



KATIE'S CORNER

Hi Neighbors! My name is Katie Clark and I am the President of our RSL HOA Board. This is my third time serving on the Board. I love this neighborhood and I want to help keep RSL a wonderful community to live. I also enjoy meeting so many of our great neighbors. If you would like to better our community and meet other homeowners, I encourage you to run for one of our open board positions or serve on a committee. Please e-mail us at RiversideLakesHOA@gmail.com or contact any Board member to apply or if you have any questions. If you have not sent in the \$100 yearly HOA dues yet, please consider sending it in now. It will save us time from having to contact people.



For those of you who do not know me, I have lived at Riverside Lakes with my wonderful husband Steve for 23 years. We have 3 amazing daughters who will all be away at college this Fall. I am an elementary school counselor in OPS and just finishing my 22nd year. If you notice me walking our big white Husky/ Great Pyrenees around the lake, please take a moment to introduce yourself.

It takes a village to make a great neighborhood. I hope you will come out and join us in all the great things we have in store.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE: Keep us Informed with the Form

It is great to see so many RSL residents making home improvements! Updates to our homes and yards raises property values and helps keep our community a place where we can be proud to live. When you are planning projects to the exterior of your home, be sure to check the neighborhood covenants and fill out the form for the architectural committee. This form is available on the website, or email us at riversidelakeshoa@gmail.com and we will send you the form. Don't worry – the form is not complicated and the purpose is only to help you navigate and comply with the neighborhood covenants. Neighborhoods that follow their covenants and standards tend to be safer, look better, have higher property values.

ON THE CALENDAR

June 3 – 5: Garage Sale Weekend
June 19 – 26: Summer Fun Days
July 4: Fireworks! Parades! Fun!
August 28 (tentative) Golf Outing
September – Movie Night in the Park
October 2: Fall Festival
December 4: Christmas Party

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FIREWORKS FUND

Did you love last year's fireworks display? The fireworks display at RSL is organized by the HOA, but is entirely funded through donations! Our goal this year is to raise \$8000 to have a fantastic display like the one last year. If you and your holiday guests enjoyed the show, please consider a contribution of \$30, \$50, \$100 or more. If all homeowners contribute, we will have another amazing show to celebrate America and Independence Day! You may contribute by dropping off a check to any HOA Board member, mail a contribution to PO Box 155, Waterloo, NE 68069, or use Paypal (if using Paypal, be sure to check that we are a friend/family to avoid any surcharges). Thank you!

YOUR HOA BOARD

Katie Clark, President
Open (Could be You!), Vice President
Char Westley, Secretary
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Open (Could be You!), Director

KEEPING RSL BEAUTIFUL – WE CAN HELP!

Riverside Lakes is a neighborhood unique in its attributes. RSL Lakes has what most lake neighborhoods do not have: mature trees, large green space, playground, sand volleyball, baseball diamond, tennis courts, basketball hoop, walking trail, a bluebird nesting community, fishing, and the best sunsets. But sometimes the upkeep and maintenance of lake life can be overwhelming... after all who wants to work when you can play??

If you are **OVERWHELMED** by the maintenance and **have trees that need trimmed, shore stations that need repaired/removed or excess materials and debris that need disposed of** CONTACT the RSL HOA. Don't let lack of time or interest stand in the way of keeping RSL tidy. Keeping RSL tidy also increases the property value of our neighborhood.

Please contact the RSL HOA for assistance with the following items:

- Tree and shrub trimming particularly trees and landscaping near the street. ***It's imperative that for the safety of all that roadways are kept clear of overhanging branches, overgrown shrubs etc. so oncoming traffic, pedestrians, children are always visible***
- Nonliving landscaping/trees cutback and or removed
- Shore stations that are nonoperational require removal or repair
- Jet ski docking station repair or removal
- Dock repairs
- Excess materials / debris surrounding residence removed.

We have contractors that will provide services for minimal fees.

Thank you for your time in reading this reminder ~ Here's to a great summer and keeping RSL the beauty that it is!

