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A Fond Farwell: My Perspective of Riverside Lakes

Hello, Toni Hunter here. For those that don't recognize the name, perhaps you know us better as the Navy family with 2 boys, a Weimaraner, and the green Malibu ski boat. I have been here for 2 years and have had the pleasure of serving on the Homeowners Board most of that time.

I am no stranger to the Midwest as I grew up in Ohio, so I have experienced the Midwest hospitality and family values. But as a Navy family, we have moved a lot. We have experienced many different lifestyles, neighborhoods, and climates. We have met wonderful people all over the world. But I can honestly say that Riverside Lakes is special. When I share with other friends (even those here in Omaha) all the wonderful activities, they are always amazed.

As a neighborhood, we celebrate each birth and mourn each death, reaching out to those in need. In fact, it feels more like family. Maybe that's why we argue so much as well... because we are so close. It is so easy to take for granted all the blessings we have in life. Sometimes it takes losing them to realize it. As a Navy wife, I feel I can speak with authority on both subjects. We will be leaving here soon. And I know what we're losing. All I can do is thank God for all the wonderful memories we made in our short time we had here.

So I ask all of you, the next time your neighbor makes you mad, and they will, take a step back, look at where you live, think about all the amazing memories that you

could only experience here, and handle with care. Do not push send on that text or email. Grab a beer or an iced tea, sit together in front of your lake or river together and work it out. You have something very special here, and like a marriage, you have to work at it. Just a thought as I bid you farewell.

I cannot thank you all enough for your hospitality. You will always have a special place in my heart, and have set the bar for any future neighborhoods we will look at. Please know that the Hunter house is always open to our Riverside Family if you ever find



yourself in the Pacific Northwest. God Bless all of you!

Election Results for the Riverside Lakes Sanitary Improvement District #177

The Douglas county Election Commission certified the election results on September 11th, 2012.

Re-Elected to the Riverside Lakes Board of Trustees are Robert Lynn and Mike Anderson.

Newly elected to the Board of Trustees are Tony Staup, Bill Wehner, and Keith Heinrich.

At the first meeting of the newly elected Board the following officers were elected: Bill Wehner, President. Robert Lynn, Clerk. Mike Anderson, Manager of Streets and Grounds, Tony Staup, Manager of the Lakes, and Keith

Heinrich, Water/Wastewater Manager.

The board was originally formed in 1966, and it's primary responsibility is to establish an annual budget, manage the expenditures, and establish policies and resolutions regarding the operation of the SID. They work with the County Treasurer to determine the tax levy each year. The fiscal year is June 1st through June 30th of the following year.

The first action of the newly elected was to thank the outgoing members for their service to the residents, including

Eric Nelson, Jeff Spilker, and Bill Reppert.

Residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and express their opinions as well as provide direction to the board.

The upcoming year will be a year of significant investment in the lakes and they will work with an outside consultant to develop a plan to improve the viability of both of the lakes.

The next meeting of the board is November 14th at 7:30 and it is held at the DC West Middle School in Waterloo.

Octoberfest Recap

October 14th at 3:00 p.m. was a beautiful, yet breezy, afternoon for 2012's RSL Octoberfest event

Chili Cook-off; from sweet potatoes to chicken, a wide variety was available for all to enjoy!

T.J. Holzapfel took home this year's trophy for his tasty white chicken chili masterpiece. Thank you to all who participated.

Oreos, M&Ms and other sweets were available at the Carmel Apple station... a bunch of sticky goodness!

Beer Exchange; neighbors brought beer to exchange with other neighbors. A great way to try a variety of brews.

Every resident baker should get their recipes ready for next year! Unfortunately we didn't have any participants

for this year's Bake Off. Thanks to those who did provide some sweet treats to share.

Red, yellow, blue, pink; these were some of the many colors available for the Pumpkin Painting. All in all, Octoberfest was enjoyed by all that attended. Thank you to all participants for making this event a success!



The Riverside Lakes Recreation Association meets the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Please check the website or contact any of the RSL RA board members to find out the location!

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ATV Owners: Please Be Advised...

