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Newsletter of the Blue Lake Owners' Association

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Clean-Up Day a Big Success

We had our best turn out ever and cleaned up lots of trash on Hwy 82 and in common areas. Thanks to the following for volunteering! Robert Giacinto, Brain & Chris Benton, Mary & Peter Delany, Scott White, Jack Musser, Nick McHugh & his kids, Christine Page & her kids, Sheryl Carr, Bart Outzen, Missen Brucker, Bruce Pearson, John Fillippone, Susie Atwood, and Joe Meade.

Lake Committee Needs Your Input

In order to prevent any more confusion regarding the lake, island, geese, trash, weeds, etc, the Board is soliciting members of the Association to join the Island Mgt Committee. This Committee or various subcommittees will propose solutions to the Board in August which will be presented to the Association for a vote in September. Any proposal winning a simple majority will direct the future actions of this Board. If you have any opinions, insight, suggestions, gripes please contact Gina with your name, email, phone number. This is the forum in which to be heard. Please review the April minutes for the committee guidelines. REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE YOUR VOICE CANNOT BE HEARD!

Please see the letter explaining on new web message board on the reverse of this newsletter and watch this space in future months for more information.

IMPORTANT!

If you use the autopayment services to pay your monthly dues, you should have received a new authorization form in the mail a couple weeks ago. It is vitally important that you sign and return it as soon as possible. If you've lost it, please come in to the office for a new one. Thanks!



Blue Lake Community Sale May 22-23

Ads will run in the local papers and signs will be posted at the entrances. This is not only a great time to clean out closets and the garage, and maybe get some bargains, it's a great time to get to know your neighbors. Some streets have taken on a rather festive feeling during this annual event with kids selling cookies and lemonade.

Notice to Vacant Home Owners

If your home is vacant contact the office to stop trash service. This will shave \$18.15 off your monthly invoice. We will make special note of vacant properties on our regular patrols and notify you of issues that may arise. If you need lawn maintenance we may be able to help you find a responsible teenager.

Waiting for More Snow?

This picture of Santa looks rather out of place in May, right? Sort of like those shovels, snow blowers and Christmas decorations outside many homes in Blue Lake. Although some of us love winter, many of us would like to forget about it for a few months. Thanks for tidying up.



Next Board Meeting

Tuesday May 11th at 6:30 PM in the Blue Lake office building.

NEW 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 this code out.

Boat Storage at Lake

Registration is required. Contact the office for details. This is available only to homeowners and is free of charge.

No Trash Service on Memorial Day

Put trash out by 7am on June 1st.

Licensed Day Care in
Blue Lake
Drop-ins welcome
963-9604



Weed Spraying

Outdoor Services has been hired once again to spray our common areas for dandelions and other weeds. Timing is dependant on when weeds emerge, but is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week in May. Please watch for flags and keep kids and pets off of the areas for at least a half hour after application.

Attention Gardeners!

Residents have come together to establish a community garden in Blue Lake. If you are interested in being part of this eco-friendly effort, call Fran Suiter @ 963-6106. Those who participate in this project will get first choice of garden plots!

Dear Neighbors,

I have come to understand that it can be difficult for our association's board to get an accurate perception of neighborhood concerns because most residents don't have the time or information to voice their opinions and so it seems obvious that board decisions must get made in favor of their own conclusions at that time. It is important for everyone to become involved so that the board can make informed choices; however, it may not be necessary to attend the meetings in order to help maintain common community interests.

With respect to this dilemma, I presented the idea of creating a community online forum which was well received by the board at the April meeting. I have now launched the start of the "[Blue Lake Forum](http://bluelake.yuku.com)" (<http://bluelake.yuku.com>) in an effort to centralize conversations on an unbiased platform where everyone can familiarize themselves with current concerns and then choose to contribute their point-of-view. Unlike conventional methods for circulating information (Minutes, Bugle, Emails) this online message-board format allows people to be involved in open debates and discussions at their convenience - contributing ideas to help build an observable consensus necessary for knowledgeable decision making.

This can only be accomplished with everyone's participation so please share with others. The content on the message-board can be read by anyone and requires registering only a log-in name and password to post comments to existing conversations or to add new forum topics not yet being addressed. There is an easy log-in feature which uses any existing account with Hotmail, Google, Yahoo, AOL, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, or Blogger.

I have opened the [Blue Lake Forum](http://bluelake.yuku.com) by posting some topics that are of interest to me and hope it may begin a constructive conversation supporting a cooperative effort for our neighborhood. Please get informed and contribute so that we can decide community issues together.

Sincerely,

Your Neighbor - Sheryl