



THE LAKE SHORE BREEZE

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2004—What A Year It Was!

2004 was important to making Lake Shore a great place to live. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- We have a viable Neighborhood Watch program, conduct community patrols and have posted signs identifying us as a Neighborhood Watch Community.
- The Neighborhood directory is re-established, updated, and available online on the community website.
- We have amended our protective covenants and now have the authority to operate an Architectural Control Committee.
- We have a revised community website with an updated, professional look and wealth of new information, including the governing documents.
- We've set the standard for community newsletters with a new look and reliable distribution schedule. We invite and welcome your contributions to the newsletter.
- The playground at the pool has been repaired and the surrounding fence has been re-painted.
- The basketball court equipment has been repaired and new signs posted designating a 10:00 PM closing time.
- The perimeter fence has been repaired — approximately 80 (of 1000) posts were replaced. Staining will take place this year.
- We've emphasized our "Catch and Release" policy by posting new signs at the Lake.
- We purchased new pool furniture which was enjoyed throughout the past pool season.
- We removed dead trees from around the lake; distressed trees are being monitored and treated to prevent further losses.
- Our welcome packet has been updated to provide more and better information to our newest neighbors.

The successes in our community could not have happened without YOU—interested and involved neighbors striving to make Lake Shore the best community in Aurora! We look forward to your continued support in 2005!

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ACC Notes

As spring approaches, we all start thinking about sprucing up and improving our homes. Please bear in mind that you may not construct, erect, place, install or improve your home or lot without first submitting and getting approval from the Architectural Control Committee.

If you are planning a home improvement project, please fill out a form available on the community website or upon request from Custom Management Group (CMG). When completed, you can fax it to CMG at 303-751-5188 or drop it off at their offices at 2950 S. Jamaica Ct, Suite 101, Aurora, CO 80014. If you have any questions contact Bob Hummel at 303-750-0219.

A few other items of note:

- Please replace your mailbox if it is in bad repair or rusty. Comparable re-

placements can be purchased at Lowe's for under \$20. A can of flat black spray paint works on faded or chipped paint.

- If your garage door is damaged, please repair it.
- March is Take Down Christmas Lights month. Even though it's still cold outside, many of our Colorado days are warm enough to take down lights. If you need help, please let us know.
- It has been a relatively dry winter, so please make sure to hand-water your lawn, trees and shrubs at least once per week so they look great come spring.
- Also, please trim back any trees that may overhang sidewalks or stop signs. Keeping stop signs visible will help prevent traffic accidents in our neighborhood.

Bits and Pieces

Neighborhood Watch

Our most recent Neighborhood Watch meeting was at Vassar Elementary on 24 Feb. Hot items:

- Several vehicles had their rear windows broken out overnight.
- Several homeowners have reported mail being stolen from their mailboxes.
- Report suspicious activities to your block captain or Lisa Kelly at 303-337-1989. Contact the police if an actual crime is in progress.

We Love Our Dogs...

...but they do leave unpleasant surprises in the grass. Please pick up after your pet — a plastic grocery bag is perfect for this. If you're walking the Lake, we've provided a "doggie bag" dispenser at the north entrance to the Lake area for your convenience. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated by all who use the Lake this Spring.

Goose Problem

We are continuing our upgraded program and

monitoring for progress, but it takes a while to achieve the desired results. If you see geese grazing in a specific area, contact CMG or a Board Member.

Committee Notes

Please contact the following if you would like to help with any committee activities:

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

Pool Passes

We've started planning for the 2005 pool season, tentatively scheduled to start 28 May. Pool pass request forms and rules will be out soon. You must be current in your homeowner dues to receive pool passes.



Mark Your Calendar

Board Meetings

17 Mar, 6:30 PM

21 Apr, 6:30 PM

Community Garage Sale

13 & 14 May

Dumpster Days

21 & 22 May

Lake Update

This year, we plan to start improving the park area around the Lake by planting groundcover and trees. This helps us by:

- Reducing the amount of grass decreases the amount of water needed to maintain the park. We will retain grass in key play areas and around the picnic area and gazebo.
- Making the lake less inviting for geese. We will be planting 6-to-8 foot tall willows that geese will recognize as cover for potential predators. The geese tend to avoid areas that are potentially threatening.
- Helping absorb standing water in the swampy area at the main entrance. We will plant water absorbing plants and trees near this area to alleviate this problem.

We will be discussing the project at our next board meeting and welcome your comments and suggestions. Please contact a board member or attend our next meeting on 17 Mar, 6:30 PM at CMG.

Spring Garden Tips

Here's some tips to get your garden off to a great start, taken from the Colorado State University website: [http:// www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu):

- Spring is a great time to aerate your lawn. Make 2-3 inch deep holes to enhance water infiltration. Repair damaged or thin areas by over seeding immediately after aeration.
- This is a perfect time to fertilize lawns. The ideal fertilizer contains a mixture of quickly and slowly available nitrogen sources.
- With the continuing drought, crabgrass and other perennial weeds will likely be a problem this year. Apply a pre-emergent crabgrass herbicide after core aeration and water thoroughly. Always follow label directions for application
- Prune out dead wood and other unwanted branches to improve shape of trees and shrubs. Thin out old branches on shrubs to encourage air circulation and promote new growth.

What Do You Think?

We welcome your comments, questions, article suggestions or ideas for the newsletter or website.

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