**CLE Newsletter**

**Please welcome our new members:**

Nathan Mayfield, Karl Becker, Paul & Suzanne Elmore & Family, Thomas & Ashley Jennings & Family, John & Kiersten Edgar & Family

**Annual Meeting**

October 30, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. Boat Ramp

Good time to discuss your thoughts and concerns!

**2022 Financials:**

**Aeration Repairs $29 Ameren Total $5245.30**

**Attorney’s Fees $2,200 Small Dam Cleanup (Tree Service) $5100**

**Entrance Decorations $193.23 Fish survey $1500**

**IDR-Taxes $12.00 CLE Insurance $933**

**Mowing Services $690 Office Supplies $701.48**

**Secretary of State $10 Roofing Materials for Pavilion $2875.97**

**Tax Preparation $225 Property Taxes $78.46**

**US Postal PO Box $62 US Treasury Taxes $43.60**

**Total Expenditures from 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022 $19,937**

**Current Checking Account $18,0781.51**

**5 Current CD’s totaling $16,871.92**

**2022 HOA Board Accomplishments**, Sangamon Tree Service cleared the debris, brush, and trees at the small dam. Members can now fish from there.

Also, thank you to the Stampf’s and Mark Backs for weeding and mowing small dam.

Herman Brothers performed the fish survey for both lakes. Reports can be found on Countrylakeestates.online or Country lake Estates Residents Face book Page.

Ordered appropriate fish per lake survey and will be delivered this fall.

Scheduled for aerators to be serviced this January or February per fish survey.

HOA President, Michelle Kinney walked door to door to obtain signatures to increase the annual dues to $100.00. We needed 65% of the vote to make this happen and most homeowners were very understanding and signed the petition.

The board is currently working with the attorney to clean up the liens that are outstanding. Two members paid their liens this year, one is making payments and two have been taken to small claims court.

The entrance sign at Pioneer and Wilson is now delayed. The person that was hired is having trouble with his equipment. This is still on our radar, and we are seeking someone new for this project.

Thank you to Barbi Gimondo for stepping up to plant flowers and decorate Grist Mill and Pioneer entrances. Thank you, Ms. Hopper for taking care of the entrance on Jackson and Pioneer.

The pavilion roof was replaced at boat ramp this past summer. BIG thanks to Brandon Tedrick, owner of Tedrick Construction for organizing this project and donating his time to get this completed. Also, thanks to Billy Walters, Mick McCormick, and Steve Lott for helping!

Michelle has been unsuccessful at getting the county road commissioner to deal with drainage issues. I highly recommend contacting Bob Lott 217-971-8147and Tom Guinan 217-899-0824with your complaints and or attend a Menard County Board Meeting. The drainage issue is NOT the responsibility of the HOA board.

**Association FEEs,**

Five members, 6 lots still delinquent for past due HOA fees.

Please be prompt with your January payment of $100.00. The HOA board members volunteer their time and those who don’t pay on time create more work. Also, it would be helpful to pay for your boat sticker when paying annual dues. We know there will be new members requesting stickers but it’s less work to mail out most the stickers in the spring. Due to the increased cost of fish and lake maintenance we thought it would be fair to raise the boat stickers to $20.00 annually. **Landlords**, please make sure your renters are aware of covenants and that they need a sticker and parking permit for fishing on the lake.

**Facebook**

Please join our Facebook page @ Country Lake Estates Residents

**Web page**

Please find the online payment portal, the HOA covenants, and updates at Countrylakeestates.online

**CLE Member Complaints:**

Trash not secured in garbage cans and floating in lake and yards.

Dogs running loose and barking nonstop

Members & Visitors Driving too fast.

Septic leaking/issues.

Fishing on private property

Keeping property and shoreline mowed and weeded.

Non-Members fishing in the lake (Please remember, your friends and family may use the lake with a member present.) Use parking permit when parking at boat ramp. It helps members identify those that are trespassing.

**Please be considerate of your neighbors!**

**Current Board Members:**

Michelle Kinney President 217-341-1126

Trent Gastorf Treasurer 217-341-6362

Vacant Secretary

Thank you, Meri Lynn Tedrick for filling the Secretary position this past year.

Secretary position is available and runs for a 3-year term.

If interested in filling the secretary position, Please notify Michelle Kinney or Trent Gastorf