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Riverside WAVES

Boater Education

Anyone operating a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must be at least 14 years of age. Any operator born after Dec. 31, 1985 must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course and be in possession of a valid certificate. Boater education classes are open to anyone at least 14 years of age. There are a number of classes available in the area and residents can get the information by going on the NE Game & Parks website: BoatSafeNebraska.org. NE Game & Parks will also hold a class for Riverside Lakes residents if there are enough children/grandchildren registered to warrant hiring an instructor. If interested, please contact Nick Heinrich - 402-681-0937 or nick_heinrich@yahoo.com. Once the minimum attendees has been met, we'll get a class scheduled at a location nearby.

Riverside Lakes Hosts a Fantastic Summer Fun Days

Did you miss the fun? Well, if you did be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Summer Fun Days next year. Here's a recap of the weeks events:

We began on Saturday morning with the fishing tournament. Young and old baited their hooks in hopes of getting the "catch of the day". The winners were: Big Lake = **Grace Traynor** and the Small Lake = **Sandy Mc Kinney**.

The annual horseshoe tournament was held on Sunday. After a tough competition **Kevin Spier** was awarded the trophy. He's been eyeing that trophy for a long time now.

Family Fun Night was held on Tuesday night. The children and grandchildren who took part in this event had fun on the water slide, played beanbag toss, raced boats, played target golf, had their face painted or took aim with water balloons, then cooled off with a delicious

snow cone. Adults and children alike had a great time. It was nice to see so many families take part in this event.

On Thursday, we held the annual Duck Race. We sold out! Hundreds of little ducks floated and bobbed down the Elkhorn River as participants cheered their ducks on to victory. The winning ducks went to: 1st place = **Steve Craig**, 2nd place = **Ginger Parker**, and 3rd place = **Maureen Packer**.

We culminated the week's events with our Dinner Dance in the park. Chicken and dessert was provided by RLRCA while attendees brought sides.

We have some wonderful cooks here at the lake! Everything was yummy! There were 28 raffle prizes. Each household received 1 free ticket while others were available for purchase. Our big Calcutta winner was **Katie Brichacek**, which was very helpful to her as she fin-

ishes her senior year at college. Congratulations to all of the winners!

So if you missed out on any or all of our Summer Fun Days look ahead to next year and mark your calendars as soon as the dates are announced. It's a great way to meet and socialize with your Riverside Lake's neighbors!

The 2015 Trophy Winners are:

4th of July Parade =
Big Lake – **The Byers**
Small Lake – **Dan Morris and Melodee Bock**

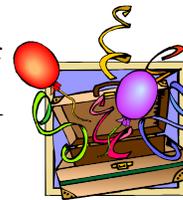
Fishing Tournament:

Big Lake – adult –

Grace Traynor Child – **Elena Wolfe [Bower]**
Small Lake – adult – **Sandy Mc Kinney** Child – **Sandy Mc Kinney's granddaughter**

Horseshoe Tournament - Kevin Spier

See you next summer!



RLRCA Welcomes a New Board Member

Hi. I'd like to introduce myself to the Riverside Lakes Community. My name is Charlyn Westley. [Pronounced like it looks Char lyn] My husband Bob and I moved here from the Chicagoland area. We built our home and moved in at

the end of January.

After teaching Kindergarten and First Grade in Illinois, I retired in June of 2012. We wanted to be closer to our sons so the move to Omaha seemed right. We have two sons – Brad, his wife Tracey and our grandchildren Brooke

and Chase live here in Omaha and Scott, who lives in Des Moines.

I feel that it was a God-send that we ended up building our home at Riverside Lakes. We have been greeted warmly and have developed new friendships. We look for-

ward to many years here at the lake and hope to meet more neighbors and friends. I am proud to be a part of the RLRA board and will meet and greet new neighbors with the same warmth that I received.

Information on the Upcoming DC West Bond Issue Vote

A View From A Board Member...

