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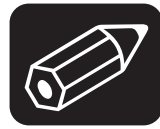
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The Capitol Beach Community Association (CBCA) was incorporated on January 28, 1986 as a 501(c)(7) corporation. Every person who is a title-holder of a vacant lot or living unit abutting Capitol Beach Lake, shall be eligible for membership in the corporation. 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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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR CAPITOL BEACH RESIDENTS.....



CBCA APRIL BOARD MEETING AT A GLANCE

By Jean Jordan

The CBCA Board met on Monday, April 17, at the CBCA Office, 540 West Industrial Lake Drive, Suite 201. Committee reports included the following:

Commons: The board authorized Steve Kinsella to contract with Husker Lawn Service for mowing the commons. They also authorized the removal of seven dead/dying trees in the West Lakeshore commons, and discussed and will seek bids for spraying the pine trees in the commons to prevent fungal diseases. Discussion was held about standing water in the streets around the lake. The board will work on developing a long-range plan to include evaluation of the problem and potential solutions. Illegal dumping in the commons (which includes grass clippings) has been reported, and appropriate action will be taken. The Commons Clean-up Day is Saturday, April 22, with April 29 as the rain date. Greg Osborn reported on fish restocking, and residents are reminded that there is no fishing in Capitol Beach Lake in 2006.

Insurance/Investments: The board authorized Treasurer Greg Osborn to make changes in cash investments as warranted, in order to improve the rate of return.

Member Relations:

- Bruce Younglove reported the next event is the Capitol Beach Area Garage Sales on Saturday, May 6.
- The Spring Fling is Friday, May 19, at the Gas 'N Shop office.
- The Capitol Beach Golf Classic is scheduled for July 1.
- Plans are in place for the Capitol Beach fireworks display on July 4.
- The committee is looking for ideas for other events that would be of interest to residents and is considering a car show in the late summer.
- Ann Willet reported that CBCA flags will be ordered and available for purchase at the Spring Fling, along with other CBCA merchandise.

Safety: The board anticipates the buoys will be put out around May 1. Residents are reminded that boat speed and direction rules apply whether or not the buoys are in place.

Security: Ann Willet reported on police reports of recent vandalism around the lake (see article elsewhere in this newsletter).

Water Quality: Recent rains have helped raise the lake level. Water testing will again be done this season by Midwest Labs, with additional testing to be done at the University of Nebraska if/when further testing is necessary.

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COVER IMAGE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Newsletter Editor John Huff invites all you camera buffs with high resolution or digital cameras to submit a photo for potential use in future newsletters. Here are a few guidelines for submission.

- Images must be at least 300dpi (whether digital or scanned)
- The digital size of your image must be no smaller than 8" x 10.5"
- The image should be sent as a jpeg, eps, or tif file format
- Please do not make any harsh adjustments to the image (color, sharpness, etc.)
- Make sure the image is suitable for the cover of your neighborhood newsletter and would be an image others would enjoy as well
- Send the image to FocalPoint Publishing (info@fpub.com) at least 2 weeks before the newsletter is scheduled to be mailed out, which is typically the first week of every month. (ex. if the newsletter comes out the first week of May, send the image by April 15th.)



BOARD MEETING AT A GLANCE

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Other Business:

- Sue Kuck reported on the midge control plan, which will begin with sampling the lake bed to determine the level of infestation, followed by granular treatment of the lake and treatment of the commons. The timing of each step is important (based on water temperature, larvae count, etc.). To get specific information to residents in a timely manner, President Ken Bradshaw will communicate with members by letter.

- The board discussed traffic noise from Interstate 80, which affects not only properties on West and North Lakeshore, but disturbs properties across the lake as the sound travels across the water. The board discussed past attempts to communicate residents' concerns to officials of the Department of Roads, and is considering preparing a letter or petition to the Department of Roads and other State officials and having it available for members' signatures at the Spring Fling.

