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Newsletter of the Blue Lake Owners' Association

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Board Requests Feedback on Proposed Foot Bridge



The board is looking into the feasibility of a foot bridge over Blue Creek to shorten the distance to the school and RFTA bus stops. Kids seem to have figured out at an early age that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Rock hopping over the creek poses some danger and going to school with wet clothes is only one of them. The idea is to install a small and inexpensive crossing without designated paths. The bridge would allow those on Goose Lane and Black Bear Trail access thru common space to JW Drive. There are stakes installed designating the proposed site. Please call or email to voice your opinion.

Summer Office Hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00-3:00

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday August 10th at 6:30 PM in the Blue Lake office building. All are welcome to attend!

Gate Code: 8411#
Watch your Bugle every month as this code is subject to change regularly. The lake is intended for homeowner use only. Please do not give out codes. Bathroom Code: 531

Budget Season

Saving money is a year long goal, but it's almost that time of year when we start thinking about what next year's costs will be. The "experts" predict that insurance and energy prices will go up, so we'll plan accordingly for that. We'd love to have our office supply and postage costs go down, but we need your help. If you haven't already signed up to receive your monthly mailing via email, please do so by sending us an email. Every envelope and 44¢ stamp helps.

Trees Showing Their Age

Joe Meade and his crew have been pruning limbs and removing lots of dead trees over the past 2 summers. Planted in the early 1980s, some of our trees have reached their life expectancy. Others have succumbed to disease or damage from wind storms. If you have dead or diseased trees on your property we ask that you take steps to remove them. Falling limbs can be dangerous for persons and property plus they look terrible. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping Blue Lake a lovely place to call home!

Preschool Shade Structure

The preschool is constructing a permanent cover on the south side of the building to eliminate the need for pop-up tents and prevent damage to all that tender skin. They have acquired grants to cover the cost and building permits have been secured. Work is slated to be completed the last week of August.



Lake Projects

The lake is seeing lots of activity these days. Between the oppressive heat and the need for inexpensive entertainment, the average week sees about 2 organized parties and lots of casual beach goers. If you've spent any time down there recently, you've probably noticed that the temporary fence seems to be keeping the geese away from the picnic and beach area. It's great to sit on the grass or sand without landing on goose poop. There is still a huge population of Canada geese, but they are spending there time in other areas around the water.

The lake committee is working on plans for a more permanent solution for next spring. If you'd like to join the discussion, please log onto our website and hit the button "Blue Lake Forum".



Proposed New Pavilion

The demand for shelter has become evident by the number of people wanting to put up tents for parties. Stakes tend to find their way to sprinkler lines, and the cycle of maintenance goes on and on. The two small picnic structures are rotting and in need of repairs. The board will be looking at the feasibility of replacing one of them with a larger pavilion. They will review an estimate at their next meeting.

Ditch Maintenance

Our summer crew spends an enormous amount of time keeping the ditches running. Please do not put rocks, grass clippings, branches or other debris in them. A clogged ditch can cause flooding and erosion and lots of damage. Please explain this to your kids too. Thanks!