

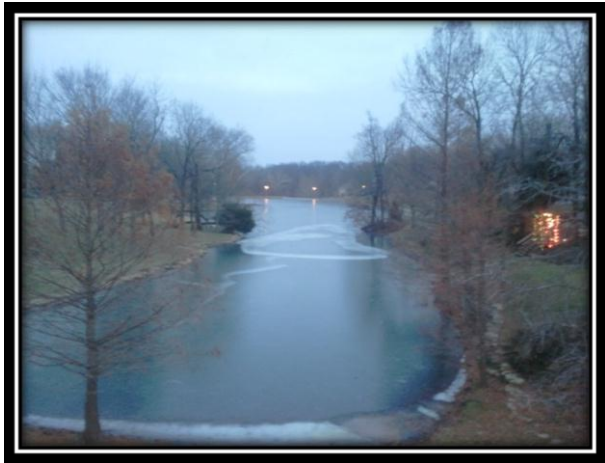


North Lakes Newsletter

DECEMBER, 2010

Upcoming Events:

Special meeting on Tuesday, January 11th, 7pm, at Plaza Middle School in the library (6501 NW 72nd St.)



Happy Holidays!



Happy holidays to everyone in North Lakes!

Well, it looks like we won't be seeing a repeat of the snowstorm of '09! But while we're talking about snow, if the Snow Miser does decide to show up, we've been given a quote for snow removal on an 'as-needed' basis of \$285 for two passes throughout the neighborhood with a salt treatment costing us \$125. As of this date, we'll have about \$1,000 left in the 2010 budget. That being said, as soon as there is any negligible snow accumulation, please call 311 to request the city to come plow the neighborhood.



December Board Meeting Notes

The December board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 15th. Board members present were Jeff Foster, Paul Sanders, Ken Myers, Cory Miller and Alex Maslow. Carla Atwood representing the landscaping committee was also present. The meeting lasted about an hour. Topics discussed were as follows:

1. Special Meeting on January 11th

By now we hope you've heard about the special meeting we have called to discuss a 2011 assessment for each household, a letter was mailed out earlier this month along with a proxy vote form. We will meet to discuss and then vote on a motion to assess each household a \$150 additional assessment in 2011 to pay for the general upkeep of several initiatives that would not be able to be taken care of via the general budget. This will allow us to take care of the following needs while keeping annual dues at a total of \$420 per household:

 - a. Replace/reposition rocks at the dam of the big lake
 - b. Repair the path from 77th street up to the big lake dam.
 - c. Repair interior walls along Montclair.
 - d. Deck maintenance at the pool.





- e. Sidewalk buckling throughout the neighborhood in common areas (this will not be for repairing areas in front of residences).

Please attend the meeting if you are able, or feel free to fill out the proxy form sent earlier and mail or deliver it to Ken Myers at 7815 N. Revere, KC, MO 64151. Proxy votes must be received by January 4th to be considered valid. Please note that while multiple people from the same household may attend, only one vote per household bill be valid. Also, you can save 15% by paying in full with the first quarterly dues assessment should the motion pass.

2. Quarterly dues balances: We have several residents with quarterly dues balances still. If you still owe any money for 2010, please remit it as soon as possible. It would certainly help us in the event we need to have multiple snow removals. Also, anyone with a balance due will not be allowed to cast a vote in the meeting on January 11th.
3. The topic of selling some of the common parcels of land owned by the association to raise additional money for the lake fund was discussed with our attorney. He noted that he wasn't sure if the board has the legal authority to sell a parcel, whether we would need 1005 approval by all homeowners and he also noted that the associated costs to even list the land for sale could be pretty significant. We will continue to research our options here.
4. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th at 8:15pm and Jeff Foster's house.

Winter Dog-walking Service

With cold weather in full force, walking the dog may slip a few pegs down on the priority list. However, your dog still needs and wants regular, extended, and structured exercise.

We have been approached by a responsible, reliable and schedule-flexible person, Andrew Merrill (a friend of board president Jeff Foster) who would like to offer dog walking services.

Benefits of frequent exercise for dogs include:

- Manageable energy levels, resulting in a calmer and happier dog.
- Weight management, for those dogs that could lose a few pounds.
- Allows dogs to live longer and healthier lives.
- Fulfillment from venturing out, exploring, and walking with another dog.
- Allows for release of mental and physical frustration, likely due to lack of exercise.
- The structured walk results in dogs having higher level of respect for humans.

Please contact Andrew by phone or email, so you can set up a meeting to discuss dog walking (or running) arrangements.

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(one of the things we would like to alert neighbors to are any credible, reliable and affordable service providers such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians, neighbor kids that would like to shovel snow or mow lawns. Forward them to the board and we will post them each month.)