



# CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION

## *Fall Newsletter*

### October 2023



### **Clear Lake Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Kresha's Barn**

*(Located just east of the lake on Road 43)*

There are three board members who will be ending their term in October (Al Foltz, Lori Przymus, Jackie Herink), so we need three individuals to fill these positions. Board members serve a 3-year term. Every lake resident is encouraged to take their turn serving on the board in order to gain a better understanding of our rules and regulations, as well as understanding all that goes into maintaining our lake community. If you are interested in serving on our board of directors, you must attend the annual meeting so that you are present when we vote.

***Are you interested in having high speed fiber internet service at our lake?*** Vyve Broadband has received a grant to provide fiber internet service to Bellwood and several areas in Butler and Polk counties. This can potentially include Clear Lake. Before Vyve can proceed they need permission from each homeowner to bury a fiber optic cable on individual properties, including a fiber drop to each home. This will be done at no cost to homeowners. Residents will not be required to buy Internet services from Vyve. It will simply make it easy for Vyve to connect each home with high speed Internet in the future. We will be discussing and voting on this proposal at the annual meeting. Please attend the annual meeting to be a part of this discussion.

### **Waste Treatment System Update**

In May Iowa Pump Works replaced the aspirator pumps and the control panel at the main system. The initial quote for this work was approximately \$56,000.00; however, the actual cost came in around \$32,000.00. The lower cost was due to the fact the IPW initially quoted a price for the wrong size of pumps. We were also able to reuse some of our existing parts. One remaining task still needs to be completed at the main system. Rust is advancing with our plant due to the age of the system and needs to be repaired. We need to cut out the rust and holes and replace these areas with new steel. John Czukker has been trying diligently to find a pipefitter/welder to weld and replace the 4-inch steel pipe, elbow and flange for the aspirator A pump, as well as replace the grating and some of the grating's rusted supports. John has contacted four different welders but only one person has replied, and this person is not able to come out until after harvest. John estimates that the cost for the welding will be approximately \$20,000.00. We have money from our First National Bank loan to cover this expense. In an effort to be fiscally responsible with our association finances, the board has held off from initiating any additional projects until all of the work on our treatment system is completed and paid for. John Czukker will be attending our annual meeting in October to share additional information and answer questions.

**Mueller Sprinklers will be out on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to winterize and drain the sprinklers on the common areas. Please do not run the common area sprinklers after October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!**

### **Final Work Day ~ Saturday, October 14th**

#### ***Tasks to be completed:***

- Cut down the volunteer trees/bushes behind the wooden fence at the playground (we will need chain saws to do this)
- Haul away the blue plastic picnic table at the shelter (the top and benches are cracked in several places)
- Paint the white wooden picnic table
- Rake up leaves and clean up the landscaping at the entrance, around the flag pole, at the northeast cove and around the shelter
- Rake up leaves in the street and on common properties
- Pick up trash/litter in the ditches

Please remember to contact a board member if you complete any work outside of the October 14<sup>th</sup> work day so that we have a record of your time and the task you completed. This will also ensure that you are not charged with a \$30 work day fee.

***The board would like to thank the many residents who volunteer their time to maintain our lake community outside of our three scheduled workdays. There are many individuals who routinely spray and pull weeds around the lake and the treatment system, maintain the entrance and cove areas, repair the street, repair sprinklers on the common properties, maintain the playground, shelter and beach, and mow the shelter grass when someone forgets it is their turn. This is not a complete list of the many jobs that are done by individuals who don't want the credit, they are simply willing to volunteer their time to help maintain our community. To all of you who repeatedly donate your time . . . . we offer you our sincere thanks and appreciation!***

#### **ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

- Vyve Broadband internet services (We will discuss and vote on this item.)
- Update on our waste treatment system
- Review the information in the Clear Lake packet that has been given to each home owner
- Review of future lake projects
- Discussion of water quality in the lake and lake fishing
- Pay October bills
- Review of the 2024 association budget
- Vote on the 2024 annual association dues
- Nominations for the three Board of Directors vacancies
- Election of new Board of Directors members

***Please attend the annual meeting so that you can be a part of these discussions.  
We want to hear your input.***



