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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My Friends,

We had a great Joint Annual Meeting and wonderful refreshments provided by our volunteers from the CSC. Thank you to all who helped set up the Community Center, arrange the seating, serve refreshments, and put everything back. We appreciate the great volunteers and BRS staff that coordinates this event. Also thanks to our General Manager for a comprehensive report on our community, the status of the lake dredging, and the bagpipes story (you should have been there!).

We also congratulate our BRPOA election winners, Smokey Craig, Paul Glass, and Rick Gray for agreeing to give up many hours and weekends to serve our community on the Board of Directors. Your service on behalf of others is greatly appreciated!

We also congratulate our Treasurer, Bill Earhart, our General Manager, Denny W. Kelly, our Manager of Fiscal Affairs, Amy Evans, plus the other staff members and committees (Financial Committee, Five-Year Plan Committee) for once again achieving a perfect audit of our extensive BRS financial records and fiscal operations. Once a year outside auditors come to thoroughly examine our financial records on multiple accounts, including auditing hundreds of financial transactions in a comprehensive review of our entire fiscal operation. They audit our reserve accounts (required by state law), check our expenditure classifications for hundreds of checks, and review the accuracy of our fiscal reports. Once again, we passed the audit with flying colors and the time it took to complete the audit was less than last year. BRS members are assured that we are on a strong financial footing and that outside auditors have concurred that our excellent fiscal controls, procedures and management continue a record of outstanding excellence. A hearty WELL DONE to everyone involved in getting another perfect score!

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UPCOMING 2017 BRPOA MEETINGS

June 10, 2017

July 8, 2017

August 12, 2017

September 9, 2017

October 14, 2017

November 11, 2017

All Meetings will be held
at 9:00 AM in the BRS Office
Building unless otherwise
specified.

COMPLIANCE

The Virginia POA Act, Sec 55-513, permits the Board of Directors, or their designated committee to:

Suspend Privileges.

Impose fines not to exceed \$50.00, or \$10.00 per day for offenses of a continuing nature, not to exceed 90 days.

Members are entitled to a proper hearing prior to fines and suspensions being implemented.

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Our big Fourth of July celebration is approaching and we remind everyone to get their guest lists in to the office ahead of time. We expect to restrict gate access around 4:00 p.m. or later on July 1, our celebration date. We continue to adjust our security procedures and that exact process has not been determined to date, so I recommend everyone sign up for our FREE email alerts to be aware of any changes. We hope to see all of you and your guests at our largest community celebration of the year!

Respectfully,

Thad Furlong

RULES of THE BEACH

- **Use of the beach and other facilities are for BRPOA Members, Nonmember Occupants, & Guests**
- **Swim at your own risk, no lifeguards on duty**
- **No diving from the seawall or marina**
- **No dogs or other pets on the beach**
- **No Alcoholic Beverages or Glass Containers Permitted**
- **Use of a grill beyond the chain and posts/parking area is not permitted**
- **Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by Parent or responsible person at least 16 years of age**
- **BEWARE: Many areas of the lake are more than 5 feet deep and are dangerous for children, non-swimmers, and poor swimmers.**
- **Swimming beyond the post areas is discouraged.**
- **Manager on duty may ask any person who acts in an unsafe manner or who violates the Regulations applicable to the beach and swimming areas to leave the area.**
- **No loud or offensive music will be tolerated.**
- **REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE in THE ASSOCIATION AREA**

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting April 8, 2017

IN Attendance: Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, Rick Gray, William Earhart, David Armentrout, Clarence Craig, Donna Frago, Paul Glass and General Manager: Denny W. Kelly.

Absent: Joe Brown

Approval of the Agenda: Davis moved for approval of the amended agenda, Glass seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the March 11, 2017 Board meeting were presented and the date for the July 4, 2017 Fireworks was corrected to July 1. Gray moved for approval of the minutes, Furlong seconded and approval was unanimous.

Safety & Security Committee Chair: Furlong moved to approve John (Rick) Gray as the sole chair of the Safety/Security Committee. Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

BRS Vision Statement: Davis moved to accept the BRS Vision Statement as amended. Glass seconded and approval was unanimous.

"We are Blue Ridge Shores, a private gated community known for friendly special events, a variety of recreational facilities, and a unique small town feel. We are neighbors, maintaining our own Lake Louisa for all here to enjoy."

Dredging Project Update: Earhart moved to approve the amended dredging contract with \$123,750 added for (1) remobilization [\$60,000] and (2) development of the dredged materials site [63,750]. Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Quorum at Meetings: (Second reading) **BYLAWS of BLUE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC; Section 5. Quorum at Meetings:** A quorum at any meeting of members of the Association shall consist of ~~twenty (20%)~~ **ten (10%) percent** of the members of the Association, present in person or by proxy. Furlong moved for approval Craig seconded; approval was unanimous.

Revision to Boat Policies, Rules and Regulations, Section III: (Second Reading) Furlong moved approval, Glass seconded; approval was unanimous.

SECTION III Policies, Rules and Regulations

D. Boats:

5. Registration:

~~(h) The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Shores requires completion of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement for operation of a boat on Lake Louisa. This requirement will phase in the same manner as the statewide requirement for operation on public waters.~~

~~Virginia is requiring that in order to operate a boat on public waters you must have passed a boating safety course or its equivalent examination. While Lake Louisa is exempt from this requirement because it is a private lake, members who own a boat will be required to show proof of compliance to receive their boating registration.~~

(H) In the interest of safety, the Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Shores requires completion of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements or the equivalent for operation of a boat with ten (10) horsepower or greater on Lake Louisa. The member is required to submit proof of compliance for their file in order to receive their annual boat registration. A member who does not or cannot operate their boat may register the boat if they present proof for their file that a family member has met the Boater Safety Education Requirements, and specify that the family member will operate the boat. All members are required to carry proof of completion of the course while on the lake operating a boat as prescribed in this section. The Association will comply with sections of the State Code on this issue.

