

Crystal Lake Association

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CLA Mission

To protect the interest of the members of this Association in the real property owned by them; to endeavor to maintain the natural level in said lake; to protect against water pollution and unhealthy conditions; to secure adequate protection against fire, theft and pilfering, to secure improved roads leading to and around the lake; to protect and promote good fishing condition in said lake; and for such other purposes as shall be beneficial to the interests of said members and the community.

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Why CLA Membership?

- **Fireworks**
- **Water Quality Action**
- **Sheriff's Patrol**
- **Goose Roundup**
- **Community Support**
- **Winterfest**
- **Township Meeting Attendance**
- **Lake Association Directory**

Lake Street Station New Owners, New Items

In January 2018, Terry LaClear and Ashley Powell became the new owners of the LaClear Lake Street Station, a gas station and convenience store located at 214 E Lake St, Crystal, MI. The couple operates the business 7 days a

week with seven additional employees. Their daughter, Mykallah, has been working with them since they took over the store, but will be leaving to attend CMU this fall. Currently residing in Vestaburg, the couple plans to move to Crystal.



Ashley, Terry and Mykallah proudly stand before their new, Crystal business. July 2018

week with seven additional employees. Their daughter, Mykallah, has been working with them since they took over the store, but will be leaving to attend CMU this fall. Currently residing in Vestaburg, the couple plans to move to Crystal.

A major focus of the business is the Deli which offers a variety of made-from-scratch food items in both the hot and

salads. Those looking for breakfast have several choices including breakfast burritos and biscuits and gravy. And let's not forget desserts which include no bakes, homemade cinnamon rolls, triple chocolate chunk brownies, and more. Terry and Ashley credit Deli Manager, Joy Kimball with bringing several new items to the deli's menu, many of which are Joy's own creations.

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Township Discussions

A few themes have been circling around Crystal Township supervision lately, and they were underscored at the last Board meeting.

First, was the recycling area condition and failure of its users to follow the rules. Holiday periods were said to be the worst. Consideration was given to larger, more bold signage regarding what's acceptable and what's not. Also considered were the installation of cameras, with notice, to identify chronic offenders. No resolution or course of action has been made thus far.

Another hot button issue was boater safety, primarily watercraft which do not follow the law regarding travel in a counterclockwise direction. The Montcalm County Sheriff Marine Patrol recently indicated, in another venue, that they are mindful of this issue and will continue to take enforcement action whenever this and other safe boating violations are witnessed.

A July 18 Town Hall meeting provided citizen insight on how to deal

with the Crystal Community Center. The condition of the structure is at a point requiring major repair, or alternatively, tear down and rebuild of a more appropriate structure. In the end, a millage will be required for either.

Crystal Township Park has a new children's playground and new tables. Bid requests will soon be issued for other park repair, including a new roof for the shelter. A substantial donation was made by a private party to help meet this objective.

The Crystal Library received a generous \$50,000 grant from a non-resident donor, thanks to Downtown Development Authority member, Tim Bohlen.

No dates have yet been set for the successful Township-wide, bulky waste program. The Township Board has not further considered the potential for a Township wide trash collection program, but may resurrect the issue.

Here We Grow Again!

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2018 CLA
Membership Goal -
300+

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for pick-up!

Dues = \$45/year

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CLA Membership - Closing in on the Goals!

(You are receiving this newsletter because you either are a current CLA member or were a member last year.)

Members understand the importance financial support makes to the lake. More than half of this year is behind us, and with 280+ current members, your assistance to reach the 300+ member goal is needed!

The CLA Membership Team reached out specifically to **South Shore Campground** this year with some success (thank you!) but more is needed to meet the 16 Campground-member goal. If you are a member at South Shore, please spread the word about what the CLA does and how membership fees benefit the lake.

Also, if you have a **neighbor** who either has no 2018 membership placard

in their window, or an outdated 2017 placard, mention to them how important their support is to the lake.

Remember that one does not have to be a property owner to join the CLA. Anyone who loves the lake and enjoys fishing, swimming or boating on it is encouraged to join. Joining each year brings no additional obligation beyond the \$45 dues.

As this is only my second year involved with Membership, I thought it would be interesting to find the person/family who has the current, longest, consecutive years of membership in the CLA. If you think it might be your family, please send me an email and I'll post the results in the next newsletter!

Questions? nayres3801@gmail.com

Water Quality News

Crystal Lake was surveyed on May 26 and June 5th for invasive species; specifically, Eurasian water milfoil and starry stonewort. Due to the cool spring, plant growth was not fully developed and it was surveyed again on July 2nd. The good news is that the amount of milfoil had shrunk by 10 acres to just 6.4 and there was no starry stonewort detected. Our invasive species management program is working!

On July 10th the lake was treated, but just the specific places where the milfoil was found. Only the most stringently tested aquatic herbicide chemicals, approved by the Federal EPA and Michigan DEQ, are used. Notices were post-

ed near the treatment areas to let people know they should avoid swimming that day.

Eurasian milfoil was probably introduced to Crystal Lake by boats and trailers carrying bits of plant material from earlier trips in fresh water lakes. ***It is important that anyone bringing a boat to our lake be sure that it is clean and neither the boat nor trailer carry ANY plant material.*** There are horror stories about unmanaged lakes which have resulted in invasive weeds clogging the lake, limiting boating, and causing property values to decline.

