



THE LAKE SHORE BREEZE

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A Note From Your Board of Directors

New Board Member

We would like to welcome our newest board member, Barb Alvarez. Barb has lived in the neighborhood for seven years. In this time she has been a member of the Pool Committee and actively supports the Neighborhood Watch program as a block captain.

As a board member, Barb hopes to foster an environment where neighbors help one another and she also wants work to ensure both children and adults have a safe place to enjoy.

We're looking forward to working with Barb and know she will make great contributions to the community as a board member. Welcome aboard Barb!

Amendment to the Protective Covenants

We were able to collect a number of signatures in May. Just a few more are needed to approve the amendment to the Protective Covenants regarding the Architectural Control Committee. If you have not yet returned your form, please sign it and send it to CMG right away. If you need a form, please

contact **Lisa Coleman** at 303-671-6216 or **Lisa Kelly** at 303-337-1989.

Annual Meeting and Board Elections

Our annual homeowners meeting is tentatively scheduled for 29 Sep at 7:00 PM. The location has not been decided.

This year, Lisa Kelly is up for re-election and we need to vote to fill the two positions currently being occupied by Barb Alvarez and Gary Gilliard. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact CMG. Floor nominations will also be accepted during the meeting. We will provide short biographies of all the candidates on the Lake Shore website and in the Sep newsletter.

Sprinkler System

TruGreen has been working to ensure our entire sprinkler system is operating properly. If you do happen to notice any portion of the common areas being watered other than on Tuesdays and Fridays before 10:00 AM or after 6:00 PM, please contact CMG to report it.

Board of Directors

- **President**
Lisa Kelly, 303-337-1989
- **Vice President**
Lanna Bailey, 303-337-7651
- **Treasurer**
Tony Hamilton,
303-755-9846
- **Secretary**
Gary Gilliard, 303-368-5971
- **Director**
Barb Alvarez, 303-695-0770

Repairs Underway

Perimeter Fence

Arbor Fence has completed Phase I of our fence repair project. This phase included the perimeter fence along S Tower Rd. Phase II began the last week of Jun and includes the fence along E Iliff Ave and S Telluride St (north of E Dickenson Pl).

The project is taking quite a bit longer than anticipated due to the large amount of concrete we have around each fence post. Also, Arbor Fence has to push back landscaping at numerous houses in order to do the necessary maintenance.

It is extremely important that all of us who have homes along the perimeter fence move our own landscaping materials away from the perimeter fence when we are notified by Arbor Fence. Also, please do not attach anything to the perimeter fence.

During our fence surveys, we noticed several yards where the landscaping is raised, but not framed and the perimeter fence is instead being used to brace it. As a result, sections of the fence are protruding. We request everyone with a backyard adjacent to the perimeter fence please ensure your landscaping is properly framed.

Playground and Basketball Court

Several repairs have been completed at the pool playground and basketball court. We are in the process of purchasing backboards and rims for two of the basketball poles.

Please ask your children not to hang from any of the basketball rims, as they cannot support a child's weight. We want to make sure no one is injured and the basketball court remains usable for everyone.

Bits and Pieces

Neighborhood Directory Online

We are in the process of updating the Neighborhood Directory. The directory will soon be available on the website with access restricted, via logins and passwords, to Lake Shore residents. If you would like to update your information or do not wish to be listed, please contact **Kimberly Sexton** at 303-886-7544.

Neighborhood Watch and Patrols

We have developed a neighborhood patrol schedule to support our Neighborhood Watch program. Each street is assigned one week to patrol an area of the community. The intent is to provide a visible presence and to head off the trouble that tends to recur during the summer (trespassing, vandalism, etc.). For this program to work, we all need to become actively involved. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these patrols, please contact your block captain (<http://www.onlinelakeshore.org/watch.html>).

4th of July Parade and Picnic

This year, the 4th of July is on a Sunday. In preparation for our parade, we will have bike and car decorating at the pool parking lot on Saturday, 3 Jul, at 11:00 AM. The fire department will be here to lead the parade and everyone is encouraged to join or view it as it moves through the neighborhood on the 4th. Afterwards, we will have a BBQ potluck at the pool. The parade will begin at the gazebo at 11:00 AM and the BBQ at noon. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for a fun afternoon! If you can help with any of these events, please contact **Kim Fawcett** at 303-745-1199.

