

CORDRY- SWEETWATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District Newsletter

FALL 2018

Stacy's Spotlight



By: Stacy
Wethington

Conservancy
Manager

Hello and Happy Fall! It seems like the summer just started, but here it is September! This has been a busy summer here at the lakes, especially with it being a boat sticker year!

The beach and marina attendants finished up Labor Day weekend, while boat patrol will continue at least through September, weather depending.

I want to take this time to thank all of the amazing seasonal employees that I had the pleasure of working with this year. They all went above and beyond to do their job and any other tasks that were asked of them.

The new shelter continues to be a big hit! It has been reserved every weekend this season! Remember if you are planning an event and would like to reserve the shelter to call the office early, as dates fill up quickly!

In this issue, you will find the 2019 proposed budget information. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at the District office.

We have worked hard to keep the 2019 budget as low as possible, while allowing us to accomplish what needs to be done to protect our infrastructure.

The 2019 budget, in fact, is the lowest budget in the past five years. The final adoption date for the 2019 budget will be on October 16, 2018 at the CSCD Board Meeting; held at the CSLOA Clubhouse.

As the Summer season comes to an end, remember that the Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District employees continue to work hard year-round to keep your lakes and community the safe and well-maintained place that you know and love.

Social Media Platforms Assist Communication, Not a Fail-Safe

After adding Instagram to our list of growing social media platforms, the CSCD is the only government entity in Brown County to utilize the top three platforms for communication with it's citizens!

Freeholders can use Twitter to keep up to date with short bursts of information; while our Facebook Page, with over 1,000 followers, is our main way of online communication with news alerts, photos, road condition reports, and more.

With Instagram, now freeholders can watch a pictorial storyline of

everything the employees are getting done with your tax dollars.

Non-Emergency Sheriff's Number:

812.988.6655

While social media is a perfect tool for the CSCD to communicate with you; it's also proven as a great tool for you to communicate with us! Stacy and Josh are always watching for new messages, suggestions, and even work order requests on social media.

However, social media also needs to be taken with a grain of salt. Please remember that if you have a security concern, social media is not the appropriate platform to make it known. The non-emergency sheriff's number should be called so an officer can be let known of the issue immediately.

CSCD Social Media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cscdgrounds

Twitter: @cscd_official

Instagram: @cscdworks

Visit our website at www.cscd-in.org or join us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/cscdgrounds) or Twitter @cscd_official

BUILDING CORNER



By: Nick Johann

*Building Compliance
Officer*

I hope everyone had a great summer with their family and friends on these two beautiful lakes. As we head into fall, I want to remind you about the road restrictions that will take effect December 15th.

As you are planning your fall construction keep that in mind. It has been a busy year so far, as of this writing, I have received 78 building applications.

The Building Commission and Board have asked me to compile a list of dilapidated docks or lake structures and begin working with the homeowners to rectify these issues. If you know of any structures you have concerns with, feel free to call me and I will look into it.

In the last newsletter I extended the offer to have a meeting with the homeowners or contractors prior to construction of their projects. This has been well received by both homeowners and contractors.

Feel free to contact me for a pre-construction meeting with any questions regarding your future projects.

Deer Reduction Hunt Moves Forward

After a full year of painstaking attention to details, planning, and listening, the much-debated Deer Reduction Hunt is approved and will be happening this year.

The CSCD unanimously approved the use of a Community Hunting Access Program Coordinator to help manage the hunt. Rusty Fields was chosen as the CHAP Coordinator and has been approved by DNR. His costs to manage the hunt will be fully funded by a grant through the Indiana DNR.

For the first time, hunting will not be taking place only on CSCD-owned lots, but also freeholder

lots that have been approved for hunting and given permission. Property owners **MUST** give written permission for hunters to hunt their properties.

The archery-only hunt will be taking place on dedicated weeks throughout the fall only during the hours from 8am-2pm. This was specifically chosen as the days and times that children would be at school.

