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LAKE CORNELIA • FIRST SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

The LCIA Lake Board wants to thank you for renewing your 2023 Lake Cornelia Improvement Association membership. This is a special year, as it is our 65th anniversary! Your renewal is important because it makes things happen. Besides our events we have planned during the year, there are many other reasons your renewal is important to us. Here is a partial list of the things that have happened at Lake Cornelia throughout our 65 years thanks to you:

EVENTS

- ☉ Garage Sales Around the Lake
- ☉ Annual Meeting
- ☉ Back to the Lake Bash with Music
- ☉ Boat Parade & Lighted Boat Parade
- ☉ Lake Merchandise Sales
- ☉ Pancake Breakfast
- ☉ Kids Games
- ☉ Fireworks
- ☉ Progressive Meal & Lake Crawl
- ☉ Lake Cornelia Golf Day at Clarmond
- ☉ Iowa/Iowa State BBQ Tailgate

MEMBER BENEFITS

- ☉ Newsletters
- ☉ Lake Membership Plaque
- ☉ Pancake Breakfast (5 free)
- ☉ Lake Maps
- ☉ Website & E-Blitzes
- ☉ Mosquito Control
- ☉ Lake Level Well Maintenance & Expense
- ☉ ShoreStation Lift & Dock Dealer
- ☉ Fireworks – 3 Barges/Trailers
- ☉ “Welcome Packets” for New Residents
- ☉ Ice-Out Contest & Appreciation Dinners

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ☉ Well Installation
- ☉ Sewer System
- ☉ Tornado/Storm Warning Siren
- ☉ 3-LCIA Stone Signs
- ☉ Lake Clean-Up Day
- ☉ LCIA 50th Anniversary History Book
- ☉ Dragon Boat Races
- ☉ Blackhawk Ski Show
- ☉ Fundraising at Red Shed/Fuel/Clarmond Country Club
- ☉ Helped Wright County Conservation with Enclosed Shelter House & Playground Equipment
- ☉ Lake Cornelia Branding and Logo Development
- ☉ Continued Activities with the Walking/Bike Trail
- ☉ Established “Lake Cornelia Endowment Fund” with Wright County Charitable Foundation
- ☉ Established our 501C – Non-Profit Status

These Events, Benefits and Accomplishments would not be possible without the many hours and dollars donated from those that truly appreciate all that Lake Cornelia has to offer. Please let us know what we can do to make your membership more productive and tailored to suit your needs. Once again, many thanks for being a part of our Lake Cornelia Improvement Association in 2023!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

After much discussion, we decided to increase our dues this year to \$150. With this newsletter you will find a 2023 membership card. We do appreciate any extra contributions you wish to make to help with our continued expenses. Please return this card to us with your dues and any changes you would like on the map. Please put the name or names you wish listed on the map. Also, if your email or phone numbers have changed, please include those on the card. We like to have your email addresses, since we send out emails to our members regarding the events we are having throughout the year. Also, if you would like to include any family members on our email blitzes, please list their email address on the back of the card. Also, for those who do not reside at the lake, but wish to be a contributing member with their name listed on our map, please fill out the membership card with the information stated above. The membership card and payment must be returned by April 10, 2023 to update the map. If we receive your payment after this date, we cannot guarantee the changes will be made on the 2023 map.

Our second newsletter will have our merchandise flyer included, along with more information on our events. This newsletter will be sent only to the members who have paid their membership dues. It will be sent with your new 2023 map, 2023 membership plaque and breakfast ticket. It is the intent of the Board of Directors to make sure each member receives their map, membership plaque and breakfast ticket after the payment of their 2023 dues. These will be mailed to you. If you do not receive these items, please contact a board member or Lavon Marshall at 515-851-0790.

ICE-OUT CONTEST

The Ice-Out Contest winner will be announced in our Second Newsletter. But we will let that person/persons know if they have guessed the right date when the ice goes out.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in helping to sponsor any of our events this year, for example the entertainment at the annual meeting, please let a board member know. We are trying to plan more fun events for our members while at the lake.

LAKE CORNELIA GARAGE SALE

On June 3rd we will have our garage sales around the lake. If you want to post a notice on our website, contact admin@lakecornelia.com.

LCIA ANNUAL MEETING & BACK TO THE LAKE BASH

This year we will have our Annual Meeting and “Back to the Lake Bash” on June 3rd at Clarmond Country Club beginning at 5:00 p.m. After our meeting, Johnnie Walker will be performing. Please come and enjoy an evening of great music and visiting with friends and neighbors around the lake! It's a good way to start off our summer at Lake Cornelia! We will have more information on this event in our next newsletter.

