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Newsletter of the Blue Lake Owners' Association

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## Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Management will bill you \$25 to pick up a tree, but there are free drop sites at Taqueria el Nepal in Basalt, or across from the town hall in Carbondale.



### Next Board Meeting:

January 10th at 6:30 pm.

**Gate Code:** The code is XXXX Bathrooms are closed for the season.

## Attention Golfers



In a neighborly gesture Ranch at Roaring Fork is offering to Blue Lake residents an early season discount on punch passes. Stop by the ranch office (the golf shop is closed for the season) and pick one up. 10 rounds is \$140; 20 rounds for \$260; or a season pass for \$400. Kids pay \$10 per round when playing with a paying adult. Call 963-3500 for more information.

## No Parking on

## JW Drive—EVER!

## Opting for Electronic Delivery is Smarter Than Ever

Our association has 45% of its owners getting their monthly correspondence via email. Those smart 45% are not only saving some trees, they're saving themselves some money each month in the form of a discount. If you'd like to become part of this group simply send an email to [bloa@sopris.net](mailto:bloa@sopris.net). If you need further reasons to give us your email address and cell numbers here are some examples of how it helps us help you: A dog was recently returned to its owner because a blast email helped identify the dog. That owner didn't have to drive to Vail or pay a fine. When a skunk was seen going under a porch by a neighbor we were able to reach the homeowner before Pepe le Pew was able to set up residence or do any stinky damage. We watch homes that we know are vacant or have vacationing owners. Wouldn't you like to know that we can get in touch with you if something is happening at your place? The sheriff's department lets us know of criminal activity happening in the area; want to be in the loop? We don't share your information or bombard you with emails.

## Memorial Benches Available

The board has received a request for some benches to be placed around the neighborhood. We would like input for placement and are offering to homeowners the opportunity to place memorial plaques on these benches. If you are interested in dedicating a bench to a loved one please contact the office. Prices are yet to be determined, but the thought is to do benches similar to those at the lake.



## Kids Being Kids

One of the great things about Blue Lake are all the opportunities for outdoor activities. This sometimes provides challenges for our maintenance staff. We'd appreciate everyone's help in watching for and reporting to the office anything that kids might be doing that is questionable. We also ask that you talk to your kids about some of these issues. For example: The rocks that are along the shore of the lake were placed there to hold the shore in place. Please don't throw them into deeper water or onto the ice. Digging holes or building bike jumps on common space is a no-no. They create potential hazards and therefore liability issues for the association. Altering common areas in anyway is prohibited. Thanks for your help.

**THE ICE IS VERY UNSAFE...STAY OFF!!!**

## Mischievous Yellow Lab

Our office has received many complaints during the last several weeks about a yellow lab (with a black nose and wearing a collar) running loose and swiping food from garages in every corner of Blue Lake. He/she seems to have an affinity for chocolate (LOTS of it,) meat, bread, and large quantities of dog food. No one seems able to catch it, but if you see it roaming around please contact Eagle County Animal Control at 970-328-3647. Also, if your yellow lab is showing signs of nausea or has little interest in its own food, or has inexplicably put on some pounds, you may need to do some investigative work of your own to make sure your fence is secure enough. There may be a Houdini living with you.

## Blue Lake's Collections

Whether or not you agree with media coverage about the state of the economy improving, there still seem to be a fair amount of Blue Lake owners struggling to make ends meet. There are currently only 4% of homeowners that are 90 days past due, but if you're one of them that number isn't very comforting. We are willing to work with homeowners to develop payment plans to get caught up, but you MUST contact us. Please don't delay as our board is diligent about their fiduciary responsibility to protect the association from losses. Thank you and here's to a prosperous and healthy new year!