

**Riverside  
Lakes  
Recreation  
Association**

# Riverside WAVES

**May 2013**

**SALUTE OUR MILITARY  
FRIDAY, MAY 17TH**

**Organized by the Vet-  
eran's Business Forum  
Committee  
Salute Our Military  
Community**

TD Ameritrade Park Omaha  
Pregame Ceremony: 6:45 pm  
Creighton vs. Missouri State  
Baseball Game: 7:05 pm

All Riverside Lakes residents  
are invited to attend this  
event at **NO COST!** Tickets  
can be obtained by contacting  
Julie Mogler at 402-981-2610.  
Non residents can purchase  
tickets for \$10.00.

You can also go to [www.saluteourmilitarycommunity.us](http://www.saluteourmilitarycommunity.us)  
for more information.

Hope to see you at the ball-  
park on Friday, May 17th!

## **Citizen's Patrol Needs YOU!!**

Help keep your  
neighborhood safe! We  
need volunteers for  
Citizen's Patrol. It only  
takes a couple hours of  
your time approxi-  
mately once every three  
months. Interested or  
need more details?  
Contact Diane Lynn  
(402) 779-2904.

## **Will Summer Ever Arrive?**

### **PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN BOATING THIS SUMMER!**

To keep semblance of order and to keep us safe, it is necessary to observe some Nebraska State Laws, some Riverside Lakes rules, and some good common sense to promote being a good neighbor.

#### **Boating Lake Rules:**

1. The boating lake may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with safe recreational pursuits of boating, swimming, and water skiing. Residents of the District and their guests shall be responsible for the exercise of caution consistent with good boating safety.
2. All boats will travel counter-clockwise around the boating lake.
3. On the **Fishing Lake**, boats cannot exceed 5 mph. They can travel in any direction. NO guests boats. NO PWC's.
4. Boats traveling faster than trolling speed or pulling skiers must stay at least 75 feet offshore and 50 feet from docks for the safety of swimmers, except for going out or coming in. Reasonable speed and greater clearance distances are required subject to the traffic on the lake and when pulling inner tubes and similar devices behind boats.
5. Any boat pulling a skier is required by State Law to carry and utilize an orange flag to indicate the presence of a skier. Any boat that must turn around to recover a downed skier should, if feasible, turn outward toward the perimeter of the lake to return to the downed skier.
6. No swimming is permitted to or from the islands in the boating lake. Swimmers in the boating lake must stay within 25 ft. of docks at all times.
7. No boats shall be docked on SID property overnight.
8. Skiers must ALWAYS wear life preservers.
9. Tow ropes must not be trailed behind a boat unless picking up a downed skier.
10. When pulling a skier, an individual not operat-

ing the boat will be present in the boat to act as a watch on weekends and holidays. An adequate rearview mirror is required on weekdays.

11. All skiing will stop at sunset, i.e. when the street lights come on.
12. The boat in the channel has the right-of-way.
13. **NO SKIING OR FAST BOATING BEFORE 10:00 AM ON SUNDAYS AND 9:00 AM ALL OTHER DAYS.**
14. Trolling speed is required after sundown.
15. Slow traffic must keep to the right.
16. All passing will be done to the left under normal conditions.
17. Drivers of the boats must sit in the driver's seat and not on the side of the boat or the back of the seat.
18. All downed skiers must lift arms or skis to signal on-coming boats. Watcher will also extend orange flag upward as a signal.

#### **Jet Ski/Wave Runner (PWC) Rules:**

1. All boating rules apply to jet skis/wave runners (from herein called Personal Water Crafts or PWC's). No guest PWC's are permitted to use the lake. Only PWC's owned by the registered property owner are permitted on the boating lake. As with all boats operated within the district, all PWC's must carry the Riverside Lakes decal.
2. One PWC per lot will be permitted in the water at any given time provided the owner keeps his own motor boat docked while the PWC is in use.
3. PWC's must stay 50 ft. offshore and 25 ft. from docks.
4. No PWC's before 12:00 pm on weekends and holidays, or after 7:00 pm or sunset, whichever is first. During the week the hours are 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.
5. PWC's shall not obstruct persons fishing or swimming.
6. PWC'S will travel counter-clockwise at all times.
7. PWC's are not permitted on the fishing lake.



