

Riverside Lakes Homeowners' Association

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# Riverside WAVES

June 2011

## 2011 Summer Fun Days Schedule

The 2011 Summer Fun Days will be held July 30th - August 6th. Outlined below are the events planned for this year. More details will follow for each event in a separate flyer but plan on a fun-filled week! We've added a few new activities to the agenda this year too. We would love to have volunteers to help get these activities organized. Please contact any of the board members if you would like to help.

### **Saturday, July 30th** **Fishing Tournament** **7am - 10am**

This year we are splitting up the two lakes. Trophies will be presented to the winner of the most fish by weight caught and the largest fish caught on each lake.  
**Tapas to Tiramisu 5pm - 11pm**  
Boating Lake parties will take place from 5pm to 8pm. Fishing Lake parties will take place from 8pm to 11pm.

### **Sunday, July 31st**

**Horseshoe Tournament**  
**HIGH NOON**  
461 Lakehurst Drive (Reppert's)  
You must be a paid homeowner to participate in this tournament.

### **Monday, August 1st** **NEW EVENT - The RSL Duck Race** **6:30pm - ???**

Purchase a rubber duck (the RLHA board will have them) for \$5. The ducks will 'race' down the river from Dodge Street to the homes of

Fletcher/Lee and Esser's. The winning duck will receive half the proceeds.

### **Tuesday, August 2nd** **Kids' Night and National Night Out** **6:30pm**

Meet at the pavillion anytime after 6pm for a variety of activities.

### **Wednesday, August 3rd** **Family Night: Volleyball**

### **6:30pm**

### **Thursday, August 4th** **Family Night: Softball/ Kickball**

### **6:30pm**

### **Friday, August 5th** **NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

### **Saturday, August 6th** **Triathlon/????** **8am**

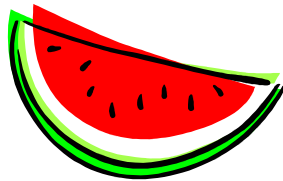
We need YOUR input. Participation for the triathlon has dwindled. It

was suggested that it be replaced with a kayak, canoe, paddleboat and lifejacket race. Let TwiLea know what you would partici-

pate in so planning and organization can begin.

### **End of Summer Fun Days Dinner/Dance** **6pm**

Join us for a potluck dinner at the Pavillion. Prizes for the week to be awarded! Raffle drawings! Music by our own DJ Dougie Fresh!



## Here's What's Happening on the 4th of July!!

**Fishing Lake Parade: 5:00pm-6:45pm**  
**Boating Lake Parade: 7:00pm-7:45pm**

We encourage everyone, of all ages, to get involved and participate!

1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded for each lake (presented at the End of Summer Days Dinner/Dance).

You can decorate or theme your boat, pontoon, canoe, kayak or paddleboats.

Participants: please be prepared to go around the lakes for at least 30-45 minutes.

A 15 minute 'break' window has been slotted so the audience and judges can enjoy the parades on both lakes.

Any resident can participate on either lake.

If you would like to be a judge or if you have any questions please contact any RLHA board member.

### **Fireworks Display: dusk**

The SID lot (on Shorewood Lane) is available for residents who may not be able to see the display from their homes on the small lake or the river.

You can contribute to the fireworks fund anytime! Please send your contribution to TwiLea Fletcher (325 Riverside Drive).

## Riverside Lakes Yard of the Week Winners

Congratulations to Jim and Barb Watson of 660 Riverside and Larry and Kay Van Roy of 325 Lakehurst Dr.! They are the first two winners of Yard of the Week. We want to recog-



nize the hard work and effort put in by the residents to keep their homes and our neighborhood looking wonderful. Each week throughout the summer, a yard will be se-

lected by one of the RLHA board members. The 'judge' will then contact the homeowner to notify them of their selection and place the sign in their yard for one week.