The current requirements are:

- ~~1. Motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2011.~~
- ~~2. Motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012.~~
- ~~3. Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013.~~
- ~~4. Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014.~~
- ~~5. Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015.~~
- ~~6. All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.~~

Disposal of Association Property: Earhart moved to accept the best current bid of \$2500 for Lot 177. Davis seconded; approval was unanimous.

Clean Up of Lots 1195 & 1196, 18 Ellis Lane: (the burned out house) *Furlong moved to authorize up to \$8400 to clean up both lots Davis seconded; approval was unanimous.*

Furlong then moved to accept ownership of said lots in lieu of current dues owed. The lots would then be offered for sale; Frago seconded; approval was unanimous.

Approval of Election Inspectors: Davis moved to approve Doug Frago, Judy O'Keefe, Kathi Coldren, Laverne McCleese, and Jeanette Weaver as the five inspectors for the 2017 Elections associated with the Joint Annual Meeting on May 20, 2017. Amentrout seconded; approval was unanimous.

End of meeting: Motion by Furlong, Seconded by Davis, to adjourn @ 11:00AM, Approval was unanimous.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting May 13, 2017

In Attendance: Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, Rick Gray, William Earhart, Joe Brown, Clarence Craig, Donna Frago, Paul Glass, and GM Denny W. Kelly.

Absent: Dave Armentrout

Approval of the Agenda: Furlong moved for approval of the amended agenda, Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of the April 8, 2017 Minutes: Minutes for the April 8, 2017 Board meeting were presented. Gray moved for approval of the minutes, Brown seconded and approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Earhart moved to accept the Auditors' Report for the 2016 Financial Records, Furlong seconded and approval was unanimous.

President Furlong then moved for a vote of appreciation to the Treasurer and BRS Office Staff for their efforts that resulted in the 'clean audit'. Frago seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mower Replacement: Furlong moved to authorize the GM to replace the 2008 defective mower per the five-year plan at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. Frago seconded and approval was unanimous.

Dissolve Ad Hoc Committee: Brown moved to dissolve the Future Vision Committee as the submission of their report indicates their work is done. Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Disposal of Association Property: Lots 1195 & 1196, 18 Ellis Lane. Earhart moved to place these lots up for sale with a minimum price of \$15,000. Gray seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of School Bus Route Certification: Issue required annually by the Louisa County School Board. Furlong moved to authorize no more than \$600 for the Engineering Certification as proposed. Earhart seconded and approval was unanimous.

Closing of the Marina, Boat Ramp and South Lakeshore Drive Parade Route: For the July 4 celebration. Furlong moved to authorize the GM to close any BRS common areas as needed for special events or maintenance. Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Road Rehabilitation per ongoing multiyear schedule: There was only one bidder for the 2017 road work, Barton & Boyd. Furlong moved to authorize the 2017 Road work as described, at a cost not to exceed \$120,000. Frago seconded and approval was unanimous.

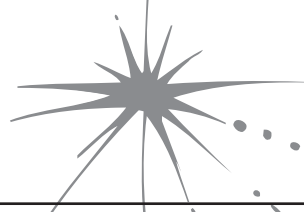
Streets to be asphalted are Red Cedar Road, Oakhill Road, and Beechnut Drive. There will be nine areas receiving patch work, cracks in the office parking lot will be sealed, and approximately 30 Stop Bars will be Re-painted.

Timeline for BRS Committee work: Davis presented a yearly outline of the tasks of the Joint Personal Committee and for the Annual Member Survey. He suggested other BRS Committees undertake and present similar reports. That would assist new members and inform the community of some of the functions of the Board and BRS Committees.

End of meeting: Motion by Furlong, Seconded by Davis to Adjourn: 11:00AM

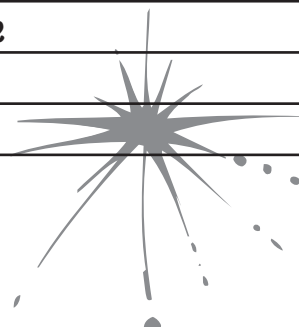
All present voted: FOR. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Events for Saturday, July 1st

8:00AM-1:30PM	White Elephant Sale
8:00AM-10:00AM	Pancake Breakfast
8:45AM- 9:45AM	Opening Ceremony
9:00AM-12:00PM	Barrel Train Rides
10:00AM-2:00PM	CSC Info Booth
9:15AM	Water Skiing Contest
10:00AM-10:30AM	Tot Games Ages 1-5
10:00AM-4:00PM	Food Concessions
10:00 AM-2:00PM	Dunk Tank
10:30AM	Ground Games 6+
10:30AM	Singles Horseshoe Tournament All Ages
10:30AM	Volleyball Tournament teams of 6
10:00AM-1:00PM	Face Painting
10:30AM-1:00PM	Snow Cones and Popcorn
11:45AM	Tug Of War North vs South
12:00PM	Water games
12:00PM-2:00PM	Corn Hole Tournament
1:00PM	Doubles Horseshoe All Ages
1:00PM	Youth Basketball 3 on 3
2:00PM	Basketball All Ages
2:00PM	Quilt Drawing
3:30PM	Cake Walk All Ages
3:30PM	Watermelon Eating Contest
4:00PM	Liberty Idol Contest
3:00PM-4:00PM	Sand art Contest
8:00PM	Decorated boat parade
Dusk	Fire Works
Sunday 6:00AM-10:00AM	Fishing Rodeo



