing classes at an accredited real estate school. Currently holds a Kansas Broker's License. Seeks open communications with the city, business community and Morris County to ensure economic stability for all. If the Master Plan is followed, we obtain surveyed and platted lots, a long-term lease with terminology allowing conventional mortgages, shared governance on maintenance and improvement issues, then we will achieve financial and economic stability for lake residents, city residents, the business community of Council Grove and Morris County. We must work together to grow, or like so many small rural communities we will deteriorate into the wind. Nothing could be sadder.

SECRETARY FRED VANCE – 11 years at the lake. Member of the Lake Association for 11 years. Appointed to Board of Directors for 2008-2009. Elected to Board of Directors and Secretary for 2009-2011. Served on the Executive Committee of the Lake Association 2006-2007 prior to development of incorporation and Board of Directors. Served as Secretary for one year during incorporation. Assisted with Welcome Letters to new members and maintained the Lake Directory for two years. Degree in business management and business administration. Medical administrator for 31 years. President of Kansas Medical Group Management Association 1999-2000. Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives since 1990. Lake Association goals: Continuation of negotiations with the City for a reasonable long term lease or purchase and the development of a sewer/water system in a cost-effective manner, projects that mutually benefit the City and City Lake, continue to improve relations with City and County, and demonstrate to the City and County that City Lake is an important economic factor in the community.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It is an honor to serve as president of the Lake Association. We have an excellent, hardworking, dedicated Board of Directors and I look forward to working on the challenges and opportunities ahead. It takes many people to make an association work and there are a lot of members that contribute in so many ways. Thank you for all you do.

I have written a letter to Mayor Engle in hopes of re-starting talks on items agreed to by the second special commission. Working together we can reach agreements that will benefit all of us, the Lake Community, the City and Morris County.

At the July 11 regular meeting, Dave Fritchen, Vice President of the association, presented a plaque to outgoing president Curt Brungardt in recognition of Curt's many long hours of service to the association. I want to add my own thanks to Curt for a job well done. Curt continues to serve on the board and I look forward to his continued involvement.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE LAKE! - - - A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our Independence Day Celebration at the lake was a huge success. The patriotic lake front decorations, colorful regatta, followed by a tremendous fireworks display by the May family, put a perfect ending on a celebration, enjoyed by hundreds of lake property owners and visitors from the local area and afar.

Regatta Winners

Winners of the Independence Day Regatta and Lake Front Decoration follow.

Regatta

1. "Patriotic Party-Gras", Hutter family
2. "Feeding America, Roths" family
3. "Flip Floppin' Fun", Lungwitz family

1st "Patriotic Party-Gras", Hutter family



1st "Happy Birthday America" Waring, Roths



Lake Front Decorations

1. Waring and Roths, C 1,2
2. Fyler, D 32
3. Clark, K 19

We were all winners as the Patriotically Decorated Regatta toured the Lake. It is a great experience, and a wonderful way to celebrate and remember our great country's Independence. Thanks to all of you who participated and made the celebration possible.

We extend a special thank you to John and Kem Nicodemus who organized this year's event and the May family who made the fireworks display possible. Donations to help cover the fireworks expense may be sent to: Council Grove City lake Association, P O Box 13, Council Grove, Ks, 66846.

LAKE SHIRTS AND LICENSE PLATES AVAILABLE

Lake T-shirts are available at the Council Grove Marina which is open Thursday through Sunday. The youth sizes are now selling for \$5.00 each and adult shirts (limited sizes) are selling for \$10.00. License plates are also available for a \$10.00 donation at the Council Grove Marina, R and J Bait, Adams Lumber and Homestore and ACE Hardware. Thank you for supporting these businesses and purchasing the shirts and license plates.

BOAT SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY

Our goal is for EVERYBODY to have a good time. Don't let a foolish moment ruin our weekends. We ask that everyone pay special attention to being safe. Especially watch for "downed" skiers and "tubers". Be sure to use the orange flags to indicate someone is down and hold the flag up high so it can be readily seen by other boaters. Remember, from the shoreline to the buoys is a "no wake" zone. City Ordinance 1991 defines an "impermissible wake" as any wake with a white cap. Please observe this regulation and stay out from docks. Many cabin owners have small children swimming in the area around their docks and we certainly don't want to spoil the fun with an accident.

