

# CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Annual Letter & Membership/Dues Notice (2022)

### 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 2021. I look forward to working with all of you in 2022.

This letter is earlier than you have received in the past. Because CLAA dues are for the calendar year, the annual letter is being distributed to coincide with the with the dues notice.

2021 was a similar to 2020 due to COVID-19 and Health Department restrictions. In 2021 we were able to have some of our meetings and social events in person with masking, social distancing and 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 2021 volunteers on the website on member recognition and Volunteer Opportunities 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.

CLAA continues 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. CLAA has the option for paying dues electronically with credit cards. CLAA hopes 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 2022, CLAA has a number of board member terms expiring – three will complete the maximum of 3 three-year terms. CLAA is welcoming newer and next generation families to be Board members and get involved with our committees. Two of the officers' terms expire, VP and Treasurer. 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 2022 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/>

With the recent storms and power outages, CLAA suggests members make contact with members living year-round at Clark Lake to do a walk around to check for property damage and downed powerlines.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 2022. I am looking forward to being able to meet in person (probably with masks).

Mike Brunet (President CLAA)

## **Committee and Work Group Reports**

### **Social Committee (Richard Martin)**

We had another great July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade with Jerry Voelker's band and great Fall Dinner at the Log Den.

There are only three events currently scheduled in 2022: Annual meeting with refreshments (7/9/22), Boat Parade with Jerry Voelker's band (7/3/22) – No rain date, Youth Event with a parent (TBA), and the Fall Dinner (TBD). If anyone has comments/concerns please contact one of the board members.

### **Water Quality/Vegetation Control Committee (Mark Weisse)**

Native plants along your shore are essential to maintaining water quality and habitat. Visit the west side ramp to see some examples of native plants and soft bioengineering. Taking that first step can be hard so we formed a group, Buffer Buddies, to support and encourage each other to begin limited native plant projects. Contact us to join and share resources, supplies and encouragement.

Aquatic invasive species control efforts for phragmites, purple loosestrife and thistles was coordinated in 2021 with the Door County Invasive Species Team (DCIST). Watch for volunteer opportunities later in the summer. Educational material will be e-mailed on a periodic basis using the new WQVC group mailing app.

Boating traffic continued at high levels in 2021. Avoid towing and high-speed boating in water less than four feet deep as indicated on maps at each ramp. As always, stay out of any bulrush bed and remind visitors of the no motor and no wake zones. We did not have any Ramp Volunteers last summer but please consider assisting this year. This is an opportunity for all ages (and families) to contribute to protecting Clark Lake.

This spring UW-Oshkosh is doing another all county well water sampling. WQVC is tracking the results for the Clark Lake watershed and maps will be available at our website. We are looking for volunteers to facilitate more sampling throughout the watershed.

The Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring program numbers continue to look good. This year, because of the thickness of growth at the mouth of Logan Creek, we also did nutrient and plant sampling along Logan Creek. There were no new findings we must all do our part and follow the guidelines for responsible stewardship set forth on the website.

In addition to the WQVC committee page on the CLAA website follow the link to the WQVC website for more detailed information.

### **Fish/Wildlife Committee (Bob Fox)**

The fisheries committee completed repair of the largest fish sticks on Clark Lake near the duck blind point (South end of Clark Lake Drive) in August 2021. Volunteers were Dick Martin, Bob Fox, Mark Weisse, and Pat Canney (more?). We have nothing planned for this year. 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 may be heavy due to the ice quality on the Bay and the short season this winter.

### **Safety & Lake Maintenance Committee (Bob Defaut & Chuck Birringer)**

This year we are again looking for volunteers in the Spring and/or fall to assist with the lake buoys and the Ridges Dock. 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.

Thank you to Kathy Steinmetz for her quick thinking that enabled CLAA to obtain several new buoys at no charge that had been marked as scrap. This saved CLAA over \$1,000.

The Board has approved adding yellow striping on the northern portion of the West Shore Boat Launch In an attempt to deter people from parking on that side of the Boat Launch. In addition to the yellow striping, 100-foot white lines will be painted on either side of the Launching Approach as a guide to assist boaters when launching their boats.

### **Communications Committee (Chuck Birringer)**

In a response to several emails from the membership, two new sections were added to the Home Page: 1) “Health and Safety Alerts” and 2) “What is Happening on Clark Lake”.

The first section will provide updates for questions on Health/Safety Concerns such as swimmers itch, lake e-coli levels, dangerous situations on the lake, etc. The second section will provide upcoming events or Activities on the Home Page which should make that information easier to access that having to dig deeper into the website to find them.

