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Calendar

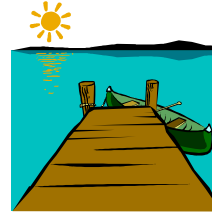
May 10	<u>Boater Safety Course</u>	9am-3pm
May 24	<u>ATV Safety Course</u>	10am-2pm
May 26	<u>Office Closed for Memorial Day</u>	
June 2	<u>Board Meeting: Office</u>	7:00pm
June 2-6	<u>Office Closed for Vacation</u>	
June 8	<u>Annual Meeting:</u>	1:30pm
	Community Center	
June 20-21	<u>Community Wide Garage Sales</u>	
July 5	<u>Fireworks Display</u>	Dusk
July 7	<u>Board Meeting: Office</u>	7:00pm
Aug 4	<u>Board Meeting: Office</u>	7:00pm
Sep 8	<u>Board Meeting: Office</u>	7:00pm
Sep 14	<u>Quarterly Meeting:</u>	1:30pm
	Community Center	

New Maintenance Personnel

Dean Mahrt, who lives at T1017, began his duties as the new maintenance person at the end of March. Dean has a 35-year history in the maintenance field and is knowledgeable in the operation of many types of equipment. We welcome him as a valuable asset to the Woodcliff Lakes Inc. staff!

If you should notice something on common ground around the lake requiring Dean's expertise, please call the office at 753-0247 and leave a message for him.

MAIN BOAT RAMP



The main boat ramp on Lake Ski Di has been repaired and is available for splashing your watercraft. A new 8-inch thick slab of cement was installed that lengthens the ramp by ten feet and widens it by a couple feet. This, along with some sand leveling, should make the ramp much easier for everyone to use. A new combination has been dialed in on the lock for the gate to the ramp. Call the office or security for the new combination. **THIS COMBINATION IS FOR WOODCLIFF RESIDENTS ONLY AND THE GATE MUST BE LOCKED AGAIN AFTER SPLASHING YOUR WATERCRAFT.** This helps ensure that outsiders are unable to access the Woodcliff lakes.

Ballot Enclosed

Two Woodcliff Board of Directors' positions are up for election at the June Annual Meeting. Enclosed are biographies of the five candidates and a Ballot which must be submitted before 2:00pm at the June 8th, 2008 Annual Meeting. Ballots may be mailed or faxed to the office, or turned in at the meeting.



NEWS FROM THE WOODCLIFF LAKES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting starts at 1:30pm at the Poehling Community Center on Sunday, June 8th, 2008. The agenda includes presentation of the auditor's 2007 Financial Compilation by Schleissman, Onken, and Associates. All votes for the election of two Board Directors must be turned in by 2:00pm, when they will be opened and tallied for final results. Updates on the progress of the Road Committee and the Bylaws Committee will be given.

Dust Control Application

Magnesium Chloride will be applied to all roads during the week of May 12th-19th. An additional application will be contracted for the week before the 4th of July Holiday on all roads. The exterior road will receive a third application right before the Labor Day Holiday. Magnesium chloride is a natural product which is absorbed by rock and continuously draws moisture from the air to create a hard travel surface. It is water soluble and has only a slightly higher corrosion rate than water, making it a safe solution for dust control.



BNR Railroad Crossing

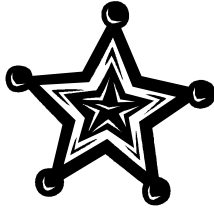
Officials from the Burlington Northern Railroad have informed us that the crossing into Woodcliff is scheduled for repair this year. A temporary access will need to be built for use while the crossing is being repaired. A start date has not been announced so please be careful in this area when construction does begin.

Short Notes:

- Due to concrete and foreign objects on the riverside-edge of the road which cause damage to the sickle mower, this area will no longer be mowed. However, spray will be applied for weed control.
- The 2007 Water Quality Report for the Woodcliff System is included in this newsletter.
- Watercraft Inspections must be completed before enjoying them on the lake. Call 721-3000
- Due to safety and aesthetic issues, homemade tree houses, etc. will not be allowed on common ground and will be removed by Maintenance.
- The water service has been disconnected to those lots that have not paid the 2008 Dues in full. These lots will be charged an additional \$100 to cover the costs of reconnecting.
- Volunteers are still needed for training for a Fire Department to be established at Woodcliff. Contact Rob Benke at 720-0025.
- Algae blooms occur as a large mat of green or yellow-green on or near the surface of the water as the water temperature increases. Some algae are necessary in lakes but should a large bloom appear, please contact the office so that spraying can be arranged.
- The Homeowner's Association is looking for a good, used pontoon lift. Please call the Office if anyone has one available to donate or for sale at a reasonable price.