2017 Boating Policies and Safety Tips

Boating Season is here and we hope everyone has a 2017 Fun but Safe experience. Blue Ridge Shores adopted the provisions of the **Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement** for operation of a motorized boat on Lake Louisa. The Virginia Conservation Police Department has authority to enforce all provisions of State Requirements on Lake Louisa. Just a few reminders for everyone:

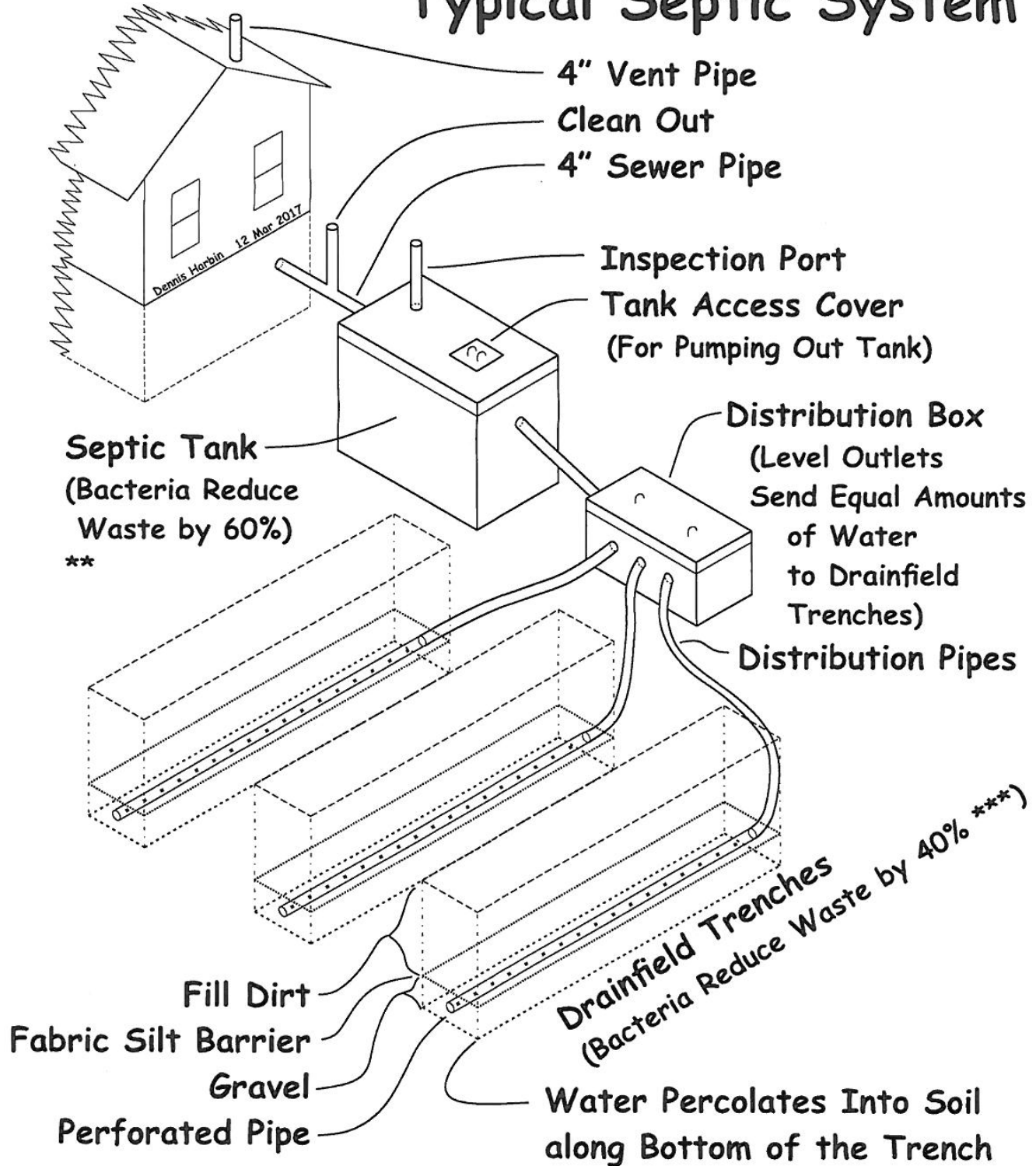
- Anyone operating a motorized boat in Virginia must possess a card indicating they have taken the **Virginia Boater Safety Education Class** or the State's Safety Class where the boat is registered.
- Operators must be at least 14 years old.
- Boats must be registered to a member or a non-member occupant who are members in good standing.
- All motorized boats must be registered through the office with current State Registration and Insurance Information in order to have and display a current Association Decal.
- All Non-Motorized Boats excluding a paddle board must be registered through the Association and display the appropriate decal.
- Jet Skis and jet powered boats are not permitted to be on the lake. Jet powered boats registered with the Association prior to August 13, 2011 are exempted from this rule.
- All motorized boat traffic must travel in a counter clockwise direction, unless they are fishing and under the power of a trolling motor.
- All boats that are non-motorized have the right of way.
- **All fast moving boats are required to stay off the Shoreline by 100 feet.**
- All boats pulling tubes, skis, aqua boards or any other object are required to have a spotter. These activities are limited from 9:00 AM until sunset.
- All boats are to have running lights or navigational lights after dusk or before dawn.
- The Association's Special Assistant to the GM is patrolling the Lake and will issue violations as appropriate and the member affected will be required to attend a Compliance Committee Hearing.
- Should you have questions, require clarification, or a copy of these rules please contact the office.

Trash Removal

We would respectfully request that when you place your container out for service to place it on the opposite side of the driveway than your mailbox. The mail delivery people have requested this be done in order for them to complete their job. A reminder that no large items including empty boxes will be picked up. Please move your container from the normal storage place in order for the driver to realize it requires service.

