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The Capitol Beach Community Association (CBCA) was incorporated on January 28, 1986 as a 501(c)(7) corporation. Every person who is a titleholder of a vacant lot or living unit abutting Capitol Beach Lake, shall be eligible for membership in the corporation. Once a lot or living unit abutting Capitol Beach Lake has joined the Association, such property shall remain so subject in perpetuity, and may not be separated from the Association. The bylaws and protective covenants as amended, are recorded with the Register of Deeds. Members of the Association are provided copies of these agreements when they join and upon request. The bylaws of the Association define how the business of the Association will be done, including meetings of the general membership, the election of board of directors at the annual meeting and monthly board meetings. The by laws also empower the board to establish rules and regulations of the Association for safety and care of the commons.

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## CBCA BOARD MEETING AT A GLANCE

The CBCA Board met on Thursday, November 17, at the Gas 'N Shop office.

Judy McDowell, R.J. Lipert, and Bob Maag attended to discuss neighborhood and residential security and ways to increase our level of security. Also attending were Officer Sheri Howe and Sgt. Bill Kuhlman of the Lincoln Police Department. The CBCA members present discussed with the board their proposal of a video surveillance camera at the entrance to West Lakeshore Drive. The representatives of LPD indicated that such cameras are only a small part of maximizing residential security, and offered their assistance to the CBCA board and residents in the form of presentations and/or informational articles. The residents who presented the proposal are considering surveying West and North Lakeshore and Pelican Bay residents to determine their level of interest before pursuing the surveillance camera idea, and the board is planning to include LPD information and other resources in future newsletters.

### COMMONS

Steve Kinsella reported the street light replacement is nearly done, most of the broken tree branches have been removed, and snow removal provisions are in place through Roger Schwisow. He noted that he is researching a different approach to mowing the commons next season.

Discussion was held regarding street

cleaning from Lamont to Lakeside Drive since the city street cleaning fails to keep the streets clean enough to keep street debris out of the lake. More information is needed and alternatives will continue to be explored.

### MEMBER RELATIONS

See the information elsewhere in this newsletter about the CBCA Holiday Party, scheduled for December 17. RSVP to the CBCA office at 477-9501 as soon as possible (leave a message if Office Manager Rose Wiese is not there). RSVP deadline is December 3, so adequate arrangements can be made at the Nebraska Club for the party.

### WATER QUALITY

The CBCA Board is planning to lower the water level by about eight inches during December to rid the lake of some of its salty water, and to pump from Oak Creek during January and February when that water is at its cleanest. While raising the level is not expected to cause damage to docks like what happened when the lake was refilled, residents are urged to monitor the condition of their docks. If bubblers are used, residents are reminded to adhere to the bubbler guidelines found in your CBCA Membership Directory and on page 6 of this newsletter, and keep the open water to within ten feet of the dock or boat lift.

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## ***NEW MEMBERS***

New members this month are Teri Boeckner and Nancy Fallon at 452 West Lakeshore.

## ***MIDGE UPDATE***

President Ken Bradshaw and CBCA member Sue Kuck continue to seek information from the State of Florida regarding midge management. Florida is one of the very few locations that have had midge infestations so great that action had to be taken to manage them. The board will be formulating a management plan and presenting it as part of the 2006 budget at the annual CBCA meeting. This will enable the Capitol Beach Community Association to be prepared, should management be necessary next spring.

## ***BUDGET***

Board members discussed the 2006 budget, and President Ken Bradshaw appointed Harvey Schwartz, Terry Wittler, Jerry Sieck, Greg Osborn, and Glenn Hillhouse to develop a detailed budget for further board discussion at the December board meeting.

In other business, the board approved two new members and identified topics to be addressed in the newsletter in greater detail.

**The next CBCA Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm, at the Gas 'N Shop office, 720 Marina Bay Place.**

## ***UPDATES FOR THE DIRECTORY***

It's time to update your information for the 2006 CBCA directory. Please check your listing in this year's directory, check your email, address and phone number. If you have any changes, send them to the CBCA office by phone (477-9501), by e-mail [cbca@capitolbeachlake.com](mailto:cbca@capitolbeachlake.com), by fax (477-9541) or by mail (PO Box 81141 Lincoln Ne. 68501) so that they will be included in the 2006 directory.

