



# Newsletter May 2008

**NEXT MEETING: June 14, 9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH McCARDLE and MAIN STREETS**

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Its summer season again at the City Lake and many of us are enjoying our favorite water sports. I would like to take this moment to remind all lake users that safety should be our first priority. Last weekend, like many of you, I enjoyed cruising our beautiful lake and it reminded me of the importance of all of us being well aware of all activities that occur at our lake. One of the greatest advantages of the City Lake is that it is a multiple use recreational lake. This however is also a stronger reason to use constant vigilance and common sense in our boating practices. During the summer months it is not unusual to find fisherman, boat cruisers, skiers, sailors, jet skis, and paddle boats all sharing the same lake concurrently. Therefore, this is a reminder for boat captains to stay focused and not be distracted from important safety procedures and good boating practices. For a complete listing of the City Lake Rules and Regulations regarding boat safety please see our website at [www.cgclakeassoc.org](http://www.cgclakeassoc.org). Please share this information with friends, family and visitors who also enjoy the Council Grove City Lake.

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

On June 14 the Lake Association Board of Directors elections will be completed. A volunteer committee will count votes from both mail-in ballots and ballots cast at the June 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. It is our desire that by June 16<sup>th</sup> we will be emailing the results of the Board of Directors elections to all members. In addition the June newsletter will also list the newly elected Board of Directs. The first Board of Directors meeting under the leadership of the new directors will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, at which time the new officers will be elected.

## 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.

### **LAKE ASSOCIATION DONATES \$1,000 TO EDUCATION FUND**

As most of you know, the Lake Association has an ongoing program to provide assistance to the USD 417 Educational Enhancement Fund. This includes “selling” Council Grove City Lake license plates for a donation of ten dollars. ALL of this money goes to the educational fund thanks to Leon Lungwitz, D37, who manufactured and donated the plates.

Recently the Lake Association presented a \$1,000 check to the USD 417 Educational Enhancement fund.

If you haven't donated to the fund, we encourage you to do so and proudly display the license plate.

The license plates are available at ACE Hardware, Adams Lumber, and Trudy's Trowbridge Classics. Please take time to visit one of these local merchants, pick up a license plate and thank them for supporting our local school district, teachers and students.

We are extremely excited to be able to contribute to the students and teachers of the school district in this manner. Keep the money coming!!! Promote the Council Grove City Lake while at the same time giving to the local community. Thank you so much for your support. Together, we can!

### **COUNCIL GROVE PRIDE COMMITTEE**

Diane Bolton and Cheerie Baker, both Council Grove City Lake residents, are helping ready Main Street for summer activities and the influx of tourists and lake visitors. They also were largely responsible for organizing and coordinating the fall and spring Council Grove clean-up campaign, working through the Council Grove Pride Committee, of which Cheerie is the chairperson, and coordinating those efforts with the City and County governments.

Please take time to thank Cheerie and Diane. We are proud to have them as members of the lake community. If you would like to join in their efforts, feel free to contact them. They can always use more help in building pride in the community.

Members of the Pride Committee, volunteers from Rotary and Council Grove City Lake Association worked together to place hanging baskets of flowers, repot street planters and place new stone planters along Main Street. Huge thanks go to lake residents Cheerie Baker and Diane Bolton for organizing this tremendous effort. Special accolades go to lake resident Eric Nelson, owner of Neosho Gardens, for donating all the plants and flowers, the forklift, and his time and skills operating the forklift to place the stone planters. Please be sure to tell these folks how much we appreciate them the next time you see them.

### **LAKE SHIRTS AVAILABLE AT TRUDY'S TROWBRIDGE CLASSICS**

The popular “Lake Shirt” tee shirts are now available at Trudy's Trowbridge Classics, located at 113 W Main Street. City Lake resident Jack Bales, owner and operator of Trudy's, has agreed to stock this popular shirt. Jack also has the City Lake license plates and will gladly accept your donation to the local Education Enhancement Fund. Stop in and see Jack and be sure to thank him for his support.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA**

The annual Independence Day Regatta and lake front decoration will be Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Details are available on the web site. Now is the time to start planning and purchasing your boat and water front decorations. 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.

## **BUSY JUNE IN COUNCIL GROVE**

The month of June is a premier month for fun things to do in Council Grove.