Hints for Hiring a Contractor

Now that summer is here, many of us will be planning remodeling or renovation projects. Here are a few tips to consider when hiring a contractor:

- Plan carefully. Insist on approval of the completed plans before starting the work. Make sure the plans illustrate your project accurately.
- Shop around. Get at least three written bids. Don't automatically accept the lowest bid and beware of too-good-to-be-true deals.
- Check the contractor's license. Request licensing information and identification from your contractor.
- Check references. Always speak with previous customers to find out if they were satisfied and how well the contractor handled problems or complaints.
- Hire a licensed contractor. Not all are required to be licensed, but electrical and plumbing contractors are.
- Get everything in writing. If you change your original plans, document it and make sure the contractor signs it.
- Understand the contract. A written contract protects both parties. Make sure it include a list of materials, start and finish dates, price, payment schedule, and cancellation penalties. Avoid oral promises.
- Inspect the work. Make sure the project is done to your satisfaction. If you're unsure, have it inspected by another contractor, state contractors licensing entity, or local building department.
- Pay directly and correctly. Get a list of all subcontractors and suppliers and obtain a lien release from each.
- Know your warranty. Make sure you get your warranty in writing and make warranty claims in writing as well.

Pool Closing Party

The Social Committee will soon begin planning the Pool Closing Party for Labor Day weekend. If you would like to help out, please contact **Kim Fawcett** at 303-745-1199.

Trash at the Gazebo

If you have a BBQ, party, or picnic at the gazebo, please make sure you bag your trash and put it out with your own trash for collection. The trashcans at the lake are emptied only once a week. Overflowing cans detract from the beauty of the area and contribute to community litter on windy days. If you notice the trash has not been emptied recently, please contact CMG to report it.

Tree Removal and Rescue

The dead and dying trees around the lake have all been removed. A few other trees are distressed for various reasons. We are working with CMG and TruGreen to nurse those trees. We plan to replace the dead trees once the City of Aurora lifts the water restrictions.

Lake Fill

You may have noticed the lake water level has been a little low lately. So far this year, we have had two 72-hour timed fills. The first fill occurred in May, the second in Jun. More lake fills will occur to bring the lake up to a better level.

And Finally...

Have you seen our new visitors? A quartet of pelicans has taken up residence on the lake. Pictures of these beautiful, large birds are on the website.

Committees Still Seeking Members

Our committees need our help in order to continue to make Lake Shore such a lovely place to live. Committee membership is a great way for us to get involved in our community, to meet our neighbors, and to make new friends.

Volunteering to serve on a committee presents us with an opportunity to work with our neighbors and for our community. It is a tremendously rewarding experience and very much appreciated by our community. There are dozens of ways you can help by volunteering your thoughtful ideas and suggestions, special talents and skills, and/or your valuable time.

If you are interested in volunteering or have suggestions for any of our committees, please contact one of our committee chairs. They look forward to hearing from you!

- Architectural Control: Bob Hummel, 303-750-0219
- Neighborhood Directory: Kimberly Sexton, 303-886-7544
- Neighborhood Watch: Lisa Kelly, 303-337-1989
- Newsletter: Earl Bradshaw, 303-752-9433
- Pool: Brenda Hummel, 303-750-0219
- Social: Kim Fawcett, 303-745-1199
- Website: Earl Bradshaw, 303-752-9433

Your Dues — Where Do They Go?

There's no doubt about it, it costs a lot to take care of a community as wonderful as ours. To help explain where our homeowner's dues go, we've broken down the major costs and our share of each. Please note individual monthly shares are computed as percentages in each individual area and are based on our 2004 budget.

Budgeted Operating Income

This is primarily based on our dues, but may also include income from investments such as CDs. However, we only budget our dues as guaranteed income.

Annual Budgeted Dues Income	\$268,920
Our Monthly Share	\$90.00

Budgeted Operating Expenses

Administrative. This includes a variety of expenses such as our management fees, legal fees, insurance, income taxes, newsletter publication, and website hosting.

Annual Administrative Costs	\$36,006
Our Monthly Share	\$12.05

Utilities. This includes costs for gas, electric, and water/sewer fees for our community property. Water, for our lake, pool, and sprinklers, is our largest expense in this category.

Annual Utilities Costs	\$61,600
Our Monthly Share	\$20.62

Trash Removal

Annual Trash Removal Cost	\$19,822
Our Monthly Share	\$6.63

Landscaping. This includes costs for our contract fees, grounds maintenance, and sprinkler repairs.