**TRASH REMOVAL SERVICES WILL OCCUR ONCE PER WEEK
THE ENTIRE YEAR.**

Typical Septic System



** Any waste the Bacteria Can Not Digest accumulates in the septic tank, Slowly filling the tank, Requiring it to be Pumped Out.

*** Any undigestable waste which gets to the Trenches, along with any silt, over time plugs up the soil.

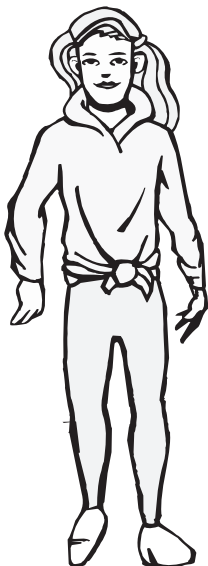
MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING May 1, 2017

Amick, James	Gaines-Kelly, Makeba	Libby, Walter L.
Anderson, John W.	Gheen, Randolph M.	Reese, Carrie & Sylvia Johnson
Barber, Thayne & Lauren	Harrison, Vernon & Patricia	Shull, Mark, Jr.
Burrer-Meza, Nancy	Hoosier, Danny & Lori	Waller, Jessica
Evans, Tara & Brian	Johnston, Douglas K.	White, Tim
Federal National Mortgage	Kammeter, Carol W.	Wright, James & Sharon
Fuentes, Rosali	Lamb, Wilda	

2017 PARTIAL PAYMENT PLANS

A suggestion to members that wish to enter into a Partial Payment Plan with BRPOA for 2017 Assessments: You are urged to do that early and that will reduce your monthly payments. Please come by the office @ your convenience to make these arrangements.

Safety tips for walkers in BRS



It has come to our attention that there have been a few close calls between walkers and vehicles within BRS. Drivers, please obey the speed limit, stop signs, and most of all be on constant lookout for walkers day, and night. Causing injury or death would be a life changing event for all involved. Walkers, be aware, especially around the many blind curves, for vehicles. Don't count on them seeing you first. If you walk at night wear reflective tape or clothing. This improves the odds of the driver seeing you first. The narrow roads at BRS make these safety tips especially valuable.

Thank you,
Smokie Craig
Safety and Security Chair

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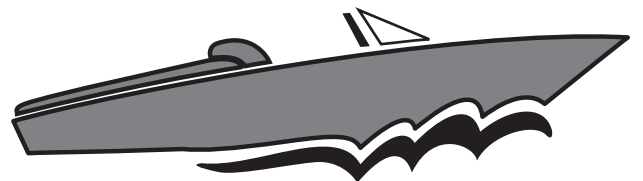
Calendar of Events

June 2017-July 2017

- **BRPOA Re Organizational Meeting**, Saturday, June 10, 2017, 8:15AM, BRS Office
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, June 10, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **BBQ Dinner**, Saturday, June 17, 2017, 6:00PM, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Hot Dog Cookout**, Friday, June 30, 2017, 4:30PM-6:30PM, Pavilion
- **4th of July Parade**, Friday, June 30, 2017, 6:30PM, South Lakeshore Drive
- **July 4th Celebration**, Saturday, July 1, 2017, 8:00AM-10:00PM
- **White Elephant Sale**, Saturday, July 1, 2017, 8:00AM-2:00PM, Community Center
- **Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, July 1, 2017, 8:00AM-10:30AM
- **Fishing Rodeo**, Sunday, July 2, 2017, 6:00AM-10:00AM, Marina
- **OFFICE CLOSED**, July 4th, 2017
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, July 8, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting**, Saturday, July 15, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **International Food Night**, Saturday, July 22, 2017, 6:00PM, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Ice Cream Social**, Sunday, July 30, 2017, 2:00PM-Community Center

Virginia Boating Safety Class

Section II, Policies, Rules, and Registration; D. Boats requires that all Motorboat Operators complete this class or an equivalent and present proof of Compliance to receive their boating registration this year, (2017). This policy has been phased in since 2011 and effective July 1, 2016 all operators of motor boats regardless of age, shall meet the requirements. If you have completed this class in another State and have that certificate of completion, it will meet the BRS requirements. An operator under direct supervision of an individual who has met this requirement is not required to take this class.



The Office cannot issue 2017 registration/decals unless the above requirements are met and a copy of completion is submitted for your file.

QUILT TICKETS ON SALE

The Quilt Raffle Tickets are on sale now and available from several people. If you wish to just buy tickets, the BRS office has them. They are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a block of 5 tickets. IF you would like to take a few books of tickets and sell them, please call Marie Canaday @ 967-0182. A picture of the finished quilt is on view at the BRS Office. It is really a beautiful design this year. It will go with just about any décor in a bedroom. We hope you will help support C.S.C. and buy your tickets soon. The drawing will be Saturday, July 1, 2017 and you need not be present to win!

Compliance Committee Report

Septic System Inspection

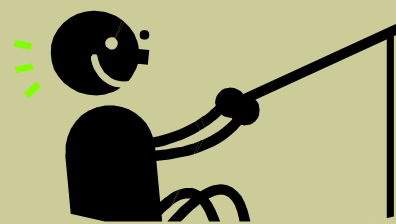
All members are required to have standard septic systems inspected every five years by a certified septic company. Alternative pumping systems must be inspected and or pumped every year. Please submit your certification to the office. This is not only a BRS requirement but a requirement from the Commonwealth of Virginia enforced by all county health departments. The BRS office notifies each member at the beginning of the year when your system is due for inspection. You have until December 31 to comply. Members that do not comply may be fined \$10 per day for 90 days. **Our Committee recently took this action on three members and this information may be posted in the Shore Line by name and Street Address.** There are no exceptions. This rule is to ensure the health of our lake and the health of our water supply. Thank you for keeping Blue Ridge Shores a healthy community for all.

