

2007 State of the Lake Address

Welcome to the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Lake Columbia Property Owners Association.

My name is June VanBuskirk and I am the General Manager of your Association.

On behalf of the Board, staff and guests I would like to welcome all of you.

We are very blessed to live in such a wonderful community with 17 useable parks, 8 bathhouses and 9 keyed access only boat ramps.

Each year we try to have community events such as car shows, fishing tournaments, 4th of July Picnic with a Boat Parade and a Halloween trunk n treat. All these have been made possible with the volunteer efforts of Trish O'Shea, Jan Powers, Steve Hunter, Todd Wanty and others that participate. This year we will continue with the 4th of July celebration, Memorial Weekend Fishing Tournament and the Trunk n Treat. There is a sign up sheet at the sign in desk if anyone would like to volunteer for any of the events or contact the office after today.

Over the years the Board has done favorable things such as beginning to update playground equipment, improving parks and water quality, protecting our property investments and we hope to continue with an awesome weed treatment program, fish stocking and many other things that will continue to build our beautiful lake. At any time please feel free to contact the office if you have any concerns, issues, ideas or suggestions that can be forwarded to your Board.

The lake was stocked with 2100 walleye in Jan. that was for the 2006 season. Donations along with \$1000 from the association budget makes this possible each year. Many fishermen have ideas for stocking so if you have ideas or input please attend fishing meetings when posted or submit your ideas to the office. We look forward to stocking every year.

Professional Lake Management our weed control experts have the following information regarding the weed treatment and our fishermen:

The fishermen probably noticed a large decline in the weeds in 2006 because the majority of weeds were milfoil. Sonar can stunt native weeds the year of treatment (last summer); however, they will come back. It is common to see a resurgence of native vegetation in the years following a Sonar application. The goal is to promote the re-establishment of native vegetation in areas once dominated by milfoil. If you have any other questions regarding this subject contact me at the office so that I can get an answer for you from our weed treatment experts.

The Board has hired a water management company to provide us with a report regarding issues of water quality, silt build up around the entire lake including drain systems. This report will take several months to accomplish but will tell us many things regarding our lake with current or potential areas of concern.

Currently we are in hopes that the DNR will approve our goose round up permit so that sometime in June we will be able to round up the geese. This however also needs the effort of approximately 35 volunteers with boats. More details with a date, time and place will be available once our permit is approved. The round up is limited to an approximate 3 week window in June. A sign up sheet is available at the sign in desk or contact the office after today to sign up. Even if you are unsure if you can volunteer due to the fact that we have no date or time set please still sign up because you can cancel later. A notice of this has been mailed and you should be receiving this in a few days if you have not already.

We continue to become a desirable lake to live and own at and are in hopes that we all become even more involved in our wonderful community.

Thank you for attending today. I now turn the meeting over to Dave Dahl who will open the meeting up to open discussion. Have a safe and wonderful summer.