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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 OFFICE UPDATE

At the 2005 annual meeting the general membership supported the board recommendation to close the CBCA office. This resulted in a few changes to how we do business.

- The board has moved the files and closed the office.
- Phone number to leave messages is 477-9501 (same)
- Fax number is 477-9541(same)
- Email (cbca@capitolbeachlake.com) is the same
- Website (www.CapitolBeachLake.com) is the same
- Monthly board meetings will now be held at the Gas 'N Shop Office, 720 Marina Bay Place, at the usual time – the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

CBCA BOARD MEETING AT A GLANCE

Reports included:

Treasurer's Report: Greg Osborn reported that he continues to work with the accountant to adjust and align account numbers, and a complete Treasurer's Report will be provided at the board's March meeting.

Commons: Steve Kinsella is working on commons maintenance issues, including a mowing contract to be discussed at the March board meeting.

Member Relations: Bruce Younglove and Harvey Schwartz are working on new ideas for events and activities and better ways to communicate and involve members, especially in the July 4 Celebration and boat parade. See the CBCA Calendar of Events elsewhere in this newsletter and watch future newsletters for additional events.

Safety: Jerry Sieck reported that Rose Wiese will be mailing boat registration packets about March 1. A major change in the process this year is that registration will be done by mail because we no longer maintain the CBCA office location. Rose checks the mail every other day and processes business that day whenever possible.

Members need to plan ahead, but the process is expected to work smoothly. See the information elsewhere in this newsletter about the March 12 Boating Safety Class, which is mandatory for all residents new to the lake after January 1, 2002, as well as for all young people ages 14-18.

Water Quality: Glenn Hillhouse reported that the lake currently has 16" clarity, which is somewhat less than hoped for in the spring but is because of the early thaw and the wind. See also the "fish" article in this newsletter.

CBCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12	Boating Safety Class, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
May 7	CBCA Residents' and Area Garage Sales: See 'Garage Sale Tips' page 10 and start cleaning out your closets!
May 14	Golf Outing
May 20	Spring Fling
July 4	Island Party and Regatta
December 17	Holiday Party

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION TIME!

Watercraft registration packets will be mailed to CBCA residents around March 1. If you do not get yours, call Rose Wiese. Please read carefully the Registration Requirements included in your packet. Note the watercraft that require registration and the payment of a \$15.00 fee -- all watercraft that require a Nebraska state plate number and all sailboats over 10'. Note also that while registration is not required for canoes, kayaks, windsails, non-electric paddle boats, and sailboats under 10', you are encouraged to also list them and receive free stickers. This could be very helpful in case a storm deposits your paddle boat across the lake!

One important change this year is that watercraft registration will be done exclusively by mail, because we no longer have a CBCA office location. Rose will be checking the mail regularly and will process registrations as they are received, generally the same day. She will mail your new 2005 watercraft stickers and your new key to the boat ramp. The board expects that people will plan ahead and get boats registered well before the day they expect to put them on the water, and that day will be here before we know it!

The watercraft registration form will also be available on the CBCA website this year at www.CapitolBeachLake.com.

There are a few changes for 2005, so read your boating materials carefully, and have a great boating season on Capitol Beach Lake!

TRASH HAULING PROPOSAL

At the January 9 Annual Meeting the membership heard a trash hauling proposal by CBCA member Bruce VonBusch. The members directed that the board explore the feasibility of his proposal. The board is in the process of drafting a Request for Proposals containing CBCA's criteria for such a project and will review the RFP at its March meeting. They anticipate that the process would include providing the RFP to all local trash haulers so all have an opportunity to submit a proposal, evaluating responses, and making a decision based on the best interests of CBCA and its members. CBCA President Ken Bradshaw emphasized that if workable proposals are received and such a project appears to be feasible, it is not the board's intent to mandate resident participation. Questions? Contact Ken Bradshaw.

JUST ANOTHER FISHY STORY

Some residents have asked about the dead fish in the lake as the ice thawed. Glenn Hillhouse and Greg Osborn report that this is normal for our relatively shallow lake. However, they recommended, and the board approved, that the CBCA Board of Directors contract with Rob Hofpar, who has the equipment necessary to count fish and identify the kinds of fish in a lake. This evaluation will tell us how the fish stocked in 2004 are doing, what may be living here that we don't want, and what the 2005 fish purchases should consist of. Questions? Contact Glenn Hillhouse or Greg Osborn.

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

All residents new to Capitol Beach Lake after January 1, 2002, are required to complete an approved boating safety course or provide proof that they have passed the test. In addition, anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 must also take the course, pass the test, and submit to the CBCA office a copy of their certificate stating they have completed the boating safety course. (No one under the age of 14 can lawfully operate any watercraft at any time.) All CBCA members are welcome and encouraged to take the course, even though it is currently not a requirement!

