



*Getting to know Buc Bay residents*

# A long journey leads to Buc Bay

Jim and Laurie Deseck were raised in eastern Nebraska, but it wasn't until they found themselves in the same workplace that they became acquainted. Their love of golf, however, took their relationship to a higher level. Since moving here in 2016, they've been avid players at Bay Hills Golf Club — and many other courses around the state and country.

Each took different paths after high school. Jim first lived near 33rd and Woolworth Ave. before moving near 62nd and Western Ave. He attended Omaha Creighton Prep, Central and Rummel.

Laurie was born in Seward, and her dad was a farmer who later worked with the Soil Conservation Service in Papillion. The family lived there for a few years before he was transferred to Syracuse. Laurie then graduated from Syracuse High School in 1973.

Laurie played in the high school band, and two years before her senior year came a memorable trip — to the 1971 Orange Bowl, where Nebraska was set to play LSU. Syracuse High's band performed in the Orange Bowl Parade and marched on the field at halftime with the University of Nebraska band.

"Our band was the first one from the state of Nebraska to be invited to a bowl game," Laurie said. "We sold oranges, and we earned enough money to pay for 75 band members and chaperones to go. We took two or three buses, and it took a couple of days to get there."

The Syracuse visitors stayed at a National Guard Armory in Miami.

"They had this big tarp separating the boys from the girls," Laurie said. "And we slept on cots. We got to swim in the ocean with the Nebraska band one day. That was a neat deal."

Today, the Syracuse museum features a display with articles about that trip.

With that background established, you might be wondering: How did two people who grew up 50 miles apart end up meeting? As is the case with many Buc Bay couples, it was a matter of fate.

Laurie worked a few years in Lincoln before attending UNL. Her first job after that was with the Army Corps of Engineers.



**Jim and Laurie Deseck got better acquainted after being paired in a golf outing. (Photo courtesy of Laurie Deseck.)**

Meanwhile, Jim began working as a carpenter.

"I was actually a union carpenter for a few years," he said. "I didn't like it, but it paid well."

In 1975, Jim began working at one of the two bars owned by his father.

"He didn't want any of us (kids) in the bar business," he said.

# Desecks: Couple first met working in downtown Omaha

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“But I wanted to.”

The Broken Rail at the time was on North 16th Street, a bit of a “tough neighborhood with tough clientele,” Jim recalled. “We had bullet-proof windows and a buzzer on the door to let people in and out.”

Six months later, Jim’s dad tragically died, and he took over as the bar’s proprietor. It was hard work.

“I’d come to work at 6:30 in the morning,” he said. “I’d be serving truck drivers that early.”

After a few years, Jim got out of the bar business and attended UNO. He earned a degree in business with a minor in decision sciences. Like many UNO students, he was employed fulltime while working toward his degree.

In 1985, Jim began working for the Corps of Engineers — in the same downtown building as Laurie.

“We’d pass each other here and there,” Jim said. “About eight months after I began working there, we got paired up in a golf outing. That’s when we really got to know each other.”

One thing they learned early that they both had marriages that ended in divorce and neither had children. The relationship built to a serious enough point where wedding bells rang in 1991.

At that time, Laurie was presented with the chance at transferring to a higher-grade job in Dallas.

“I flew down there for an interview,” she said, “and I thought there was no way I was going to get that job. Then the next day they called to offer me the job.”

Jim and Laurie had just signed a one-year lease on an apartment in Omaha. As luck would have it, the government covered the lease, which allowed the move to Dallas.

“We were looking for a change,” Jim said. “I was doing some consulting work. Back then, IT consultants were in high demand.”

OPPD had hired him to work with its Human Resources Department as part of implementing an automated HR system. In the beginning, he would fly to Dallas on weekends to be with Laurie.

Their two children were born in Dallas, and the family lived



**Jim and Laurie celebrated their 30th anniversary with a trip to New York City. (Photo courtesy of Laurie Deseck.)**

there for just over five years.

“I got homesick, because I’m a family person,” Laurie said. “All my family and all of Jim’s family were up here. They’d come down to visit, but it wasn’t the same.”

“I had my kids when I was 38 and 40. I wanted them to be able to grow up with their cousins.”

The couple moved to Lincoln for new jobs, but they often drove to Omaha to visit friends and, of course, family.