# Is This Riverside Lakes or the Caribbean?

The lake color on the Boating Lake is a result of the clear water and color of the alum floc that is formed as the liquid is added to the lake. You can actually see the floc on the lake bottom. One homeowner stopped by yesterday and thanked the contractors for "bringing the Bahamas to Nebraska!" The color will last for about a week.

Due to weather and water conditions, HAB the alum contractor, has requested an extension of time to complete the jobs. They will be working on the fishing lake Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to complete the jobs. The Boating lake should be done by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The process is going very well

and we are complying with all variance issues. All residents, please remember, this is just the start of the process. We still have monitoring to accomplish and then review and decide how to act on the information. That monitoring will take approx two years, and then we can establish a long term plan for lake water quality. This is just the beginning not the end. Thanks to our residents for their patience and understanding in this process.



cates our lakes, especially the boating lake, were in a more serious position in terms of phosphorus concentration than we initially thought. John, who is a former professor at UNL, has compiled many studies of lakes in Nebraska. His

data indicates our boating lake was in the top 10% of the worst lakes in Nebraska. Without treatment we could have had a really serious blue green algae/ toxicity issue.

Many thanks again to Bill Reppert for bringing this issue to our attention.

Any questions, please contact Tony Staup, 402-578-2330 [hstaup@cox.net](mailto:hstaup@cox.net)

Tony Staup has had conversations with John Holtz who supplied him with some studies that indi-

## Garage Sales/Easter Egg Hunt Recap

### Easter Egg Hunt

On March 30, approximately 40 Riverside Lakes children and grandchildren enjoyed one of the few nice Saturday mornings this spring! Approximately 400 eggs, and three golden eggs containing \$10.00 Target gift cards were hidden and found! Thanks to the bunny and everyone who participated in a fun morning!

### Garage Sales

The annual Riverside Lakes Neighborhood Spring Garage Sales were held April 25-27. We had 25+

homes participating. We were fortunate to have sunny skies and perfect garage sale weather for this event. Neighbors reported having record



crowds and sales, especially Thursday and Saturday. Thank you for getting parked cars off the streets, driving slowly and being patient with the traffic.

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Hi - We're Pam & Harry Tkaczuk & recently bought the property at 639 Waterloo Dr. We'd like to apologize in advance for any inconvenience we may have caused during the construction. We are excited to soon become a part of your wonderful community & hope to meet you all soon!

## What Are Those Big Black Birds on the Islands?

Linda Edwards reports... Many neighbors have asked us about the big birds in the trees on the islands. They are Double Crested Cormorants.

The gangly Double-crested Cormorant is a prehistoric-looking, matte-black fishing bird with yellow-orange facial skin. They look like a combination of a goose and loon, and are a common sight around fresh and salt water across North America—perhaps attracting the

most attention when they roost in the trees, or stand on the docks with their wings spread out to dry. These solid, heavy-boned birds are experts at diving to catch small fish.



## Canadian Geese & Mallard Duck Facts...Please Don't Feed Them!

### Canadian geese — did you know?

A single goose produces up to 3 pounds of droppings per day. Goose fecal matter has been linked to the spread of diseases, bacterial infections and water quality issues.

Geese are responsible for the closing of many beaches and parks throughout the US because of dangerously high bacteria (e coli) levels due to their droppings. Resident geese mate earlier (late March), have a higher survival rate and can live 20+ years.

At sexual maturity, about two years of age, geese will return to the same lake where they first

learned to fly, mate and establish a nesting territory.

It is believed geese mate for life, but if one dies, the other will quickly find another mate.

Geese can lay up to 12 eggs and nests have been found with over 32 eggs.

### Mallard ducks — did you know?

Flu viruses can live in ducks up to four weeks during which time they can easily be transmitted to livestock and humans. The ducks



will never become ill because they have a gene that produces virus-killing antibodies.

Ducks are believed to have been responsible for the Spanish Flu in 1918 that killed 25 million people and for the Hong Kong Flu in 1968 that killed over a million people.

