

CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Letter & Membership/Dues Notice (2021)

President's Message

First of all, I want to thank those who volunteered for the Association Activities, all those who worked on the various committees, our Board of Directors and Officers and all those who made monetary donations to the Association. Without all of you we would not have had such a successful 2020. I look forward to working with all of you in 2021.

2020 was a difficult and different year due to COVID-19 and Health Department restrictions. 2020 gave us opportunities to get creative on meeting together, using Free Conference Call (FCC) and to make Clark Lake a cleaner and better place for our families to enjoy what nature gave us. Please review the list of 2020 volunteers on the website on member recognition under the Member Page. Donations (including boat launch) continue to increase annually as well. The donations help us fund the many projects we have on our agenda. Again, thank you all very much.

We will continue to move the Association toward more Electronic Communication to save printing and mailing expenses. The new website (and Facebook) is becoming our main communication tool. Along with News and Notices, we are adding detailed information about our existing committees and work groups, Officer and Director Duties and other training tools to be used by our members. We are testing paying dues electronically with credit cards. We hope use of the website will encourage more of our membership to participate in the many Association's Activities. Please use "Contact Us" on the Clark Lake Website to forward any changes to your home address, phone numbers or email addresses.

Electronic communications have a few disadvantages. One is that they are susceptible to hacking and phishing. So please, be careful, of strange e-mails requests from Board members that want immediate responses and personal information. Do not click on links in these emails.

In 2021, CLAA has a number of board member terms expiring. CLAA is welcoming newer and next generation families to be Board members and get involved with our committees. A current list of the Officers and the Board of Directors can be found on the website. Here is the link from the website URL: <https://www.clarklakewi.com/board-of-directors/>.

The schedule for the 2021 events and Board of Director Meetings have been posted on the website and have been added to our new Calendar that will be available to current members. Go to the website and then click on the down arrow of the events button and select the event. Here is the link to the website URL: <https://www.clarklakewi.com/>

A CLAA calendar (June 2021 – May 2022) that includes the winning entries from our member photo contest will be distributed free to each cottage this May.

Additional calendars will be available for \$5.00 each. Consult the CLAA website, Facebook, or e-mail claaphoto@gmail.com to arrange purchase and delivery of extra copies. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2021.

Mike Brunet (President CLAA)

Committee and Work Group Reports

Social Committee (Richard Martin)

We had a great July 4th boat parade with Jerry Voelker's band and an almost dry bike ride around the lake.

There are only three events currently scheduled in 2021: Annual meeting with refreshments (7/10/21), Boat Parade with Jerry Voelker's band (7/21) – Rain date 7/3 – Saturday (without a band), a Youth Event (TBA), and the Fall Dinner (9/11/21) at the Log Den. If anyone has comments/concerns please contact one of the board members.

Water Quality/Vegetation Control Committee (Mark Weisse)

In 2020 we planted examples of native plants and soft bioengineering at the west side boat launch. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped plan, install the plants and bushes, water and weed for this project. We will need volunteers again this year for continued maintenance starting this spring.

70% responded in our survey that they did not have a 35-foot vegetation buffer. Shoreline damage has also resulted in over a dozen new rip rap installations. Bioengineered products may be appropriate instead of rip rap in some low energy locations. A 35-ft vegetation buffer and use of native plants is recommended with rip rap. View the native plants and coir logs at the demonstration plot.

Phragmites continues to require our attention. Watch for CLAA announcements calling for volunteers. There will be non-chemical workdays in the Spring and the usual herbicide treatment in the Fall.

Boating traffic increased 75% compared to 2019. COVID eliminated our ramp volunteer presence. We plan re-starting trailer inspection and boater education in 2021. This is an opportunity for all ages (and families) to contribute to protecting Clark Lake, so please consider volunteering.

Trenching from propellers is visible around the lake. Avoid towing and high-speed boating in water levels less than four feet. A map highlighting the four foot depth is now posted.

There was no E. coli contamination, but bacterial monitoring in local well water testing programs did reveal coliform contamination between 15 and 25%. UW-Oshkosh plans more well water testing studies in 2021 and 2022. Watch for notices and be sure to sign up.

Fish/Wildlife Committee (Pat Canney)

The fisheries committee completed the largest fishsticks on Clark Lake near the duck blind point (South end of Clark Lake Drive) on 2/20/21. Volunteers were Dick Martin (and his 4 wheeler), Mike Brunet, Mark Weisse, and Pat Canney. Dan Ewaskowitz provided logging equipment and placing of the trees. Our fish sticks permit runs thru 2022 and hopefully with the addition of extra sites we will return to the ice next winter to continue the work.

The DNR completed the fish sampling survey (Spring and Fall 2019) to get a firsthand look at the fish populations on the lake. The Report has not been completed. We will keep you updated as we have more information.

Ice fishing traffic was heavy due to the ice quality on the Bay and the short season this winter.

Safety/ Lake Maintenance (Bob DeFaut & Chuck Birringer)

Each year, volunteers will be needed to install and remove the lake buoys and the Ridges dock. Since these tasks typically require calm wind conditions, volunteers must be available on demand in May and again in October. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please send a message to Bob DeFaut or Chuck Birringer via the "CONTACT US" button on the Home Page of the Website.