Just about a year later, they sold their Lincoln home and moved to Omaha. Laurie accepted a position with Stratcom in Bellevue, and Jim took a job with an Omaha consulting firm. During that period, he spent three years working at Valmont Industries west of Valley.

The Desecks eventually moved to a Papillion home near where the Walmart on 72nd Street was being proposed. They joined a few other homeowners in fighting against that.

“That land was not zoned for that,” Jim said. “It was zoned for residential and light commercial development up on the cor-

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# Desecks: View from backyard is ideal for wildlife action

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ner.”

They put up a good fight but eventually lost the court case. Once their two children graduated from Papillion-La Vista High in 2012 and 2014, they opted to move. (Today, the Desecks have five grandchildren, all who live close by.)

In 2015, they sold their home and spent a year in an apartment in Bellevue. A year later came the move to Buccaneer Bay. At the time, there weren't near as many homes at the end of Windward Drive as you'll see today.

The view from their backyard is ideal for watching deer and other wildlife at sunset.

“The deer would come through 15 or 20 at a time,” Jim said.

For their 30th anniversary, in 2021, they celebrated with a trip to New York City. This fall, they plan on their first vacation out of the country to Scotland.



**Jim and Laurie enjoy spending time with their son, daughter and five grandchildren. (Photo courtesy of Laurie Deseck.)**

When they're home, Jim and Laurie enjoy spending time with the grandkids – and, of course, playing golf.

# Switch to Gretna Sanitation starts



**Workers spent the final week of June supplying Buc Bay residents with the bins that Gretna Sanitation will begin using this month. Those who used Papillion Sanitation must contact them to cancel their account. Story, Page 5. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Reyes-Prendergast.)**

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From the Editor, John Fey

# Vietnam Memorial is impressive

The old saying, “Better late than never,” certainly applies to the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which officially opened last month. Located in Papillion — just south of Papio South High School and the adjacent SumTur Amphitheater — the finished product is stunning.

According to the Omaha World-Herald story on the memorial’s June 6 dedication, Nebraska became the last state to



recognize its Vietnam Veterans. I stopped by a couple of weeks later to check it out. It’s an absolutely amazing tribute to the 396 Nebraskans killed in action in Vietnam and four others who died in a training accident before being deployed.

There were just a few other visitors the day I made my initial trip. I’m sure when there are many others viewing all there is to see, voices will be lowered as you would expect at such a hallowed site.

The top attraction, in my opinion at least, is the actual UH-1 Huey helicopter that was used in the war and later restored by veterans and students from Iowa Western Community College’s aviation maintenance program.

(Shirley has a cousin whose husband helped evacuate wounded soldiers in harm’s way. It took him years before he could talk about his experiences.)

At the base of the helicopter are statues of soldiers rescuing an injured comrade. Pressing a button near the statues starts the sound of the Huey, which depicts two more soldiers armed to provide cover for the rescue of the wounded.

The memorial means more to veterans, especially those who were in harm’s way. It recognizes soldiers who gave their all during the war, and, hopefully, gives



**The Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened last month in Papillion. It’s a must-stop for anybody, especially veterans.**

some healing closure to those who made it back alive.

I may have touched on this in a previous newsletter, but it bears repeating. When discussing my 35 months of serving in the Army, I tell people how I feel somewhat guilty that I never left the states. I completed basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and spent the next eight weeks of advance training in Fort Sill, Okla.

From there, I spent the remaining 31 months of active duty at Fort Carson, Colo. While stationed in Colorado Springs, our post was a clearing house for soldiers coming back post-Vietnam. I couldn’t imagine what some of them went through and the emotional trauma that they had to carry with them.

During our 30-plus years living north of Omaha’s Crossroads shopping center, we became good friends of a couple whose son I coached in Little League. Brad served in Vietnam, and he always got very emotional when talking about the horror of what he witnessed.

What bothered me the most was hearing stories from Vietnam vets who were spit on at airports and called “baby killers” while returning home in uniform. Fortunately, the years have changed people’s thinking, and I’m uplifted when hearing how people now thank veterans who

served in the Vietnam War.

I remember my March trip to Florida when we were staying with a couple, Mitch and Mary Nowaczyk. Mitch was a fellow veteran, and when I told him I spent all 35 months in the states, he shook my hand and thanked me for serving. He was a Vietnam vet but treated me as a brother.