SECURITY UPDATE

721-3000



BOAT REGISTRATIONS, BOAT REGISTRATIONS, BOAT REGISTRATIONS. Here we go again. Realizing that there are several different companies delivering boats to the lakes, at all hours of the day and night, there is no way boats are going to get registered prior to splashing. That being said, it is still your responsibility to get your boats registered prior to using them. If I have to stop you on the water and register your boat, you are probably going to get a citation at the same time. It is not my job to hunt you down and register your boat, and the excuse that you could not find me is not going to fly. I am the easiest person in the world to find, with 3 telephone numbers and a pager. The excuse that you did not know you had to register again is not going to work either. It has been announced repeatedly in several newsletters, two web pages, and discussed again and again at meetings.

Now let's move on to some ATV rules changes. The age of operation has changed this year to 12 years old. There is no "grand fathering". You must be 12 years or older to operate ATVs, Rangers, Mules, or Golf Carts without an adult with you. Having an 8-year old driving and "saying" they are 12 is not going to wash I'm afraid. You may be asked for proof of age such as a Birth Certificate. These rules have not been passed to punish any certain age group, but to keep them safe, and protect the community as a whole from liabilities.

Passengers are not allowed to ride in the cargo areas of Ranger-type ATVs and golf carts; they must be seated in a seat. You can find seats made for the cargo areas, and add them on, but they must remain seated when moving. This rule is not age specific, it

applies whether you are 12 or 40.

ATVs must have a "lot plate" which has the 3" vinyl boat type letters and numbers. In the past couple of weeks I have stopped several ATVs that have not passed the decibel level guidelines. The level must be 100Db or lower. If you have concerns about your ATV passing, call and I will be glad to test it. ATVs must also be size appropriate for the operator. Do not send your child out on an ATV that they cannot even reach the foot pegs on. There have been several recent cases in our region of ATVs flipping or rolling onto the operators and they have died from either crushing trauma or suffocation. Placing a 40- or 50-pound kid on a 600-pound utility ATV is begging for tragedy.



The ATV Safety Course is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, from 10am-2pm., meet at the Woodcliff Office. There will be drawings for prizes like helmets, and other safety equipment. The course is a requirement for those under 16 wanting to operate ATVs in Woodcliff. There will be hot dogs, chips, and pop provided, and the course is free of charge.

I don't make the rules folks, I am just charged with trying to enforce them. With your continued cooperation, we can make this another safe and fun summer at the lake. I appreciate your support, thank you.

C. George Wolsleben
Chief of Security

Lions Club Firework Display Saturday, July 5th



SID #8 Of Saunders County

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of SID #8 of Saunders Co., Nebraska, held on March 31, 2008 a resolution was passed authorizing SID #8 to enter into an agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for engineering services entitled 'Scope of Services Levee Pre-Feasibility Evaluation of Saunders Co, SID 8, Woodcliff Lakes' in the sum of \$23,970.00.



The approval of this agreement by SID #8 was contingent upon a cost sharing agreement relating thereto between SID #8 and Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (LPNNRD). Thereafter, on April 3, 2008, the LPNNRD Project Committee recommended a cost sharing contribution from LPNNRD in the sum of \$11,000.00 relating to the engineering agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. involving the levee system. A written cost sharing agreement between the District and LPNNRD reflecting this \$11,000.00 contribution will be executed in the near future.

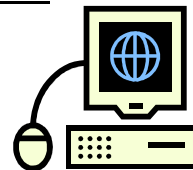
A report received from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) dated April 15, 2008, indicated that all three lagoons had the proper operational depth of a functioning lagoon system and that the lagoon system was in good shape.