POSTED SPEED LIMITS

The Association Office receives complaints routinely for people driving throughout the Community and exceeding the posted speed limits. The Louisa County Sheriff's Department has been most helpful in their attempts to resolve this problem. They have jurisdiction to write summons for speeding or reckless driving on Association Roads and the results go into Louisa County General District Court and if found guilty those results will be posted with DMV and appear on your Virginia Driver's License Records.

The Sheriff's Department has assured us of enhanced efforts to resolve these problems and will be placing Deputies in the areas of complaint. Please be considerate of yourself and others as it relates to the potential consequences of traveling too fast within the Community.

REMINDER: All Members and Registered Renters are responsible for their guests and their actions.



PROTECT OUR WATERS!

Please report any illegal
dumping of items into our
waters to the
Administration Office at
540-967-1408

Community Services Committee

Donna Gray, Chairperson

DID YOU KNOW THAT 4th of July weekend is the largest community event each Year at Blue Ridge Shores! Everyone is urged to participate! A schedule of the many activities (for both children and adults) is available at the office.

DID YOU KNOW THAT there are other ongoing community activities and Attractions for you throughout the year? These include a morning exercise group three times each week at the community center, a free library with many books and videos, community themed dinners to socialize with neighbors, winter lunch & movie Thursday's, etc. Announcements appear on signs at both entry gates!

DID YOU KNOW THAT there will be a pancake (plain, chocolate & blueberry) Breakfast Saturday, May 27, from 8-10AM. The next day, May 28, will be the second annual Corn-Hole Tournament at 2PM. The teams will again be charged \$10 and members and their guests may participate. The first place winner will receive 35% of the pot, the second place winner will receive 15% of the pot and the remainder will go to CSC.

DID YOU KNOW THAT all members are invited to the Community Center for a BBQ chicken and pulled pork dinner on June 17 at 6PM! Only \$6 for adults and children under 10 eat for free (must be with a paying adult).

Crime Report

MARCH 2017

N Lakeshore Dr

EMS Call – 1
Fire Investigation – 1
Welfare Check – 1

Fairview Rd

Civil Paper Service – 1

Redbud Dr

Civil Paper Service – 1

Ellis Dr

Attempt to Locate – 1

Walnut Dr

Vandalism – 1

Nottingham Rd

Civil Paper Service – 1

Ash Rd

Welfare Check – 1

Poplar Dr

Civil Paper Service – 2

S Lakeshore Dr

Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Property Check – 64

Pine Rd

Civil Paper Service – 1
EMS call – 1

Iris Ln

B&E – 1

Clear Water Ln

Water Issue – 1

Red Cedar Rd

ACO-Road – 1

Lakeview Cir

911-Misdial – 1
ACO call – 1

APRIL, 2017

North Lakeshore Dr

ACO Calls – 1
Civil Issue/Dispute – 1
Civil Paper – 2
Game-Animal Issue – 1
Gun Complaint/Shots Fired – 1
Lake-Other – 1
Water Leak – 1

Beach Rd

Civil Paper Service – 1

Redbud Rd

Civil-Paper service – 1

Dogwood Dr

Civil-Paper service – 1
EMS call – 1

Ellis Dr

ACO call – 1

Walnut Rd

Larceny – 1

Ferndale Dr

EMS call – 1

Nottingham Rd

B&E – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
EMS call – 1
Traffic Stop – 1

Ash Rd

Civil Issue/Dispute – 1
Traffic Complaint – 1

Poplar Dr

Civil-Paper service – 2

S Lakeshore Dr

Alarm-Burg-Commercial – 1
Civil Paper – 3
Escort – 2
Property Check – 63

Beech Nut Dr

EMS call – 1
Water Leak – 1

Lakeview Cir

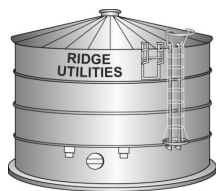
Civil Paper Service – 1
Welfare Check – 1

ACO- Animal Control Officer

ATL- Attempt to Locate

MVC- Motor Vehicle Crash

BOLO- Be On the Lookout

RIDGE UTILITIES

Serving Blue Ridge Shores

Telephone Office:
(540) 967-1408

www.ridgeutilities.com

Customer Service Information

**Report all
problems to
Customer Service**

Monday—Friday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Saturday
8:00 am—2:00 pm
(540) 967-1408

After Hours
Water Emergency
Contact
(540) 967-1234

UPCOMING 2017 RU MEETINGS

July 15, 2017

September 16, 2017

November 16, 2017

November 18, 2017

**All Meetings will be held
at 9:00 AM in the BRS
Office Building unless
otherwise specified.**

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting

The RU Board of Directors will meet July 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Association Office.

2016 Annual Water Quality Report

Copies of the 2016 Annual Water Quality Report have been mailed to all members and registered renters of Ridge Utilities, Inc. Once again, Ridge Utilities, Inc. was violation free for the year. Please take time to read the report and contact the office with any questions you may have. Also contained in the report are helpful tips on water conservation, cross-connection control protection, as well as lead and copper. If you have not received your copy please contact amy.brs@comcast.net to obtain a copy. You can also download a copy at www.ridgeutilities.com.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Backflow Prevention Program

Every drinking water system is mandated by the Virginia Department of Health to have a cross-connection/backflow prevention program. RU has a pamphlet outlining our backflow prevention program. Copies can be obtained from the office as well as online at www.ridgeutilities.com. You can also purchase a vacuum breaker from our office to help aid in your own personal backflow prevention.

