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CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION SPRING/SUMMER, 2012

When I started this annual letter at the end of January, Clark Lake was partially open, and snow cover was only several inches. With more warm weather forecasted, it seems like winter never came. And now, as I finish the letter in late February, the lake really never fully froze-over, with open patches appearing throughout the winter. Lake level is low/normal for this time of the year. We have much to report, so here we go.

2012 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Directors will meet at the Jacksonport Town Hall on May 5, June 2, July 7 (8am), August 11, and September 29 to conduct lake business. Unless otherwise noted, meetings start promptly at 9AM, and are open to all members. Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **July 7 at 9AM** at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items for the Annual Meeting include a report on fire protection evaluations in Sevastopol, report from the Door County zoning department on efforts to update Door County shoreland zoning rules in accordance with NR115, report from Door County sanitary department on holding tank inspections, and election of several lake directors. The **picnic** will be on **July 21 at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park**, with fun starting at 11AM, and food served at noon. More details to follow. The annual golf outing is tentatively scheduled for September 2, with the fall dinner scheduled for September 8. Also on September 8 we will be holding our fifth consecutive “Phragmites Fest”. We are also considering another lake-wide rummage sale weekend – stay tuned for more details. Please join us at as many events as you can.

2012 ANNUAL DUES & UPDATES: Please see page 4.

WEBSITE:

Several months ago, we transitioned to a new website – please check it out, I’m sure you will enjoy all the new features. While the address remains the same (<http://www.clarklakewi.com> this new website will allow you to keep updated on lake news. Please forward updates for the website to Kirby Bouthilet (kbouthilet@yahoo.com) Please let Kirby know if you change your e-mail address. Thanks.

INVASIVE SPECIES:

We know that Zebra mussels are in Clark Lake. We also have an invasive plant (Phragmites) expanding its range along the far northeast shore and along the north and west shores of East Bay. For the fourth consecutive year, a work party in mid-September 2011 made progress towards controlling this invasive plant. We will attack these plants again on September 8, 2012. With more invasive species in Lake Michigan and Green Bay, and as required by state law, it is critically important that we clean and drain our boats prior to launching into and upon removal from the lake. It is also crucial that the Town of Sevastopol maintains the fish screens in place at the dam, to prevent invasive fish, such as the Asian Carp (forthcoming) and fish with the VHS virus from invading from Lake Michigan and destroying our Clark Lake fishery. We will continue to stress

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the importance of proper placement of these screens with the Town. This topic remains a priority for your Board.

CLARK LAKE DAM & BOAT RAMPS:

While the Town of Sevastopol dropped their request for DNR approval of preventing boats from entering the inlet channel to the dam, we urge you to avoid this area, since it is private property on both sides of the channel and the dam is owned by the Town, and is off-limits to non-authorized people. The CLAA received approval from the towns to develop a winter-access ramp at the west shore boat ramp. The ramp was installed in fall, and is available to access the lake. The Town of Jacksonport repaired the east side ramp by grinding some of the ridges in the asphalt. We will evaluate this repaired ramp, and will request the town install a new ramp should it become necessary for the safe launching of boats.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS/FIRE PROTECTION:

The Town of Jacksonport ordinance (01-2008) requires that driveways meet the following minimum requirements for fire protection: 16' wide clearance, 12' hard surface (gravel, asphalt, etc), 1' shoulders along edges and overhead clearance of 15'; with driveways longer than 1000' required to have a pull-off lane for meeting vehicles. These minimum requirements apply to new and existing driveways, so that fire fighters can respond to fires. Non-compliance with this ordinance may result in fire fighters not responding to a fire, which could result in lost claims under your insurance.

The Town of Sevastopol ordinance (05-2002) requires that minimum requirements for new and existing private roads/driveways are: 12' road surface, 24' width clearance and a height clearance (free of trees, wire, etc) of 15'. Check with your township and Door County Zoning as to whether permits are required for new driveways.

SWIM BEACH TESTING:

2011 marked the sixth consecutive year that water samples were collected weekly during summer at the Clark Lake public beach for E. Coli bacterial analysis. For the first time in the 6 years, several samples (August 2 and 3, 2011) were found to have E-Coli levels above the advisory level, which is set at 235 MPN/100ml. While these levels do not result in a beach closure, they warrant continued monitoring and attention.

