

Summer Newsletter 2014

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: September 13, 2014
9:00 A.M. at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
McCARDLE at MAIN

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS -

The lake season is drawing to a close for many of us, as the annual steak fry on September 13th will bring an end to lake social activities for the year. For the Board of Directors and other volunteers lake business will continue as they work on property tax issues, city income/expense reporting, email news, newsletters, social activities, and other projects to make the lake a better place to live and vacation. All of these efforts increase the value to both the Council Grove and lake communities. The City Lake Advisory Committee will continue to meet and keep the communications lines open with the community and city government.

Those lines of communication are becoming clearer and less ambiguous. As that process continues we strive toward the day that the lake and Council Grove become one united community. As we move forward the Lake Association is in need of volunteers, both to lead and help with meetings, social events and special projects. Our volunteers don't have to make a major commitment; we have needs that take varying amounts of effort and time. We now have more permanent residents at the lake. Retired professionals make great volunteers. Please consider helping make the lake a better place.

PROPERTY TAX ON LAKE LOTS-

Next Steps:

1. August 20 – BOTA hearing on Morris County motion to dismiss the lawsuit.
2. Nov. 17-20 – BOTA hearing on the appeal for 2012 tax valuation on the land.

INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES –



The weather cooperated and Renee' Roths and her team of volunteers provided a wonderful day of activities. Winners in the various events were:

Paddle boat races: 1st place, Fichley - 2nd place, Detter - 3rd place, Day

Kayak races: 1st place, Lashley, IT 8 - 2nd place, Ramon Ortega A 3 - 3rd place, Amend A3

Regatta: 1st place- Zeigler (boat 25), 2nd place-Byers (boat 10) and 3rd place- Byerly (boat 7)

Lakefront contest: 1st place -McCabe E4, 2nd place-Forker HS 2, and 3rd place-Benning C28

BABE RUTH CLASSIC

August 16th, 36 15-year-old boys and their families and friends came to Council Grove to participate in the Kansas Babe Ruth Classic All Star Game. It is quite an honor to be selected for the tournament as the competition comes from the entire state. CGCLA volunteers hosted a picnic for the boys, their families and friends (approximately 240) on the Riverwalk and provided each ball player with a T-shirt to commemorate the event. We wish to extend a huge "thank you" to all who assisted with this fun time. It was quite an undertaking to prepare and serve the food to this large a group. We extend a special thanks to Jerry and Renee' Roths who were co-chairmen for the event. It was considered a huge, huge success by all who attended..



BEAUTIFUL YARD AWARD –



Brungardt's



Versch's

Every month the Council Grove PRIDE Committee recognizes four homes in town and two at the lake for their attractive yards and landscapes. This month, the two at the lake are the Brungardt's (I-21) and the Versch's (G-7).

SURVEYS –

Thanks to everyone who filled out the recent Survey Monkey questionnaire concerning the 2014 Independence Day activities. 75 homeowners responded to this survey indicating that this year's celebration was a success. Information gathered from this survey will be used to help ensure that all future 4th of July activities will meet the needs of our lake family and be fun for all who participate..

The Board of Directors of the CGCLA will be gathering information in the upcoming months to better serve the members of the lake community. Forthcoming will be another survey to be completed by using the online Survey Monkey. This data will be utilized to build a closer and more positive relationship among the lake and Council Grove communities. When you receive it, please take the few minutes it takes complete this survey in order for our CGCLA to better serve you!

Council Grove Lake Advisory Committee-

On July 31, 2014, the Lake Committee met to discuss several issues that were presented by the Lake Committee members and City officials. The Agenda included the following items:

1. Boat Ramp Update (City Reps)
 - a. A contract in the amount of \$28,700 has been awarded to Kolde Concrete of Wamego to extend the north boat ramp to allow launch and recovery of boats at low water conditions. Work will begin in late summer. [Action: City]
2. Street sign repair and additional street signs (CGCLA Reps raised this issue)
 - a. City officials reported that additional street signs have been ordered and existing street signs will be straightened. [Action: City]
3. Set aside 10% of the 10% of the lease revenue that is currently set aside for the Capital Improvement Fund for the City Lake (CGCLA Reps proposed)
 - a. CGCLA Reps recommended that 10% of the 10 % currently set aside for Capital Improvement Fund to be used as a contingency fund for possible water quality issues at some point in the future. The Lake Committee was referred to the CGCLA web site to review the low pressure sewage collection system that was proposed by EnviroLine Co., Inc. a few years ago to eliminate the septic systems by pumping to one of about three central collection system that would serve several lease holders. EnviroLine Co. has installed similar systems at other lake communities with great success. [Action: City Council Lake Committee members -- A motion was made and unanimously approved by the lake committee to have the City Council Lake Committee members recommend this action to the City Council].
4. CGCLA Reps reported numerous complaints about dust on lake roads making it such that cabins north of roads could not open windows due to the amount of dust generated when vehicles came by. CGCLA Reps requested that a dust control product be investigated and applied in early spring and mid to late summer to suppress the road dust if applied about every 3 months. These products are known to be very effective when applied properly.
5. CGCLA Reps reported that the CGCLA Board of Directors has initiated an update to the 2007 Strategic Plan for the CGCLA. Electronic surveys will be conducted to gather demographic data that will also be useful to the City. It is the intent of the CGCLA to share that info with the City and Chamber of Commerce.
6. Larry Johnson prepared and presented a random survey of lake sites conducted by summer interns to determine compliance with Ordinance 2095 (ID for Septic system, Lateral Field, Well Head, etc) and Ordinance 1988 (I.D. of Lake Site with Lot Number and Address). The survey covered 40 of the 351 Lake Site Leases involving identification of cabins and water well and wastewater treatment disposal systems and sites which have vegetation of a height which is in violation of ordinance (8 inches).
 - a. General/Specific Observations:
 - i. Some lease holders are trashing their lake site with discarded junk, brush and construction wastes. (Violations notices will be issued)
 - ii. Some sites have items that are holding water which can be a breeding place for mosquitoes. Inspector empties containers when discovered but lease holders need to be more responsible because of a number of diseases carried by mosquitoes.
 - iii. **Haying operation will commence in mid August, so it is important that septic systems and lateral fields be mown and properly marked to protect them from damages by cutting and haying operations.**
 - iv. Five lease holders will be served "Notice of Intent to Cancel Lease" from the City Attorney because they have ignored past notices of violations of Ordinance 2095. There will be a short "cure period" to remedy the violations prior to legal action to cancel lease.
 - v. Larry Johnson reported that about 230 of the 351 lake lease sites have had boundary and end caps verified.
 - vi. Results of the random survey of 40 of 351 lease sites by summer interns:

Road I.D.: 3 are not marked 7.5% Non-Compliant

(Road I.D. is to be marked with cabin section letter and number, not 911 Address)

Cabin I.D.: 6 Are not marked 15% Non-Compliant

(Cabin I.E. is to be marked with cabin section letter and number, not 911 Address)

Well I.D.: 7 Are not marked 17.5% Non-Compliant

(Well I.D. is to be marked with cabin section letter and number)

Well Vegetation: 8 Are over 8 inches 20% Non-Compliant

Septic Tank I.D.: 10 Are not marked 25% Non-Compliant

(Septic Tank I.D. is to be marked with cabin section letter and number)

Tank Vegetation: 10 Are over 8 inches 25% Non-Compliant

Lift Station I.D.: 5 Are not marked 12.5% Non-Compliant

(Lift Station I.D. is to be marked with cabin section letter and number)

Note: There will be a Compliance Audit in the near future for all Lake Site leases. Non-Compliances noted at that time will result in violation notices and enforcement of penalties. Please review your leased lot for compliance with the ordinances and prepare for the Compliance Audit accordingly.

Some of these items serve as reminders that we all need to be good neighbors.

LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

We thank each and every one of you who has already paid your 2014 dues to support the Lake Association. However, if you have not, we encourage you to do your share, and get your dues in the mail. You may use the form below or the card sent to you by mail.

Because of your involvement, right at 90% of lake homeowners became paid members of the Council Grove City Lake Association in 2013. Considering some folks own two leases and some owned by absentee trusts go unused, our true membership level is above 90%. This level of membership is an open testament of your support. The Association could not begin to accomplish our mission without you. It is only with your continued support that we can promote your interests as a lake homeowner and keep you informed of developments that may affect you. It is because of this continued level of support that we were able to be recognized by the city government as the spokes "person" for lake residents. Representing you as a "joint voice" increases your "power of one" and gives you considerable leverage when decisions are being made. **We thank each and every one of you who has paid your annual dues to support the Lake Association.** We encourage you to do your share, and get your dues in the mail.

Dues Card – 2014	
<p>COUNCIL GROVE CITY LAKE ASSOCIATION</p> <p>PO Box 13, Council Grove, KS 66846</p>	Annual Dues: \$ <u>35.00</u>
NAME(S) _____	Legal Fund Contribution: \$ _____
LOT NUMBER _____	General Fund Contribution: \$ _____
Lake Street Address _____	CHECK TOTAL: \$ _____
Mailing Address _____	I can help with:
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Golf Tournamant</u>
Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>July 4th events</u>
Home Phone _____ Cell: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>E-mail communications</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Environmental awareness</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Other (Specify)</u>