Communications Committee (Chuck Birringer)

The Annual Letter and Membership/Dues Form will be mailed out to the membership this year. Changes to your Membership Information can be made by updating the Membership Form and mailing it with your dues. Changes and dues payment can also now be made online on the CLAA Website under the Members Menu Join Today Tab.

The Directory will be produced in Hardcopy again this year. Don't forget to update your Membership Information by July 1, 2021, so that your current information is listed in the directory. The online directory will be on the website as well under the Member Menu – Member Directory Tab.

All Meeting, Event Flyers and Association Memos will only be sent out emailed from the CLAA Website only. If you have not provided CLAA with your email address or that of a friend or a relative, please do so on the attached membership form with your annual dues or the "CONTACT US" button the CLAA Website.

CLAA has submitted letters of support to a few organizations to support grant for improved internet.

Website Work Group (Chuck Birringer)

We have added the ability to pay your dues online on the CLAA Website under the Members Menu – Join Today Tab. In order to receive correspondence (News and Notices) from CLAA you must provide an email address on the attached membership form. To subscribe to text messages from CLAA please go to the website home page, click on the "CONTACT US" button and provide the text cell phone number and the cell phone provider. To unsubscribe to CLAA messages simply click on the "CONTACT US" button and send a message with the email address you want to unsubscribe.

Cooperative Purchasing Work Group (Chuck Birringer)

We will continue with the Propane and Garbage/Recycling Purchasing Agreements in 2021. Anyone wishing to have Asphalt Paving or Asphalt Sealcoating please send your contact information to Chuck Birringer using the "CONTACT US" button on the Home Page of the CLAA Website. **Don't forget June 1, 2021 is the deadline for dues if you want to participate in this year's propane contract**

While good internet options appear to be at a premium in rural Door County there are three options that provide adequate service to some of our members.

- 1) The Broadband Tower located next to the West Shore Boat Launch is now operational. DC Broadband requires a line of sight with the tower to obtain best reception. Please contact DC Broadband to determine if you can receive their service, what packages they offer and their internet speeds
- 2) AT&T Internet has been able to provide service in certain areas but not all areas around Clark Lake. Please contact AT&T to determine if you can receive their service, what packages they offer and their internet speeds.
- 3) Starlink Satellite Internet has been very promising for the members that it serves. While download and upload are exceptional, there is a periodic loss of connection when it appears to switch from one satellite to another. Starlink is still in Beta because all the satellites have still not been launched. Starlink does not provide their own installation.

Membership Work Group (Cathy Paulson)

In the past few years, members have requested that we add names to email addresses and cell phone numbers to the paper and online directories. Please provide that information on the attached membership form and return it with your dues.

Treasurer's Report and Annual Dues (Sue Oldenburg)

Paid membership end of 2020 was 230 compared to 240 in 2019.

End of 2020 numbers were: Cash balance of \$29,598.05; Designated for projects \$7,419.66; Undesignated funds \$18,931.68 Member donations \$1,585 (includes \$400 restricted); and total disbursements for 2020 were \$7,962.49, under budget of \$3,892.51.

Entering 2020, the CLAA is in a very sound financial condition, which favorably positions the organization to fulfill its stated mission of protecting and enhancing the enjoyment of Clark Lake.

Please login to the CLAA website (www.clarklakewi.com) to view detailed financial information.

Membership Changes (based on changes to Membership form changes)

Members who have passed away

Ann Rapp – 5445 Cave Point Dr.

Henry Carstens – 5569 Clark Lake Dr.

Members who moved away

Shirley Schuette – 5418 West Shore Dr.

Joseph Jasmer – 5565 Clark Lake Dr.

Tom and Kathleen Brigham – 5470 West Shore Dr.

Reuben and Jeri Plantico – 5470 West Shore Dr.

Herb and Barbera Heili – 5360 West Shore Dr.

Michael and Paula Jo Morris – 5568 Clark Lake Dr.

Miller Family Trust – 5363 S. Lake Rd.

Christina Studebaker – 5395 Erdmann Dr.

Amy Levenson – 5458 West Shore Dr.

Dave and Lynn Swanson – 3566 Clark Lake Ct.

Jerry and Kris Miesbauer – 3827 Sylvan View Ct.

New Members – Let's reach out to our new members and welcome them to CLAA

Cathy Burbank and David Kollath – 5418 West Shore Dr.

Steve and Kerry Draxler – 5395 Erdmann Dr.

Kevin and Denise Hearden – 5470 West Shore Dr.

Jill Carstens and Schatze LLC – 5569 Clark Lake Dr.

Thomas Sr. and Catherine Dilworth – 5363 South Lake Rd.

Leonard Levenson – 5458 West Shore Dr.

Jean McHenry – 3566 Clark Lake Ct.

Joel and Jan Hadfield – 3827 Sylvan View Ct.

Eric Rapp – 5445 Cave Point Dr.

Rishi Subbarayan – 5568 Clark Lake Dr.

Jeremy and Caitlan Jeffery – 5565 Clark Lake Dr.