

# CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Annual Letter & Membership/Dues Notice (1/28/2023)

### 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 2022. I look forward to working with all of you in 2023.

Because CLAA dues are for the calendar year, the annual letter is being distributed to coincide with the dues notice.

2022 had less Health Department restrictions due to COVID-19, but masking continued to be recommended in indoor settings. In 2022 we were able to have 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 2022 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. CLAA added the option for paying dues electronically with credit cards. It appears this is working successfully. CLAA hopes use of the website and the bulletin board at the boat ramp 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-mail requests from Board members that want immediate responses (like buying gift cards) and personal information. CLAA does not request or collect gift cards for other groups. It is possible to check email address of "sender" to see if it is legitimate. Do not click on links in these emails.

In 2022, CLAA elected a record number of board members. CLAA is welcoming newer and next generation families to be Board members and get involved with our committees. CLAA has a new Treasurer and Vice President for 2023/2024 terms. This year, CLAA will Elect a new President and Secretary. 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 2023 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 in the area of their Clark Lake home that are 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 2023. I am looking forward to seeing you on and around Clark Lake.

Mike Brunet (President CLAA)

## Committee and Work Group Reports

### Social Committee (Richard Martin)

We are working on the following four events this year:

- Weather permitting, Fire and Ice February 11, 1 – 5 PM, parking by the beach, location between beach and Martins, sleigh rides, games, fire and refreshments.
- Annual meeting – refreshments after the meeting.
- July Boat Parade – DJ playing from a pontoon boat, meet at beach, first 30 minutes, call or text song requests, parade around the lake, 30 minutes of music at the beach.
- Fall Dinner (TBD). Looking at a different location and a guest speaker. If anyone has comments/concerns please contact one of the board members.

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

**19 volunteers** provided over 175 hours of their time during 2022 to support WQVC projects. *We thank them all.* Any of you who can add to those numbers **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** when we send out requests.

We challenge each of you to **commit to conscientious stewardship** of your property. Start with a self-assessment at the [Wisconsin Shoreline Evaluation Tool](#). Expect more education and discussion this year as we rebrand the Natural Shore project to **SOS: Save Our Shoreland**.

Native plants along your shore are essential to maintaining water quality and habitat. Join **Buffer Buddies** to support and encourage each other to begin limited native plant projects. This program includes an expert assessment of current native and non-native plants on your property along with advice about your project.

Thanks to a grant, the **county is treating phragmites through 2027**. Since the county assumed the responsibility for phragmites treatment WQVC added **non-chemical treatment of Buckthorn** as a new project. *Please report any buckthorn on your property so we can work out a treatment plan.*

**Boating traffic** (over 1800) and big motors continue on the lake. 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. **Ramp volunteers** returned this year. We reached new highs for trailer/boat inspections and hours worked but to be effective need a lot more help. *Please volunteer! This is an opportunity for all ages (and families) to contribute to protecting Clark Lake.*

We joined with two other Jacksonport organizations to staff a **drop off station** during both the spring and fall **UW-Oshkosh well water testing program**. Clark Lake **watershed specific maps** are available and the results are generally good. The state also did a **survey for pesticides** on 4 wells around the lake and the results were good. *Be sure to test your well at least once a year.*

The **Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring program** numbers continue to look good. *Thanks to Paul Schumacher* for many years collecting all these samples.

See the [WQVC committee page](#) on the CLAA website and follow the link on that page to the [WQVC website](#) for more detailed information. Educational material is also shared on Facebook, CLAA e-mail notices and the [Google WQVC group mailing app](#). We need your e-mail address so be sure to include it with your annual update.

### Fish/Wildlife Committee (Bob Fox)

We have nothing planned for this year. Our fish sticks permit expired 2022. With the addition of extra sites we will return to the ice next winter to continue the work. If any members are interested in Fish Stick participation, please contact one of the directors with interest and location. The permit process is pretty detailed and will take time to process.

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.

The donation box was vandalized last Fall. A new box will be installed in the near future.

This Spring CLAA will install an updated sign at the kayak launch at the end of Clark Lake.

For those with Short Term Rentals (STR), please display/provide boating, invasive species, and lake use regulations to your guests. No wake zones and distance from shore appear to be the ones that are ignored.

Residents near the west side ramp are happy with No parking area near the Native Species plant demo area.

Ice fishing traffic may be heavy due to the ice quality on the Bay and the short season this winter. As of 12/20/2022, the ice conditions vary day to day. Be careful out there.

### **Safety & Lake Maintenance Committee (Gwenn Graboyes & Steve Vieau)**

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.