2nd Quarter 2017 Meter Reading

During the third week of June our Maintenance Department will begin reading meters for the 2nd qtr. of 2017. Please be sure there is nothing obstructing your meter box, such as shrubs, flowers, lawn decorative items, etc. Please do not park vehicles on the meter boxes. You will be responsible for any damage incurred to a meter box if you park a vehicle on it. The meter boxes are the property of Ridge Utilities, Inc. and must be accessible at all times to Ridge Utilities, Inc. and our staff.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES FOR 2ND QTR. WATER BILLS

Water bills will be mailed on 6/26/17. If you do not receive your bill by 7/10/17 please contact our office to receive a replacement bill. Failure to receive your bill does not negate any late charges that may incur.

Due Date: July 31, 2017

Meter Disconnect Date: August 16, 2017

Water Usage in the Summer Months

The 3rd qtr. of the year, mid-June through mid-September, is typically the highest water usage quarter of the year for our members. Please be mindful that excessive watering of your lawn, irrigation systems, filling pools, extra house guests, etc. all add to increased water usage during the summer months, which will be reflected on your 3rd qtr. water bill.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting May 6, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex MacCormack, William Munday, Molli Ellis, Stephen Tompkins, Al Fortune, and William Haase. Denny W. Kelly, GM and Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Affairs were also in attendance. Board member, June Smith was absent.

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RIDGE UTILITIES *Continued from Page 10*

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to approve the January 21, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to accept the January 2017 and February 2017 Treasurer's Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to approve the 2017 Proxy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve Laurel Patterson as the 2017 Chief Inspector of Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Stephen Tompkins to approve the purchase of the Sensaphone replacement for the Redbud Well House as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by William Haase to approve the purchase of extended warranty for the Redbud generator as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Molli Ellis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ridge Utilities, Inc. Special Board Meeting
May 20, 2017**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex MacCormack, William Munday, Al Fortune, and Bill Haase. Board members Stephen Tompkins, June Smith, and Molli Ellis were absent. Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Affairs was also in attendance.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Bill Haase to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Bill Haase to elect Alex MacCormack as President. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Alex MacCormack to elect Al Fortune as Vice-President. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alex MacCormack made a motion, seconded by William Munday to elect Molli Ellis as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to elect Stephen Tompkins as Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alex MacCormack made a motion, seconded by William Munday to elect Amy Evans as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

URGENT

Let's Be Proactive and Stop The Spread Of Hydrilla

About 25 years ago, Lake Louisa was invaded by an aquatic grass called Hydrilla. This is a plant originally imported into the U.S. to be used in aquariums and sometimes called "water kudzu" because it grows so fast. Hydrilla became so thick in the lake that many of the coves were unsuitable for swimming or wading and it even became difficult to operate boats in these areas because the hydrilla fouled the propellers so badly. By introducing a type of grass carp that feeds on hydrilla and other underwater vegetation (not the common carp found in most rivers, lakes and ponds) hydrilla has been eliminated from the lake.

While we have not seen any evidence that hydrilla is making a comeback in Lake Louisa, it is definitely making a comeback in Lake Anna and other rivers and lakes in Virginia. We do not want to have a recurrence in our lake. **Hydrilla is easily spread by introducing even very small pieces into the water.**

Therefore, we are asking that if you use your boat in other lakes or rivers please do the following before putting your boat in our lake.

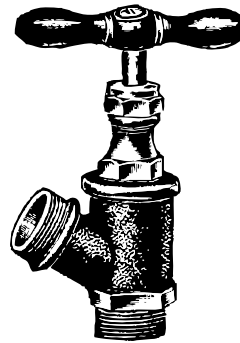
1. Carefully check the boat, motor, propeller, and trailer;
2. Remove all plant material;
3. Thoroughly rinse off the boat and trailer before launching in Lake Louisa; and
4. Do not allow the runoff from this to enter the lake.

More information can be found by doing a simple internet search on "hydrilla in Virginia waters". Your cooperation will help protect the health of our lake.

Thank you.
Lake Committee

Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District's Septic System Assistance Program

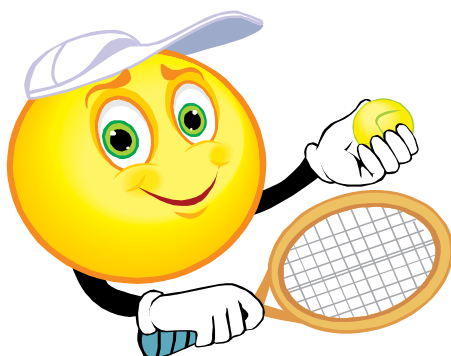
The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District is currently offering a cost-share assistance program for septic pump-outs or replacement of failing systems to the residents of Louisa County. All residents are eligible to receive up to \$150.00 towards the cost of a septic system pump out. Reimbursement rates for repairs or full replacement



of septic systems range from 50-75% and are based on financial need. The TJSWCD along with the Department of Environmental Quality has developed this cost-sharing program in order to address residential pollutants and to increase septic system awareness.

Please contact Ms Lisa Hyatt, Agriculture Administrative Assistant for questions on this item, 434-975-0224, ext. 110 or lisa.hyatt@tjswcd.org.

We have a handout in the BRS office for your convenience that you may have or call and request one.



**Members that play
tennis can receive a key at
the office for their usage at
no charge!**



Gate breakage costs are now **\$250.00** per occurrence for 2017. Please make sure that you and your guests enter the gate one car at a time to avoid damage and fines!



Community Center and Pavilion reservations are necessary! Please make sure to reserve your date as soon as possible. Call the Association office at 540-967-1408 to secure your event!