Hunters must be residents or sponsored by a resident. The hunters had to pass a proficiency and safety test as well as attend a mandatory orientation meeting. Hunters must also attend a mandatory daily briefing each day they intend to hunt.

The Ecology Commission created a sub-committee to create this hunt and develop the rules and goals together with Mr. Fields. After several public meetings to answer questions, quell rumors, and take suggestions the Deer Reduction Committee adopted the rules and goals of the hunt and it was unanimously approved by the CSCD Board.

As of the publishing date of this newsletter it is too late to register as a hunter; however, it is not too late to give permission for your property to be hunted.

For your property to be considered for hunting and/or for more information please contact Rusty Fields at 317.714.2028. You can also go online to www.cscd-in.org to find out the dates and times of the currently scheduled hunts.

After-Hours Water Emergency Numbers

In an effort to save money on cell phone expenses there will no longer be a dedicated Emergency On-Call number for water emergencies. We still have an employee on call 24/7/365 for emergencies. Josh Hawley, Josh Bryant, and Jeff Parrish are the employees responsible for those calls. Simply call one of the numbers below and they will take a message and get it to the appropriate on-call person!

317.412.7025

317.306.8395

317.607.6005

2019 Proposed Budget to be Lowest in Over Five Years

After researching, analyzing, meeting, and compromising the PROPOSED 2019 budget is ready for adoption in October.

Each Commission, with input from CSCD Manager Stacy Wethington, CSCD Superintendent Josh Hawley, and Chief Deputy Bernie McGaha adopted budget proposals. The Budget Committee and those CSCD Managers met to go over each budget line item and adopt an official proposed budget.

One major deduction in the budget will be in Insurance expenses as CSCD staff will pay more out of pocket for

insurance, saving the district approximately \$75,000. Overall, labor expenses are decreased by \$69,310.

Overall the 2019 Budget Decreased by \$72,947.

The Roads Commission was granted a \$75,000 increase in budget for 2019 in order to repair and repave several side roads in the District deemed to be failing as well as a section of Sweetwater Drive. There was also a

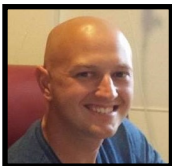
planned increase in Lake Maintenance for herbicide treatments for aquatic weeds.

Capital Outlays were decreased by \$67,000 despite a new patrol vehicle and a new patrol boat being budgeted for 2019.

Overall, the budget is decreased by \$72,947; a near 4% decrease. Funds left over from 2018 will be deposited into the Rainy Day Account and those funds will assist in the Sweetwater Dam Repair Project that is still in the design phase and expected to take place in 2019.

Approved	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 Proposed
General Budget	\$1,837,347	\$2,116,692	\$2,159,683	\$2,117,419	\$2,018,756	\$2,144,241	\$2,003,250	\$1,930,303
Tax Levy	750,000	700,000	1,963,224	1,799,999	1,500,000	1,000,000	1,250,000	N/A
Tax Rate	0.2896	0.2682	0.5686	0.5195	0.5094	0.4029	0.4969	N/A

Insuring Your Water Lines Don't Sing the Winter Blues



By: Josh Hawley
Superintendent

Leaving for the winter? You want to make sure that frozen or busted water pipes in your home don't give you an unwanted surprise when you return in the spring.

The best way to do this is to call the CSCD office and schedule for us to come winterize the water meter. This is a free service that we offer our residents!

After you have a plumber come and winterize your lines, simply call the office to schedule one of our staff to winterize the meter.

We will make sure the water is shut-off and install a plug to make sure that no water can get into your lines from the meter.

In the past leaky valves or even gravity feeding storm water through the pit could have still sent water down the resident's line. With our new method of plugging, nothing can get by the meter!

History Lesson

After construction of Sweetwater Dam was complete the contractor had a truck that was ready to bite the dust. That truck was then bulldozed into a valley just behind the current day Centerlake Park Baseball Diamond.

