



Newsletter May 2009

**NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2009 9:00 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING at COMMUNITY CHRISTAIN CHURCH
McCARDLE and MAIN STREETS**

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

On behalf of the Lake Association General Membership and the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Steve Shepard and Rick Evans for their service on the Council Grove City Council. Both gentlemen completed their terms and left the council this past April. Steve had served two terms or eight years on the council, while Rick served one term of four years. In my personal work with both men I found them to be reasonable, and more importantly, honorable men, as they represented the City of Council Grove. While I may not have always agreed with every decision, these two men always had the best interests of the city and the lake community in mind. We of the Lake Association wish them well in their "non-public" role as community members. We hope that both Steve and Rick stay active in community affairs and continue their support of the City Lake, the City of Council Grove and Morris County.

While Steve and Rick are no longer on the council, we do look forward to working with the two new members who have replaced them: Mark Brooks and Betty Hughey. We look forward to a constructive dialogue with Mark and Betty and I encourage Lake Association members to introduce themselves and meet these two new council people.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We've received numerous positive comments about the new format of the local Business Directory. A big thank you to LuAnn Fuller for such a fine job. The new directory is the largest ever, with over sixty local businesses participating. This publication is one way we assist our leaseholders by providing a means of becoming familiar with local businesses and services. Additionally, these businesses support the Lake Association by paying for the listing space. The improved directory is posted on the Lake Association Web site www.cglakeassoc.org and will not be mailed with subsequent newsletters as in the past. The intent of this new format is that you will place the booklet in your cabin and have it to use for the coming season. Please support these businesses when you have an opportunity---and **shop local first.**

FIVE FILE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Five persons turned in candidacy forms filing for positions on the Lake Association Board of Directors. Those who filed for office are: George Forrester, Joyce Hutter, Ken Mulanax, John Nicodemus and Fred Vance. Information on each of these candidates will be included with the ballots and voting instructions. These documents will be mailed May 22, 2009. Be sure to be watching your mail for this important information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22, 2009- Ballots to be mailed to all members in good standing (those who have paid 2009 dues).

May 31, 2009- Deadline for nominations for Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award to be received.

June 13, 2009- Deadline for all ballots to be received for voting on members of the board of directors. This is the date of the Annual Meeting. If you have not mailed in your ballot, you may bring it to the general meeting.

June 13, 2009- Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award to be presented at Annual Meeting.

June 14, 2009- Ballots counted and new board members announced.

June 27, 2009- Board of Directors Meeting with new board members.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At the time of this writing we have achieved 85% 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.

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION

In an effort to save money on printing and postage costs, your Board of Directors has made the decision to combine the newsletter for the months of February/March, October/November and December/January, and instead of mailing the Business Directory with each newsletter, you will receive one copy with the April newsletter. Our original plan was to send the newsletter via email only to all members who have supplied us with an email address beginning in May. However, we are sending the lot roster, which many of you have requested with this mailing. Hopefully, in June we can begin sending the newsletter email and mail. This will cut the amount of paper and postage used with each publication. If you have email and we do not have your email address, please send it to us at cgclakeassociation@gmail.com.

LAKE ASSOCIATION RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM SETS HIGH STANDARD

Under the co-chairmanship of LuAnn Fuller and Carolyn Nelson the 2009 Relay for Life Team raised \$2697.13, an especially fine representation since this is just the second year the Lake Association has registered a team to participate in the event, and since the 2008 event was in August, making this "year" a short one from September to May. **GREAT WORK!!! WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF OUR TEAM...**Other team members who worked to raise funds are: Tammy Stevenson, Jerry and Renee Roths, Gary Catlin, Mary Ann Clark, Diane Bolton, Joan Kohake, Richard and Karen Waring (who donated the use of their tent the night of the walk) and Robert Robinson (who donated a car which was liquidated by Bolton Chrysler Dodge Jeep and the funds given to Relay for Life). Thanks to each of you who supported the bake sales and other fund raisers the team had. Your participation helped enable Morris County to raise over \$55,000.00!!! Start gearing up for next

year. After two years, LuAnn and Carolyn are stepping down as the co-chairmen. We need someone to step up and take charge to organize this important area of our participation in the community. This “year” is a full year. Let’s see what we can do.

NOMINATIONS COMING IN FOR WAYNE CRISER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

If you want your candidate to be considered for the **Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award**, hop to!!! May 31st is the deadline to submit a nomination for the award, which is named after long-time lake resident and volunteer, Wayne Criser. This award is for that person who goes way above and beyond for the good of all lake residents, making improvements in conditions and relationships with the city and county. Joyce Hutter has volunteered to chair the committee for selection of the first recipient of the Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award. Mary Ann Clark has volunteered to chair the selection portion of this project. She will be looking for several others to assist her. The award will be given at the annual meeting in June. To submit a nomination for volunteer of the year you may email Joyce at joycehutter@yahoo.com or email the Lake Association at cgclakeassoc@gmail.com or send your nomination to the Lake Association, P.O. Box 13, Council Grove, KS. 66846. Please submit the following information: Name of nominee, the work this volunteer does, and why you think this work matters to the Lake Association.