From The Landscape Committee

There are many gardening chores that can be done now to make your growing season easier. So take advantage of the occasional warm days as winter winds down.

Apply pre-emergent herbicides:

Early spring is a great time to get the first application of pre-emergent herbicide down on their landscape and flower beds. Applying a pre-emergent herbicide can prevent early weed seed from germinating, which saves you from fighting with weeds all season. You may have to reapply the product mid-season for the next series of summer weeds, but the early application will definitely make life easier.

Clear out all fall debris:

It is also a great time to get out and clear away last season's debris that got overlooked in the fall, or those late dropping leaves that didn't fall until after Thanksgiving and then you just didn't feel like raking. Clearing them away now and cleaning up will give your landscaping a fresh, clean look on the warmer spring days to come. Leaving the debris and leaves invites insects and diseases that will cause problems all season. This is especially true when we have warm winter, such as this one.

Consider insecticide treatments:

This is also a good time to look at preventive insecticide treatments for things such as bag worm and lace bug. Many insect problems from last year will appear again this season if they are not addressed.

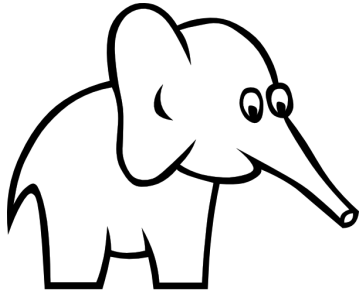
Much trimming of ornamental trees can also be done before they come out of dormancy. Sometimes it's much easier to see the branching structure of an ornamental tree during the winter and early spring months. This makes it much easier to correctively prune or prune to enhance the natural shape of the plant.

Always use chemicals as directed! Follow all labeling instructions and directions on any chemical used. This is especially important with all of the new information developing about the negative effects of insecticides on the honey bee population. We all want to protect our lake and wildlife and never like to see any of the chemical products overused.

Enjoy the Spring!



Do you want to have a fun time showing your patriotism? Join us on Friday, June 30, 2017 for our annual community July 4th Parade! We will line up at 6:15 and the parade will start at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, including your family pets. Please keep all dogs leashed! This is a great family activity, particularly enjoyed by our children. Hope to see you there! Questions may be addressed to Patricia Harbin.



White Elephant Sale 2017

In less than a month it will be time for the annual Blue Ridges White Elephant Sale, during the 4th of July festivities. ***This year's event will be Saturday, July 1!***

Once again the Women's Club hosts the sale and all proceeds go to various charities in our area.

We all have some unneeded or unwanted items taking needed space around our homes. Keep this in mind as you prepare for summer, cleaning drawers, closets, basements and garages of unwanted clutter. Many of those items may be donated and become someone else's treasure. Everyone has been generous in the past so we expect that to continue. Please remind your families and friends to also check for potential donations before visiting BRS.

We are accepting items between now and June 30th. You may call Donna Gray (967-2173) to arrange a drop off at the Butler building. Don't hesitate to ask if you need any assistance with heavy items or even a pick up!

We are looking for all kitchen items including dishes, glassware, and pots and pans. Also small electronics, children/baby toys, games and sports equipments, clean linens, luggage, tools and sports equipment. In addition any crafts or holiday decorations and of course books, DVDs and CDs. Small furniture and appliances are also welcome although we cannot accept large pieces. Also no old TVs and/or computers. And as usual clothing is not acceptable. Outdoor furniture and garden and beach items are always welcome. If you are unsure about anything just give us a call.

Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Judy Brown, 1st Vice President

On April 3rd, the BRS Women's Club enjoyed lunch at Floozie's in Louisa before heading over to the Louisa Arts Center for a sip and paint session. Our artists painted a lake in the moonlight. While everyone's piece came out a bit differently, all of the artists were proud of their work!

The annual progressive luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 3rd. Kathleen Bergen hosted the appetizers at her home on Lakeview Circle. The main course was enjoyed at LaVerne McCleese's house on South Lakeshore Drive, and dessert was savored at Donna Gray's abode on Walnut Road. Over 35 members attended this year's progressive luncheon – always a favorite!

Our plans for Wednesday, June 7th have changed. Contact Judy Brown at 813-546-9450 if you're considering joining us for the first time. Members can stay tuned to their email for our latest plans.

In July, the BRS Women's Club will host the White Elephant Sale at the community center during the Fourth of July festivities. Won't you come out and do a bit of shopping? All proceeds benefit local groups and charities.

Membership in the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club is open to any interested women. **NEW MEMBERS ARE JOINING EVERY MONTH!** Call Sandy Sierk, our Membership Chair, at 540-967-1939 if you might like to be a part of this fun group. Dues for the year are just \$5. Come meet your neighbors and make some new friends!

2017 GAS SALES

Regular gas sales @ The Shore Shack will be Friday, 12PM-6PM, Saturday 10AM-6PM, and Sunday, 10AM-6PM. In addition on Wednesday and Thursday from 9AM-3PM gas may be purchased by calling the office **IN ADVANCE** to make sure someone will be available (**NO EXCEPTIONS!**) Remember you must have a 2017 boat decal.

BRPOA LOTS FOR SALE

The Blue Ridge Property Owners Association is offering for sale, Lots 1195 & 1196 that are approximately 130 feet wide and one hundred and fifty feet deep, located @ 18 Ellis Lane. The Lots have a conventional approved Sewage Disposal System in place, Water Service Connection, existing foundation/footers system, and the 200 AMP Service Electrical Entrance from the REC pole to the house site. All relevant information, a map, and the surveyors plat may be picked up Mon-Fri from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM @ 924 South Lakeshore Drive. Please call 967-1408 for any questions. Sealed bid proposals will be accepted until June 9, 2017 @ 10:00 AM in the Association office, 924 South Lakeshore Drive. A minimum bid offer of \$15,000.00 is required. Proposals will be opened @ 10:15 AM and the bids read aloud. The Association retains the right to refuse any and all bids.