... DC West School Bond Issue since the November 2014 Election

By RSL Resident Sue McKie

Election Day, November 4th, 2014, The Douglas County Community Schools (DC West), District 0015 Board Of Education (Board) placed an item on the general ballot to approve funds to make repairs, improvements, and new additions to the existing school facilities. This construction addressed the major needs of our facilities, which included: updates due to Fire Code deficiencies and State Fire Marshal's reports; updates to Bathrooms to provide compliance with ADA Standards; updates and repairs to building systems including: HVAC, plumbing, electrical technology support; provide severe storm protection areas, safety improvements including: secured entrances, integrated camera surveillance, and school wide Public Address System. This construction was anticipated to take approximately three years to complete. When new construction and remodels were completed, some areas constructed in the 1950's were scheduled to be demolished. These areas have "lived their life span" and would be difficult and costly to remodel to meet today's education standards and needs, Building Codes, and Fire Codes.

DC West has seen a growth rate of approximately 4% per year, currently about 850 students. Additional space is needed to keep up with this growth and see us into the future. There is also a need for space to safely place children while other areas are being remodeled.

The anticipated construction cannot be completed strictly during summer vacation or holiday breaks. The Board's earlier surveys of staff, students, and community members indicated the desire for better class alignment. This would situate the High School and the Middle School together, and place the Elementary School and the Preschool adjacent to one another. These alignments provide more efficient use of staff, facilities, and shared curriculum materials. This alignment would also eliminate the need for special subject (i.e. Art, Band, Music, etc.) Staff to drive between campuses, or to transport students between campuses (i.e. Middle School students taking High School level courses).

November 4, 2014- Election Day – The proposed Bond was defeated 1156 against; 1024 for the proposed plans, a difference of 132 votes.

December 2014 - The Board Of Education held a Public Feedback Forum. Approximately 50 community members were in attendance to provide feedback. The majority of the comments and questions were on the following topics: "Too much money?"; "Did not understand what was included in the bond."; "Not enough cost break down information was provided to determine value of the Work."; "The Wording on the ballot was confusing."; therefore community members did not vote on the issue; and "Did not understand Phasing and selling of Bonds." The Board also learned that a large portion of the community was not registered to vote.

January 2015 – The "Program Phase" of the Architect's Contract was completed and terminated. The Board then signed the Architect's Contract for Work on the "Schematic Design

Phase" only. The Schematic Design Documents would provide more detailed information to the community and give a Contractor sufficient information to provide more accurate Cost information. The end of the Schematic Design Phase will take the District roughly to Election Day.

March 2015 – The Board interviewed, selected, and hired a "Construction Management At Risk" firm (CM@r) for the Schematic Design Phase only. The CM@r will work side by side with the Architect during Schematic Design Phase to help select materials and trades that are available and affordable during this construction market. During this time the Board continued to receive feedback from a variety of community groups during presentations made and /or comments received by the Board from individual community members

June 13, 2015 - The Board held another community feedback meeting. This meeting was attended by 60-70 people. The Board was seeking more feedback from the public. The Architect and CM@r then did a detailed review of our facilities room by room to determine a detailed scope of work and associated cost estimate.

No longer will every space get "touched" and facility may have new construction next to "aged" Construction. The Board continues to seek feedback from the community. Please feel free to contact Superintendent Melissa Polonic at 402.359.2853 or Mpolonic@dcwest.org. The Architect and CM@r continue to incorporate appropriate feedback into the design and cost information.



July 13, 2015 - Revised plans and cost estimates of proposed bond issue presented to the School Board for review and discussion.

July 20, 2015 - A special board meeting **was** held at 7:00pm, in the DC West Board Conference Room by the Superintendent's Office on the Valley campus. The Board decided and voted to pass resolution to put the proposed Bond Issue on the ballot for a September 15th mail in election.

UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Week of August 24th, 2015 – Ballots will be mailed by the Douglas County Election Commission.