DON'T FENCE ME IN



We have had a number of inquiries about fences. Fences are addressed in the covenants – they “must be approved in regard to heights, materials, and locations; however no beaches may be fenced. “ The role of the architectural committee is to make sure that fences comply with the covenants. The covenants are pretty clear about no fencing the beaches, but the committee and HOA Board have some discretion in terms of height, material, and location. As a Board, we understand the desire for some homeowners to have fences

for dogs. Our goal is to help homeowners find a fencing solution that meets their needs but also does not impede the view of neighbors and is aesthetically pleasing for not just the homeowner and next door neighbors, but also for those across the lake. If you are considering a fence, we hope that you will consider the option of an invisible fence. If this is not feasible for your situation, the general height, material, and location guidelines that will be considered are: (1) height of no more than four feet, (2) wrought iron, and (3) the fence should be located close to the house and as far from the beach as possible.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH YOUR HOA

Your RSL HOA Board is looking for individuals to fill slots on the Board of Directors and several committees. If you love your neighborhood and want to help keep Riverside Lakes a great place to live, please email us at RiversideLakesHOA@gmail.com or talk to a Board member. We know that we have many neighbors with talents, expertise, and skills that would greatly benefit our community. Please consider applying for one of these positions!

ALONG THE BLUEBIRD TRAIL

The annual Bluebird Breakfast was canceled this year due to COVID, but calls were made to our 12 seasoned bluebirders. They will begin monitoring their trail boxes NOW. Spring has finally sprung, love and happiness is in the air. Neighbors have been spotting the return of the bluebirds! Armed with information and enthusiasm, these volunteers are making a commitment from now through August to participate in this interesting and important habitat recovery program for our neighborhood. Our sincere gratitude to these trail monitors: Bob Pettigrew, Randy and Polly Briles, Barb Watson, Loretta Pierce, Sheila and Steve Kuhr, Bill and Gayla Reppert, Jenni, Amara, Asa, and Naika Woodward, and Frank and Betty Schuman. Thank you for your weekly commitment. If anyone would wish to join the team call Debbie Tesarek who is chairing this important program for the RLHA. Her phone number is (402) 763-9426.

EVENTS ROUND UP

As the country and states start opening up, so do events here at Riverside Lakes. The HOA began the year with a new event titled **Winter Games**. Even with the sub-zero weather conditions seven families participated in the Snow Sculpturing Contest held on February 6th. Winners were awarded the following prizes:
1st place – Kinsley Mayberry = \$100.00 for her unique snowman
2nd place – Steve and Katie Clark = \$50.00 for their Hawaiian Snow Couple
3rd place – Bob and Char Westley = \$25.00 for their Penguin Family
Hopefully, next year the weather will cooperate and be a bit warmer and more families will join in participating.

The Games themselves were held February 20th. There was 50+ in attendance, including parents, grandparents and children. After the Opening Ceremonies the games began, affording teams and singles to participate in the following events: Skating, Hockey, Curling, Luge and Bobsled. Closing Ceremonies brought everyone together again where each participant received a gold medal.

The HOA plans on making this an annual event and expanding it to include fun adult competition, so plan on joining us next year.



EVENTS ROUND UP (continued)

The Annual Clean-up in the Park was held on March 27th. This year the park was in the best condition it's been in years, **thanks to dog owners who have taken responsibility for their animals.** There were fifteen families represented, which made for a quicker clean-up time. Thanks to all who came out to help. The HOA really appreciates your service to the community.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** was held on April 3rd in the park. We had an awesome turnout with more than 50 children anxious to hunt for eggs, especially the "special egg". There were three age groups. The lucky winner in each group received a \$10.00 gift card to Dairy Queen. We added another twist this year. The 10+ age group had a scavenger hunt. Each group of 2-3 took pictures [with their phones] looking for something that began with each letter of the alphabet. The groups used their imagination for some of the harder letters by making X's using eggs or sticks, or looking at car license plates for the letter Z. The winners received a \$10.00 cash prize each. We look forward to another twist next year.



See more pictures
from the Egg Hunt in
the Events page of
the website

THANK YOU to all who volunteered at these events!
We appreciate you!!!!