

JULY NEWSLETTER
NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 13, 2005 BOWER'S CENTER 317 W MAIN ST

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

D-8 Carolyn Nelson, F-7 Ronald and Claudia Worcester, I-25 Melvin and Donna Storm, D-38 David and Martha Nesbitt, G-4 David and Rebecca Campbell, B-44A Cheryl Hayes, B-38 James Roberts, IT-9 Darrell and Linda Haun

INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA

The 2005 Independence Day Regatta was a huge success. Thirty-eight decorated boats paraded around the lake and were greeted by crowds of spectators along the shoreline and docks. What a great way to celebrate our nations' heritage. Photos are available on line at http://www.photoshelter.com/gallery-show?G_ID=G0000pPfelOPzAS0 . Thanks to Phillip Morgan, B-35, for organizing the celebration. A special thanks goes to all the merchants who provided all the great prizes. See the listing of donors on the last page.

MEET THE CITY COUNCIL LAKE COMMITTEE

The City Council Lake Committee is charged with making recommendations to the city council regarding lake matters, and providing a liaison with the Lake Association and cabin owners. The new Lake Committee City Councilmen are:

Rick Evans

Rick Evans owns and operates R& R Electric located here in Council Grove and is celebrating his 10th anniversary in business. Rick has been an electrician for 23 years and prior to moving to Council Grove in 1995, he worked for an environmental company and traveled across the country treating soil and ground water contamination.

Rick, along with his wife Barbara, not only run the business, but both also drive school buses for USD 417 and are members of the local Kiwanis club. Both are active in community events and Rick is also involved in the local Boy Scout Troop.

If you have any questions, comments or problems he'll be glad to talk to you and help you solve them.

J. D. Jones, Jr.

J.D. Jones, Jr. is the director of the Morris County Hospital Laboratory and also a consultant at the Emporia Surgical Hospital. J.D. has a diverse back ground. He has been a carpenter, is an ordained minister, and has two Bachelor of Science degrees; one from Harding University and one from Arkansas State University. He and his wife Sharon make their home in Council Grove. .

J.D.'s purpose in serving on the city council is to make Council Grove a better place to live, retire and visit. He thinks the City Lake is a great place to retire and visit, and have a good time, at the same time remembering the lakes purpose is our city water supply. J.D. wants you to know, if you have a problem or concern, address your concerns to the proper people so we can identify concerns before they become major problems.

DID YOU KNOW?

A city permit is required to use fertilizer, or pesticides at the city lake, and the manner in which they are used is mandated by city ordinance.. This city permit can be obtained only by successfully completing an educational course required by the city. Recently there have been complications scheduling the course on week ends, mostly due to instructor availability.. There is also concern that some people may not be complying with the ordinance. This perception may be fueled by lack of participation in the class. The city council lake committee has asked us to help improve the effectiveness and increase participation in the class. The lake association officers are working to improve the course content and make the class more readily available to cabin owners and lawn care professionals. We are looking for capable volunteers to teach and /or assist with the class. Volunteers should contact any association officer. The ordinance pertaining to chemicals is included for your review.

Ordinance 12-607: CHEMICALS.

No chemicals are permitted or authorized to be placed in or upon the water at the Council Grove Lake Park except chemicals placed by the city and its authorized employees.

- (a) Only non-restricted chemicals may be used at the city lake. All chemicals must be used in accordance with state and federal regulations and the instructions on the packages.
- (b) Before any person is authorized or permitted to apply any non-restricted chemicals upon lawns, shrubs or gardens at the Council Grove Lake Park, the person applying the chemicals is required to have a city permit issued by the city council.
- (c) The cost of obtaining a city permit for applying chemicals is to be in the amount of \$5.00. \$2.50 of each permit shall go to the instructor of the city permit course.
- (d) Prior to obtaining a city permit an applicator must have passed a two-hour applicators course offered by an approved representative of the city.

a. Anyone who is applying non-restricted chemicals for someone else must have a commercial applicator's permit issued by the State of Kansas. This permit must include a general permit and either a Category IIIA, Ornamental and/or Category IIIB, Turf permit. A business license must also be obtained when required.

b. The city requires that a city permit be granted prior to applying any chemical, including chemical fertilizers at the city lake.

(e) All applicator permits will be for a period of one year beginning January 1 through December 31.

(f) Any person applying chemicals upon yards or grass on Council Grove Lake Park

without having first secured a city permit is subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and also may be liable for any civil penalties for damages incurred by reason of using such chemicals.

(g) Any person causing damages by negligence or improper application of chemicals may be liable for civil damages. (Ord. 1759, Secs. 2:9)

NEW CARETAKER

Justin Richardson has been appointed by the City Council as the city lake caretaker. He will begin work during the final week of July. We'll get better acquainted with Justin in the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you see Justin, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome him to the lake.