



# The Lakes Newsletter

2005 Spring Edition

## From the Editor:

Spring has sprung again here at The Lakes. The trees and flowers are all in bloom. What a beautiful time of the year. But now we're all sniffing and sneezing! Oh well, we can't have everything!

Our new Lake Oversight Committee is working hard to improve the beauty and health of our lake and keep the midge flies under control.

We're really excited about our new security patrol. They seem to be doing an excellent job. We hope you agree.

This issue brings some good news. The *Lakes Festival of Lights* has been selected as an official *Centennial Event* by the *Las Vegas Centennial Celebration Committee*. Coincidentally, this is The Lakes' 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

The third annual Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the South Park here at The Lakes.

We also offer some useful information from the *Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department*. If you'd like to improve security in our community, why not contact *Metro* and form a *Neighborhood Watch* program. Or attend *Metro's 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday* program and learn more about public safety and what *Metro* is doing to better all our lives.

So... a little news, a little information and answers to some questions. Enjoy.

*Greg*

Editor



Snow Storm at The Lakes, January 7, 2005

## Lakes Build Out Nearly Done

The Las Vegas building boom is really running full steam at The Lakes. Eleven beautiful homes are currently under construction as our build out nears completion.

There are only 18 vacant lots left: North Shore Estates (5), Lakes Estates (9) and Beach View Estates (4).

We're pleased to see development progressing so

rapidly and the results are truly beautiful. They average 5,000-7,000 sq. ft. and each is a welcome addition to our community.

It's well-worth the noise, dust and dirt but we'll all be very happy when the build out is finally finished. As more and more vacant land is consumed, we expect a positive impact on all our property values.



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## Questions & Comments?

*Do you have a question about your community or homeowner association? Would you like to contribute an article to the next Lakes Newsletter?*

*If so, please drop us a line. We'll be glad to answer your questions. And we'll do our best to make room for your article.*

# What's The Latest at The Lakes?



## New Security Patrol Company

We're very pleased that since March 1, *Summerlin Security* has been patrolling all Lakes Association areas. Patrol hours will remain from 6:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. We believe *Summerlin Security's* more aggressive patrolling and comprehensive reporting will im-

prove safety and security in our community.

But ultimately, the key to good security is watchful neighbors. Keep your eye out for anything that looks unusual.

**Please report any irregularities to security by calling: 270-9116.**

**If at any time you feel there may be an imminent danger to life or property, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**

## Third Annual Memorial Day Service, May 30



This is to advise all Lakes residents that the *Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 90* and the *American Legion Post 76* will again conduct a joint Memorial Day Service here on Monday, May 30 2005. The program is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. in the park at the end of the lake on Lake South Drive.

The purpose of this service is to honor those war veterans, both living and dead, that down through the ages, by force of arms, defended the rights and freedoms stipulated by our Constitution.

This service will be prepared in its entirety and conducted by the very local veterans that participated in our nation's conflicts during the past 70 years. These Armed Forces Veterans would appreciate your attendance at this service. Make a note on your calendar to attend 30 May... and please don't disappoint them.

### Harry L. Keneman

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
American Legion Post 76

*Editor's note: This very special event is held every year here at The Lakes. It's truly a touching and memorable ceremony with our beautiful Lake Sahara as a backdrop.*

*Please come out and show our veterans how much you appreciate their sacrifices.*

## Celebrate the City's 100<sup>th</sup> and The Lakes' 20<sup>th</sup>



The *Lakes Festival of Lights* is going to be a part of Las Vegas' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Our Festival has been named as one of the sanctioned events for the *Las Vegas Centennial Celebration*. What an honor for our community!

At this year's Festival, we're going to have a booth showing "*The Lakes Then and Now*". We have several pictures of The Lakes prior to the initial construction of our beautiful community and pictures at various stages of development. Coincidentally, this year also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The

Lakes.

Many of you have lived in Las Vegas for quite a while. If you have any Las Vegas memorabilia from years gone by and would like to share your treasures with the community, please let me know. All items to be displayed in our booth should have your name and all your pertinent information on them so we can return your memorabilia to you. Or you can make copies of anything that you'd like to have shown.