A boating safety course arranged especially for Capitol Beach residents is set for Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the AAA Building, 2900 O Street (downstairs meeting room). The cost is \$5.00, which INCLUDES a lunch of Valentino's pizza – a bargain at any price! Register on the CBCA website or by email to Ann Willet (AMWillet@aol.com). Questions can be directed to Ann Willet, Jerry Sieck, or Bruce Younglove. For other course dates, check the Game and Parks Commission's website at www.outdoornebraska.org/boating.

STREET PROBLEM

You've probably noticed the barricades at the entrance to Pelican Bay Place where the street and curb dropped significantly following a recent rain. Glenn Hillhouse reported to the board that Big River is responsible for making the needed repairs. They have promised to do so as soon as the weather is right for it. In the meantime, please exercise caution while walking or driving in that area!

2005 CBCA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Rose Wiese, CBCA Office Manager, will be mailing out 2005 CBCA Membership Directories as soon as they are available from the printer. If you do not receive yours by March 15, please contact Rose.

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WHAT CAN WE DO NOW TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY?

Minnesota recently passed a law that restricts the use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus, the primary nutrient that turns lakes green with algae. Fertilizers, leaves, grass clippings, eroded soil, and animal waste are all sources of phosphorus. When they are swept or washed into the street or drain, they end up in the lake. It may not seem important right now, but as you plan your yard fertilization for this growing season, consider using a phosphorus-free fertilizer.

For more information, see www.moea.state.mn.us/campaign/download/phosphorus.pdf. While phosphorus is necessary to grow healthy lawns, soils in many parts of Nebraska already have an adequate amount. In these instances, adding more phosphorus in fertilizer is not needed and will not benefit your lawn. Healthy lawns can be maintained with phosphorus-free fertilizers.

Phosphorus-free fertilizers are available from:

LESCO, 2331 Fairfield, #4
476-2334 18-0-18

Campbell's Nurseries
423-1133 7-0-0

Earl May Garden Centers
489-7168 12-0-12

Anyone who is interested in helping to develop a safe lawn fertilizer awareness program is asked to contact Glenn Hillhouse at 475-0566.



**CAPITOL BEACH
GOLF CLASSIC**

**4 Person Scramble
Saturday, May 14th
Highlands Golf Course
2 pm tee times.**

Mark your calendar today to attend this fun filled event for Capitol Beach residents and their friends. The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart and the Highlands very good burger buffet with all the trimmings. Fun and prizes galore! Flyer with more details to follow soon. Questions? Call event coordinators: Leta Powell Drake @ 477-8418 or Bruce Younglove 438-8178.

LAWN & GARDEN: SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

As winter weakens and spring sneaks in, colorful flowers will begin to poke through the ground. Generally crocus and snowdrops will lead with daffodils and tulips to follow. Dutch iris and Spanish bluebells will show their colors soon after. These spring flowering bulbs offer a variety of colors and blooming times that bring bright blooms from late-winter to early-summer.

To fully enjoy these early bloomers in your yard, you have to plant the bulbs in the fall before the first deep frost. Tulips, for example, need 14 weeks of chilling. If you want to think ahead to next fall, do some research and plan a map. Take color and timing into consideration.

For those who do have hyacinths, lilies of the valley or tulips growing, there are a few tips to caring for them once blooming. Strengthen the bulbs by fertilizing the bed as soon as the plants emerge in the spring, then about a month later. If leaves are pale or undersized, the plants need fertilized. After applying, soak down the area well to help dissolve the fertilizers and move it into the soil.

It's important to never cut down the leaves. If you'd like to hide unsightly yellow leaves, simple bundle them together, tying them into a loose knot. Also, the leaves can be hidden by planting annual flowers around them, like petunias, in late May. After the flower has fallen apart, the stem can be removed.

Allow the bulbs to dry out after foliage turns yellow. They prefer dry soil during the summer. If plants are crowded, or about every 3-4 years, dig, divide and replant the bulbs. Small blossoms indicate crowding.

To use a spring bulb flower for an arrangement, cut with a sharp knife. Also, only take one or two leaves to use as greenery.

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Sources:

www.theplantexpert.com

www.thegardenhelper.com

<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/county/cass/horticulture/inform/flowers/care.htm>

FOR SALE

CBCA FLAGS

• 12"x 18" for boat or car - \$20.00 • 36"x 60" for house or pole - \$45.00 • Proceeds to benefit CBCA • Call Rose Wiese at 477-9501

1990 WEBBCRAFT 1700BR,

175HP I/O w/5blade SS prop \$6500.00 OBO. Call Alan Piontek at 430-7295 for more information or to see.

QUOTES TO MOTIVATE

When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

-Hugh White

Even though you may want to move forward in your life, you may have one foot on the brakes. In order to be free, we must learn how to let go. Release the hurt. Release the fear. Refuse to entertain your old pain. The energy it takes to hang onto the past is holding you back from a new life. What is it you would let go of today?

