

Riverside Lakes Homeowners Association

# Riverside WAVES



## 2010 Summer Fun Days Schedule

Mark your calendars for the week of July 31st thru August 7th!

### Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, July 31st, 7:00-10:00 am.**

Prizes for the most fish weighed in. Homeowners and their guests are welcome to participate, **but you must be a lake resident to win the engraved traveling trophy**, which will be presented at the dinner/dance.

### Tapas to Tiramisu

**Saturday, July 31st, 5:00 pm- ???**

Adults only!!! You must be on a team to participate. Watch for a flyer or contact any RLHA board member for more information. This is a great party and a fun way to meet your neighbors!

### Horseshoe Tournament

**Sunday, August 1st, High noon- ???**

Participants must have paid their RLHA dues! Meet at Bill & Gayla Reppert's, 461 Lakehurst - Dr., 779-3241. The coveted traveling trophy will be awarded at the dinner/dance.

### Kids' Night

**Tuesday, August 3rd, 6:30-8:30 pm.**

Come join us at the park for games, face painting, dunking tank, water balloon toss, ladder ball, washer toss, and a visit from the Waterloo Fire & Rescue Department.

### Volleyball

**Wednesday, August 4th, 6:30 til dark.**

We will organize teams at the park with whom ever shows up. Refreshments will be served, but feel free to bring your own cooler!

### Softball/Kickball

**Thursday, August 5th, 6:30 til dark.**

Join us again at the park for a night of slow-pitch or kick ball fun! Teams will be organized into half adults and half kids. Bring your teen neighbors and friends!

### Triathlon

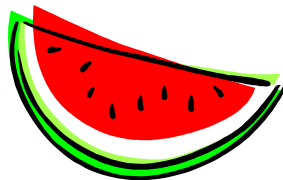
**Saturday, August 7th, 8:00 am.**

Please meet at the Reppert's, 461 Lakehurst Dr. Swim in the fishing lake, bike around the boating lake, and run around the fishing lake. You can do it individually, or divide into teams! Engraved trophy to be presented at the dinner/dance.

### Dinner/Dance

**Saturday, August 7th, 6:00 pm-???**

**More details to follow in a special flyer!**



## National Night Out: Tuesday, August 3rd

Turn on your porch lights and take time out to meet your neighbors! National Night Out encourages communities to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.

- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information, please contact Colleen Tuttle at [tuttletutco@aol.com](mailto:tuttletutco@aol.com).

## Get Ready for the 4th of July!

**Fireworks are scheduled for Sunday, July 4th, at dusk, or around 10:00 pm from the middle island on the Boating Lake.** Because of the safety of everyone concerned, no boats can be closer than the islands on either end of the lake. This is by order of the State Fire Marshall.

**The Fishing Lake will have it's boat parade at 5:00pm.** Judging will be at the SID access dock; please check in there. **The Boating Lake will have it's boat parade at 6:00 pm.**

Judging will be at Steve Christensen's dock; please check in there. Come on out and decorate your pontoon, ski boat, jet ski, paddle boat, canoe, etc.! If it floats, it's in! **1st & 2nd places will be awarded. 1st place winners of each lake will receive the FIRST ANNUAL traveling trophy!**

## Notice of Election: Riverside Lakes SID #177

As an owner of property located in Sanitary and Improvement District #177, Douglas County, Nebraska (Riverside Lakes) you are entitled to vote for the District's Board of Trustees to be elected this year.

As you may know, the Board of Trustees conducts the business of the District. The Board is responsible for the property owned by the District, including the water and waste water treatment systems, streets, grounds, and lakes. The Board adopts an annual budget and establishes a property tax levy sufficient to generate revenue to finance the operations and debt service of the District. This levy produces a substantial portion of your real estate tax, and you are therefore en-

couraged to take an active part in the affairs of your District and to participate in the election of its Trustees.

If you wish to file for election to the Board of Trustees, you may obtain a **Petition and Affidavit for Election to the Office of Trustee from the Douglas County Election Commission, 225 N. 115th St., Omaha, NE, 68154-2520, between 8:30-5:00 pm weekdays.**

The completed Application must be filed in person at the Election Commission Office, or notarized and received at the Election Commission Office, no later than **5:00 pm., Monday, July 26, 2010.** Members serve a two-year term.

