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COVID-19 Awareness

Every individual needs to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19. These are just some of the recommended actions you should take:

Educate yourself and your family. Conditions are changing daily. Stay informed by monitoring the CDC website and other Government Agencies that are constantly updating information.

Avoid close contact with others, especially people who are sick. Keep a 6-foot zone of space around you. Avoid small and large group settings. Cover your cough. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched items.

Wash your hands often for 20 seconds every time. Use sanitizing gel when soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If you are showing symptoms, call your doctor before seeking testing and treatment. Stay home and self-quarantine if mildly ill.

Create a household plan in case of illness.

A Note from the President

Hello Riverside Lakes Residents. My name is Shane Welsh and I'm excited to be your new HOA President! With the weather getting warmer and the Dredging on the Fishing Lake complete, I'm sure we are all anxious to get outside and enjoy our beautiful community after a relatively mild winter, especially compared to last year.

The Residents of Riverside Lakes have met many challenges over the years. Last year the community came together to help when the flood hit last March and now with the COVID-19 crisis. People such as Adam Bradfield and his wife, Robin Ebel, and many others are helping by coordinating food deliveries to Residents who don't want to leave their home, while helping some of our Resident restaurant owners.

At our Annual Meeting in January, we were happy to announce we had five new board members to join our team and another one filled the seventh position recently, giving us a full Board of seven Directors to help plan and implement are planned activities. Several of us new Board members are fairly new to Riverside Lakes and we have all jumped right in with great ideas to help with efficiencies as it's always good to have new ideas to see things in a new light. Please welcome your new Board of Directors to the RLHOA Board.

The Board continues to work very hard to get our organization in order. A big thank you to Jennifer Kieffe, our Board treasurer for her on-going work to get our financials in order and for getting our tax returns filed and many other things Jennifer does for the HOA. She has helped to get our HOA in compliance with the IRS.

I would also like to recognize and thank Barb Bower and Barb Watson for their great service on the HOA Board and their continued support for the HOA.

The Board held their Re-Organizational meeting the last week of January and lots of great ideas came out of that meeting. We are excited about all the events scheduled this year. The Polar Express/Santa Visit was such a hit last year; we have already booked Ollie the Trolley to make its way through Riverside Lakes again in December. Be sure to sign up early, you won't want to miss this.

The HOA is here for one purpose and one purpose only, to make Riverside Lakes a great place to live. I really think we all believe this, so why not get involved? If everyone would volunteer to help in some capacity, our events would continue to be great because of the great people that live here. To help the events be a success, please participate on a committee or volunteer to help at an event. We can do it, let's make Riverside Lakes the greatest place to live!



The RLHOA Board of Directors worked very hard behind the scenes to provide a convenient electronic payment option to our residents in 2019.

This fast-friendly payment option can be used for membership dues, activity tickets, fireworks donations, & more!

This is another step in the right direction in providing convenience to our members.

Steps to make a payment:

1. Go to PayPal's website or access the application on your mobile device.
2. Click 'Send Money' – the recipient is riversidelakeshoa@gmail.com
3. Add in your dollar amount & **CHANGE payment type to "Sending to a friend"** – add in your description (ex: Membership dues). Shipping address = No address needed.
4. How do you want to pay?
 - a. Bank account (no charge)
 - b. PayPal balance (no charge)
 - c. Credit card – Processing fee is charged to the sender.



Keeping our Community Clean!

It's a new year and Spring is here! Let's start this year out right by cleaning up the area around your home.

Please remove unwanted items such as dead plants, empty pots, scattered toys, random clutter, etc.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our community looking its best!



Riverside Lakes HOA Board Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Waterloo Library or other location as designated.

If you have something to present to the Board, contact us at: riversidelakeshoa@gmail.com by the 3rd Monday of each month to have your item placed on the agenda.



RIVERSIDE LAKES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
2020 Membership Events*

- **CANCELED - Saturday, April 4th Park Clean Up**
- **CANCELED - Saturday, April 11th Easter Egg Hunt** 
- **May 28th, 29th, & 30th (Thurs, Fri, Sat) Garage Sales & Community Clean Up Days – Dumpster** 
- **Saturday, July 4th Community Fireworks and Boat Parades**
- **Summer Fun Days Sat. July 25th – Sat. August**
 - ❖ **Saturday, July 25th – Adults and Kids Fishing Derby**
 - ❖ **Sunday, July 26th – Horseshoe & Bag Toss Tournament**
 - ❖ **Thursday, July 30th – Elkhorn River Duck Race**
 - ❖ **Saturday, August 1st – Family Picnic and Car Show & Shine**
- **Riverside Lakes Annual Golf Outing – TBD**
- **Sunday, October 18th Fall Festival** 
- **Saturday, December 5th RLHOA Christmas Party** 
- **Sunday, December 13th – Polar Express & Santa Visit**

**These events and dates are subject to change if necessary due to conflicting dates, budgetary needs, lack of participation and inclement weather. Other events not on the list may be scheduled throughout the year.*

Riverside Lakes Fireworks-planning a great show!