Birds and their droppings can spread over 60 different diseases—many can be deadly.

Ref: Rid-A-Bird, Inc. 1217 W. Third St. Wilton, IA 52778

## Good Dog Etiquette = Good Neighbor Relations

Some of our four-legged residents at Riverside Lakes are starting to get out more and exercise due to the nice weather, while the more active ones continue with their daily walking routines. And, yet others are enjoying the lazy summer days in their yards. Regardless of your dog's activity level, please keep in mind the tips below for good dog etiquette:

· **Tip #1:** Bring doggy bags: Nobody likes to clean up (or step in) another dog's mess in their yard or our common areas! While walking your dog, be sure to bring a plastic bag of some sort, and **USE** it to pick up after your dog. A simple plastic grocery bag works perfectly. Or the plastic bag that comes with your newspaper. You may want to bring multiple bags and even paper towel for the real messy clean ups.

· **Tip #2:** Be aware of where your dog urinates: This one is hard to control, but it is wise to monitor where your dog urinates. A dog's urine can cause deadly brown spots in a pretty green yard. Also, not



every neighbor welcomes your dog to urinate on gardens, yard ornaments, mailboxes, etc. It may be wise to know which yards your dog is welcome in or utilize our green space in the neighborhood. Not everyone likes to have their property "marked".

· **Tip #3:** Keep the noise down: A dog's bark is a form of communication and expressiveness. While you may be used to the bark, some neighbors may not be. Be aware of what makes your dog bark and try to avoid or eliminate those triggers. This holds true for those dogs that bark in their own yards or on a walk. Also, please be aware of the time of day as loud or continuous barking in the early morning or late night hours can be bothersome.

· **Tip #4:** Keep your dog and others safe: Although a leash offers the most control of your dog, it may not offer the best exercise. Our neighborhood has a lot of green space for our dogs to run free. Thankfully, this is more acceptable

at Riverside Lakes than other communities but please keep your dog's safety and the safety of others in mind. Make sure your dog stays close enough to react to your command (if well trained) or is leashed to prevent them from running out into traffic, people or other dogs.

If you are walking your dogs at night, wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. You may even want to have your dog wear reflective gear, especially if they are not near you.

Keeping these tips in mind will ensure we have happy dogs and happy neighbors!

**Mark Your  
Calendars!!  
Summer Fun  
Days  
July 27—  
August 3!**

## Riverside Lakes Recreation Association

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*You can pay your 2013 RLRA dues  
anytime! Please send your \$75.00  
check to  
Dave Mayberry  
538 Riverside Dr.  
Thanks!!*

We're on the web!  
[www.riversidelakes.org](http://www.riversidelakes.org)

*The Support the Troops holiday party fund-  
raiser amounted to a \$325 donation to the  
Wounded Warrior Project...Thank you so  
much!!*

## Listing of RLRA & SID #177 Members

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## Meet the Board!!

### Ed (Skip) Stepanek:

I was born and raised in the Omaha area. Went to St. Bernard's grade school and Cathedral High. Met and married Janice Schroeder. Our son Daniel was born 8 years later. I worked in the glass industry for several years, and then joined the construction field. I became self employed, with my wife's assistance, in the early 80's. Retired in 2002 and now enjoy my pug dogs, fishing, boating, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

### Ken Knaub:

My name is Ken Knaub I am 37 years old and was I born in Lincoln Nebraska and then moved to Ceresco Nebraska when I was 3. I grew up in Ceresco and graduated from Raymond Central High School. I then went to College at the University of Nebraska Lincoln where I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Computer Engineering. I moved to Omaha Nebraska after graduating and landed a job at InfoUSA that is now called Infogroup. I have been working at Infogroup for the last 12 years as a Software Engineer and now I manage a team of 10 Software Engineers. I met Bridget Kelly at Infogroup where we started dating. A few years later we found a house at Riverside Lakes and moved in May 5 of 2012. We recently married on March 16, 2013 and are happy residents at RSL. We have two dogs Kayla a German Shepard and Zoey a Weimaraner. I like to work on our house slowly updating it room by room and doing software development work on the side.