

BHHOA

2020 SPRING SEASON EDITION!

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF BELL HARBOR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

From Jon Wiese, Manager

Hello Members,

This season is starting with everyone dealing with an unknown as to what, where, when and why. The lake offers some relief from the day-to-day issues of our regular life and a place where we want to come to relax and let go. Unfortunately, with COVID-19 we do not know what this season is going to bring. Social distancing, sanitizing and closed businesses are the new normal got right now. We will do our best to keep you informed on what is happening at the lake this year so you may plan your time here accordingly. As of now, Knoer Lodge is closed to all large social gatherings. Please read the accompanying information concerning the Sunday church services.

Some things to remember:

- Homeowners that have yet to pay their 2020 dues will be receiving an invoice with an added 10% penalty.
- Yard waste will be picked up on a limited schedule due to the drop off site being closed for a significant portion of the week. Brown refuse bags only. No dirt in the bags. Lawn refuse only. If bags cannot be lifted they will stay for the homeowners to remove. Sticks 36 inches or less in length and bundled and tied.
- Inspect the trees on your property. There has been a significant amount of wind this winter and during these past few months many trees around the property have limbs and branches broke off and still hanging in the trees. Please contact your preferred tree removal company to prevent injury or damage to property.

Included in this issue are reminders about rules and regulations and announcements for different projects or activities.

Stay Safe
Jon Wiese
BHHOA Manager



Bell Harbor's Friends of Clear Lake United Methodist Camp News

Bell Harbor's Friends of Clear Lake United Methodist Camp will begin their annual summer worship services beginning Sunday, May 24 at Knoer Lodge. The non-denominational services start at 9 am with fellowship to follow. A different speaker is lined up every Sunday with a nice variety of music provided by talented parishioners. Due to Covid-19, there will be no food fellowship afterwards, bring your own hand sanitizer, distancing will occur, 50% occupancy of the lodge, chairs will be cleaned afterwards, windows open when possible. Be smart and safe... if you're sick or compromised, please do not attend the service. Looking forward to another great year of worship!

Important Bell Harbor Residence Reminders

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.

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.

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 all 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.

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.

Fireworks: Once again, during the July 4th weekend, a security officer will be on site to ensure the safety of people and property.

Parking: Parking is not allowed on any paved streets within Bell Harbor.

Reminder: Residents will be held responsible for all family members and guests – to ensure they also adhere to our association's rules and regulations.

Golf Cart Reminders

Golf Cart Registration Required: Golf carts are allowed within Bell Harbor, however every cart **MUST BE REGISTERED** every year in accordance with our rules and regulations. This is a simple process – just write your cart make and model and your name and address and drop it off at the office, or email it. You will be issued a number to be put on your cart. If you registered last year and received a number, you still need to register again this year (although your number will remain the same). The rules and regulations state that a cart must have a slow-moving vehicle triangle on the rear and must have an orange safety flag attached. Carts which don't follow these rules will not be allowed on the association streets.

Electricity & Water – Do Not Mix!

Homeowners need to do your part by enclosing all power connection on your lifts. This means buying and using water-proof enclosures available at most hardware stores. Our 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 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.

Jon will be walking the docks weekly to check for non-compliance issues and may disconnect any power cords not properly enclosed or installed. This is a safety issue – please take the time to secure your connections!

What's Up, Docks?

The DNR evaluated our dock permit this winter and provided a few points that homeowners need to know:

The lights at the end of the docks are required by the DNR for any structure extending over 100 feet into the lake. It is unlawful to dismantle, disconnect or move these lights. Anyone caught doing so will be subject to a fine from the DNR and could be liable for any damaged property or injury sustained by individuals, if an accident occurred due to the dock not being illuminated. (There were several instances last year when the light at the end of Docks 1 and 6 were disconnected).

We are allowed 108 slips on our docks. This is one slip for each property in the association not located on the lakeshore. These slips are for homeowners only. If a boat or jet ski is located on our dock that is not owned by a member/homeowner of the association, we could be subject to losing one-half of our slips. It is important that everyone understands this and complies.

Multiple Boat Slips – Slipping Away?

Currently several homeowners have multiple boat or PWC lifts, which is acceptable when we have slip availability. However, in the future, this may not be the norm. We are allowed 108 slips by the DNR, one for each home that is not on the lakeshore. In the past, some of our homeowners did not have boats or PWC's, so it provided an opportunity for others to have more than one. Over the past few years, however, new property owners have been buying in Bell Harbor specifically for the lake access – resulting in more boats and fewer extra slips. The board has re-established the Dock Committee to review this situation and to determine when the “lottery” approach, as outlined in our rules and regulations, will need to be enforced.

Alley update

As a reminder the alleys on the east and west sides of Bell Harbor are available for walking to residents and guests. You'll notice that steps have been installed along the southern part of the west alley which are also available to use. Also, golf carts should NOT be used on the alleys."

Due to Kayak Popularity...

The Bell Harbor Homeowners Association has doubled the Kayak Racks located near the playground. A big thanks to Jon!



Construction Projects

For those of you who are planning construction projects, please know that they need to be approved by the Property committee. Get your application and see sample projects on our Web page before you start any construction.

Bell Harbor Homeowners Association Social Activities

The Memorial Day Ice Cream social will be cancelled due to COVID-19. More information to come regarding future Bell Harbor Homeowners Association Social Events.

What's Happening!

Do not forget about all of the things to do in Clear Lake during the year. "Like Us" on Facebook to stay informed of Bell Harbor happenings and follow the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce for community events. I will try to keep posting the upcoming events on there and if you sign-up for the chambers e-mail updates you will receive weekly e-mails with everything happening at the lake for that week. It is great during the summer also to get reminders of all of the special events that happen that you might not be aware of.

Homeowner Information Updates

Do not forget to keep Jon updated on any address changes, phone number changes or e-mail changes so I can update your files.

Thank You Everyone!

Garbage Area & Memorial Day Weekend "Special Pick-up"

Reminder that last year surveillance signs and painted instructions on the concrete stating, "NO DUMPING," and, "NO LARGE ITEMS." This means that we are watching for illegal dumping that includes trash that does not fit into a dumpster and items left on top of the dumpster lids.

For easier access to the dumpsters, simply open the gate in front of any dumpster to get closer. Please also inform your children who do the trash chores about this as they have been observed mixing recyclables with garbage and leaving bags on top of dumpsters. It's a messy business that is no fun to clean up. Thank you for being a good neighbor!

Over Memorial Day Weekend, Bell Harbor will have a special rollaway dumpster

Knoer Lodge Rental Information

Knoer Lodge will be temporarily not be taking reservations due to the COVID-19 Virus and the federal group size restrictions.

Annual Bell Harbor Homeowner's Association Meeting

Due to COVID-19 the Annual Bell Harbor Homeowner's Association meeting will be scheduled at a later date. A memo will be sent out once it is scheduled.



Like the [Bell Harbor Homeowner's Association page](#) on Facebook to follow what is happening in Bell Harbor anytime from your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Suggestions

Please contact the manager if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns for anything in Bell Harbor. Jon can be reached at the office, (641) 357-2085 or email bellharborhome@gmail.com

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