## News From Your SID # 177

### Flood Insurance Issue

In 2010 FEMA expanded the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) along the Elkhorn River to include homes in Riverside Lakes located south of Riverside and Southshore Drives. This re-districting resulted in mortgage companies requiring homeowners in the area to purchase flood insurance. Last fall, a request was made to FEMA for a Letter Of Map Adjustment (LOMA) that would effectively remove the structures in the area from the SFHA. After several months, a LOMA was obtained and is posted on our web site ([www.riversidelakes.org](http://www.riversidelakes.org)). This letter can be presented to mortgage

and insurance companies to demonstrate the flood insurance is not required and that flood insurance may be purchased at preferred rates. Special thanks to Art Beccard and Rich Broyles of Thompson, Dreesen & Dorner, and Lori Laster of Papio NRD for working with Jeff Holling of our SID to get this matter resolved.

### Wheel Tax Exemption

This past year, the City of Omaha's wheel tax received a great deal of publicity as the city imposed and increased various taxes to deal with its budget woes. This wheel tax is placed on any vehicle registered within three miles of Omaha's city limits that's

driven on Omaha streets more than 30 times per year. Unfortunately most of us drive our cars on Omaha streets and are subject to this tax. We can however get an exemption on our boat trailers (or any other trailers or vehicles) that aren't taken on Omaha streets more than 30 times per year. To avoid paying this tax, simply to our website ([www.riversidelakes.org](http://www.riversidelakes.org)) and go to the "links and general info" tab where you'll find the wheel tax exemption form. Print off the form, complete it, get it notarized, and take it to the DMV when you license your trailer. It only takes a few minutes and it will save you money you could be spending on gas for your boat!

## Tips For Swimmer's Itch Prevention

**With summer already here many of us will be heading to the river or the lakes to cool off with a swim. Although there is no known outbreaks of swimmer's itch at Riverside Lakes, it's always a good idea to be informed in the event symptoms occur.**

### *What is swimmer's itch and what are the symptoms?*

Swimmer's itch is a dermatitis that develops on parts of the body that have been exposed to lake water containing certain larval forms of flatworms. Reddened spots, called papules, form on the body within hours after exposure and may itch intensely for several days before subsiding. After approximately one week, the symptoms usually disappear. In severe cases, a person can develop a fever, become nauseated and spend several sleepless nights suffering from intense itching.

### *How can swimmer's itch be prevented?*

**Choose swimming spots carefully.** Avoid swimming in areas where swimmer's itch is a known problem or signs warn of possible contamination. Also avoid swimming or wading in marshy areas where snails are commonly found. **Avoid the shoreline, if possible.** If you're a strong swimmer, head to deeper water for your swim because you may be more likely to develop swimmer's itch if you spend a lot of time in shallow water.

**Rinse after swimming.** Rinse exposed skin with fresh water immediately after leaving the water, then vigorously dry your skin with a towel. Launder your swimsuits often. You might even alternate wearing different swimsuits.

**Skip the bread crumbs.** Don't feed birds on docks or near swimming areas.

For more information visit [www.swimmersitch.org](http://www.swimmersitch.org)

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## The Easter Bunny Visits Riverside Lakes!

The Saturday before Easter a large white bunny appeared at Riverside Lakes and hid a number of eggs throughout the Riverside Lakes park. Thankfully, dozens of children and grandchildren of Riverside Lakes residents were



on hand to find and retrieve these eggs and keep our park clean and beautiful. Many of the children even had their pictures taken with the perpetrator. These photos and others are now posted on our web site. Special

thanks to grown ups, Molly Scott, Cindy Holling, Toni Hunter, Colleen Tuttle, Mollie Anderson, Courtney Hottovy, Ashley Schuette, who played the Easter Bunny, and the RLHA for making the event possible.



