



THE LAKE SHORE BREEZE

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A Note From Your Board of Directors

Farewell and Thank You

Tony Hamilton has resigned from the board. We would like to thank our former Treasurer for his dedication and service. Tony was instrumental in the establishment of our community association and has made a tremendous contribution to Lake Shore. He helped to author our Articles of Incorporation and served in many capacities on the board as well as on the various committees. Thank you so much Tony!

If you are interested in filling the vacancy, please attend our next board meeting on 16 Sep.

Annual Meeting and Board Elections

Our annual homeowners meeting will be on **Wed, 29 Sep, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM** in the Vassar Elementary School gymnasium. Our agenda will include the Presidents Report which highlights the accomplishments over the past 12 months and plans for the upcoming year; overview of our financials from 2003, year-to-date for 2004, and look ahead to 2005; the Homeowner Forum which provides us with an opportunity to discuss issues; and board elections.

In accordance with our community association bylaws, homeowners elect the board members. Immediately following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors will elect the community association's officers. This year, we will be voting to fill four Board of Directors positions. To date, the Directors standing for election are:

Barb Alvarez. Barb is currently serving on the board as a Director. She is filling a position vacated earlier this year. Barb has been a member of the Pool Committee and is a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

Gary Gilliard. Gary is currently serving on the board as Secretary. He is also filling a position vacated earlier this year. Gary is the Treasurer of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Aurora Citizen's Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development.

Lisa Kelly. Lisa is currently serving on the board as President. Her term expires this year. Lisa is extremely active in the community, serves on the Pool Committee, and established our Neighborhood Watch Committee. *See page 2.*

Board of Directors

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

Interested in the vacancy?
Contact a board member or
CMG at 303-752-9644

The Amendment and the ACC

The Amendment to the Protective Covenants has passed, transferring architectural control from Richmond Homes to the Lake Shore Community Association. Thank you **Lisa Coleman** and **Lisa Kelly** for all your work collecting the necessary signatures!

The ACC ensures we maintain the exterior appearance of our property by reviewing our improvement requests, identifying violations, and investigating complaints. Of paramount concern is preserving the aesthetic harmony of the neighborhood, assuring a pleasant environment for all of us.

The ACC must approve all the improvements we make to our home's exteriors and landscaping. Before you start your project, please get ACC approval by filling out an ACC Improvement Request form (available from CMG or online at

www.onlinelakeshore.org). If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact **Bob Hummel** at 303-750-0219. Once you've completed the form, submit it to CMG for ACC review. The ACC will contact you within 48 hours.

During a recent neighborhood walk-through, the ACC did notice some violations. There are homes which need to be repainted, broken windows, rusty mailboxes, boats and RVs parked in driveways, junk stored outside, trees and shrubs which need to be trimmed back from the sidewalk, and weeds. Please take time to address any violations around your property.

Our ACC is working to make sure Lake Shore remains one of the very nicest communities in Aurora. Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated!

Bits and Pieces

Annual Meeting and Board Elections (Continued)

The fourth position is the one being vacated by our former Treasurer Tony Hamilton.

If you are interested in serving on our Board of Directors, please contact CMG. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the annual meeting. If you are not planning to attend, please be sure to return the proxy which will be arriving by mail.

The information, discussion, and election results will be summarized in the Nov newsletter and posted on the website. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Perimeter Fence Repairs

We have completed the repairs to our fence. Thank you to **Arbor Fence** and **Lisa Kelly** and to our **homeowners** for their cooperation and patience. This project consisted of replacing about 80 posts and repairing numerous panels along nearly 8,100 linear feet of fencing. The new wood will be stained later this year. These repairs should extend the life of the perimeter fence for another five years. The board has purchased a few extra fence posts for future repairs. They have also established an emergency maintenance fund to facilitate any future repairs.

Lake News

The three timed lake fills plus all the rain have done a tremendous job of bringing the water line of our lake back up to an acceptable level. Soon, TruGreen will be fishing out the trash and placing large cobble to help protect exposed areas of the lake liner.