- The board accepted the application for membership of the following new members:
 - o Brandon & Kristin Nelson, 506 Lakeshore Drive
 - o Steve & Bonnie Atwood, 616 Pier I

The next CBCA Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, May 15, at 7:00 pm. Please note that the board is now meeting at the CBCA Office, 540 West Industrial Lake Drive, Suite 201.

NEW MEMBERS

Brandon and Kristin Nelson, 506 Lakeshore Drive
 Steve and Bonnie Atwood, 616 Pier I

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Michael Wiese, 420-7880
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MIDGE SPRAY

By Glenn Hillhouse

The CBCA board had hoped to provide residents “recommendations from the experts” to help control midges in our yards this year. At this point no experts have been willing/able to provide us with recommendations for homeowner use other than saying to check products available commercially from reputable dealers and read and follow the manufacturer’s directions. The information from the April newsletter about “Mosquito B Gon” is repeated below. Several residents had some success using it last year. There may also be granular mosquito control products available. The following is provided for information only; the CBCA accepts no responsibility for the use of any pesticide by the homeowner. Remember to always read the label and follow the manufacturer’s directions.

In March, I called Ortho’s 800 phone number and asked for a mosquito spray that is not harmful to small fish. They suggested “Mosquito B Gon.” The Ortho representative said it should not be sprayed into the water or within 10 feet of water. If it rains and any chemical is carried toward the water, by the time it reaches the water’s edge, it is so reduced that it is not harmful to little fish.



BOATING SAFETY REMINDER

By Ann Willet

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 that they have completed the boating safety course. (No one under the age of 14 can legally operate any watercraft at any time).

If you haven't yet taken an approved boating safety class and need to, you can find a listing of upcoming boating safety classes at the Nebraska Game and Parks Website (www.outdoornebraska.org/boating). Please plan ahead if you are required to take this class. Lake residents will have the option to take the test (without attending a class) only for unique circumstances. Please help our community maintain its high safety standard by attending a boating safety class.

VEHICLE VANDALISM REPORTED

By Ann Willet

A member of the CBCA board was contacted by an officer with the Lincoln Police Department regarding recent vehicle vandalism that occurred on the west side of the lake.

The officer asked that all residents be reminded to report any suspicious activity to the authorities. Watching out for each other will enhance our ability to continue to enjoy the safe quality of life we appreciate in our Capitol Beach Community.

Lincoln Police Contact Numbers:

Emergency:	911
General Police:	441-7204
Non-Emergency:	441-6000

FEATURED FAMILIES

Nominate a neighborhood family to be featured in this publication!!

- Send your nomination to info@fppub.com with subject line reading "Featured Family"
- Write a half page reason that you feel this family should be featured. Why do you find them special?
- Provide us with contact information for the family so we can get their approval to be published in the newsletter.



MIDGE CONTROL UPDATE

The Midge Control Committee (Sue Kuck, Ken

Bradshaw, and Greg Osborn) has done the necessary work to carry out the plan approved by the membership at the January CBCA Annual Membership Meeting. This is a step-by-step process that hinges on many variables (such as water temperature, number of midge larvae in the mud samples, wind, etc.), so specifics will be shared by CBCA President Ken Bradshaw by letter in order to provide timely information to members and residents. In general, as described at the membership meeting, the plan consists of sampling the lake bed, followed by a granular treatment in areas identified as most severely infested. This will be accompanied by treating the midges in the commons when the time and conditions are right. Both steps will be repeated as needed. An article elsewhere in this newsletter talks about options for homeowners who wish to spray their own property.

Please direct any questions you may have to members of the Midge Control Committee (Sue, Ken, and Greg), and while you are talking to them, please convey your heartfelt thanks for the extraordinary amount of time and energy they have spent seeking a solution. The board particularly thanks Sue Kuck, committee chair, for her work in locating experts who we believe can help us manage this problem.