PROPERTY VALUATION CONCERNS AND APPEALS

Those of receiving Lake Association email news have seen the recent court rulings involving property tax valuations on city lake homes and cabins. While it’s still too early to draw solid conclusions from these Court of Tax Appeal rulings, it certainly appears that the methods being used to appraise lake real property will be changing in the future. We will keep you updated about this issue as the process continues.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION---BIG SPLASH AND BRIGHT SPARKS!!!

Plans are underway for another grand and glorious celebration of our independence. If you have not already begun gathering decorating items, start now!!! **CASH PRIZES** will be worth your time and effort, plus you’ll have more fun than you can imagine. To receive a number and register your boat for the regatta and/or to enter your lake front in the contest, you will need to contact John Nicodemus at 316-619-0016 prior to noon July 4th. Regatta participants will meet at the face of the dam at 6:30 and begin their parade around the lake shortly thereafter.

Dam May will again provide the fireworks show for us. We are currently accepting donations/contributions. Send your checks with notation for fireworks 09 to: Council Grove City Lake Association, P O Box 13, Council Grove, Ks 66846.

BOAT SAFELY AND COURTEOUSLY

Its summer season again at the City Lake and many of us are enjoying our favorite water sports. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all lake users that safety should be our first priority. 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, canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and swimmers 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. Some of the boats currently on the lake are so big and loud that it is especially important to consider how others are affected. Additionally, last year we had more than just a few occasions when boats were going full speed after dark. This is extremely dangerous. Unfortunately, we do not have someone who patrols the lake full time, so it is up to each of us to be responsible and patrol ourselves. We certainly do not want someone to be hurt while on our lake. Be safe! For a complete listing of the City Lake Rules and Regulations regarding boat safety please see our website at www.cgclakeassoc.org. Please print these lake regulations and share this information with friends, family and visitors who also enjoy the Council Grove City Lake. As a leaseholder, you are responsible for assuring that your guests are aware of and adhere to the rules and regulations of the lake. Below are just a few gentle reminders.

Always keep alert for “downed” skiers and tubers

Sailboats, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats always have the right of way

Radios should not be loud enough to be heard more than 50 feet away

Between the buoys and the shoreline is always a no wake zone

No wake prior to 8:00 am or after sunset

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

On June 13 the Lake Association Board of Directors elections will be completed. On the afternoon of June 14th a volunteer committee, chaired by Mary Ann Clark, will count votes from both mail-in ballots and ballots cast at the June 13th General Meeting. It is our desire that by June 16th 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 Directors. The first Board of Directors meeting under the leadership of the new directors will be held on June 28th, at which time the new officers will be elected

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 13: **Council Grove City Lake Association Annual Meeting**

June 13: Symphony in the Flint Hills

June 19 and 20: Wah Shun Gah Days in Council Grove

June 27: Board of Directors meeting with newly elected board members and election of officers

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.

OWNERSHIP LIST BY LOT NUMBER

Many of you have requested a list of who owns which property so you can more readily learn who your neighbors are. We have been working diligently to correct and update this list for you. Every time there is a transfer this information changes. Hopefully, we are current and correct. However, if we have incorrect information about you, please let us know. You may email the Association at cgclakeassoc@gmail.com or

call 620-767-2726. You might consider folding this roster and placing it in the back of your business directory so you have it accessible.

ANS PREVENTION EFFORTS

The city council has finally taken some action aimed at ANS prevention. City Ordinance 2049 became effective May 14th. The ordinance is attached to this newsletter. 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.

The Lake Association recommended the city council take action that would require reasonable boat inspections and awareness training. While we are relieved that the council has taken some action to encourage recreational boaters to attend a zebra mussel awareness course, we certainly would liked to have seen more timely, positive steps to protect the city lake ecology and city water supply. The new ordinance, further complicates the boat fee structure, while doing very little to protect the lake in a practical manner from ANS infestations.

Perhaps the most onerous section of ordinance 2049 is a mandatory \$1000 fine for recreational boating without a boat permit. The Lake Association had suggested severe fines for persons not complying with proposed boat inspection rules. The \$1000 fine for not displaying a boat permit has very little to do with practical ANS prevention. As boat permits are not required for “no wake” fishing boats, and recreational boat permits may be purchased at in increased fee without attending an approved awareness course.

Don’t forget to put your permits on your boat; a ticket will cost you \$1000! For those of you complaining about the bass boats without permits speeding across the lake, this ordinance may stop that practice.

Although we are disappointed that the council didn’t take more positive prevention action we are encouraged that progress is being made. The Lake Association will continue to actively pursue an aggressive ANS Prevention awareness campaign in both the lake and local communities. Experience has shown that LONGTERM education and awareness is the most effective prevention tool. Our fears are that without timely practical regulation and inspections, the chance for a local infestation is greatly increased.

“CARETAKER” CONTACT

Lake Caretaker Calvin Seadeek has been hired by the city as a full time police officer. It appears that the lake will be without a full time caretaker/patrol at least for an interim time.

We are often asked about 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



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

www.ProtectYourWaters.net

Follow these simple steps:

Clean

Remove all plants, animals and mud then thoroughly wash everything, including all crevices and other hidden areas on your boat and equipment.

Drain

Eliminate all water before leaving the area, including wells, ballast, and engine cooling water.

Dry

Allow time for your boat to completely dry before launching in other waters.

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.	