LAKE HISTORY:

Please forward any pictures, stories and other historical memorabilia regarding early days on Clark Lake to Kirby (kbouthilet@yahoo.com) for possible posting on our website. Please check out the histories of a number of homes around the lake on the website, and consider providing your own lake history and stories about "life on the lake".

FORMATION OF A CO-OP FOR CLARK LAKE RESIDENTS:

The CLAA will be embarking on a new effort this year-Cooperative Purchasing. This purchasing is the consolidation of similar individual purchases into a larger group purchase to achieve greater value at reduced prices. For example, the co-op may allow Clark Lake residents to negotiate better pricing for items like LP gas and internet connectivity for the lake. The first applications of the co-op would be to lobby for the

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build out of high-speed internet, digital TV, and digital phone for the Clark Lake area and for the purchase of propane. In order for Charter to build the infrastructure at Clark Lake, they would like to understand the number of interested parties around the lake. If you are interested in having this infrastructure built around Clark Lake (which would increase your property value), please fill out the survey on our web site:

<http://www.clarklakewi.com/surveys>

by June 1, 2012. Please also fill out the propane survey at the same location by June 1. If you do not have access to the internet but would be interested in participating, please call 920-823-2489 or 920-948-8167 for a hard copy of the internet survey, and 920-948-8167 for the propane survey. Please watch the Clark Lake website for other co-op possibilities, such as garbage/recycling pickup, holding /septic tank pumping, and more.

LOST AND NEW MEMBERS:

Lake members who left us this year are:

- PT Lovering. 5251/5257 South Lake Road. Paul Lovering was a long-time CLAA director, and served as our President for many years. He loved the lake, and spent much time boating and fishing with his children and grandchildren. We honor Paul for his contributions to make our lake a better place to live.
- Col. Fred Wylie. 5677 Clark Lake Drive. Fred was a long-time CLAA director. Fred retired to the lake after being a vacation resident, and was active in our lake community. We honor Fred for his contributions to our lake.
- John Kirkpatrick. 5282 West Shore Drive. John was recently a full-time resident of Clark Lake, and enjoyed the beauty and solitude of the lake.
- Joel Sonnenburg. 5486 West Shore Dr. Joel was a long-time seasonal resident of Clark Lake.
- Gary D. Gibson. Gary (husband of Emily and son-in-law of Bill and Katie Hebal 5558 West Shore Drive–Ext.), recently passed away. Gary loved sailing and recreating on Clark Lake.
- Ellen Frances Witteborg. Ellen (sister of Anne & Dick Egan, 5321 South Lake Road) recently passed away at Clark Lake.
- Margaret Boyce. 5566 Quiet Cove Lane. Margaret was a long-time seasonal resident of Clark Lake, active in our lake community.

Please remember them in your thoughts.

Moved Away:

- Randy and Kelli Wright – 5547 Quiet Cove Lane.
- Joseph and Marge Boehm – 5385 South Lake Road
- Donald and Patricia Schneider – 5343 South Lake Drive.
- Barry and Marcia Erdman – 5480 West Shore Drive
- Jan Gilberto – 5466 West Shore Drive

The building of new cottages and turn-over of old cottages to new owners continues at a fast pace – new lake land owners are:

- Steven and Jaclyn Schechinger – 5547 Quiet Cove Road
- Eric and Melissa Peters – vacant lot Quiet Cove Road
- Edmund and Suzanne Fangman – 5385 South Lake Road

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- Joseph and Gwenn Graboyes – 5343 South Lake Road.
- Edith Madsen – vacant lot 5301 South Lake Road.
- Paul and Jill Vieau – 5480 West Shore Drive
- Joseph and Mary Nelson – 5466 West Shore Drive

Please join me in welcoming these new neighbors to the lake.
Please have a safe year while enjoying the beauty of Clark Lake and Door County.

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2012 Annual dues & Updates:

2012 annual dues remain at an affordable \$20 per family. Payment of dues allows membership in the Association, with attendant benefits, including free lake directory, free attendance at picnic and full voting rights (1 vote per home/cottage), plus you are supporting CLAA's continuing efforts to maintain the quality of Clark Lake. **Please take this opportunity to join the Association by forwarding your dues by June 1 to: Paul Bouthilet, 3540 Fayette Lane, Green Bay, WI. 54311-7381.** Please forward any changes in ownership, address, phone and e-mail address (optional) directly to Paul. We will update our website with this information.

Name _____

Lake address _____

Home address, if different _____

Lake phone # _____

Home phone # _____

E-mail address _____