September 15th, 2015 - Election Day - Ballots due back by 5:00 pm to the Douglas County Election Commission Office. Follow special instructions on ballot, i.e. One ballot per envelope, Sign outside of ballot envelope on space provided, etc.

NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE? – There are several ways to take care of this.

- 1) Register in person at the Douglas County Election Commission Office, 225 North 115th Street, Omaha. This registration must be done on or before August 28th 2015 to vote on this issue. Any resident of the District who will reach the age of 18 before November 3rd, 2015, is eligible to vote in this election.

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- 2) Register online at www.votedouglasscounty.com. You still may have to visit the office listed above to sign your registration form. September 1, 2015 is the deadline for online registration.
- 3) Contact local "Deputy Registrar". Several members of our community have gone thru training to assist in Voter Registration. These individuals have

Voter Registration Forms, can assist you in completing them, and can return your completed forms for you, or provide you with mail-in information. The local Douglas County Deputy Registrars are: George Conrad, Kristi Eggen, Chantz Hanson, Sue McKie (402.779.3306), Melissa Polonic (402.359.2583), Corey Watton, and Stephanie Weiss.

Riverside Lakes to Update Directories 2015-2016

It's been a few years since we've had an updated directory. As this process does take some time to complete please try to send the following information to TwiLea at TwiLea@yahoo.com or mail to 325 Riverside Drive by October 1st. We hope to have the directories ready by the end of the year or, at the latest, in time for the annual meeting

- in January.
- Name
- Name (if applicable)
- Address
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone
- Cell Phone (if applicable)
- Email
- Email (if applicable)
- If you have a business and would like to advertise in

the directory the rates are as follows:

- Full Page Four Color: \$200
- Half Page Black and White: \$100
- Business Card: \$75

If you are interested please contact TwiLea for availability and if you have any questions.

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 20th
Hot Dog Roast

Sunday, October 18th
Oktoberfest

4th of July Fireworks Commentary

As you can imagine, there was quite a bit of feedback regarding this years' fireworks display. Not all of it was negative, but unfortunately that's the feedback that gets the most attention.

First and foremost it must be iterated that it was not the intention of the board to have a less than stellar show. We strive, each year, to bring in a company that will bring their 'A' game and meet or exceed the expectations of a show that we have all grown to expect. A few years back a company was hired to put on a show that fit those requirements: Night Vision Fireworks.

Due to the transition of the board for 2015, it was dis-

covered, too late in the year, that Night Visions had not been secured to put on our fireworks display for this year. By the time this was realized they were already booked for other others shows and we had to start the search for another supplier. Steve Craig stepped up to the plate to try and find someone that could fill in the gap and he did a great job on lining up a company on such short notice. The company that was hired did not take into consideration the venue and the houses and trees that would need to be navigated around in order for the residents to enjoy the show. There was positive feedback but it was found that it depended on

what side of the lakes one was on to watch the show.

Immediately after the show, Night Visions was contacted. To alleviate any future mishaps, they were asked to please always plan on a Riverside Lakes Show on the 4th of July and asked to contact the President of the HOA (as listed on the website) or TwiLea Fletcher, (as they have her as a contact from previous years) IF for any reason they have doubts or questions about the fireworks show. A conversation was also held with Night Vision to explore avenues to make the show better for residents and more accessible for viewing to those at Riverside Lakes in the coming years. In order to secure

the 2016 show, Night Visions is looking to increase their staffing to accommodate having our show on the 4th instead of another day. They are confident they can make this work but won't know for sure until September or October.

It was a very unfortunate lesson-learned for the board and one that has been corrected. We do apologize for this mishap and hope that everyone can move past this incident now that they know what transpired. If you do have any further comments or questions you may direct them to TwiLea@hotmail.com.

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Please drop off or mail your \$75.00 payment to:

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Thanks so much!

We're on the Web! www.riversidelakes.org



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