## Salute to Vietnam Veterans

Rosenblatt Stadium  
Wednesday, August 25th  
at 7:05 p.m.

*There will be a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost in the conflict as well as presentation of the flags by a color guard.*

For more information and how to purchase discounted tickets for this event please contact Jim Meier at [meier260@cox.net](mailto:meier260@cox.net) or 402.490.9293.

## What Should You Do If You See Algae?

On occasion, algae may appear in the lakes. If you see algae in our lakes, send an email to a SID board member so the issue can be addressed. Next, use good common sense! A nasty algae bloom is possibly toxic. Stay out of thick algae and keep your animals from drinking it. If you do come in contact with blue green algae, rinse off with fresh water. Don't drink the water, and avoid any situation that could lead to swallowing the water. The symptoms from external exposure to humans (prolonged contact with

**Contact any SID board member if you see any algae growing on either lake!**

the skin) are skin rashes (lesions and blisters in extreme cases). Symptoms from ingestion can include headaches, nausea, muscular pains, central abdominal pain, diarrhea, and vomiting. Severe cases could include seizures, liver failure,

respiratory arrest, and even death, although this is rare. The severity of the illness is related to the amount of water ingested and the concentrations of the toxins. Not all blooms of blue green algae are going to be toxic, but we will react to an algae bloom as if it is toxic and work to treat it immediately. Due to the type of treatment used, we no longer need to prohibit swimming following treatments. If you have any questions, please contact any SID board member.

## A Little High Water History of Riverside Lakes

By Mollie Anderson

"How high is the water, Mama" is a line from a great Johnny Cash song. Well, if you ask residents of Riverside Lakes, they will answer "Too darn high!"

The facts are, the high water level in the Elkhorn River is causing the water level in both lakes to rise significantly. According to several long-term residents, it is the highest it has ever been, causing docks to disappear, floating debris, a no-wake policy on the Boating lake, as well as frustration for all residents.

Actually, the water level on the Elkhorn River has been higher. According to the National Hydrologic Prediction Service, water reached its highest level on March 29, 1962 at 19' 11", but that level was reached before the Riverside Lakes development was started. So, it is correct to say that we have experienced the highest level on June 15, 2010, at 17' 10". Saturday, June 26, it was down to 15' 5". Thankfully, it's going down!

One lesson I've learned from listening to some who have lived here a long time is the value of patience and mutual respect during a tough time like this.

Riverside Lakes residents have had a long history of neighbors offering a helping hand, as was demonstrated this past couple of weeks, as homes were threatened by rising water on Riverside Drive. Neighbors stopped by to check on each other, offered to sandbag, and commiserated and supported each other.

It is true that the Lake residents have been struggling, and that they've been worried, but based on my conversations with long-time residents, we will put this behind us and once again calm will return to the Lakes.

## Retaining Walls and Other Projects

It's that time of the year again when many people are planning to put in new retaining and sea walls. A little planning in advance can save a number of headaches down

the road.

First, if you're planning on storing materials on the district's streets, a permit must first be obtained from Douglas County. This is a fairly simple process and essentially ensures that you're familiar with the rules that keep traffic flowing and everyone safe. For the most part, you will be asked not to store materials in the "No Parking" zones. This keeps our streets from becoming blocked.

Second, if you're plan-

ning on storing materials on SID property, permission must first be obtained and a \$500 deposit provided. This ensures that the property is restored to its original condition once the project is finished.

Finally, please contact the RLHA before beginning any construction project to ensure that the project conforms to covenants and other codes. These rules exist to protect the rights of everyone and keep Riverside Lakes looking good and running smoothly. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated!



## Annual Dues Reminder & Fireworks Contributions

If you haven't paid your annual dues to the Riverside Lakes Homeowners' Association yet, it's not too late! Your \$75.00 annual dues help to support the many activities for that calendar year. Many residents wait until the fireworks drive in June to pay their annual dues along with their fireworks contributions. That is fine, but preferably we'd like to see these dues paid in January as it helps the RLHA board budget and plan for activities throughout the year. It gives us the opportunity to introduce new ideas early and enhance the ones we already support. You can also make your fireworks contribution in January

as well.