Another area of concern for members is that they are not receiving emails from the Association Website News/Notices. The Communications Committee will work with the CLAA Webmaster to resolve this problem.

We are looking for someone that would coordinate the Planning and Production of an Association Newsletter(s). Please contact Chuck Birringer if you are interested.

The Annual Letter and Membership and Dues Form is being mailed out to the membership in early February coincide with the calendar 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 is only published every other year, so there will not be one published this year. The online directory, which is updated periodically is available on the website under the Member Menu – Member Directory Tab.

All Meeting, Event Flyers and Association Memos will only be sent out via e-mail 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.

We have submitted letters of support addressing Short Term Rentals (STR), while focusing on following Good Neighbor Best Practices. We have also responded to a health concern concerning people taking their horses swimming in Clark Lake and not picking up after their horses and several families whose members have contracted “Swimmers Itch”.

### **Website Work Group (Chuck Birringer)**

If you have not been receiving periodically the News/Notices via email from our website, please send your email address to us using the “Contact Us” button on the Home Page of the Website.

We will continue to expand on the use of credit cards for payments to CLAA.

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### **Cooperative Purchasing Work Group (Chuck Birringer)**

We will continue with the Propane and Garbage/Recycling/Asphalt Sealcoating Purchasing Agreements in 2022. **Don’t forget April 1, 2022 is the deadline for dues if you want to participate in this year’s propane contract.**

### **Internet**

We will be represented on a newly formed group from Baileys Harbor that is working to provide all of Northern Door County with Internet through the installation of Fiber Optic Cable. See January 6<sup>th</sup> article in the Pulse about this group.

### **Membership Work Group (Chuck Birringer – Acting Coordinator)**

Our membership base which has remained constant over the past few years, has increased in 2021 in part due to the addition of the Associate Membership, additional members from the Southwest corner of the lake and New Construction around the lake. Paid memberships were up about 9% over 2020. However, there is still a lot of work to do since over 20% of our base ~~that~~ had not paid their dues in 2021. We are currently looking for someone to maintain the membership database for the Association. Visit our website under About Us/Committees to find out what is involved.

### **Treasurer's Report (Chuck Birringer)**

In 2021 our total income of \$13,367.65 exceeded our total expenses of \$9,094.29 generating a net income of \$4,273.36. The 2021 actual income exceeded what we had budgeted by over \$4800 and the 2021 actual expenses came in below what was budgeted by over \$3200 leading to a net gain in income. For more information on the financial status of the Association view the financial statements that can be found on the website. The Association will need of a treasurer beginning in 2023. If interested the treasurer duties can be found on the website under About Us/Board of Directors.

### **Membership Updates (Hail and Farewell) based on changes to Membership Form**

#### **Passed Away**

Kathleen Brigham 5470 W Shore Dr  
Randy Cherney 5582 Clark Lake Dr  
Bob Connolly 5522 Clark Lake Dr  
John Haunfelder 5589 Clark Lake Dr  
James Kerscher 5434 W Shore Dr  
Jane Reis 5558 Butts Rd  
Kris Urban 5663 Trails End Ct

#### **Moved Away**

Tom & Kathleen Brigham 5470 W Shore Dr  
Jim & Maureen Buergermeister 5241 S Lake Rd  
Kevin & Denise Hearden 5470 W Shore Dr  
Mike & Barb Lepac 5643 N Cave Point Dr  
James & Julia Marando 5359 E Sylvan View Cir  
Mike & Paula (Jo) Morris 5584 Clark Lake Dr  
Michael Jr & Laura Morris 5584 Clark Lake Dr  
Reuben & Jeri Plantico 5470 W Shore Dr  
Blake & Barbara Willems 5313 Dunes Ct

#### **New Members**

Chris & Judi Collins 5643 N Cave Pt Dr  
Frank & Cristy Christensen 5235 Whitefish Ct  
Gustavo Gallardo 5232 Whitefish Ct  
Joanne Jensen 5313 Dunes Ct  
Dan & Ellen Laubusch 5241 S Lake Rd  
Mike & Barb Lepac 7337 Cty Hwy T  
Andrew Lutsey 5470 W Shore Dr  
John & Robin Moon 5359 E Sylvan View Cir  
Dick & Gretchen Regnery 3831 Clark Lake Rd  
Art Sabend 5590 Clark Lake Dr  
Rishi & Emily Sandfort Subbarayan 5568 Clark Lake Dr  
Eugene & Joanne Tarczewski 5234 Whitefish Ct