SPRING FLING – FRIDAY, MAY 19TH - 6:00 PM

By Bruce Younglove

Our annual Capitol Beach Spring Fling will be held at the Gas 'N Shop headquarters on the lake (720 Marina Bay Place). Bring your favorite beverage and hors d'oeuvres. Capitol Beach "wearables" (shirts, caps, etc.) and flags will be available for sale. Also, if you want to participate in an informal parade of boats, meet at the Gas 'N Shop area to kick off the Spring Fling. We will start the run around the lake at 5:00 pm sharp and return to start the party off about 6. This is our first outing of the season and always a lot of fun to attend. Bug out of work a little early and see if you can do the parade and attend our Spring Fling!

LEFTOVERS

One of the less visible problems midges are causing for us is that they are getting into the coils and filling up the insides of air conditioners. Make sure your air conditioning units have been cleaned and last year's dead bugs are removed before you need to use your air conditioning!

Last year all of the old street lights (which were filling up with midges) were replaced with sealed, energy efficient units. This should eliminate any street light problems caused by midges (as well as reduce our electric bill), but if you notice a problem with a light on the private streets (West and North Lakeshore and Pelican Bay Place), please contact a board member.

Neighborhood Classifieds

Want to place an ad in the new classifieds section? **It's FREE!** Contact Michael Wiese, 420-7880, info@fppub.com

1995 Starcraft Pontoon

20', 75 hp Mariner, nice
With or without lift, canopy and motor
402-202-3828

Lot for sale

640 Pier One (west end of Pier One).
108 ft lake frontage. Double seawall
with new dock ready for decking.
\$179,000. Call Roy Pester at
Cell 402-310-6512

Small boat or Jet Ski lift

Gregg Osborn
477-0103

Jet Ski Lift

\$400
476-7614

1994 Mastercraft Pro Star 205

Only 128 hours
435-3974 (Al or Martha)

Boat For Sale

"Call Me Monday"
1998 18 ft. Crownline 182BR I/O
4.3 Mercruiser engine – 190 hp
Custom low profile tinted windshield
7' extended pylon (great for wakeboarders)
Custom prestige trailer
Bimini sun cover
\$9,100
Contact Mark Butler/Ann Willet
438-8682



WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY?

From the CBCA Board

Lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus are a main contributor to raising the phosphorus level in the lake. Phosphorus is one of the nutrients that turn lakes green with algae. Fertilizers, leaves, grass clippings, eroded soil and animal waste all contain phosphorus, but lawn fertilizers

are a key source. Most soils in Nebraska contain enough phosphorus, and adding more with fertilizer will not benefit your lawn. When fertilizer is swept or washed into the street or drain, that phosphorus ends up in the lake. So, as you plan your lawn care program for the season, please

make the effort to use phosphorus-free products. They are readily available, and it is well worth it to protect our water quality. Phosphorus-free fertilizers are available at most lawn and garden or home-improvement centers.



FISH, FISH, FISH, AND MORE FISH

By Greg Osborn

Fish restocking has been a priority since Capitol Beach Lake was refilled during the winter of 2003-2004. After the midge infestation in the summer of 2005, the board accelerated the restocking program, and at the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting, members voted to eliminate association funding of the Christmas party and apply that \$4,800 to fish restocking, to add to the budgeted amount. Approximately 130,000 fish have been added.

During this time, the board has worked with Rob Hofpar of Nebraska Lakes Management on the type and size of fish and the appropriate timing for restocking. Rob is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has worked with many area lakes in addition to Capitol Beach Lake. Fish are added at the boat ramp on Lakeshore Drive, but Rob assures us that within three to four days they travel to all areas of our lake.

We know the gulls feast on quite a few of our fish, and in the spring and fall the migrating waterfowl consume even greater numbers of them. However, in general we have seen no evidence that our fish are not surviving, thriving, and reproducing, and Rob Hofpar agrees that is the case. In time, our fish will help to restore the balance of nature in our lake and will do their part to control our latest (and greatest) aggravation, the midges. In the meantime, until further notice, there will be **No Fishing** in Capitol Beach Lake.

