

BHHOA SPRING

News for the Residents of Bell Harbor Homeowners' Association



From the Manager

Hello Everyone! Spring is here!

The camp has been a very busy place the past few weeks. I have crews coming and going on lots of our spring projects. Many of you may already know that the docks and lifts have been in since mid-April and the electric is completed. Please read the accompanying safety information regarding power cords to make sure you have the proper cord gauge and your water-proof covers installed for any exposed connections. For everyone's safety, and to ensure power is uninterrupted, any improper cords will be removed.

Yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, branches) will now need to be placed in brown paper yard compost bags. Because the Clear Lake City Compost Yard does not accept plastic garbage bags, we are required to only use the paper compost bags. Any plastic bags left along the curbs after Memorial Day Weekend will not be picked up, and will be the responsibility of the homeowner to remove. This is outlined in our regulations Section II, Part F, subsection B, which states "As it is required by the compost center, all bags must be of the brown compostable type sold at most home and hardware stores."

Based on the rule changes approved at last year's annual meeting, all golf carts are to be registered at the office. Once registered, a number is to be placed on the rear bumper of your cart. Email me the make, color and address of your cart, or place it in the drop box at the office, and I will get your number to you the next time you are on-site. Also golf cart owners are encouraged to read and understand the other rules approved last year pertaining to the use of these vehicles within the camp property.

Reminder to all homeowners to update your contact information with the office or on our web site. I will be using our web site and Facebook this year to make announcements and to provide information to everyone on topics throughout the season.

See you all real soon.

Jon Wiese
BHHOA Manager



Play It Safe!

In the interest of the safety and well-being of our community and guests, the Bell Harbor Board of Directors has reviewed in detail the Rules and Regulations that were written for the good of all many years ago. The Rules and Regulations are available for your review on the Bell Harbor website, however, the Board has chosen to highlight key areas of concern in this safety article and will support their enforcement by Bell Harbor Manager, Jon Wiese.

Golf Carts: Golf carts are permitted within Bell Harbor, but must be registered with the office. Every golf cart must have a triangular “slow moving” vehicle sign displayed (on the rear) along with a bicycle safety flag.

Only drivers who possess a valid state driver’s license or permit are allowed to drive carts within the Bell Harbor community. All drivers shall follow all Iowa laws. Drivers should be prepared to produce a valid state driver’s license upon request. Only one person is allowed to drive/sit in the driver’s seat —no lap riding.

Burning: No open burning is allowed within the Bell Harbor community. Outdoor recreational fires are allowed only when in a contained fire pit, 36 “ in diameter or less. Leaf burning is not allowed at any time, even in fire pits.

Docks - Electrical Requirements: Cords from lifts to power outlets must be 12-gauge or heavier, and be rated for outdoor use. All extension cords should be secured to the lift with the female-end facing downward and as far from the water as possible to prevent moisture from getting into the connection. Failure to follow this procedure will cause the breakers to trip resulting in a loss of power to the entire dock. A waterproof connection cover is required when connecting two or more extension cords. Improper cords or connections will be removed to ensure everyone’s safety.

Fireworks: In accordance with Iowa law, fireworks cannot be used within Bell Harbor. Only sparklers and snakes are permitted in the state. Once again, during the July 4th weekend, a security officer will be on site to ensure the safety of people and property.

Child Safety: Our waterfront and beach areas are great places for kids to play. But please make sure young children have adult supervision at all times. REMEMBER, NO LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY!
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Non-Compliance with BHHOA Rules

Residents, family members and guests who are in non-compliance with the safety rules outlined in this flier, and others listed in the Resident Rules and Regulations document, shall be subject to the following actions:

1st Occurrence:

A document notice of warning will be mailed to the resident, with a specified corrective time frame.

2nd Occurrence:

A \$50 fine per day will be applied to the resident’s account until the violation is corrected or resolved.

3rd Occurrence:

The board will review on a case-by-case basis to determine appropriate actions.

If fines are unpaid, at the Board’s discretion, there will be a lien filed on the non-compliant homeowner’s property.

Each time that an incident occurs or is permitted to exist, a separate violation will be recorded.

Pets: All pets shall be leashed and under the control of the owner whenever outside of the homeowner's property. Pet owners are responsible for waste clean up.

Parking: There's no parking allowed on any paved streets in Bell Harbor, nor on the emergency access gravel roads along the western edge of the camp.