You can help to preserve the lake and the liner. We ask you to please make sure you, your family, your guests, and your pets stay out of the lake and off the rock that surrounds the lake. When you fish, please remain on the grass and never throw anything into the lake.

We now have a new problem to contend with. You've undoubtedly noticed the slick of green slime on the lake. This is caused by an imbalance in the lake's ecosystem. The imbalance is the result of fishing both by the geese and the fishermen and women who are not observing our catch and release policy. We have a plan to deal with this situation.

First, Aqua Sierra will be restocking the lake. It is imperative to do this periodically to maintain an optimum ecosystem. It has been several years since we've had to restock the lake.

Check Your Mailbox

We will be receiving two mailings. One will contain the Amendment to the Protective Covenants and the revamped Rules & Regulations. Both will soon be accessible on the website as well. The second mailing will contain information about our annual homeowners meeting and a Neighborhood Directory Update Form. Please see the article on the next page for more information on the directory.

Fox

A fox has killed two cats in our neighborhood. Please keep a close eye on your pets even if they are in your own backyard.

Election Day

Tues, 2 Nov is Election Day. Our polling place has moved to the Redeemer Baptist Church, 18800 E Iliff Ave (east of S Tower Rd and the Walgreens). Our website has links to some other websites which discuss the candidates and issues.

Snow Removal

The City of Aurora reminds us that snow needs to be removed from our sidewalks within 24 hours. If you have kids who'd like to earn some money on a snow day, list their names in the Neighborhood Directory by contacting **Kimberly Sexton** at 303-886-7544.

Next, TruGreen will again be applying geese repellent to the open areas around the lake. The improved repellent (FlightControl PLUS), which must be applied several times during the year, adheres to the grass making it both unappealing and unappetizing to the geese.

Finally, we have placed new signs all around the lake which state our catch and release policy and our barbless hook policy. Our Rules and Regulations, which will soon be mailed out, have also been revamped to include both policies.

We do need your help with enforcement. If you see someone taking our fish, please politely inform them of the catch and release policy, if you feel comfortable doing so, or contact your block captain. If you notice errant fishermen or women going home, get the address. If you notice them getting into their car, get the license plate. If you notice them coming from a particular development, report that. If you see someone taking our fish, you are witnessing theft.

With your cooperation and vigilance, we can ensure the lake continues to be one of the prized assets of our community. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Neighborhood Directory Online

Our Neighborhood Directory is an extremely useful tool and maintaining your information is important. Who knows when a neighbor may need to reach you at work to let you know about a problem at your home or to invite you to dinner? The Neighborhood Directory is also an excellent way for your children to find jobs right here in the neighborhood.

Once the Neighborhood Directory is made available online, it will be updated throughout the year. Not only is printing and distributing 249 copies of the Neighborhood Directory expensive, some of the information inevitably becomes outdated over the course of the year. If you prefer, you will still be able to request a hard copy of the Neighborhood Directory from CMG or, better yet, you will be able to print a copy of the online version.

Before we put the Neighborhood Directory online, we do want to ensure everyone has had an opportunity to opt out. The Lake Shore Community Association respects your privacy and the Neighborhood Directory is for the private use of our homeowners only. Once the directory is online, access will be restricted (via logins and passwords) to the association, its members, and our property manager.

Neighborhood Watch and You

Our Neighborhood Watch Committee has made great progress. Thank you to **Lisa Kelly** and all of our block captains for their commitment:

- Barb Alvarez
- Randy Bailey
- Lisa Coleman
- Guy Goodenow
- Ron Iverson
- Gary Prager
- Keith Morse
- Katie Scardami
- Elaine Schiefelbein

We are now a recognized Neighborhood Watch Community with one-third of us participating in the Annual Night Out. Kudos to E Dickenson PI for a whopping 67% participation! In addition, nightly patrols have helped to reduce both disturbances and litter in our neighborhood.

