



Lake Association News

A newsletter for the Association for the Preservation of Clear Lake

Summer 2021

APCL Picnic Invitation

The APCL Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 15th, at 5 pm at PM Park. We invite you to join us for this informative and fun event.

Following dinner, we'll hear special remarks from APCL partners about current and future Clear Lake projects. Speakers include: Scott Grummer, Iowa DNR Fisheries Biologist; Jim Sholly, CLEAR Project Coordinator; TJ Herrick, Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist; and Kaye Englin, President and CEO, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

Please complete the enclosed Picnic and Membership Form if you haven't renewed your annual membership in 2021 and mail to APCL. Picnic tickets paid for in advance may be picked up at the picnic.

We look forward to seeing you on August 15!

Margo Underwood
APCL President



APCL Float from July 4th Parade
Pictured: APCL Board Members Kirk Kraft (left) and Cerise Sissel (right)

Conservation Rebate Program: Jim Sholly—CLEAR Project



Continuing this year, the APCL is partnering with the CLEAR Project to offer a cash rebate to individuals adding conservation to the landscape around their homes. This program will reward those homeowners who choose to add a rain barrel to their gutter system or perform soil quality restoration on their yards. If this type of membership perk is well received, the APCL is considering adding additional conservation practices to the eligible list of projects in the years to come.

This program will only be available to individuals who have an active membership in good standing with the

APCL and the practice will be installed within the watershed to Clear Lake.

Members are asked to coordinate with Jim Sholly prior to starting any project, to make sure they are eligible for the program. Additional information about the program and Jim's contact information can be found by visiting

www.clearproject.net.

Soil Quality Restoration is one of the most cost effective ways for a residential homeowner to protect our lake. It is a boost to soil health and increases your lawns ability to absorb rainwater. This yields a better protected lake and a healthier yard. Rain barrels can be a great way to keep your house plants, flowers, and gardens watered during dry times while conserving the amount of treated city water is being applied to our landscaping. There is no better time than now to start a conversation about how you can help protect and enhance Clear Lake.



After SQR

Without SQR

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

July 31st — Paddlefest, 9:30 am at Clear Lake State Park Beach

August 5th — APCL Board Meeting, 5:00 pm at City Hall

August 15th — APCL Annual Picnic, 5:00 pm at PM Park

September 16th — Lady of the Lake Cruise & Celebration of Lake Restoration Projects, 6-8 pm.

CLEAR Project Awarded New Grant

The CLEAR project was awarded a new \$112,000 grant through their application to the EPA Section 319 program. Those funds will be made available to anyone living in the Clear Lake watershed wishing to install a practice that will reduce pollution reaching Clear Lake. Eligible practices include shoreline stabilization and revegetation, rain gardens/bio-retention cells, wetland and prairie restoration, and qualifying urban conservation practices. Anyone wishing to inquire about a potential project is encouraged to reach out to Jim Sholly at (641) 357-2200 or by email to Jim@ClearProject.net.



2021 Earth Day Trashbash

APCL members worked along the shoreline of Clear Lake stretching from the Farmers Beach Access Road around to Lone Tree Point collecting discarded and lost trash. The board works in this area each spring in celebration of Earth Day. The APCL board joined nearly 40 million people who volunteer annually to be a part of the Great Global Cleanup associated with Earth Day. This is just another small but mighty way the APCL is working to protect and enhance Clear Lake.

APCL Hosts Business After Hours with CLYC and Sailing Center

The Association for the Preservation of Clear Lake teamed up with the Clear Lake Yacht Club and Sailing Center to host a business after hours event through the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 50 people joined board members for an evening celebrating how these groups are protecting and utilizing our beautiful lake.



Boat Decontamination Station Ready to Use

Boaters visiting Clear Lake via the Tourist Park, Lynn Lorenzen, or McIntosh Boat Ramps will see a new addition to the parking areas. Thanks to the cooperation between the APCL, Iowa DNR, and the City of Clear Lake three new boat decontamination stations will now be available. These stations will serve as a line of defense against aquatic invasive species moving into and out of Clear Lake.



The new waterless cleaning stations feature several tools for boaters to utilize, including hand-held grabbing tools, squeegees, brush tools and a plug wrench. A wet/dry vacuum can be used to suck up any water remaining in the boat or bait buckets and a 90 psi blower tool is included to clean those hard-to-reach places. Instructions on the side of the station explain the use of each piece of equipment and a light tower will make sure that boaters returning after dark can easily clean, drain and dry their boat before leaving the lake.

Don't Forget to Smile

APCL Members are reminded that you can help provide funding for future projects every time you order from Amazon. Simply choose the APCL as your target organization within Amazon Smile so a portion of every purchase is donated back to help continue our efforts to protect and enhance Clear Lake.