Noise: All persons within the Bell Harbor community will respect their surrounding neighbors by maintaining quiet after 11:00 p.m. each evening. Specific complaints of noise will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Association Manager, Board of Directors or the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff.

Stop Signs: For the safety of all residents, please observe and come to a complete stop at all posted stop signs. This applies to drivers of golf carts, too.

Property Maintenance: General exterior appearances of properties (buildings and yards) should be well maintained and consistent with other properties within Bell Harbor.



Yard Waste Bags: Paper...or Paper?

As mentioned in Jon's message, effective immediately after Memorial Day weekend, we will no longer pick up yard waste in plastic garbage bags. So stock up on plenty of brown paper compost bags the next time you're at the store. ANY BRAND will do and STICKERS ARE NOT REQUIRED in our area. Grass clippings, leaves, small branches or twigs and other compostable material can be put in the bags.

Any [plastic bags](#) placed along our streets after Memorial Day weekend [WILL NOT BE PICKED UP](#) and will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Creeping Charlie in Your Yard?

A perennial plant (weed), known to most as "Creeping Charlie" is everywhere throughout Bell Harbor. It's difficult to kill and easily spreads. Some varieties of Ortho Weed B Gon will take care of it, but many of us are cautious about using such herbicides so close to the lake. Another option may be a mixture of borax and hot water. You can buy borax at most hardware or grocery stores (20 Mule Train brand). Mix 2-5 teaspoons of borax with 1 quart of very hot water. Carefully sprinkle the mix on the weeds. Avoid wetting all other plants and grass.



Goose Patrol

We will be testing a new liquid goose "repellant" this spring along the waterfront area. This spray is not harmful to humans or pets, but leaves a scent that geese do not like, according to the manufacturer. If it works, we'll continue using it all summer. If it doesn't, we'll try something new. The DNR says we're allowed to "harass" geese by walking toward them — just keep a safe distance.

Farewell to the Scotts

With sad hearts, we extend our best wishes to [Rev. Keith and Evelyn Scott](#) as they prepare to leave Bell Harbor this spring. After over 76 years being a part of the United Methodist Camp and Bell Harbor community, Keith and Evelyn will long be remembered as a vital part of our neighborhood. Keith's father bought a cabin (where their flower garden now stands) in 1940 and, in the early years, Keith was a camper and eventually a lifeguard at the camp. They moved into their current home on Wesley Drive in 2002, but will be moving soon to be closer to their family in Indianola. We cannot thank them enough for their friendship and their many contributions to our special community throughout the years. We'll miss you both!

Remember this Memorial Day



During your busy Memorial Day weekend, please take a few moments to remember and be thankful for members of our military who protect us around the world — both past and present.

And let's remember those members of our Bell Harbor community who have passed on during the past year: [Ivan Miller](#), [Barry Ewoldt](#) and [John Davis](#). If we've missed any others, please let us know.

“Like Us” on Facebook!

We'll be using Facebook a lot more this summer to update everyone on events and news around Bell Harbor. So be sure to “Like” us so you get all the posts. [Our page name is Bell Harbor Homeowners' Association.](#)

Walking to Dodge Point

The gate in our fence between Bell Harbor and Dodge Point remains blocked with a large wheelbarrow at the end of 4th Street. This was placed there by the Dodge Point property owner on the west side of the property line, in an attempt to keep pedestrians from “trespassing” on a very small corner of their lot. In the near future, we will be determining how we can move the gate slightly to allow pedestrians to once again have access to Dodge Avenue. Updates will be posted to Facebook.

See Something That Needs Attention?

Always contact our manager, Jon Wiese, first when you see anything that needs attention throughout Bell Harbor. Call the office number — [641-357-2085](#). If Jon isn't in the office, the call will roll to his cell phone. Or email him at our NEW email address: [BellHarborHome@gmail.com](mailto:bellharborhome@gmail.com).

2016 Annual Meeting Set

The BHHOA board has scheduled the annual meeting for [Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.](#) at Knoer Lodge. Members who are current on all dues and fees by that date will be eligible to participate.

Join Us for Worship Every Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Every Sunday, Friends of the United Methodist Camp, a non-profit, hosts a worship service in Knoer Lodge beginning at 9:00 a.m., from Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday. A fellowship time always follows the 45-minute service. Everyone is welcome! Come as you are and worship with friends.