I told Mitch the story of my appearance with two other veterans at an assembly at Westside Middle School. Our middle son was teaching there and asked if I’d speak about my time in the Army. I was more than happy to do it.

After being introduced, I spoke first and, turning toward the two who were combat vets, I admitted feeling I didn’t really belong on stage having spent my entire time in the U.S.

The next speaker opened his remarks by looking at me and saying, “No, you belong here, because you’re a brother.” I have to admit I fought to hold back tears when he said that.

All those thoughts and memories came back to me while walking around the new Papillion memorial. If you get the chance, you’ll gain a new appreciation for the sacrifices many young men made

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# Switch to Gretna begins this month

In case you somehow missed the announcement, Buc Bay residents who didn't use Gretna Sanitation will be making the switch, effective July 3.

Residents who don't currently use Gretna should be getting new receptacles. A large dumpster was placed in the parking lot by the mailboxes off Treasure Island Road. Placed there by Gretna Sanitation, it was loaded with the new trash receptacles that will be replacing those from Papillion Sanitation.

## Reminder about the water policy

Now that Mother Nature turned down the faucets (sort of), most folks are returning to watering their lawns. With the newcomers who have settled in over the past couple of months, it's a good time to remind everyone of the following guidelines:

- Even numbered addresses may water lawns and landscaping only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- Odd numbered addresses may water lawns and landscaping

only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.

- Watering lawns or landscaping is not allowed on Monday.
- If the property owner waters the lawn and landscaping only with a rain water reclamation system or the owner's private sand point well, and does not use the District's water system, the owner is exempt from these rules and regulations.

## There's a no-wake rule for the lakes

Buccaneer Bay has a lot to offer, such as quieter blocks compared to big cities, golf and viewing the various wildlife. For folks on the two lakes, there's nothing better than taking a pontoon boat ride or just sitting on the deck overlooking the water.

For those new to Sailboat Lake and Bay Lake — and perhaps others who aren't aware — there is a no-wake policy on both. It's been in place to keep retaining walls from eroding and necessitating repair or replacement. Also, it's a safety matter, due to the small size of our lakes. Lake neighbors say thanks.

# Editor: Fey family finds Buc Bay life refreshing, relaxing

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for the country.

The saying, "All gave some, some gave all," certainly applies to all us vets.

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July 1 marked the start of our eighth year at Buccaneer Bay. It seems like yesterday when we were unpacking boxes and trying to figure out where everything needed to go. It took weeks before I could find anything in the kitchen — from silverware to pots and pans to dishes. After seven years, I still need Shirley to point me in the right direction to where some dishwasher items belong. (Tells you how many times I unload it.)

When we arrived, our duplex on Lakeside Drive was the first to be occupied. Today, the block's north side is completely full. I remember during our first month walking up the Boulevard past the water tower to the southwest entrance and seeing plenty of vacant lots. That's also filling in.

Our little community continues to grow — perhaps not as fast as in the past seven years. And, yes, folks are moving out but also being replaced by new neighbors. That's certainly been the case the past six months on our block. While it's sad saying goodbye to folks with whom we've become friends, we enjoy getting acquainted with newcomers.

I've said this before, one of the reasons I took over this newsletter in January 2022 is it gives me the opportunity to get to know our residents better and to let readers know what caused



**The Huey helicopter at the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial was used in the war and later restored by veterans and students from Iowa Western Community College's aviation maintenance program.**

them to move to our village. My interviews almost always end with the question: What do you like most about living in Buccaneer Bay? The answers are quite similar. People like the slower pace, less traffic, peacefulness (trains notwithstanding) and the amazing wildlife we have here.

That's clearly the case for the Lakeside Drive Feys.

# Fireworks show set to go July 20

For those who don't follow Facebook posts, there was an announcement last month from Robert Sudduth regarding the annual Buc Bay fireworks show. He wrote:

"I am happy to announce Kim and I have decided to shoot our annual fireworks show on July 20. Some of you might know our good friend John Masters used to supply half the fireworks to our yearly display and also helped with all the licenses we needed to be able to shoot these shows. John passed away last year, so Kim and I have been scrambling to start a new company, buy new equipment and get our Display Operator Licenses along with our Federal Explosive Licenses.

"In the end, we were able to pull it off, and we saved the show. We will be shooting the City of Murray firework display on the 4th of July. We will also be shooting a show in Council Bluffs on the 3rd. Our show will be on the 20th of July.