Whether you've been here for a very long time or are a new resident, you know that Las

Vegas has seen many changes. It's fun looking back and seeing just how far we've come in the past twenty years.

As our Festival draws near, we'll let you know where and when your items will be needed.

### Donna Toussaint

2005 Lakes Festival of Lights  
Centennial Coordinator

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Las Vegas, NV 89117  
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## A Report From the Lake Oversight Committee

*Lake Sahara* is undeniably our single most important asset. It truly sets our community apart from others. Without a healthy and beautiful lake, all of our property values would be far lower... and so would the quality of our lives. So it's critical that we do everything we can to protect and preserve the health and beauty of our lake.

That's why last August The Lakes Association board of directors appointed a committee to oversee the management of our lake... the *Lake Oversight Committee*, or *LOC*. Our job is to make sure that we take all the right actions to protect our lake and to make sure that it's properly cared for by our maintenance crew.

The members of the LOC have worked diligently to learn all about our lake. We've worked closely with the lake maintenance crew (CDM) to understand our lake systems and treatment programs. We've met with experts from UNLV and we've spoken to local biologists and insect control experts. We've contacted lake and fish experts from around the southwest.

Our first official act was to have our lake water tested... for the first time in well over a decade. The results were generally very good but we did find one thing that needed attention. Oxygen levels in the water were measured at the low end of normal. It's not an eminent danger, but if the levels were to go lower, we could have problems.

CDM has advised us that the aerators we use to pump oxygen into the lake have degraded over time and this is the reason for the low levels.

So we plan to upgrade the aeration diffusers in one of our channels to see if this will solve the problem. If it does, we'll then upgrade all the diffusers in rest of the lake. We may also install more powerful pump motors to further increase oxygen flow.

We continue to fight those little pests... the midge flies. Though harmless, they're a real nuisance

and we've really had a problem with them over the years. We've already started treating the lake to keep these little buggers from overrunning us this Spring.

But thanks to advise from Dr. Shawn Gerstenberger, a biologist at UNLV, we're going to try a more natural and far cheaper way to control the midge flies. We're going to introduce thousands of small *Fathead Minnows* into the lake. These little fish just love to eat midge fly larvae at the bottom of the lake. If this works, our lake will be healthier and we may save a lot of money on midge fly control.

The only problem is that Large-mouth Bass just love minnows! So we're adding some additional habitat in the lake to help the minnows hide from the bass. We're anchoring plastic crates all around the bottom of the lake.

If this project is successful, in the future we may add other types of fish like Bluegill that also eat midge flies. We're hopeful that *Mother Nature* will offer the best solution to our midge fly problem.

The LOC will continue to monitor our lake water quality. We'll consult with experts on how best to manage our lake. We'll do everything we can to ensure that Lake Sahara remains healthy and beautiful.

Respectfully,

Lake Oversight Committee:

**PJ Conte**  
**Frank Gatski**  
**Greg Toussaint**  
**John Wilson**



Fathead Minnow

## The Lakes Community Calendar

- March 24, 9:30 a.m.  
Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting  
 Terra West, 2655 South Rainbow Blvd. Suite 200
- April 5, 7:00 p.m.  
LV Metro PD, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
 Southwest Area Command, 5925 Spring Mountain Road
- April 28, 9:30 a.m.  
Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting  
 Terra West, 2655 South Rainbow Blvd. Suite 200
- May 3, 7:00 p.m.  
LV Metro PD, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
 Southwest Area Command, 5925 Spring Mountain Road
- May 26, 9:30 a.m.  
Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting  
 Terra West, 2655 South Rainbow Blvd. Suite 200
- May 30, 10:00 a.m.  
Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony  
 South Park, at the south end of the lake, Lake South Dr.
- June 4, 7:30 a.m.  
2nd Annual Pump 'n' 5K-Race / 1-mile Fun Walk  
 Peccole Ranch Clubhouse, 9501 Redhills Road
- June 7, 7:00 p.m.  
LV Metro PD, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
 Southwest Area Command, 5925 Spring Mountain Road
- June 23, 9:30 a.m.  
Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting  
 Terra West, 2655 South Rainbow Blvd. Suite 200
- July 5, 7:00 p.m.  
LV Metro PD, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
 Southwest Area Command, 5925 Spring Mountain Road
- July 28, 9:30 a.m.  
Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting  
 Terra West, 2655 South Rainbow Blvd. Suite 200