ART SHOW

On Sunday, August 20th there will be another Art Show with the Theme Inspired by Lake Louisa. All 2-D and 3-D media are eligible for display including painting, photography, needlework, woodworking, and drawing. Items to be displayed should be dropped off Saturday, August 19th from 10:00 until 12:00 noon at the Community Center. The show will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday with light refreshments available. Laura Foussekis will be coordinating this event and you may contact her for any related questions. 967-2439 or foussekis1@comcast.net

Chili Cook Off Winners



(left to right) David Cervantes, Linda Markovits & Rick Gray

Boat Registration & Slip Rentals

Boating season is here! Please register your boats early to avoid delays. We can register your boats via mail for your convenience. As a reminder, the office will need **CURRENT** copies of your State registration, Insurance Policy that shows watercraft liability, and Boaters Safety Class record. If you renewed either of these since your registration with the office last year, please make sure to forward a copy to the office. If you are unsure if we have current information, please call the office and we will review your file. You must have paid the first half of 2017 assessments to acquire either decal.

The price to lease a boat slip for 2017 is \$150.00. If you are interested in renting one, please contact the office @ 540-967-1408.

Trash is
being picked
up weekly
on Mondays



Please be kind to your neighbors, and remove your containers from the curbside promptly after pick-up..



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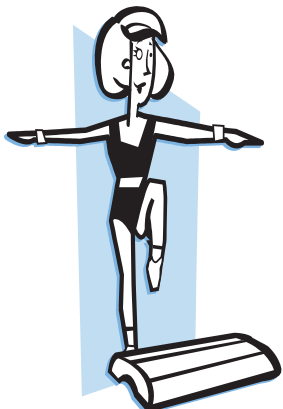


AEROBICS

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

9am

Community Center



Come join your fellow members and take part in an aerobics workout. The exercise is conducted utilizing both VHS & DVD programs on a large screen TV. There is no charge but a waiver must be signed with the understanding that participation is at one's own risk.

General Manager's Report

Denny W. Kelly

We hope you enjoy your summer and look forward to serving the continuing needs of the membership during the summer of 2017. Boat decals may be purchased @ your convenience once you have paid the first half of the 2017 assessments. You cannot purchase gas @ the marina without a current decal. Remember that gas powered motorized boat traffic is only in a counter clock wise direction unless you are fishing and under the power of a trolling motor. Our Special Assistant to the GM will be on the Lake enforcing the boat policies and attempting to maintain a safe environment for all.

Congratulations to Clarence (Smokie) Craig, Paul Glass, and John (Rick) Gray for being re-elected to serve a three year term on the BRPOA Board of Directors. Same wishes to Al Fortune and William Munday for being re-elected to serve on the RU Board for a three year term! We pledge our support to all!

Lake water quality samples were recently taken to the lab in Culpeper to be analyzed. All tests came back well within acceptable ranges for swimming and other related activities. This will be done monthly during the summer-fall season.

We urge members to be considerate of others during your visits to the beach. Please do not leave cigarettes in the sand rather place them in a container and dispose of them properly when you leave. Same rule applies to food and beverages. There are no glass containers or alcohol permitted on the Beaches! Rules of the Beach are posted and we respectfully submit they apply to everyone. More than adequate trash cans are available. Ridge Utilities furnishes water for the bathrooms and outside faucets, so please be considerate and do not let children play in the streams or leave them on once you have cleaned the sand off your feet.

I urge those that wish to sign up for a partial payment agreement to do that soon, in order to avoid higher monthly payments. To date we have approved twenty. We have collected approximately 80 % of the 2017 revenue affiliated with assessments and occupancy fees by the

end of April, 2017. **There will be a Members Not in Good Standing hearing scheduled in August for those that are making no effort to pay their assessments. The normal collection process will be implemented in the first week of July. The Associations delinquency rate for 2016 was 3%.**

Remember nothing can be placed in the Lake including leaves without Board permission. The maintenance employees continue their efforts to mow, paint, and repair/replace items throughout to make the appearance of the common areas pleasant.

Ridge Utilities is very pleased to announce that all required 2016 testing of the water was completed with a 100% passing of those requirements. The official 2016 Water Quality Report will be distributed soon and if you do not receive one, contact the office for a replacement.

Dredging related activities will begin to occur about the third week of July. Last year there was approximately 31,000 cubic yards of material removed from the Lake and the contractor will remove the remaining 12, 000 cubic yards this summer. This should not have any impact on the summer-lake related activities. There will be no work on the weekends or holidays. The contractor will work a 7:00AM-5:00PM work day. The Spoils Material will be removed through the BRS area road adjacent to Clearwater Lane and hauled across the street for disposal. Please drive slowly in that immediate area.

When you order materials for a project, have your septic system serviced, have LP gas delivered, or order new furniture, it is very important to inform those companies NOT TO CROSS THE DAM AREA! Those vehicles are in excess of the 5 ton limit posted for that area.

Should you witness any activity that appears unlawful contact the Sheriff's Department immediately and also make the office aware of the issue including tag numbers, type of vehicle, and if by chance you know the individual(s).



DID YOU KNOW?

Trees that are dead or have dead limbs are your and your insurance company's responsibility, should they fall and damage a neighbor's property. Live trees that fall during a storm will not be the owner's responsibility.

Please survey your property, talk with your neighbor if necessary, and remove damaged trees and limbs needed.

Please report any trees on association property needing attention that we may have missed.

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