-Mary Manin Morrissey



MARCH OBSERVANCES

March-1	State Day (Nebraska), National Pig Day
March-2	Texas Independence Day
March-3	National Anthem Day
March-4	Town Meeting Day (Vermont)
March-6	Alamo Day
March-7	Peace Corps Day
March-10	Harriet Tubman Day
March-12	Employee Day, Girl Scout Day
March-14	Pi Day
March-16	Black Press Day, Freedom of Information Day, Liberty Day
March-17	Camp Fire Boys & Girls Founders Day, Evacuation Day (Boston only), St. Patrick's Day
March-19	National Quilting Day
March-22	North American Wildlife Celebration
March-25	Good Friday, Maryland Day
March-26	Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day (Hawaii)
March-27	Easter Sunday
March-30	Doctor's Day
March-31	Cesar Chavez Day (California)

GARAGE SALE TIPS

Garage sales are great for socializing and finding new owners for the stuff you now consider junk. But as a seller, what are your true motives? Are you eager to simplify your life? Are you hoping to make some money at the same time? Consider these tips to make your garage sale a success.

Choosing what to sell:

Go through your closets and storage spaces several weeks before the sale, making these three general piles: 1) Items you never use, 2) Items you seldom use and 3) Items you use frequently. Box up those you never use; they are a definite for the garage sale. In separate boxes, store the items you seldom use. If, during the weeks leading up to the sale, you don't use the items, consider selling them. Also, if the items you use frequently are worn or outdated, consider selling

them and using the cash to replace the items.

Variety is a good thing. Don't be afraid to offer incomplete sets of things.

Collectors love to visit sales and may need your misfit to complete their set.

Preparing for the sale day:

Don't forget to advertise. You can do this in your local newspaper, with signs and also online. Serious shoppers will do some research before jumping in their car. It's definitely worth it if you don't get a lot of drive-by traffic.

Get lots of change. Many buyers will pay with 10 or 20 dollar bills for \$1 items. And running to a nearby store for change may not pan out well. Buyers also may not be patient enough for you to do this change run. Go to the bank and get many

HOT CROSS BUNS (BREAD MACHINE)

1/4 cup water - room temperature or slightly above	1 tsp.cinnamon
1/2 cup lukewarm milk	1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/4 cup melted butter	a pinch of ground cloves
1 egg - beaten	a pinch of allspice
3 1/2 cups all purpose flour	1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup sugar	1/2 cup golden raisins
1 1/2 tsp. active dry yeast	1/4 cup finely chopped mixed candied fruit

GLAZE

2 T. granulated sugar
2 T.Water

ICING

1/2 cup confectioners sugar
2 tsp water

Cream butter and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and Place all dough ingredients except raisins and fruit in bread machine. Set on dough only cycle. Add the raisins and candied fruit at the signal for adding extra ingredients. Remove dough from bread machine at end of dough cycle. Place in a bowl, cover with a cloth and let it rest for 10 minutes.

Divide dough into 12 pieces. Shape pieces into balls and place them 3 inches apart on a lightly greased baking sheet. Cover and let rise in warm place until almost doubled, about 45 minutes to an hour. Bake at 375° for 15 to 18 minutes, or until light brown on top. Remove from oven. Place baking sheet on a wire rack to cool. Prepare the glaze and spread over warm buns. Let buns cool completely on baking sheet. Fill a cake-decorating bag, fitted with a round tip, with icing. Pipe an icing cross on each bun or simply spoon and spread icing on each one in the shape of a cross.

GARAGE SALE TIPS (continued)

fives, ones and quarters. Also, don't forget the calculator!

Also consider doing some research on newer items. Sometimes it helps to offer comparison prices of what the item would be worth brand new. Also be prepared to haggle. Know your absolute bottom price and don't settle for less. Don't allow buyers to intimidate you.

Displaying your items:

Do your best to clean your items and display them neatly. Long narrow tables work well because people can search from both sides. Also make sure you have an electrical outlet nearby or an extension cord set up so that people can test electronics. In fact, it's a good idea to have music on in the background. Pick a local station but don't set the volume so loud you can't hear your customers.

Display more desirable items near the road. Tools, weights, and lawn equipment will appeal to husbands; sometimes a wife will suggest stopping, but the husband may be reluctant unless he can quickly see some items that interest him.

Breakable items, however, should be displayed further back on tables or high on shelves. It's important to remember that chil-

dren may be present and eager to touch. Also plan ahead for packing these items for buyers. Reuse newspapers and plastic shopping bags.

Clothes can be hard to see. Arrange them by size or for quicker sales, mark a box of \$1 items or a grab box for \$5.

When pricing items, make it clear and easy to read. Also consider price tags that are easy to remove without damaging the item. It's frustrating when stickers can't be totally removed or tear the item.

Make it fun:

Besides offering music for customers, consider selling some refreshments. You, at least, won't want to be running into the house for a drink, leaving items unattended. Besides, you could make some extra profit. To make it more fun for yourself and your family, plan ahead. If your kids will be helping, plan activities/games that they can play in the yard and maybe some magazines for yourself.

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