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

We plan to have a lighted boat parade on Friday night June 30th from 9:00-11:00 p.m. If you wish to go around the lake as a group, please meet near the bridge on the north side of the lake at 9:00 p.m.

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Our Independence Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 1st. In the morning, we plan to have our breakfast in the park beginning at 8:00 a.m. Chris Cakes will

again be cooking our pancakes. If you would like to help volunteer at the breakfast, please let Lavon Marshall know. The kids' games will be held after the breakfast. The boat parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our fireworks will begin at dusk.

BOAT PARADE

We plan to have our boat parade at 7:00 p.m. beginning at the North end of the lake. Again, there will be no competition for 1st or 2nd place, so no money will be given as prizes for 1st or 2nd in either division. In honor of our 65th anniversary, our theme this year is "Notable Decades," suggested by Mike Koenigs from the east side of the lake. Pick a time you came to the lake, or just a favorite decade that you enjoy like the Roaring 20's, the Greasers of the 50's, Hippies of the 60's or the 70's Disco era. Please decorate your boat or pontoon with a favorite theme. Remember, there is nothing too small or simple to participate!!

On July 1st, the north end of the lake from the bridge to the east end of the road along the lake will be closed to everyone for our fireworks. The area around the barges will also be marked with buoys to keep everyone a safe distance away.

THE EXPRESSIONS

Several people around the lake are sponsoring a rock and roll concert on July 29th. It will be held at Clarmond Country Club and the band is The Expressions. This event will be open to the public. There will be a food truck available for the evening, along with a cash bar. At this time, it will be held outside, so bring your lawn chairs & plan for a fun evening! There will be more information out closer to the date!

LAKE CRAWL

At this time our Lake Crawl is scheduled for June 17th beginning at 4:00 p.m. We will have more information on this in our next newsletter.

BOATING SAFETY

We want everyone to be safe and remind everyone to please review the boating laws. If you do not have a "DNR Handbook of Iowa Boating Laws & Regulations," please check the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov. Please remind your family members, and also your guests if you rent your home out, to review all the boating laws. We want Lake Cornelia to be a safe place for all to enjoy.

DOCK PERMITS

Dock permit numbers need to be on your docks. You can obtain the form from the Wright County Conservation Office. Please include your 911 address facing the lake. These need to be sent to: North Central Regional Office, 1203 N. Shore Drive, Clear

Lake, IA 50548. Questions: Call 641357-3517. You can also find the form on the DNR website. Check either Class 1 or Class 3.

RESERVATIONS

Please contact the Wright County Conservation Office at 515-532-3185 to make reservations for the enclosed shelter.

AED - AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

We want to remind everyone that the Wright County Conservation Office has two AEDs available at their office. They will keep one in the vehicle used for park patrol and the other in the office. If you have an emergency, please contact the 911 emergency number to get EMS rolling. When on the phone with 911, you can ask them to contact the person working at the park to assist if it is a heart emergency.

LAKE CORNELIA WEBSITE

Don't forget about our Lake Cornelia Website! See all the latest notices and events! If you have information or photos you would like to share, email them to admin@lakecornelia.com. We are also on Facebook! Like us to find out what's going on around the lake.

LAKE CORNELIA ANIMAL ORDINANCE

A reminder that we have an animal ordinance at Lake Cornelia! Remember to pick up after your pets and keep them on leashes! If you see anyone violating this ordinance, please either give them a friendly reminder or contact the Sheriff's Office.

LAKE CORNELIA IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Lake Cornelia Improvement Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of Lake Cornelia. With your continued support, we will be able to maintain the lake for future years. Also, the Lake Cornelia Board of Directors works locally with the Wright County Charitable Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines (CFGDM). CFGDM is a qualified community foundation that provides access to Endow Iowa Tax Credits. Endow Iowa allows taxpayers to receive a 25% Iowa tax credit in addition to normal federal charitable income tax deductions for certain charitable gifts. For more information regarding this fund, contact Bob Powers or Steve Been.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 3 Garage Sales Around the Lake

June 3 Annual Meeting at Clarmond Country Club - starting at 5:00 p.m.
- music by Johnnie Walker

June 17 Lake Crawl beginning at 4:00 p.m.

June 30 Lighted Boat Parade 9:00-11:00 p.m.

July 1 Independence Celebration
- Pancake breakfast, kids' games, boat parade, fireworks at dusk

July 29 Music at Clarmond by The Expressions
- sponsored by Lake Cornelia residents

If you would like to help with any of these events, please contact a board member.

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