Put these events on your calendar:

June 7, 8; Rotary Cutting Horse Contest, at the Fair Grounds just east of Council Grove

June 13,14; Prelude to the Symphony in the Flint Hills; downtown Council Grove and the Riverwalk

June 14; Lake Association meeting, Symphony in the Flint Hills (sold out)

June 20, 21, 22; Wah Shun Gah Days in Council Grove

Details of these events will be sent by email to the Lake Association email list. Information is also available on the Council Grove Chamber of Commerce web site.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## **WAH-SHUN-GAH DAYS**

We look forward to this great celebration. Truly a genuine small town celebration done in a big way! Way too many activities to cover here, informational flyers and updated information will be coming via email.

Remember to purchase a button from a merchant or the Chamber of Commerce. Bring your guests and be part of this Council Grove tradition.

## **BIOLOGICAL SURVEY AT CITY LAKE**

Thursday, May eighth, a team from Kansas University conducted a Biological survey of the Council Grove City Lake. A team composed of Dr. Mark Jakubauskas, Dr. Jerry de Noyelles, and Aquatic Specialist Scott Campbell, performed a Bathymetric survey to map lake depth and sediment accumulation on the Council Grove City Lake. City Lake resident John Nicodemus hosted the team and accompanied them during parts of the survey. Current plans are for the team to make a presentation of their findings at a Lake Association meeting later this summer. The public will be invited to the presentation.

Funded by the Kansas Water Office, the Kansas Biological Survey's ASTRA (Applied Science and Technology for Reservoir Assessment) team employs state-of-the-art bathymetric mapping sonar that creates 3-D color-coded depth maps of reservoirs and highly detailed maps of lake bottom contours and sediment thickness. Maps resulting from the survey will be of interest to boaters, fishermen, and lake managers. The bathymetric survey will also result in the creation of tables that show the capacity of the lake.

Recognizing the critical need for information on Kansas reservoir conditions, the Kansas Biological Survey in 2006 created the Applied Science and Technology for Reservoir Assessment (ASTRA) Initiative, with major investments in infrastructure and equipment to address the need. The Survey is a source of biological and ecological information about the Kansas environment and has extensive experience in reservoir, stream, and water quality assessment, watershed monitoring, and remote sensing and related geospatial technologies. KBS is uniquely qualified to contribute to the research and information needs for immediate and longer-term management of Kansas reservoirs.

More information about the survey is available at their web site [www.kars.ku.edu/astrarrent](http://www.kars.ku.edu/astrarrent)

## **WATER SAFETY**

### **DO'S AND DON'TS OF BOATING SAFETY**

The following tips from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks can help ensure a safe boating season for all:

- Wear a life jacket;
- Know the water and environment you will be boating on;
- Keep a good lookout while underway;
- Shut your engines off when people are in the water near your boat;
- Observe the nautical "rules of the road";
- Keep a balanced load and trim a boat;
- Don't overload your boat;
- Don't stand up in small boats;
- Don't ride on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, or any place that is not designed for sitting; and
- Don't drink and boat.

These reminders all carry a consistent theme -- use common sense when on the water. If you feel something is dangerous, it probably is. These tips will help you chart a safe course toward safe, enjoyable boating.

Remember: Boat Smart From the Start. Wear your life jacket.

We encourage everyone to read the State Boating Regulations on the KDWP web site. There is a link to KDWP on the Lake Association web site [www.cgclakeassoc.org](http://www.cgclakeassoc.org). The City of Council Grove Lake rules and regulations are available at City Hall and also on the Lake Association web site. Please be aware, city rules differ from some of the state regulations. It is a good idea to print these rules and regulations and make sure you and your guests are aware of them. You are responsible for informing your guest.

### **Some current local safety concerns based on inputs (complaints) from lake users include:**

- Continuing to boat with lightning in the area, boats are good lightning attractors. If you can hear thunder, you probably shouldn't be on the lake.
- Boating too close to docks. Remember, children often swim around docks, be courteous give docks a wide berth.
- Boating too fast in the no wake areas, especially around docks. A reminder: City Ordinance 1991 defines an impermissible wake as any wake with a white cap.

## **KDWP SECRETARY HAYDEN VISITS LAKE**

Mike Hayden, Secretary of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks enjoyed the day Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, crappie fishing on our beautiful City Lake with lake residents Andy Hutter and Charlie Bush. This provided an excellent opportunity for the Secretary to become better acquainted with our lake and community. Andy and Joyce Hutter hosted the former governor.

**EMAIL LAKE NEWS**

If you would like to receive current news about the lake and Council Grove that is of interest to lake homeowners, and other interested people, send an email request to [cglakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:cglakeassoc@gmail.com). For those of you already receiving lake email news, please notice our email address has changed. You may need to add the new address to your contacts list to prevent our emails from going to your spam email box. We will continue to monitor the old email address.

**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.

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

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