Just a quick reminder that the residential speed limit for Riverside Lakes is **25 MPH**. There are many joggers, walkers and children out enjoying the weather. Please remember to check your speed as you drive through the neighborhood."

Attention residents that own or operate ATV's and/or golf carts:

Please be sure to practice proper safety procedures and to respect the streets you ride on. As we like the option to use other modes of transportation please remember that riding on SID grounds or property is not acceptable and is creates

wear and tear. Be mindful of the speed limit, other residents and pets while riding in the neighborhood. This retracts the previous article that went out with the earlier version of the newsletter. The board did not mean to indicate or imply that riding on SID property and/or grounds was permitted. We apologize for any confusion.

Welcome New Neighbors to Riverside Lakes!

Please send out a warm welcome to our newest neighbors!

- Randy and Polly Briles at 345 Riverside Dr.
- Adam and Julie VanBeck at 400 Riverside Dr.
- Ken and Marilyn Knox at 330 Riverside Dr.
- Richard and Tonya Underwood at 353 Riverside Dr.
- Chris and Brooke Perchal at 466 Riverside Dr.
- John O'Gorman and Vicki Bracht at 457 Lakehurst Dr.

If we failed to mention any other new neighbors, please email Connie Tushner at ctushner@gmail.com and we will include them in our next newsletter.



Save the Date for the RSL Annual Holiday Party.

Friday, December 14, 2012 at The Pines Country Club in Valley. Details will follow in a formal invitation. We will be having a silent raffle, same as last year, to raise money for the troops. If you have an item to donate please contact Mollie Anderson or Connie Tushner.

Save the Date for the RSL Annual Homeowner's Meeting.

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013 at The Pines Country Club in Valley.

Care Package From Riverside Lakes Reaches Troops!

The following is a thank you received regarding one of the care packages sent from all the donations received from residents here at Riverside Lakes.

Just wanted to let you all know that we have finally received the care packages you all sent us in Mar. We all just wanted to say "Thank You" for taking the time to send the packages. My tour is almost complete and should be home on 23 Sep. Please tell all the others that donated items that we are thankful for them. Take care.
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Holiday Party Friday, December 14 - Second Annual Support Our Troops Fundraiser

Again this year, we will be raffling off over forty items as a continued effort to support our men and women in uniform. We ask all our Riverside residence to support these brave men and women by purchasing raffle tickets the night of the party (10 tickets for \$10.00). We also would appreciate any merchandise or service that you feel would make a good raffle item. Please call Connie at 402-980-8103 and she will gladly pick up your donation.

RSL Adopt a Family

Every year many families come across tragedy and misfortune in their lives. There are many charitable organizations that work to assist and aid these families in their time of need. However, I am sure we are all aware how the holidays can take it's toll and many times families and children are overlooked. We would like to propose adopting a family for the holidays. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact TwiLea. If there is enough interest generated from Riverside Lakes then the board will put together the details and an email will be sent out with instructions on what is needed and where to drop off these gifts.

Wishing You A Blessed and Happy Holiday Season,
Riverside Lakes Recreation Association



Safety Reminder for Walkers & Drivers!!

It's great to see so many of our residents out walking around the lakes in the early mornings and into the evening. As we've 'fallen back' into Standard Time, please be aware of how important it is to **wear reflective gear**. Many of our residents leave for work before the sun comes up, or they come home after it's set. **It is very difficult to see you on the road if you're not wearing reflective gear!!**

Here are some suggestions to make Riverside Lakes a safer place:

Walkers:

Walk FACING traffic.

Wear bright reflective clothing and/or materials.

Carry a flashlight or other light source.

Be alert to engine noises or cars backing out of driveways.

Drivers:

Be patient! Drive the speed limit, which is **25 mph**.

Use extra caution; there are lots of young-

sters in our neighborhood now...always be prepared to stop!!



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The **Riverside WAVES** is published courtesy of your Riverside Lakes Recreation Association.

The content of this newsletter is to keep our neighbors informed of the various happenings in and around the 'hood. If you have any questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, etc. please feel free to contact any of the RSL RA board members!

You can also find us on the web at

www.riversidelakes.org!