## The Lakes Committees

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| <u>Lakeview Landscape:</u>           | <u>Lake Oversight Committee:</u>       |
| Louisa Gray                          | P. J. Conte                            |
| Sharon Woods                         | Frank Gatski                           |
| <u>Beach View Estates Landscape:</u> | Greg Toussaint, Chair                  |
| P. J. Conte                          | John Wilson                            |
| Jack Heywood                         | <u>Architectural Review Committee:</u> |
| Donna Toussaint                      | Marcy Kallick, Chair                   |
| <u>Lakes Estates Landscape:</u>      | Berton Severson                        |
| Chris & Tamara Fletcher              | Burt Steinberg                         |
| Frank Gatski                         | Greg Toussaint                         |
| Jim & Charla Palmer                  | Laura Tousseau                         |
| Michele & Chuck Robins               |  |

## Start Your Own Neighborhood Watch Program



*Neighborhood Watch* is one of the oldest and most recognized programs to help neighborhoods in the fight against crime and other quality of life issues. Neighbors working together, and with their police department, is a benefit for all involved.

*Neighborhood Watch* is an organized group

of neighbors who observe more closely any activity or situation that depreciates the appearance or safety of their community. *Neighborhood Watch* is, as the name implies, a group of people who see the subtle, and not so subtle, changes of their neighborhood. They simply observe and report violations of ordinances and laws to the proper enforcement agencies.

*Neighborhood Watch* simply consists of neighbors who watch. They report everything from crimes in progress to graffiti buildup in their neighborhood. If you are interested in becoming an active member of *Neighborhood Watch* call

*Metro Crime Prevention* at 229-3507.

To learn how to start a *Neighborhood Watch* group on your street you can access our website on [www.lvmpd.com](http://www.lvmpd.com) and click on your area of town. Or, contact the Crime Prevention Specialist assigned to *Southwest Area Command* at 229-5804

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## Attend Metro's 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday



The *Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's 1st Tuesday* program is an excellent opportunity for the citizenry of Las Vegas to get involved with their police department. The first Tuesday of every month we open the doors to our substations from 7 to 9 p.m. in order for our

community to have an open forum of communication with the police officers who patrol their neighborhoods.

Each month we highlight a different area of our department, so the community can get a better idea of what goes on "behind the scenes" throughout the different sections of the department.

Southwest Area Command:

5925 W. Spring Mountain  
(702) 229-2843

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## Form a Lakes Special Interest Club



A community isn't a "place"...it's "people", and there's no better way to build a sense of community than through people sharing their common interests. *The Lakes Association* wants to encourage this kind of community development.

Do you have a special interest that you'd like to share with some of your neighbors? Wouldn't it be great if we had several "clubs"

here at The Lakes? We could have a photography club, fishing club, bird watching club, kayaking club, walking club, golf club (pun?), fitness club... you name it. We could have a lot of fun, meeting neighbors who share the same interests we do.

The *Lakes Association* wants to encourage the formation of *Lakes Special Interest Clubs*. To help, we'll offer space in our newsletters and on our website. We'll provide whatever support we can to help get these groups going.

So if you'd like to start your

own *Lakes Special Interest Club*, please contact our property manager Cheryl Martin or any board member. We'll be glad to help you get your group started. We'll help get the word out to all our homeowners about your *Lakes Special Interest Club*.

These clubs will be a great way to build a stronger sense of community here at The Lakes. And they will give all of us a way to meet people who share our interests.



## Can I Convert my Grass to Xeriscape?

The short answer is yes... provided you follow a few simple rules.