The report for March 2008 from People Service, Inc. relating to the District waste water system

indicated that on March 14, 2008 a lift station pump was tripped out due to overload from the use of cleaning wipes. The pump was pulled and cleared of cleaning wipes. Woodcliff residents are asked to refrain from flushing these types of cleaning wipes to avoid further lift station pump overloads.



With reference to 2008 storm sewer drainage improvements, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., is in the process of finalizing engineering plans, construction costs, and a total project cost estimate relating to 2008 storm sewer drainage improvements.



Beginning in April 2008, all SID 8 Meeting Agendas will be forwarded to the Woodcliff Lakes, Inc. office for publication on the Woodcliff Lakes website: www.woodcliffakes.com.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sanitary & Improvement District No. 8 (SID #8) of Saunders Co., NE, will be held at 7:00pm on the 20th day of May, 2008 at the office of Woodcliff Lakes, Inc., Lot T1018A, 980 Co. Rd. W, Fremont, NE 68025, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting will be kept current and is available for inspection at Gross & Welch, 2120 S. 72nd St., Omaha, NE, and includes payment of bills of the District.

Lonnie Mahrt, Clerk of the District

Biographies of Woodcliff Board Members Candidates

(in alphabetical order)

Please complete and return the ballot that follows the biographies in this newsletter by voting for two Board Members.

Sheila Johnson, S1121

Sheila Johnson was born and raised in Fremont. She moved to Omaha where she raised one daughter, who served in the U.S. Army Reserves and is now working on a law degree in Nashville. Sheila is currently a non-traditional student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha working on a Bachelor of General Studies degree. She also works full-time as a government-contracted employee in the Federal Medicare program. Sheila is a member of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Fremont, and has served on various committees within the church.

Sheila has been a part-time resident of the lake since 1990. Her years of experience in management and her integrity will be assets to the leadership on the Woodcliff Board. Vote for Sheila Johnson - the only part-time candidate, and a *Fresh Voice* on the Woodcliff Lakes Homeowner's Association Board of Directors.

Dave Langenfeld, S1020

Having been a full-time resident of Woodcliff since 1973 and having just completed one three-year term on the Woodcliff Board of Directors, I feel I have the experience and knowledge to benefit the community by serving another term on the Board. As a current member of the Woodcliff Board, I have served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President and recently began overseeing the Road Maintenance and the Spillway.

I've also been an active member of the Woodcliff Lions Club for 17 years, serving as President, a member of the Board of Directors, and Zone Chairman for the district. I'm also a member of the VFW and the American Legion. I'm employed by Woodhouse Ford in Blair as a Sales Manager.

My main objectives while continuing to serve as a Woodcliff Board Member would be: make decisions in the best interest of the whole community, and promote better communication between the community and the board to avoid misunderstandings or confusions of the board's intent - such as expanded use of the web site as a communication tool rather than before contracts are offered or signed. In this way, the community would have a complete understanding of their board's actions.

Jim Mitchell, S1114

I am a full-time resident of Woodcliff, having bought my home in 1988. I am 58 years of age, with two grown children. David is 28 and Emily, 25. Both grew up, back then on weekends, at Woodcliff, traveling the trails and byways with their ATV and enjoying the Lions Club Spring/Fall Clean up, Pancake Breakfasts and Fourth of July with all its activities. My fiancée, LaTisha Hough along with her three children, very much enjoy Woodcliff on the weekends throughout the year. I practice law in Omaha with Rasmussen & Mitchell, a small firm which handles general civil matters throughout the mid-west.

For me, Woodcliff is a way of life—very relaxed and casual, very neighborly. You know Spring has finally arrived when the couples, with or without their dogs, walk the lanes and children rediscover their ATVs and golf carts. We have our own culture, quite distinct from neighborhoods and subdivisions in Omaha, Lincoln, and surrounding larger communities where neighbors seldom know or interact with each other. Woodcliff is truly a wonderful place to raise a family.

Throughout my years at Woodcliff, I have always felt our community was cared for and well managed. However, over the past couple of years, I have become concerned and disheartened by the extent of controversy over the road issue. As neighbors, we appear to be quite divided, with the level of debate becoming quite confrontational and contentious. I do not believe such division to be healthy for our collective well being.