To ensure our continued success, please remember that no one cares about our community as much as we do. Criminals tend to target neighborhoods where the homes and common areas are not well maintained. But taking care of our

You will be receiving a form requesting you update your information and indicate whether or not we can include it in the directory. Please take a few moments to provide complete and updated information. Include the names of all adult members of your household; home, work, and cell numbers (remember, someone may need to reach you in an emergency), and e-mail addresses. If you have children who are old enough to do jobs in the neighborhood such as babysitting, dog walking, or snow shoveling, please include that.

If we do not hear from you by 1 Oct, we will assume the information we have on file is current and may be included in the Neighborhood Directory. After 1 Oct, we will e-mail logins and passwords to those homeowners who have provided us with an e-mail address. Your login will be your e-mail address, so please make sure to include it on the form.

If your info changes, please submit an update (available from CMG or online at www.onlinelakeshore.org). If you have any questions about the Neighborhood Directory, please contact **Kimberly Sexton** at 303-886-7544. If you have any questions about the website, please contact **Earl Bradshaw** at 303-752-9433. Thank you for your time!

neighborhood is not something that can be left to a dozen dedicated neighbors. We all need to not only be aware of what happens in our community, but also be involved. Maintaining our homes, picking up trash, and reporting problems (e.g. a broken sprinkler, graffiti, etc.) to CMG and/or to our block captains are key to our success.

A successful Neighborhood Watch program also relies on communication among neighbors, particularly if one of us becomes a crime victim. We ask you to please report crime to the police and to your block captain, regardless of the extent of your loss. Our block captains carefully track all crime in our neighborhood and alert us, whenever appropriate. Remember, when in doubt, call the police. The website also has a copy of a pamphlet with additional information (www.onlinelakeshore.org/callPolice.html).

The Aurora Police can help you to identify vulnerabilities in your home. An Aurora Police representative can come to your home to conduct a security survey and recommend ways to secure your property. This survey is free of charge. To find out more, contact the Aurora Police Department, Community Resources Section at 303-739-6346.

Thanks for a Great Pool Season

The 2004 pool season has been fantastic! Our Pool Committee has done a truly wonderful job of overseeing the maintenance and operation of our pool throughout the season. This year, they were able to purchase more furniture and it seems like we now have enough to accommodate all of us who use our pool. We sincerely thank the members of our Pool Committee:

- Barb Alvarez
- Lanna Bailey
- Kim Fawcett
- Brenda Hummel
- Lisa Kelly
- Denise Moroney
- Kerrie Olsen
- Rose Pieper
- Katie Scardami
- Elaine Schiefelbein

This has also been our second year working with Front Range Recreation. The professionalism and dedication of the staff, the lifeguards in particular, has been outstanding.

We would like to thank our lifeguards for taking such good care of us this year:

- Alex
- Blake
- Brian
- Paul
- Stuart

The Pool Committee and Front Range Recreation have done a great job, working together, to ensure our safety and enjoyment this pool season! We encourage you to use the pool as much as possible before it closes on Labor Day, Mon, 6 Sep at 8:00 PM.

We will be having one last event at the pool this year — our Pool Closing Party. We will have our annual party to celebrate at the pool. Bring a side dish or dessert and our association will provide sandwiches and drinks. The festivities will begin when the pool opens at 11:00 AM on Sat, 4 Sep. Please contact **Kim Fawcett** at 303-745-1199 if you'd like to help.



Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting

29 Sep, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

at Vassar Elementary
School

*Remember – Decisions
are made by those who
show up!*

What Do You Think?

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

Contact Earl Bradshaw at
ebradsha@ix.netcom.com
or phone 303-752-9433

4th of July Thanks

Our Parade and Picnic were a great success. Special thanks to the **Aurora Fire Department, Station 9** for leading our parade and teaming up with the kids for some games!

And many, many thanks to everyone who volunteered. These folks planned, organized, and worked the event and were not deterred despite an afternoon shower which temporarily interrupted the festivities:

- Earl & Michelle Bradshaw
- Marty & Kathy DeKramer
- Kim Fawcett
- Nancy Franklin
- Dave, Lisa, & Jessica Kelly
- Ruby Richards

Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to our picnic! Check out the photos on the website (www.onlinelakeshore.org/4Jul2004.html).



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