The Lakes Association allows conversion of grass to drought resistant landscaping if you follow the Southern Nevada Water Authority's Water Smart Landscape guidelines. You can obtain information on what types of plants are approved and how much plant coverage is required from the Southern Nevada Water Authority at:

258-3939 or  
www.snwa.com/html/wsl.html

And here's the good news—if you follow the Water Smart guidelines, the Water District will rebate \$1.00 for each square foot of grass that

you replace.

Once you've decided what sort of landscape changes you want to make, all you have to do is submit an application to the *Lakes Architectural Review Committee (ARC)*. You can download an ARC Application form from our website at:

[www.lakesassociation.com/arc](http://www.lakesassociation.com/arc)

or you can get one by contacting Terra West.

The ARC meets the third Friday of each month. The committee is composed of homeowners like you who volunteer their time to help maintain the beauty of our community.

If you have any questions please contact our manager, Cheryl Martin at Terra West:

251-4566  
cmartin@terrawest.com



## How Do I Sell / Buy a Boat?

New residents often ask where they can get a boat. We have two companies that are authorized by *The Lakes Association* to sell and service boats on our lake: *Duffy Electric Boat Co.* and *ElectraCraft*. Both companies have local representatives and offer excellent boats. If you'd like to contact them, the details are listed on the right.

When people buy a new boat they often end up wanting to sell their used boat. So we provide a free listing service in our newsletters and on our website for any private resident that wants to buy or sell a boat.

If you'd like to list your boat or let people know you're an interested buyer, please con-

tact us at:

info@lakesassociation.com  
256-9440 (fax)

Send us all the details on the boat you want to sell/buy; such as the size, make, model, age, condition, and price. Also include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Then the buyers and sellers can contact one another directly.

Important note: All sales and purchases are strictly between the buyer and the seller. The Lakes Association accepts no responsibility for the quality of the boat or the financial arrangements.

### Duffy Electric Boat Company

17260 Muskrat Avenue  
Adelanto, CA 92301  
(800) 645-1044  
www.duffyboats.com

Rep: *Lakes Duffy*  
www.lakesduffy.com  
Douglas Geinzer  
doug@LakesDuffy.com  
604-5627  
240-4120 Fax

### ElectraCraft

2251 Townsgate Road  
Westlake Village, CA 91361  
(800) 221-2083  
www.electracraft.com

Rep: *The Lakes Marina Company*  
www.jimnann.com/electricboats  
Jim Sims  
cdmlmc@cox.net  
871-8792  
871-7095 Fax

### Boats Wanted:

No current listings.

### Boats for Sale:

FREE Pedal Boat:  
5-seater with motor, needs some work.  
Sharon Woods  
3157 Waterside Circle  
363-5880  
smwoods@cableaml.com



# Lakes Association Board of Directors Meeting Notice

## Board of Directors Meeting Notice

**Day:** The fourth Thursday of every month, except November and December.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:**

Terra West Office  
2655 South Rainbow  
Suite 200  
Las Vegas, NV 89146  
(Near intersection of Rainbow & Laredo)

Board meetings are open to all members of the Association. At the start of each meeting there is an opportunity for members to provide their comments and input to the board. We encourage you to attend.

## Board of Directors

Ron Coury, President  
Greg Toussaint, Vice President  
Landa Trentham, Secretary / Treasurer  
Frank Gatski, Director  
Burt Steinberg, Director

## Important Contacts:

### **Our Manager**

Cheryl Martin, CMCA  
251-4566 (direct line)  
362-6262 (main)  
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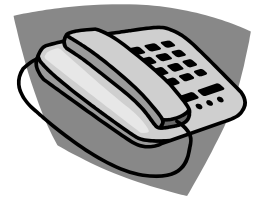
### **Security (6 p.m. to 4 a.m.)**

*Summerlin Security*  
270-9116

### Notice.

This notice is provided to all member-owners in accordance with Nevada State law. Copies of the Meeting Minutes and Agendas are available upon request from our management office at a cost of 25 cents per page plus postage.

In addition, copies of the minutes are available at no cost on our website.



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