In addition to managing invasive species, we monitor water clarity on a weekly basis. A black and

white disc is lowered into the deepest point on the lake and we record how many feet down it remains visible. Early in the year, before there is much plankton growth, we recorded visibility to 23 feet. As the lake has warmed and there has been natural plankton growth, readings have reduced to 9 feet.

Water samples are collected each month and sent to a lab for analysis to determine how much chlorophyll we're getting from aquatic organisms and whether abnormalities exist. We can then compare our results to other lakes. So far, we're in good shape.

Questions? joek3203@live.com

Fireworks

The CLA board hopes that you enjoyed the fireworks on the 4th in spite of a few delays. While the firework shells themselves received high praises (more than 400 shells were used), delays were caused by a few, unrelated technical issues.

This year, the four barges were spaced a bit further apart to enhance visibility from multiple angles of the lake and to increase protective isolation between the barges.

Unfortunately, the remote control equipment encountered radio frequency interference which required the shooter to travel toward each barge to make it fire. This wouldn't have been a big problem except that the 'finale' barge beacon light went out, thus greatly increasing the time to locate and travel to it, in the dark, to fire the ordinances.

For more than six hours July

5th, your CLA President and Bill's Fireworks tested equipment and are now working with the remote detonation manufacturer to improve the equipment range issue.

We will continue to shoot the fireworks off the barges and do believe that we have the issues straightened out - it has become rare to find a shooter willing to shoot off the water - so we have been lucky to maintain that ability.

Please note that your CLA board will continue to present the best fireworks show on the 4th and we value your continued support and contributions. It couldn't happen without each of you and your donations which are greatly appreciated. It also wouldn't happen without the MANY HOURS of work put in before and on the day of the show by Mike Manning and Steve Meinhardt.

Thanks to ALL contributors!

Lake Street Station

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Beer, wine, sodas, and energy drinks are available in a wide variety of flavors and brands.

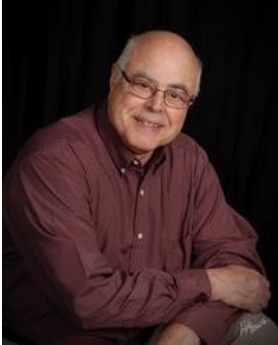
Additionally, the store has Crystal Lake souvenir items and sections devoted to automotive and boating needs such as 2 cycle oil and other supplies.

Would your business like to sponsor an upcoming issue of the CLA Newsletter?

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Good Goose Gathering

On June 22, while sitting in my condo at Branson, MO, celebrating my 50th wedding anniversary with all of my family, the first text I read was, "There are 30 geese in the lake and only one boat to round them up. Need to get more boats over there to help!" I thought we might be in trouble, but to the rescue came more boats and the roundup went smoothly.

We sent 15 adult and 27 juvenile geese to a preserve near Higgins Lake. When they got to their destination, they were met by a DNR agent who *ensured each had been treated well and were unhurt.*

With spring coming late again, there was concern about the

geese molting in time for the roundup. If you remember, last year was late and we had to postpone the roundup one week. Thankfully, flags hung on low

I want to thank the many people who volunteered on the ground and in boats. It was very successful and I have yet to hear reports of any remaining geese!



strung lines seemed to keep the geese off the shoreline until it was time for roundup.

Questions? fredengle67@gmail.com

2018-19 CLA Board Welcomes Two New Members

The General Membership Meeting on July 7, was the last for long-serving directors **Bill Hepburn** and **Bonnie Kanitz**. Two replacements were elected.

Cheryl McNeil, along with hus-

band Mike and two kids, began spending summers on Crystal Lake in 2002. Recently retired engineers from Chrysler and GM respectively, Cheryl and Mike look forward to supporting their

Crystal and north Oakland County communities through the CLA, Habitat for Humanity, and church volunteerism. Cheryl becomes the CLA Newsletter Editor.

As one of the island's inhabitants, Kent Roth has spent many summers, and a few winters, on the waters of Crystal Lake. The family purchased the Old Log home on the East side of the big island in 1973 and embarked upon a labor of love to restore it to what you see now. Kent has two children, Konnor 14 and Madilyn 11, and has owned and operated the Shepherd Bar & Restaurant for 24+ years. A Village of Shepherd Trustee for over 20 years, Kent also sits on several boards in Central Michigan and will now assist Mike Manning with CLA Fireworks. Kent and his family reside in the Village of Shepherd.



(From left: Mike Manning, Tim Dorch, Joe Kopchick, Cheryl McNeil, Nancy Ayres, Kim Morgan, Roxy Eaton, Steve Meinhardt, Fred Engle, and Kent Roth)

CLA Membership Application and Donation Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Mailing City, State & Zip _____

Crystal Address _____

Contact Phone _____ Email _____

CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE VIA EMAIL _____

WE NOW ACCEPT PAYPAL, CREDIT CARDS or ACH. Pay to: Crystal Lake Association	2018 ANNUAL DUES (\$45.00)	\$ _____
	Fireworks Donation (2018 Target \$9000)	\$ _____
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