Jim Mitchell, S1114 (continued)

Last fall and earlier this year, I attended several SID and Home Owner meetings. I attended when JEO gave its report to the Road Committee. When presenting this comprehensive survey of road options that might be considered, the engineers made it very clear that they **were not** taking into account the possible impact of any of the options on Woodcliff's "culture". I have attended several meetings since their report, and it does not appear to me that the full impact on our community's culture caused by installation of concrete or asphalt roads and the manner of financing them has been thoroughly considered and addressed. For most of us, Woodcliff is much more than an investment in real estate. It is a distinctive community with tree-lined and canopied lanes, with youngsters driving up and down the trails and lanes. If we should vote to install some type of hard surface road throughout the community, I am committed to the proposition that before such an expensive, long-range commitment is made that there be a thorough and comprehensive discussion and understanding among all lot owners as to how their community's "culture" would be impacted. This is why I am a candidate for the Board.

Matt Schwarz, S1079

For those who do not know me personally, I purchased a home in Woodcliff four years ago this summer. I grew up in Fremont and was a regular visitor to the lake growing up. In the past few years I have had the privilege of serving on the Rules Committee as well as the By-laws Committee. I believe the knowledge gained while working with these committees will help with serving the community as a Board Member.

To say the least, the lake has changed dramatically in recent years. What was once a lake filled with summer cabins is now evolving into a community of full-time residences. While many improvements have been added, I believe there will always be more projects needed, as with any evolving community.

If elected onto the Homeowners Association Board, I will make it my primary goal to fully research all alternatives to any project so they are beneficial to all residents, whether seasonal or full-time. Once a project is started, I believe it is the responsibility of the board to assure that a project is completed with a defined standard of quality, and if not met, it is also their responsibility to hold a contractor accountable. This is one area that I will personally contribute to on any project that I can get involved in.

In summary, if elected I would like to be the board member that is known as the proactive member of our community. I know many people feel great pride in our own little paradise, and if elected, I would like to do my part to assure everyone that I will do everything I can to keep Woodcliff a community where we can come home to at the end of the day and take pride in our surroundings like I do. Thanks!

Sally Vilmont, S1158

My name is Sally Vilmont. I have been a resident of Woodcliff since 1997. I have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Masters of Science in Health Care Administration. I am the founder/owner of a Home Health Care Agency in Omaha and an Assisted Living Facility in Fremont.

For the past several years I, like others, found myself complaining about one thing or another at the Lake. I decided to 'shut up' or 'put up' and ran for the SID in 2007. For those of you who voted for me, I thank you. I am now running for the Woodcliff Board so as to encourage communication and continuity between the two Boards.

FYI: I am NOT for PAVING THE ROADS or for expanding any powers the SID already has. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you!

2008 Ballot
for
Woodcliff Lakes Association Inc.
Board of Directors

1. **Review the biographies** of the candidates for the Board of Directors on the previous pages.
2. Cast your vote by **selecting TWO choices** in the ballot box below. There are two three-year terms available. Vote for no more than two candidates or the ballot will be void.
3. **Sign** on the signature line on the bottom of this form. **Ballots are not valid without signatures.** Please remember that **only one ballot per lot** is allowed.
4. **Return** this ballot to the Woodcliff Lakes Association Inc. office **before June 8, 2008** by faxing it to 402-753-0247, putting it in the drop box next to the office door, by presenting the ballot in person at the Annual Meeting **before 2:00 pm** on June 8, 2008, or by mailing it to the office address:
Woodcliff Lakes, Inc.
980 Co. Rd. "W", Lot T-1018, Suite A
Fremont, NE 68025
5. Election results will be announced at the **Annual Meeting on June 8, 2008 after 2:00 pm.** The meeting will begin at 1:30 pm at the John G. Poehling Community Center, 980 Co. Rd. "W", Fremont, Nebraska.

2008 Board of Directors Ballot

Vote for no more than two (2) candidates by placing an **X** in the box beside their name.

Sheila Johnson

Dave Langenfeld

Jim Mitchell

Matt Schwarz

Sally Vilmont

Member's Lot Number(s) _____

Member's Printed Name _____

Member's Signature _____

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Patrick Poehling

John G. Poehling Community Center



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Woodcliff Lions Club



FINALLY! It's time to start enjoying our summertime fun!