COMMONS UPDATE

From the CBCA Board

CBCA residents pitched in to help clean up the West and North Lakeshore and Pelican Bay Commons on Saturday, April 22. Thanks to Dave and Alice Gyhra, Jerry and Jean Jordan, Steve Kinsella, and Don and Mary McGrew and others who regularly pick up as they walk the commons. In addition to the usual bottles, cans, and plastic bags, workers cleaned out a boat battery, pipes, and numerous tree branches. Follow up will be done with residents regarding illegal dumping.

Mowing by Husker Lawn Service will have begun by the time you read this newsletter. Mowing will be more frequent this year to provide less daytime habitat for midges.

We continue to lose trees in the commons. Most recently we removed a large pine tree that probably was dying from Pine Bark Beetle infestation, plus two cottonwoods and four

Russian Olives that have been losing branches regularly in storms in the past three or four years. We are exploring spraying remaining pines to protect them from the fungal diseases that have been attacking pines recently.

The board will be installing drip irrigation in two locations and will plant some new trees in those areas. Any assistance residents can provide with watering other trees will be appreciated, especially if we find ourselves facing drought conditions again. The trees that are surviving are not thriving, and a little fertilizer and water can make a big difference. We continue to mulch around trees and will get that mulch pile used up soon – really!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 6

Capitol Beach Area Garage Sales

MAY 19

Spring Fling

JULY 1

CBCA Golf Classic

JULY 4

July 4th Celebration, Parade, and Fireworks



Capitol Beach Golf Classic

4 - Person Scramble Best Ball
 Saturday, July 1st, 2006
 Highlands Golf Course
 2:00 PM Start *

Play Golf! Meet your neighbors! Have fun!



- > \$50 includes: 18 holes, Cart, Burger Buffet and Prizes!
- > Refreshments: Beer & pop now available with beverage cart on the course.
- > Invite friends who don't live on the lake!
- > Teams flighted, plus fabulous flag and team prizes awarded after dinner.
- > Don't play golf? Burger Buffet only \$8.00

*If we get 48 golfers, we'll do a shotgun start at 2:00 otherwise, we'll schedule tee times.

>> Unique attempts for flag prizes will be handsomely rewarded!! <<

Questions? Contact Leta Powell Drake @ 477-8418, Email: letapdrake@aol.com
 or, Bruce Younglove @ 438-8178 Email: bruce.younglove@chsinc.com

-----Entry Form: Clip and mail-----

Name(S) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Handicap: A _____ (0-10)
 B _____ (11-18)
 C _____ (19-26)
 D _____ (27 and higher)*

Don't have a handicap? Then Circle...

Beginner Intermediate Play a lot Swell golfer

Write check for \$50.00 made out to the Highlands Golf Course.
 Mail to: Leta Powell Drake, 572 W. Lakeshore Dr. Lincoln, 68528
 or, Bruce Younglove, 622 W. Lakeshore Dr. Lincoln, 68528



A FEW REMINDERS

from the CBCA Board

No parking on the commons: The board wants to remind everyone that parking of any kind, including vehicles, boat trailers, etc., on the West and North Lakeshore and Pelican Bay commons is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in towing. Thanks to everyone for observing this rule.

Dumping is illegal: This is a city ordinance and includes dumping tree branches on the downward slope of the commons, depositing grass clippings in the commons, tossing away that empty six-pack, etc. Please take pride in the appearance of our lake community and help keep it looking its best.

Planting on the commons: If you wish to plant anything on the West or North Lakeshore or Pelican Bay commons across from your home, see the “License Agreement” on page 9 of the CBCA Membership Directory. You must complete the agreement and send it with \$1.00 to the CBCA office to obtain permission to plant, and it must be in a location where it won’t interfere with mowing and trimming. Do not plant anything between the fence and the street.

Clean up after your dog: Dogs may be “Man’s Best Friend” but what they sometimes leave behind does not make friends. Please carry a plastic bag with you and clean up after your “best friend.”

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