The remains of the truck are still visible following the drain basin from behind the 1st base line of the diamond. It is a rugged hike and one best taken in the winter time when bees and reptiles go to bed!

Fall Foliage Can Cause Headaches



The compost area sits leveled out after a year of composting, ready for a new crop of fall foliage. The area is located near Cordry Dam on Centerlake Road.

Fall beauty never ceases to impress in Brown County, especially here at the Lakes. But once the leaves fall the real work begins and figuring out what to do with the former foliage is half the battle.

It is against CSCD rules to knowingly rake, blow, or otherwise “place” leaves into the lakes or their watersheds purposely. The CSCD spent close to a million dollars to dredge the lakes and leaf compost is a quick way to fill coves back up.

There are several options for freeholders and/or their contractors to get rid of the leaves. Several mulch the leaves up with a lawn mower; some residents choose to burn the leaves in piles (remember it is ILLEGAL to leave an open fire unattended); while others will load leaves onto trailers and take them to the CSCD Compost Area.

The Compost Area is located on Centerlake Drive between the Cordry Dam and Centerlake Park and is open from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

CSCD staff keep the leaf piles pushed back and manageable during the onslaught of leaves from October to December.

Starting in 2018 we also started gathering in piles a few areas of actual compost that freeholders can use in their own garden areas. We are hoping to grow that opportunity even more in 2019.

Please remember that this area is to be used for leaves and grasses only. NO BRUSH, LIMBS, TREES, TRASH, etc. are permitted. Officers will be doing a regular check of the area and anyone caught dumping anything other than leaves or trash could face fines for illegal dumping.

COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 20, 4-6pm: Pumpkin Carving & Bonfire @ CSLOA Clubhouse

Oct 26-27, 8pm-12am: CSVFD Haunted Trail

Oct 31, 6-8pm: Church of the Lakes Trunk or Treat Fall Festival @ Church of the Lakes

Oct 31, 7-8:30pm: CSVFD Open House & Trick or Treat @ Fire Station

Dec 1, 2-4pm: Santa's Workshop @ CSLOA Clubhouse

CSCD OFFICE CLOSURES

October 8th: Columbus Day

November 12th: Veteran's Day

November 22-23rd: Thanksgiving Holidays

December 24-25th: Christmas Holidays

CSLOA Changes

Elaina Deiner was voted as the new CSLOA President.

Jim & Brenda Maulden have taken over the CSLOA Clubhouse Supervisor duties. For more information or reservations you can contact them at 317.407.0224 or email at BMauldenspe@gmail.com

Greywater Potentially Contributing to Lake Pollution



By: Josh Hawley

*with content provided
by freeholder Dan
Miley*

Water contaminated by soaps or detergents is called greywater. While many would consider lake pollution to be chemicals or fertilizers or trash, greywater is a contributing factor to a potentially growing problem.

Greywater generally exists as waters drained from the following: laundry, sinks, and baths. While Indiana Health code 410 IAC 6-8.3-52 prohibits greywater running into lakes; some contractors and residents will cut corners and run a separate drain directly from the dwelling away from the septic and towards, or sometimes directly into, the lake.

Another popular source around lakes for greywater are dock sinks. If your dock sink drains directly into the lake, do you ever use soap or detergents in that sink? Nobody should be draining anything into the lakes that they would not drink themselves.

What can greywater do to a lake? For starters, it can kill fish. What is the first thing a veterinarian or fish aficionado will tell you when buying a fish tank and fish? "Don't use soap to clean the tank!"

Phosphates and other nutrients in greywater can lead to an increase in plant growth as well as algae blooms (both witnessed as in-

creased in 2018).

Finally, and most importantly, greywater can contain disease-causing organisms including coliform bacteria, E. Coli, Salmonella, staphylococci, and possible viruses.