Annual Landscaping Costs	\$45,008
Our Monthly Share	\$15.06

Pool. This includes costs for our pool maintenance, life-guard contract, chemicals, and pool furniture repairs or replacement.

Annual Pool Costs	\$36,250
Our Monthly Share	\$12.13

Lake. This includes costs for our maintenance services and preventative contract as well as cost for supplies to maintain our lake.

Annual Lake Costs	\$3,100
Our Monthly Share	\$1.04

Other Property Services. These include costs for our snow removal, playground equipment repairs or replacement, and storage fees.

Annual Snow Removal Cost	\$3,250
Budgeted Playground Cost	\$13,000
Annual Storage Cost	\$1,308
Annual Other Property Services Costs	\$17,558
Our Monthly Share	\$5.88

Repairs and Maintenance. This includes costs for our general maintenance fees including supplies, pest control, fence repairs, and signage.

Annual Repairs and Maintenance Costs	\$23,000
Our Monthly Share	\$7.70

Transfer to Reserves. Finally, a portion of our revenue goes to our reserve fund, our rainy day account to defray unanticipated expenses (such as replacing our pool's water heater) and to set aside money for future large expenses (like replacing our perimeter fence).

Annual Transfer to Reserves	\$26,576
Our Monthly Share	\$8.89

Aurora Community Events

Banks in Harmony Concert Series

Bring the family and a picnic to Aurora's parks this summer for music, dancing, and fun at the 2004 Banks in Harmony concert series on Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Bicentennial Park, Alameda and Potomac

- **17 Jun** Hot Tomatoes (Big Band Swing)
- **24 Jun** Pan Jumbies (Calypso/Caribbean)
- **1 Jul** Denver Brass (Jazz/Pop)

Del Mar Park, Sixth and Peoria

- **8 Jul** Mood Express (Latin/Salsa)
- **15 Jul** Rumble Seat (Jump/Swing)
- **22 Jul** Western Flyer (Country Swing)

Utah Park, Peoria and Jewell

- **29 Jul** Dean Bushnell Orchestra (Big Band Swing)
- **5 Aug** Queen City Jazz Band (Dixieland Jazz)
- **12 Aug** Billy Tolles Jazz Express (Jazz/Blues)
- **19 Aug** Kool Cats ('50s & '60s Rock)

You can also purchase dinner at the event. For weather-related decisions or cancellations, contact the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 303-344-1500 after 3:00 PM the day of the concert.

4th of July Fireworks

Please remember fireworks are illegal in Aurora and during extreme drought conditions fireworks represent an even greater fire hazard. Stay legal and take your family to enjoy the fireworks display at the Aurora City Hall.

The display will begin just after dark (around 9:30 PM). Best viewing is north of E Mississippi Ave, south of E Sixth Ave, east of N Potomac St, and west of S Buckley Rd. Find a spot and look toward Aurora's new city hall at E Alameda Ave and S Chambers Rd for a great show.

The Aurora Mall and the Community College of Aurora will allow you to park in their lots during the event. You may also use one of the many Aurora City Parks to watch the display.

KidSpree

Aurora's ninth annual KidSpree festival is at Bicentennial Park on 17 and 18 Jul from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This is Colorado's largest outdoor festival just for kids. For more information, call 303-739-7000 or visit <http://www.auroragov.org/events>.



Mark Your Calendar

Annual Picnic: 4 Jul

Board Meeting: 15 Jul

Board Meeting: 19 Aug

Annual Meeting:

29 Sep (tentative)

Pool Party Thanks

Many, many thanks to **Kim Fawcett** for organizing this year's Pool Opening Party. Everyone, especially the kids, had a great time! Check out photos from the party at the website (<http://www.onlinelakeshore.org/poolOpen2004.html>).



A big thanks to our volunteers for their help distributing pool passes and making this year's party such a success:

- Barb Alvarez
- Earl & Michelle Bradshaw
- Lisa Coleman
- Kathy DeKramer
- Nancy Franklin
- Gary Gilliard
- Linda Goodenow
- Brenda Hummel
- Dave, Lisa, & Jessica Kelly
- Tim & Denise Moroney
- Kerrie Olsen
- Elaine Schiefelbein
- Kimberly Sexton
- Jaqueline Trice

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