LAKE ASSOCIATION FILES AMICUS BRIEF IN MARLOW CASE

Most of you know the city has appealed the Court's ruling in the Marlow case. The Lake Association has no desire to enter into an individual's litigation, or any litigation involving the city. However, some of the positions cited in the city's appeal brief, if granted by the appeals court, would be very detrimental to the long-term financial stability of our properties at the lake.

As a result of the city's position, as stated in their appeal brief, we have filed an "Amicus Brief" with the court of appeals in the Marlow case. The term "Amicus" literally means "friend of the court". We felt it was absolutely necessary that the court be made aware that their decision may have an effect on more than the three leaseholds addressed in the Marlow litigation. This Amicus brief is NOT legal action or litigation against the city, but simply a statement to let the court know that other leaseholders may have an interest in the appeals court ruling.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 22, Morris County 4H Fair begins

July 25, Lake Association Board of Directors' Meeting

July 25, Downtown Sidewalk Sale

August 8, Lake Association General Meeting

EMAIL LAKE NEWS

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 on 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.

ANS PREVENTION EFFORTS

By now we all should be familiar with City Ordinance 2049 which became effective May 14th. We continue to receive questions so we'll reprint a portion of previous newsletters. The ordinance was mailed with the May newsletter. Be sure you pay attention to it. The new ordinance establishes a mandatory \$1000 fine for recreational boating without a boat permit. The new ordinance in summary:

- Raises fees for all boat permits.
- Requires zebra mussel awareness course to purchase a "normal cost" boat permit.
- Allows no wake fishing boats to operate without a boat permit or zebra mussel awareness course.
- Establishes a mandatory \$1000 fine for recreational boating without a boat permit.

Currently the approved zebra mussel awareness courses are:

- Attending the KDWP awareness presentation by Hutter/Matthews.
- Certificate from the 100th meridian website <http://www.100thmeridian.org/>. This course may also be accessed at city hall on the computer.

If you have questions concerning City ordinance 2049, or the city's requirements for boating permits please contact city hall 620 767 5417.

NEW CITY LAKE CARETAKER

The city has hired a new caretaker for the city lake. Darrell Brown will be familiar to some of you as he previously was a seasonal Park Ranger at the Tall Grass Prairie National Preserve. Darrell holds a BS degree from Kansas State University in Park and Resource Management. His work experience includes duties at several different national park locations. Darrell also has a diverse background with qualifications in law enforcement, EMS, and fire fighting.

Here's how to contact the caretaker or proper authorities when the need arises.

- During normal business hours call the city clerk 620 767 5417
- Outside of normal business hours call the sheriff's dispatcher at 620 767 6310
- In case of an emergency requiring immediate response call 911

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At the time of this writing we have achieved 87.3% membership. This is a great response and we thank each one of you who has paid in such a timely manner. This is the highest percentage of membership we have ever realized. This is a great vote of confidence to your leadership and is most genuinely appreciated. We need only nine more members to meet our goal of 90%. If you haven't joined yet this year, please send your check today. Thank you.

JOIN THE LAKE ASSOCIATION in 2009

Dues Card – 2009 Council Grove Lake Association PO Box 13, Council Grove, KS 66846	
Lake Lot # _____	Annual Dues: \$25.00
Name(s) _____	Legal Fund Contribution: \$ _____
_____	General Fund Contribution: \$ _____
Mailing Address _____	TOTAL: \$ _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Tell us where you would like to get involved and volunteer with the Council Grove Lake Association: _____
Email _____	_____
Home Phone _____	_____
Lake or Cell Phone _____	_____
Please return this dues card with your check payable to: Council Grove Lake Association.	



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

www.ProtectYourWaters.net

Zebra Mussels are Serious!

THESE STEPS WILL STOP THEM

- If your watercraft has been in zebra mussel waters, do not bring it to the City Lake unless you have disinfected it and can insure it is clean
- If your watercraft has been in waters other than the City Lake, insure it is clean and has dried for 7 days or has been disinfected
- Minnow buckets or bait from other lakes or rivers are prohibited

SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE MUSSEL!

Council Grove City Lake Association

"Striving to Grow Council Grove, the Business Community and the Lake Community---- Together"