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LAKEWORD

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WELCOME

The editor and board wish to welcome the new season and the many new Lakewood property owners as well as the loyal present owners. We congratulate those hardy year around residents who have braved another north country winter. It is time for many of us to try to fulfill our resolves to do more toward improving and beautifying our properties. With the coming of spring "Hope Springs Eternal" and good intentions abound.

Since more and more owners will be on site each weekend from now on, it is time to start getting better acquainted. Let's stop and visit when we see a neighbor out working on his property, talk to others we meet down at the lake front park and just generally get to know each other better. This might be a way to come to a meeting of the minds on how best to utilize our common area for more enjoyment and benefit for all owners.

We have about seven acres of lakefront property which could be developed in any of several ways. As it is, only a small fraction of it is being used. In order to do anything worth while we will need to

come to some sort of agreement as to what a majority want. It is, of course, not going to be possible to make all members of such a diverse group delighted with what course we take. We have had suggestions from a 1/4 million dollar marina to giving the property away, (and several variations in between).

This property belongs equally to each property owner and herein lies some of the problem. Between a degree of apathy on one hand and some strong opinions of both radical and conservative views on the other; a stalemate seems assured. Suggestions as to how best to break the impasse will be appreciated. Bring your ideas to the annual meeting on May 6 at Carlson's Rustic Lodge, or send them to the board by mail if you're not able to attend.

We also want owner's views as to whether to have a 4th of July picnic again this year. It was a huge numeric success last year and it appears we do have sufficient funds to repeat. Let us know.

Please don't forget your proxy if you will not be able to attend. Also note, dues statement is enclosed. The due date is May 6 (date of annual meeting) with a 30 day grace period. Past due June 8, 1995.

REMINDERS

MEETING

Annual meeting is scheduled for 1:00 P M on May 6, 1995 at Carlson's Rustic Ridge at 2230 Town Road in Friendship. Since it is one of the better places in the area for a good dinner, most of you I'm sure know where it is. If you're new or have not been there, go 5.2 miles south from Cypress Drive and Z, turn West on Dover about 1/2 mile. It is on the right just as you go around the curve.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Summer trash collection hours begin on April 15 and are Wed 5 to 7 PM Thurs. 10 AM to 1 PM and Sat & Sun 1 to 4 PM. Remember that trash must be in transparent bags so attendant can inspect for recycle material.

DUES INFORMATION

Your dues statement report is included with this newsletter. Please compare with your records, and if correct, pay amount shown as due. We hope to avoid the year around collection hassle of the past couple of years. Most owners are now current and I sincerely hope it stays that way. We have the computer program set up to automatically start adding interest as of June 10th this year. It will be fine with me if you deny the opportunity to see if it works. The increase was modest this year, (from \$36.00 to \$38.00). The extra money is needed for some road and parking lot work. Even with this \$2.00 per lot increase, our revenue will be down this year. We will not

be getting as much back dues and interest as we did this past year.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

There are several groups around Castle Rock Lake who hold Tournaments at various times throughout the summer. Our family group holds one that we call the "Flatlander Cheesehead" Tournament in September. We would be interested to know how many would like to participate in an all Lakewood Tournament. The usual procedure is to collect a fee, (\$10.00 to \$20.00) per fisherman, establish a starting and weigh in time, define rules and award prizes for largest fish, most pounds of fish and largest in each of the species. For this to become a reality, someone would have to take the time to organize it. (Just something to think about.) P S: I am not a volunteer.

MEMORIAL

I recently received word that one of our neighbors passed away. Bob Knippen (lot 128) was reported to have succumbed to emphysema. We extend our sympathy and condolences to his wife Florence and their family.

ADDRESS CHANGES

It is important that you keep us up to date with your latest address. We would also like phone numbers from those of you who do not object. We have no interest in infringing on anyone's privacy, but may occasionally need to contact you to clarify or correct our

records. Right now we have 2 owners whose mail is being returned. If anyone has information on how to contact Barry Scanlon, lot # 194 or Boonruck Saetaew, lot # 217 please let us know.

NEWSLETTER

It seems that interest in "Lakewood" has begun to wane. We have had no contributions to this edition even after holding the deadline for about 30 days. I am enclosing this issue with dues notice to avoid extra postage. If you feel this method of communication is of little value or interest, let your views be known. We could save these few dollars of postage and printing cost by dropping this "Classic" (see side bar below).

Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

"Classic." A book which people praise and don't read.

Mark Twain

Few things are as hard to put up with as a good example.

Mark Twain

May your troubles this year be as short lived as the resolutions you made last January.

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What the new season brings us will depend a great deal on what we bring to the new season.