As a result of last year's vendor having technical difficulties, this year's Fireworks show will be free up to \$6,500 worth of Fireworks. We have been working with them to plan a great show for this year's fireworks display scheduled for July 4th. And they will be shot off from the far Eastern Island of the Boating Lake for better viewing for everyone! We are always fundraising for the next year's show, and our fundraising goal is \$9,000 to provide a great show for our Residents. Please make your checks payable to RLHOA: mail to P.O. Box 155, Waterloo, NE 68069 or you can use your PayPal account to make your donation. We thank all our residents for contributing to the fireworks fund. Let's make this 4th of July a real BANG at Riverside Lakes!



Our membership committee is determined to better understand why some residents have not yet become members.

Here is what they've heard!

- “We would like to see a breakdown of what money is being spent on. We want more money being spent on beautification and improvements of the neighborhood, not social events.” - Resident
*This is a common misconception. **Less than 35% of the 2020 approved budget is designated to Member Only events.** All members receive a copy of the year's annual budget at the Annual meeting held each January. At this meeting, members also receive a proposed budget for the current year. The 2020 Proposed budget was approved by the Board of Directors at the February board meeting and was sent to all members on March 11, 2020.*
- “I have no issue with the money. I just don't want the HOA to have any say over what I can or can't do out here. If the HOA gets a certain amount of memberships, they will take over and take away boating rights.” - Resident
*Often times, the Covenants are confused with HOA membership. The Riverside Lakes Protective Covenants, which were last updated in 1987, is a legal document filed with Douglas County, Nebraska that was created by the developers of this land and approved by the residents at the time of filing. This document outlines the restrictions on the use of the **land** within the community. Changes or amendments to the Covenants can only be done by approval from 2/3 of the property owners.*
- “I do not approve of the chemicals that are put in the lakes that turn the water clear and kill all of the fish.” - Resident
*This is also a common misconception. **Lake maintenance is the responsibility of the Riverside Lakes SID, funded solely by resident taxes.** The HOA is not responsible for lake maintenance. Your tax dollars fund this, not HOA membership dues. Please contact the SID with concerns regarding this.*
- “We do not have children and do not attend the events, so it is a waste of \$100 for us.” - Resident
***Less than 35% of the 2020 approved budget is being put towards Member-Only events.** Not all events include children; there are a number of Adult Only events planned throughout the year. Membership dues include, but are not limited to Administrative costs, Website fees, Citizens Patrol, Communications such as newsletter, bulletin board flyers, etc., Community Garage Sales and Dumpster Clean up, plus Beautification and much more.*



**Trasi Fletcher and
Tommy Siske**

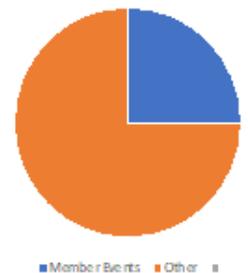
420 Shorewood Lane

Jerry and Pat Horn

621 Riverside Drive

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

2019 Budget



Did you know that 25% of the 2019 HOA actual budget was used towards member only events?

**Boating and Watercraft
Recreation**

Boating Safety is first in boating. The Nebraska Games and Parks as well as the Douglas County Sheriff enforce the Safety Boating Rules. If you need a copy of these rules, contact the RLHOA at riversidelakeshoa@gmail.com to receive a copy.

Spring Building and Home updating Projects

As our neighborhood ages and homeowners continue to update, remodel and improve their properties, please make sure to submit plans for anything structural to the Architectural Committee for HOA board approval prior to applying for permits with the City. We have covenants that cover the basic requirements and the City of Omaha that we fall under for building codes, requires building permits for many projects. If using contractors, make sure to follow up on your contractors to ensure they file the proper permits for the project.

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Membership dues are due in January of every year. If you are not yet a member or renewed your 2020 membership, please make payment upon receipt of this newsletter. Checks can be made payable to RLHOA.

2020 Dues are \$100

Payment Options:

Mail payment to PO Box 155,
Waterloo, NE 68069
OR

Pay with the convenience of PayPal
by following the steps on page 1.

**2020 RLHOA
Board of Directors**

- Shane Welsh - President
- Bo Gratton - Vice President
- Jennifer Kieffe - Treasurer
- Linda Leavitt - Secretary
- Adam Bradfield - Director
- Kip Oetter - Director
- Sheila Cole - Director



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Don't be scared to Volunteer



The Board of Directors is always looking for volunteers to serve on the Association's various board and event committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee and would like further information regarding committee-member responsibilities, please contact Shane Welsh at RLHOA. Consider volunteering your time and talents for the benefit of our community...we promise we won't bite!



Committee Involvement @ Riverside Lakes – Below is a list of available committees and their board designated chairperson, choose the committee that best suits your interests and areas of specialty and come aboard! Email riversidelakeshoa@gmail.com with interest or contact the board chair directly. We are excited to see these committees grow and do great things!

Aesthetics/Beautification Committee, Bo Gratton

Architectural Committee, Bo Gratton

Covenants Committee, Linda Leavitt

Communication Committee, Jennifer Kieffe

Community Directory Committee, TBD for 2022

Fireworks Committee, Shane Welsh

Membership Committee, Jennifer Kieffe

Nominating Committee, Kip Oetter

Welcome Committee, Shane Welsh