Think that this can't or isn't happening on Cordry or Sweetwater? Think again! While on Sweetwater attempting to remove a log that had lodged underneath a dock, myself and my staff witnessed

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water being pumped into the lake directly from a garage. The water would start or stop with the pump that must have been inside and the pipe went directly to the lake.

Imagine if this resident had fertilizers or chemicals, or trash, or animals in this garage and then the floor was washed or flooded and that water goes to the pump and then into our lake!

This was quickly reported to the Board of Health and the resident notified to rectify the situation ASAP.

Several residents agree that on calm mornings, especially after busy weekends where most homes are occupied, there seems to be a soapy, bubbly film on the water in certain coves and making

it's way to the main body. This could certainly be affirmation of greywater in the lake.

While the weather stays warm and into the spring of 2019, staff will be carefully investigating shorelines and docks, looking for drains going into the water.

Chances are, if you are new to the area, or bought your home post-build, you probably have no idea if you are a source for greywater. Investigation is key so we can all work together to fix any problems.

There are greywater systems that can treat the greywater and make it reusable in certain applications. Those are not the systems we are concerned with. We are concerned with the pipes going directly into the lakes. Other than storm-water, nothing should be piped into the lakes, period.

GREYWATER INFO

What it is: Dirty water from washing machines, dish washers, sinks, and/or baths that is piped around the septic system and into the lake.

What to watch for: Pipes going straight into the lake that has water coming through it intermittently, as if being pumped. Also, foul smells and/or a film on the lake near docks or shorelines.

What to do: Call the CSCD Office to investigate. If greywater is found, the Board of Health will be involved as well.

Indiana Health Code 410 IAC 6-8.3-52

Commissions Continue to Offer Chances to Voice Your Opinions

Every month each of the five CSCD Commissions meet to review policies, issues, budgets, financials, and hear CSCD employee reports. More importantly though, these Commissions meet to hear from you.

Past history might dictate that these meetings don't amount to anything, or that "nobody listens," but these days, nothing can be further from the truth.

The Building Commission meets to go over building applications, hear variances, approve certain projects, and discuss building rules and procedures. Building Compliance Officer Nick Johann is also present to hear your opinions and make sure everyone is up to date on building rules.

The Roads Commission discusses financials and budgets for upcoming years and meets to discuss future paving projects and more. Superintendent Josh Hawley attends these meetings and they want to hear your road needs.

The Ecology Commission is tasked with many responsibilities including the parks, lake maintenance, dams, terrestrial environments, and erosion control to name a few. The Superintendent also comes to these meetings to report on progress of Ecology-related projects.

The Security Commission is responsible for the majority of the rules outside of building as well as safety parameters for the lakes. Chief Deputy Bernie McGaha attends these meetings to report on his officers' jobs and accomplishments.

Finally, the Water Commission meets to analyze the water utility financials and rules. Superintendent Josh Hawley and Water Clerk Judy Surface attend to report on progress with projects, water loss, billing, and more.

These Commissions are made up of freeholder volunteers and welcome your attendance and opinions.

CSCD COMMISSION MEETING INFORMATION

BUILDING	<i>1st Tuesday</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
ROADS	<i>1st Thursday</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
ECOLOGY	<i>1st Thursday</i>	<i>6pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
SECURITY	<i>2nd Tuesday</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
WATER	<i>2nd Thursday</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>CSCD Office</i>
CSCD BOARD	<i>3rd Tuesday</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>Clubhouse</i>

RULES REVIEW

SPEED LIMITS

15MPH on all paved/gravel side drives

25 MPH on all Main roads

- ♦ Blowing leaves or other debris in the Lakes can now be prosecuted as littering and carry a fine and/or loss of lake privileges.
- ♦ Obstruction of natural or created drainage along roads and drives is prohibited.

