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Planning for 2012

Planning for 2012 will begin at the Eagle Lake East/North HOA Board Meeting on September 19, 2011, at Central Baptist Church.

Please join us for preliminary discussions about the 2012 budget and a review of what was accomplished so far in 2011. This is one of the most important meetings of the year since it allows us to:

- ◆ Evaluate expenses for the first 3 quarters of 2011 against budget. How have the various contractors been performing?
- ◆ Discuss ideas and potential projects. Should we send the newsletter to more people? Buy more fish for the ponds? Plant more trees? Power wash the fences? Clear underbrush?

- ◆ Start to gather estimates for 2012 expenses and income, with the costs for every project.
- ◆ Review the health of the HOA's emergency reserves.
- ◆ Review overdue assessments for 2011 and ongoing collection activity.
- ◆ Begin discussing the homeowner assessment for 2012 by comparing estimated income with expenses. Can we afford to stay at the same level for the 3rd year in a row?

We welcome the participation of all interested homeowners. If you have ideas but are unable to attend, speak to any board member or email the Board: board@eaglelakeeasthoa.com.



The Violations Committee has an immediate opening. This key committee helps maintain the community's appearance as part of the process of fining homeowners who are not complying with the Associations' Rules & Regulations?

Please email board@eaglelakeeasthoa.com or call 321-757-9608 for more information.

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The Health of Our Ponds

The 6 lakes of Eagle Lake East and Eagle Lake North are valued features of the neighborhood. They provide open space and give us a place to walk our dogs or watch birds, turtles and frogs. The “lakes” are also essential to the storm water management system and a major chunk of the HOA’s budget goes to maintaining pond health. The biggest battle is to keep the amount of algae down. Excessive algae exhausts the oxygen in the water, kills plants and fish, stinks to high heavens as it rots, and can clog the relief drains.

There are some simple ways that all homeowners around the lakes can help.

First, practice good mowing habits. When you mow down next to the pond, make sure that the clippings go into your yard, not into the lake. Decaying grass clippings in the water will make the algae problem worse.

Second, be careful when, where and how much you fertilize your lawn. Carefully follow package directions for the spread rate. Do not fertilize near the water. Using too much fertilizer

Which would you prefer?



won’t help your grass, it just washes off and ends up in the lakes where it makes the algae grow even faster.

Third, do not fish in the ponds. The fish that are there are necessary for the pond health. Many are a special variety of sterile carp, put in by our pond company (at \$10 per fish) because of their amazing appetite for algae.

These 3 simple things will help maintain the health, beauty and safety of our ponds.

Important Dates

Architectural Review Committee

Date Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM
4111 Aiken Ln.

Violations Committee

Tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2011. Watch for signs.

Board Meeting

Monday September 19, 2011 at 6:30 PM
Central Baptist Church
2503 Country Club Rd, Melbourne, FL

Neighborhood Watch

Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:30 PM
871 Benton Dr, Melbourne, FL

Quick reminders

Hurricane season is upon us. This is a good time to review your hurricane plan, or make one if you don't have one. Visit http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml for some guidelines.

Let's keep our neighborhood looking nice. Lawns, shrubs and trees are growing like crazy thanks to the recent rain. Please keep your lawn mowed and trimmed and shrubs clipped. Summer is also a good time to power wash iron stains, mold and mildew from your driveway and sidewalks.

Please store your **trash cans out of sight**. It is against City of Melbourne regulations to leave them in front of your house or garage and also makes the neighborhood unsightly.

Be considerate of your neighbors when **walking your dog** and please clean up the poop. Don't let your dogs run loose, for their own safety and because it is the law.

Please **drive slowly and carefully**, and keep your eyes open for children. We have seen too many speeders lately, especially with school back in session.



Landscape Upgrades

The HOA entered into an agreement with the City of Melbourne to try to make the area around the lift station (corner of Largo and Benton) more attractive.

Oleanders have been installed around the station. These drought-tolerant, carefree shrubs should fill in and give us views of beautiful red blooms and dark evergreen leaves instead of chain link fences and utility equipment.



Question & Answer

Q: Can we and our guests fish, swim, or boat in the ponds?

A: No to all three activities. **Fishing** is allowed because the ponds are stocked with sterile carp to keep the algae and weeds down (see *The Health of Our Ponds*, opposite page). **Swimming** is not allowed because the water is not clean or safe due to lawn chemicals, algacides, herbicides and animal feces. All this nasty stuff settles to the bottom of the ponds and doesn't leave unless it floods. **Boating** is against the Rules & Regulations.

As a reminder, we posted a sign on the large lake next to Cayman, where nonresidents have been seen fishing.



Tips for Safety

The Neighborhood Watch needs your participation and want to hear your story if you have had items stolen from your property, have problems with your neighbors, or if you have concerns about crime in the area.

The Neighborhood Watch is chaired by Maryann Russo. You can contact her by email at board@eaglelakeeasthoa.com

If you see something suspicious, don't wait to contact the Neighborhood Watch. Call 911 immediately.

The #1 safety tip for this issue is...

Keep your car locked when it is parked outside your house.

Recently, some people have had items stolen from cars that were left unlocked overnight -- even to the cars parked in the driveway, with outside lights turned on. Keep your car locked, so that someone walking by doesn't take advantage of you.

If you suffer a theft, report it to the Melbourne Police at the non-emergency number: **321-409-2200**. Please call, even if the value is small and you think not worth reporting.

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