Congratulations to **Lexie Kimball** and **Matthew Schmitz**, the \$500 Scholarship winners. There were many applicants and the committee had a very difficult time narrowing the process down to only two. Good luck in the future to all graduating seniors.

We need help **cleaning the "road to Woodcliff"**. Meet at the Poehling Community Center parking lot on **Saturday, May 17th at 9:00am** to help "green up" the area.



Meet your friends and neighbors at the Community Center patio on **Sunday, June 1st from 8:00am-11:00am for the Woodcliff Lions Pancake Feed and Raffle**. The food is always great and it's always a good time. PLUS, there are numerous raffle prizes to auction off including a grand prize of a \$500 meat bundle from Jerry's Meats. Our late summer pancake feed will be held **Sunday, August 24th**.

The July 4th flyer will be out later this month detailing all the fun events. **The golf tournament will take place on Friday, the Fourth, and the fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 5th.**



These events may not be happening in the future if we do not get more people involved to help our club continue it's many Woodcliff traditions, including the July 4th celebration.

Please consider becoming a Woodcliff Lion. **Membership is free at this time** and you will be "giving back" to your community. Meetings are held at the Community Center at 7:30pm on the First Tuesday of each month or contact any Lion member NOW!

I continue . . .

Roaring along,

Mardy Gardner
President

Community-Wide Garage Sale Weekend

Considering having a garage sale this summer? Ellen Kunert, S100, is coordinating a community-wide garage sale for **Friday, June 20th, and Saturday, June 21st.**

Advertised hours will be **1:00pm-7:00pm** on Friday and **9:00am-3:00pm** on Saturday. Call her at 727-8586 if you want to participate or have questions.



Health Tip: Recognizing a Stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify and treatment time is crucial. Doctors now say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking 3 simple questions:

S - Ask the person to **smile**

T - Ask the person to **talk** by speaking a simple sentence such as: It is sunny out today.

R - Ask the person to **raise both arms**

If the person has trouble with any one of these tasks, **call 911** immediately. Another sign of a stroke is this: ask the person to stick out his tongue. If it is crooked or goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Woodcliff Marina and Backporch Lounge 721-7816

Welcome back! We celebrate our 5th-year anniversary this summer, so watch for an anniversary celebration!



Thank you for winterizing, storing, and summarizing your boats with us. We truly appreciate your support and we cannot keep our doors open without it. Don't forget that **John is a great mechanic and can handle all your tune up needs this summer.** Give him a call.



Everyone has been asking and here is the answer: **The kitchen will reopen on Saturday, May 17th.** Get ready to enjoy all of your kitchen favorites. We're looking forward to seeing you soon.

Make sure to stop into the Backporch Lounge and sign up for a **summer volleyball league.** It proves to be as much or more fun than last year.



We're always open to your comments and suggestions and more open to your business, so let's get ready for some fun in the sun this summer!

On a side note, the Marina was recently robbed. If you have any idea who would harm us in this way, give us or Security a call.

See you soon,
**Mike, Lisa and Faith Steffen
and Staff**

WOODCLIFF CORRAL RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE

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As summer is fast approaching and we are all scrambling to get our spring to-do lists completed, let's also take the time to enjoy our surroundings that are often taken for granted. Bring on another fun-filled summer at the lake!

Remember the Corral is here to help in any way. Come dine in or take-out. The whole menu is available plus nightly specials. You can't beat a box of our **broasted chicken.** Give us a couple days notice for large orders, please. Try one of our nightly specials and don't forget **Taco Thursday.**

The summer restaurant hours are:
Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs - 5:00pm - 10:00pm
Fri, and Sat - 5:00pm - 11:00pm
So come enjoy the original social gathering spot on the lake.

The music scene is once again full of something for everyone. **Some top headliner bands, old favorites, and karaoke.** Schedules will be available at the Corral and also on our website at www.woodcliffcorral.com. Check it out and leave us an e-mail message.

Let's remember to all have a safe and fun summer. Safety should always be everyone's #1 priority. Let's all make an effort to pick up after ourselves and leave an area cleaner than the way we found it. Litter is still an ugly six-letter word.

Sincerely,
Kathy and Joe Watson

Woodcliff Lakes Association

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