## RLHA Planning a Neighborhood Clean-Up

The Riverside Lakes Homeowner's Association is currently in the process of planning the first official RSL Neighborhood Cleanup. A neighborhood cleanup / beautification project is the best way to immediately improve the quality of life in a community. In the meantime, please take some time to help pick up litter/debris around our neighborhood and help out your neighbors. A little effort can certainly go a long way and is always appreciated. For example, Larry Rasmussen and Doug Lee recently helped Terry and Maureen Packer upright their shore station. Terry writes:

*"I was hoping in the next waves you could give a big kudos to Larry Rasmussen and Doug Lee for helping*

*upright my shore station. It is wonderful to have such fine neighbors. We have lived here 32 years and are happy to see the Riverside Lakes neighborly attitude is still alive and well. I will be giving a larger than usual donation for the fireworks fund this year in their name."*

The RLHA board is working hard to plan the official dates of the first annual RSL Neighborhood Cleanup. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer or need assistance, please contact RLHA board members Chris Imm at (402) 216-9612 or Connie Tushner at (402) 333-1818. The RLHA board thanks you and looks forward to a great summer!

## History Corner

### By Mollie Anderson

History is just a bunch of dates without the people who make it and Riverside Lakes is just a couple of lakes without the people who make it a community. This quarter's article is more about a couple of people who are indicative of the quality of families living on the lake, than a history of events on the lake. Meet Larry and Kay Van Roy who reside at 325 Lakehurst Drive. They have been residents since 1991 when they bought a small lot on the lake that had been foreclosed on from the Bureau of Reclamations for \$8,500. They were in their mid-50s and Larry had just retired from a 30 year career as a federal post office employee. They got hooked on lake living by a chance opportunity to view a lake home on Ginger Cove and they seized the next opportunity to give lake living a try.

Larry and Kay describe themselves as boring; to quote them, "We are two old poops living on golden pond." I, however, think that they are anything but boring. They are not too far from the cut of Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda in terms of personality and the quiet reverence and support the actors had for each other. They

have raised 4 successful and happy children to adulthood. They have maintained a positive attitude throughout all of life's trials and tribulations.

They are homegrown Omahans who met at the Keebler Biscuit Company in Omaha when Larry, who was quite shy, summoned up enough nerve to ask Kay out on date. He was smitten and 54 years later they have no regrets. If you look around their home they are a self-sufficient couple taking care of all the many chores that are there when you embrace lake living. Larry is the master mechanic with an analytical mind that can take anything apart and put it back together again. If he is to the far right of being a perfectionist, then Kay is to the far right of amazing patience. They built their home on the lake overseeing every detail. They have a zest for the simple life of family and community. Their only regret is that they waited so long to live on a lake; they wish they could have lived here when their children were young.

Larry and Kay care about their neighbors and they add that this is one of the friendliest neighborhoods

they have ever lived in. They embrace change and look for the best in life no matter what it brings. They have seen numerous changes on the lake: changes in water quality, roads, disputes over the rules, and friends who have come and gone, but they simply don't get too caught up in it. Larry and Kay try to see the best of each day. They stay fit and they love watching the changes of the seasons on the lake, looking out the back window of their home at a group of people or birds on the lake, and taking in the fresh air or scents of a bonfire or the flowers that are in bloom.

They don't spend much time judging and they accept the different perspectives residents' can have. Kay decorates their home for every holiday and they celebrate their faith and life with their family every opportunity they get. Of course they proudly presented the pictures of their grandchildren during our visit.

I enjoyed my visit with them and as I left I thought that these are not "two old poops on living on golden pond." They are a few of the gems in our community.

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**Memorials**

The Memorial Day holiday is a time to reflect on all of the residents we have lost this past year—Cathy Bockelman, Duane Aschenbrenner, Bill Atkisson, Dan Zitek, Paula Magiera, & Carmen Costello. We were blessed to have them as part of our community. Also, many residents lost loved ones who were part of their families. In their memory, Jen Miller and Molly Scott have planted trees and flowers on the island of the small lake. When you are on your way around the small lake please take time to remember those we have lost.