Regardless of when you pay your dues, we truly encourage you to join the Riverside Lakes Homeowners' Association, and join in the year-round fun in the neighborhood!

Your contribution supports the following activities:

- Quarterly WAVES newsletter
- RLHA website: [www.riversidelakes.org](http://www.riversidelakes.org)
- Riverside Lakes phone directory
- Summer Fun Days
- Citizens Patrol
- Annual RLHA meeting

### Higgins Lawn Care No Phosphate Program

- Granular Fertilization
- Insect & Weed Control
- Aeration
- Seeding

**727-6563**

Fremont

**289-9430**

Elkhorn

**Chuck Higgins, Jr.**

- Welcoming committee
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Holiday Party
- Many more new and exciting activities yet to come!



## History Corner II

### By Mollie Anderson

I spent some time this past week visiting Betty Batton, who lives on Wilson Ave. Betty and her husband Blaine have lived on the Lake since they got married in 1977. Her husband first purchased the model town home in 1975 from Gentry Davis.

Betty laughed as she described her friends' reactions to purchasing a home in such an isolated and far out place from the metropolitan city of Omaha. They teased the new couple about their decision to locate here and joked that

traveling to their home was like traveling to China.

When they purchased the home, there were only a few homes on the lake. They bought it for the beauty of the open spaces, nature, and the lake. They also loved the privacy.

They have seen the lake go through many changes, residents come and go, and conflicts arise and fall. Betty offered that they will stay as long as there is mutual respect for all individual property owners, and respect for the different goals each resident may have.

She said that the original covenants were designed to reflect individual freedom and mutual respect for the lake. She hopes that new residents will think about those who were here first and about what is important to them. New technology in boating and ski equipment can and does create new challenges for lake residents. All things can be managed, she believes, if everyone remembers we are all property owners of the lake. We must work together to communicate concerns directly, respect different perspectives, and avoid what can happen if we don't.

**Riverside Lakes  
Homeowners Association**

RLHA  
325 Riverside Dr.  
Waterloo, NE 68069



**It's not too late to become  
a RLHA member! Please  
send your \$75.00 check to  
Steve Christensen, 506  
Lakehurst Dr.  
Thanks!**



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**Listing of RLHA & SID #177 Members**

**RLHA**

- TwileA Fletcher**, President  
325 Riverside Dr. 968-1863
- John Pirruccello**, Presidential Advisor  
726 Riverside Dr. 779-4310
- Steve Christensen**, Treasurer  
506 Lakehurst Dr. 779-2931
- Molly Scott**, Secretary  
521 Riverside Dr. 779-2554
- Mollie Anderson**  
367 Lakehurst Dr. 884-1725
- Scott Bruhn**  
515 Shorewood Ln. 779-2173
- Jarroed Esser**  
353 Riverside Dr. 289-0311
- Kathy Sprague**  
316 Shorewood Ln. 359-1354
- Colleen Tuttle**  
413 Lakehurst Dr. 779-2821

**SID #177**

- Eric Nelson**, Chairman  
466 Riverside Dr. 779-3351
- Jeff Holling**, Grounds & Streets  
22650 Southshore Dr. 763-9819
- Robert Lynn**, Water/Wastewater  
636 Riverside Dr. 779-2904
- Bill Reppert**, Lakes Management  
461 Lakehurst Dr. 779-3421
- Ginger Parker**, Clerk  
340 Riverside Dr. 779-3178



**Have You Sent in Your  
RLHA Survey???**

Thanks to everyone that has turned in their survey! We received some great input and ideas and we are looking forward to introducing and planning some new activities to the neighborhood. If you haven't turned in the survey it's not too late. Please drop it off to 325 Riverside Drive. The results and new activities will be introduced in the next Waves newsletter.

**Scavenger Hunt Winners**

Winners of the 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt:  
Jodi Esser  
Gayla Reppert  
Bob Miller  
Doug Lee

Each received a \$10 gift certificate to the Dog House or Fire Barn.