## ***CBCA BOARD MEMBERS***

There will be 3 seats up for reelection to the board at the January 2006 meeting of the general membership of CBCA. They are Bruce Younglove, Harvey Schwartz and Terry Wittler. Each of these board members have been very active on the board and with their duties and each has done a great job. Next time you see them, take a moment to thank them.

## ***PARKING ON COMMONS***

The board wants to remind everyone that parking of any kind, including vehicles, boat trailers, etc. on the West Lakeshore commons is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in towing. Thanks to everyone for observing this rule.

### ***LAKE WATER LEVEL***

At the end of each boating season we stop pumping water into the lake as part of our water management program. In December we will lower the water level by 8 inches or more to make room for fresh water pumped from the Oak Creek lift station and snow and run off next spring. During the winter months the water in the Oak Creek is the cleanest of the entire year. This annual “change of water” assists in reducing/diluting the sodium content and improving the quality of our water. Residents are reminded that like we have done in years past, this may cause “lifting” of some docks or boat lifts, so keep an eye on your docks this winter to minimize any effect this water management may cause.

### ***CREATIVE WRITERS NEEDED***

If you have a creative nature and feel like sharing with your neighbors, the LakeNews is a good place to stretch your writing wings. Simply mail or email your article to the CBCA office or the editor. The rules are simple; be friendly, be informative and share!!

### ***SNOWMOBILING CAUTION***

Due to the use of bubblers by residents and natural springs in our lake, snow mobiling on the lake is not recommended or approved by the CBCA board. This is due to the fact that bubblers may cause thin ice as well as injecting air under the ice which can also cause thin spots anywhere on the lake, perhaps a great distance from where the bubbler is being used.

### ***CBCA ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER***

The annual membership meeting of the CBCA will be held Sunday, January 8, 2005, at 2:00 pm at Lakeview School. Please plan to attend or give your proxy vote to someone who is attending the meeting. Over the past few years, our annual meetings have been somewhat lengthy due to the many items necessary to discuss. This year our agenda is much shorter, so our meeting should be as well. This will probably come as welcome news to the many loyal members who sat on the “benches” for what must have seemed like an eternity. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

### ***CBCA MEMBERSHIP DUES HISTORY***

In review of the CBCA records the dues were increased at the 1986 annual meeting from \$120 to \$240 beginning January 1, 1987 with an additional \$80 for the North & West Lakeshore street fund. At the annual meeting in 1989 the general membership approved a proposal to raise the annual dues by \$100 over an 8 year period. At the annual meeting in 1998 the annual dues were increased to \$340. In 2005 the annual dues were increased to \$400.

There have been a number of special assessments since our association was formed, including the water quality assessment in 2002, the Wetlands Park in 1999, and the Oak Creek lift station assessment in 1992.



**Capitol Beach Holiday Party  
December 17th, 7 PM  
Nebraska Club  
(Top of the U.S. Bank Bldg.)**

Mark your calendars and make your reservations today to attend the CBCA annual Holiday Celebration. The fun starts at 7 pm with Nebraska Club's famous hors D'oeuvres and a cash bar. We are excited to announce that the Lincoln Continentals will be entertaining at 7:45 pm. The award winning men's chorus will be on hand to give CBCA a show to remember. That's not all!!! Following the show, we will have a DJ with music and dancing until midnight.

Make your reservations by calling the CBCA office number at: 477-9501. Leave a message with the number in your group. You can also email CBCA at: [cbca@capitolbeachlake.com](mailto:cbca@capitolbeachlake.com)



***HOLIDAY CELEBRATION RSVP***

Each year planners for the annual Holiday Celebration are challenged trying to guess how many members will attend. This year's party will be held Dec. 17, 2005 at the Nebraska Club, beginning at 7 PM. In order to assure that we provide adequate food, the Social Committee has asked that members make reservations to attend no later than December 7. If you plan to attend please let us know, so that we don't over or under prepare.

***WINTERTIME USE OF BUBBLERS/AERATORS***

The use of bubbler/aerators in winter is not recommended by the CBCA. If a member chooses to use these devices, the member should follow these rules. Bubbler/aerators when used during the winter months should be used with caution. Bubblers should not be operated when the temperature is above 28 degrees. Bubblers should be run only long enough to clear the ice away from the area protected. Ice should be allowed to reform to approximately 1/2 inch before being reactivated. Bubblers should be monitored and managed effectively. Extreme caution should be used by anyone who goes on the ice, in any part of the lake at all times.

