

Just a brief update while I am sitting here watching the Packers and looking outside, where the leaves on our trees are starting to change colors. People are telling me they did enjoy the summer, but I do not know where it was or where it went. The final days are ticking down to what was an enjoyable summer. We are starting to think about putting our boats away for another winter, but I do not want to think about that at all.

It seems as though there was many events going on this summer, which kept a lot of us close to home. Gas prices were not high like they were last year, but I did notice that there many empty slips in the Marina at McKinley. This tells me because of the economy, people did not put their boats in or moved to marinas that are more economical. In my conversations with those in the know, it seems that approximately 80 boaters did not return to McKinley. I guess our efforts may have paid off, as I received information that those in the County noticed our efforts.

This means we need to keep trying to continue the efforts this year. The County is putting together their budgets for 2010, and we need to keep the pressure on the County Supervisors, and the County officials, be it Walker, Black, or Chuck Ward. We need to be working on this NOW. Even though we have received information that increases are not expected, what one says and does are two different things. So please contact your Supervisor!

What else has McBoat being doing this year?

- We had the Welcome Back Cookout.
- The Directories were printed and distributed. If you do not have yours, please pick it up at the McKinley Round House. JoAnn Shaw did a terrific job on them.
- We are planning an educational meeting the first Monday in October. Richard Bennet will discuss the diving he has done in the Great Lakes, which I have found, very interesting.
- We will try to have the McKinley open discussion session the first Monday in November, and will attempt to have County officials present.
- Your Board was successful in getting two parking passes for the Fourth of July celebration.
- The mats in the showers are a welcomed addition, preventing people from having to stand in the when getting out of the shower.
- I even saw flowers at the gates!
- However, there still is a lot more to accomplish, and we will continue trying!

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation for the Lakefront Development program. The speaker was William Lynch. The ALA (Architectural League Associations) put on this presentation. Mr. Lynch is the chairman of the Lakefront Development Organization All development ideas or concepts are brought to this organization for review and then sent on to the County or City with their recommendations for approve or disapproval. This organization will be very involved in what is happening at Pieces of Eight. They will also be involved in what happens with the Hoan Bridge, and the property around and under the bridge. Whatever your beliefs are in

these areas, I would keep watch on these issues. This would affect the Lake Front, which we call home six months out of the year.

In closing, please be involved and watch the McBoat web site.

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