Gwenn Graboyes has been working closely with the Volunteer Dam operator (Ryan Brungraber) on monitoring lake levels and fish screen maintenance. The cooperation between CLAA and operator of the dam has been very successful thanks to the efforts of Gwenn.

The dock at the west side boat ramp was lowered to accommodate smaller watercraft last summer.

### **Communications Committee (Chuck Birringer/Terry Schneider/Carly Schneider Vondrak)**

Terry Schneider and Carly Schneider Vondrak have joined the Communications Committee. They have already been busy creating the first ever CLAA Newsletter in November 2022. Thank you, Terry and Carly, for all your hard work. Please join us in welcoming Terry and Carly to the Communications Committee.

As we have done in the past, we will mail out the CLAA Annual Letter/Dues Notice. This will be mailed out mid-February.

This year we will again be printing the CLAA Directory. The new directory should be available for distribution in the July/August timeframe Remember only CLAA dues paid members will receive the directory.

All Meeting, Event Flyers and Association Newsletters 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/dues notice with your annual dues or using the "CONTACT US" button on the CLAA Website.

### **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.

The Company that hosts our website, Town Web Design went through a major redesign of their hosting platform and in the process created many issues which prevented us from maintaining the website in a timely manner. We apologize to the membership for any problems this may have been caused.

We are still looking for someone who is willing to take over the Webmaster position.

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

We will continue to collaborate with other Door County Associations to negotiate competitive pricing with the propane vendors. The target date to send out Propane Contracts is June 1, 2023. **IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPANE CONTRACT PRICING, YOUR 2023 DUES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2023.** Also, I noticed that Lakes Gas has placed transmitters on tanks to monitor fill levels.

The Garbage/Recycling and the Asphalt Sealcoating will be handled differently this year. Vendors (for Garbage/Recycling and Asphalt Sealcoating) that provide the Association with Annual Pricing for 2023 will have their pricing posted on the website. Members will be able to review all pricing and pick and choose who they wish to use.

There are only two Residential Asphalt Paving Vendors in Door County. Their information is listed on the website. The best way to save money for Asphalt Paving is to have a number of neighbors do a group request paving, possibly saving on paving equipment transportation costs.

### **Internet**

There was a summary of Internet Broadband progress in the January 20 - 27, 2023 version of the Pulse. The Town of Jacksonport Electors have passed a resolution to contract with Frontier Communications to provide Fiber Optic Internet for the entire Town of Jacksonport. Many thanks go out to the team that spend many hours this past year to provide a workable solution for the Town of Jacksonport's Residents.

The Town of Sevastopol is still working on an internet solution for their town residents.

Status of each of the Town Internet Project can be found in the minutes of their Ad Hoc Technology Committee Meetings.

### **Membership Work Group (Chuck Birringer/Jill Carstens)**

Paid Memberships were about the same between 2021 and 2022. Total Memberships have also remained about the same between 2021 and 2022. The Memberships list on the website will be updated twice a year, in January and in July. Membership also updates the Subscribers list with any member email changes.

Jill Carstens has joined the Membership Work Group. She will be taking over maintenance of the Membership Data Base and the duties associated with it. Please join us in welcoming her to the Membership Work Group.

### **Treasurer's Report (Chuck Birringer/Tim Temby)**

In 2022 our total income of \$12,799.51 exceeded our total expenses of \$8706.77 generating a net income of \$4092.74. The 2022 actual income exceeded what we had budgeted by over \$2799.00, and the 2022 actual expenses came in below what was budgeted by over \$5900.00, leading to the 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 has a new Treasurer Tim Temby, beginning in 2023. Please join us in welcoming Tim into the Treasurer Position.

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

#### **Passed Away**

- Barbara Bechtel 5544 Quiet Cove Ln
- Doreen Carmody 3460 Clark Lake Ct
- BJ Cassidy 5522 Clark Lake Dr
- Tom Donovan 5650 Clark Lake Dr
- Annalise Hinnenthal 5655 Loritz Rd
- Jane Splingaire 5356 W Shore Dr
- Nancy Wylie 5677 Clark Lake Dr

#### **New Members**

- Therese Bechtel-Storti 5544 Quiet Cove Ln
- Steve & Lisa Behrendt 5304 W Shore Dr
- Cassidy Family 5522 Clark Lake Dr
- Jim & Debbie Okell 5677 Clark Lake Dr
- Tony & Kim Pine 5720 Clark Lake Dr
- Andrew Verboncouer 5526 N Cave Pt Dr

#### **Moved Away**

- Todd & Stephanie Burke 5526 N Cave Pt Dr
- CDC JBB LLC 5304 W Shore Dr
- Jaina & Priti Malde 3564 Weitermann Ln