***SKATING ON THIN ICE?***

Did you ever wonder when it is safe to be on the lake ice? Here is the City of Lincoln Parks Department generally accepted guidelines used as minimum safety standards on clear, blue ice:

- 2 inches, one person
- 3 inches, a group in single file
- 6 inches, large group, small snow blower
- 8 inches, a 2 1/2 ton light truck/tractor
- 10 inches, 10 tons
- 20 inches, 25 tons

Other safety reminders: never go out on the ice alone; be careful in areas where springs are known to feed the lake; watch for weak spots along the edges and near snow piles. You can have fun on the ice and enjoy the lake in the winter too!

***CHRISTMAS JOKES!***

- What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas?  
*Thanks, I'll never part with it!*
- What did the big candle say to the little candle?  
*I'm going out tonight!*
- Where do snowmen go to dance?  
*Snowballs!*



## Holiday Boutique

Stained glass and many holiday items

Saturday December, 10, 2005

1354 Pelican Bay Place

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

come and enjoy coffee & cookies while  
you browse



### **SNOWBALLS**



- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup sifted confectioners sugar

• Makes about 4 dozen cookies. For more, just double the recipe.

• Preheat the oven to 325°F; butter two baking sheets. Onto a piece of wax paper, sift the flour and salt. In a medium-size bowl, with an electric mixer on high, cream the butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in the vanilla.

• Using a wooden spoon, stir in the flour mixture, then the pecans. Dust your hands with a little of the confectioners sugar and roll the dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on the baking sheets and bake for 25 minutes or just until light brown.

• Transfer to racks to cool for 15 minutes, then roll in the confectioners sugar. These cookies keep well in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Do not freeze them.

### **CHRISTMAS TRIVIA**

Where did the Grinch steal Christmas?  
*In Whoville*

What family tradition did President Franklin Roosevelt insist on performing every Christmas Eve?

*Sitting beside the fire, he read aloud the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol," exuberantly acting out all the parts.*

What was True Love's gift on the second day of Christmas?  
*"Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree."*

Which newspaper assured a reader: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus?"

*The New York Sun. A famous editorial on Sept. 21, 1897, by Francis P. Church answered a letter by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon. The paper ceased publication in 1950.*

True or False: More diamonds are sold at Christmas time than at Valentine's Day.

*True. More diamonds are purchased at Christmas -time (31%) than during any other holiday or occasion during the year.*

## ***PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR***

The CBCA board has begun planning the annual meeting in January!! Our annual meeting is just around the corner for the board. Between now and then we need your help as we put together our plans for 2006, including social events, lake and commons projects and, most importantly, our annual budget. If you have any suggestions, feel free to contact any board member to provide your input. After we have identified all of the above and the associated costs, the board will consider any suggestions from our membership. Members will also be able to ask questions and provide amendments to the proposed budget at the meeting. This makes your assistance very important to our association's success. Our goal is to include our members as much as possible in this process so that we can bring forward to the general membership a plan that reflects everyone's input for action at the annual meeting.

Mark your calendar for January 8, 2006 at 2:00 pm, and plan to attend.

## ***PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE FOR WINTER***

### **Outdoor Safety**

- Dress warmly. Wear loose-fitting, layered clothes. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent.
- Wear mittens rather than gloves—mittens are warmer.
- If you shovel snow, do stretching exercises to warm up. Take breaks often.

- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from cold air.
- Avoid working too hard (strains your heart).
- Drink water and other fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: Feeling of “pins and needles” followed by numbness.

### **If you are trapped in your car in a winter storm:**

- Stay in the car.
- Do not leave the car to look for help unless help is visible within 100 yards.
- Raise the car hood or hang a brightly colored cloth on the antenna to signal for help.
- To keep warm, turn on the car's engine for about 10 minutes each hour.
- Run the heater only when the car is running. (Avoid running the car battery down.)
- Turn on car lights only when the car is running. (Avoid running the car battery down.)
- Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow. (Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.)
- Open a window slightly for fresh air.
- Do light exercise to stay warm.
- If you're alone, stay awake as much as possible.
- Wrap your body and head with extra clothes, blankets, newspapers, maps, or removable car mats.

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