WATER RULES REVIEW

- The customer is held liable for any damage and/or cost of replacement to the meter pit, water meter, radio, or any other water utility equipment.
- The customer is REQUIRED to install and maintain a functioning shut-off valve along the service line located between the customer connection and the first water outlet inside the residence.
- All water passing through the meter shall be charged to the customer whether used, wasted, or lost through leakage.
- Representatives of the water utility have the right to ingress and egress to and from the customer's lot at any and all reasonable times for the purposes of conducting water utility business.
- The meter pit area is to be clear at all times.

Areas 3, 5, & 7 are up for CSCD Board re-election. Applications must be in by December 1st

Pastor of Local Church Delivers Positive Message to Community

For the last four and a half years a familiar face has donned the pulpit at Church of the Lakes.

As the "local" church for the Lakes Community, Pastor Jon Lucas relishes in delivering God's Word and message to anyone wanting to hear it.

Jon's involvement in the community started 32 years ago and he credits his wife, Tracy, for helping bring him to the Lakes. Tracy's family has been in the community for almost 40 years!

About 18 years ago Jon began serving as a volunteer youth leader at the church, four years later he was officially brought on to the staff as the Youth Pastor, and just seven years later he was named as the Senior Pastor.

Jon started out in the tool trade and worked in that vocation for 21 years. "Ministry wasn't even on my radar," he says.

While attending a Promise Keepers event his life was changed forever and he was baptized on October 8th, 2000.

Church of the Lakes

What: Non-Denomination, Church of the Lakes provides an oasis for spiritual nourishment where people of many backgrounds join together in Christian love, joy and peace.

Where: Just east of the CSLOA Clubhouse on Nineveh Road

When: Sunday worship begins at 10am; other events including Bible studies, youth group events, and more can be found on their website.

Contact: www.church-of-the-lakes.net, 317.933.2595, or churchofthelakes@yahoo.com

"I started living for God and sharing His love with others because of the love He showed me."

Jon says that one of the best things about being the Pastor at Church of the Lakes in this community is getting the opportunity to love on people and to grow relationships with them. Jon considers this community family. "One of the greatest things is being a part of this awesome family that God brought together and continues to grow."

When not at the church Jon likes to stay active in sports and you'll most likely find him spending time with his

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grandkids. "Whether at the beach, making Smore's on our back deck, or just hanging out loving on each other, we do our best to get as much time as we can with them."

Jon loves this community because of its peace and quiet and having plenty of places to make memories with his grandkids.

"No matter where I go, I am surrounded by God's beautiful creation."

He also loves the people in the community.

"I love that everyone seems to be looking out for each other," he says.

Jon also acknowledges the challenges for this and all communities.

"No community is exempt of the tragedy that sin brings," says Jon. Pastor Jon tackles many deep subjects in his messages both at the pulpit and with struggling individuals including drug



Pastor Jon Lucas and his wife Tracy of the Church of the Lakes.

addiction, divorce, and suicidal thoughts. "I want people to experience victory in this life, that victory can only be experienced through Jesus Christ."

According to their website, Church of the Lakes is a congregational church, meaning that the congregation makes its own policies and calls its own staff members. We are not affiliated with any particular denomination; we welcome all believers and seekers, regardless of their denominational background and thus we call ourselves "nondenominational".

The church helps out locally with food pantries, Habitat for Humanity, shelters, and more. They also have internal ministries for children, youth, and a really cool idea to serve as a ministry to those that can't always attend church such as college students and military personnel.

For more information on the Church of the Lakes please visit their website at www.church-of-the-lakes.net.

Your CSCD Employees

Stacy Wethington, Conservancy Manager

Mary Johantgen, Office Clerk

Judy Surface, Water Clerk

Nick Johann, Building Compliance Officer

Brittany Bay, Financial Clerk

Josh Hawley, Water/Grounds Superintendent

Josh Bryant, Water/Grounds Assistant Superintendent

Jeff Parish, Water/ Grounds Maintenance

Mike Roberts, Part-time, Year-round Water/Grounds Maintenance

Bernie McGaha, Chief Deputy

Randy Taggart, Deputy

Jimmy Green, Deputy

Mike Clark, Deputy

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