"I want to make this show more of a community event. If anyone would like to help physically, financially or help coordinate we would love the help."

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# Outing to mark course's 50th year

Plans began last month for an outing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bay Hills Golf Club, established Sept. 5, 1974. The outing's date is the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 4.

While details are being finalized, the plan is to make it affordable (around \$10) and will be open to all golfers. Tee times will be reserved for participants.

Monitor the Bay Hills Golf Course Facebook page for updates and, of course, read next month's newsletter for complete information.

## Golf clinic set for young players

Do you have a youngster at home who is interesting in either improving his/her golf game or taking up the sport? Damon Wagner last month announced on the course's Facebook page there will be a golf clinic for juniors.

The weeklong clinic runs July 15-19 from 10:30 to 11:30 each day. It's designed for those ages 8 to 14, and the cost is \$75 per child. Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of golf in a fun, engaging environment.

Registration deadline is July 10, and participants must have their own clubs. You can register at the clubhouse or contact Damon at 402-301-5318 or by email at [damonwbayhills@gmail.com](mailto:damonwbayhills@gmail.com).

## Wednesday senior outings grow

The weekly group of seniors has been growing as more golfers find out about this fun 18-hole outing. It takes place at 8 a.m. each Wednesday, and you come when you feel like playing.

Entry fee is just \$5, with an additional \$5 added for those who want a chance to win a skin (or more). Of course, if you're not a member, you must pay the green fee. Teams are determined by a blind draw after the round.



**In case you're wondering the age of Bay Hills Golf Club, it turns 50 on Sept. 5. A golf tournament celebrating the course's anniversary will take place Sept. 4. Keep tabs on the Bay Hills Golf Course FB page and next month's newsletter. (Photo courtesy of Joe Dyess.)**

Interested? Just show up around 7:45 to check in and prepare to have a good time. It's also a good way to get to know fellow golfers better, like Dick Mulligan, the guy with the greatest name in the game (it's his real name, by the way).

## Next couples golf outing set for July 19

If you missed out on the first two Bay Hills Golf Club couples golf outings, you have two more chances — July 19 and Aug. 16. The 9-hole play begins at 5:45 p.m., and the cost is just \$10 per couple for members (\$50 per couple for non-members).

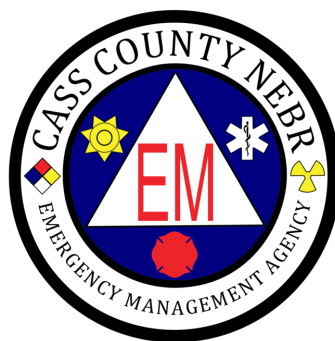
There's a different format each month, and there are flag prizes available. Interested? Just sign up online. Registration opens the Sunday before each event. Click on this link to sign up: [www.bayhillsgolfclub.com](http://www.bayhillsgolfclub.com)

# Buc Bay is now included in weather alerts

Buc Bay resident LaRonda Saunders reports good news following her conversations with the National Weather Service and Chad Korte, Cass County Emergency Management Agency director. LaRonda hoped to get Buc Bay as a recognized community for weather alerts.

Last month, she received confirmation that NWS is adding our neighborhood to its system. It was to be in place by July.

"This means that within the next week, when severe weather is affecting our immediate area, we will be in-



cluded in the alerts going forward," LaRonda said. "Although this is an extreme take, having our area recognized potentially saves lives for new residents to the area who may not know where the recreational areas around us actually are (which was actually the case with me when I first moved here), as well as golfers who may be on the course at the time, who also may not be familiar with the immediate area."

She added there have been inquiries about sirens being installed in this area as well, but it is up to the Buc Bay community to take those steps.



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*2916 Lakeside Drive	\$359,500
*3712 Buccaneer Blvd.	\$395,000
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*19207 Spyglass Court	\$420,000
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# This CWS fan's streak continues



Linda Goodman, pictured at left, can claim to be Buccaneer Bay's top College World Series fan. She started attending the CWS more than 30 years ago. That's when it was held at Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium. When the Series moved to the new downtown arena, Linda did, too. She's glad to share her seats as she did this year with Peggy Wyffels and her brother Steve (pictured).

This month's quiz: What Nebraska town is home to the world's largest covered porch swing? A) Wakefield. B) Axtell. C) North Platte. D) Hebron. Answer on Page 16.

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# Beau Petersen snares golf titles

Beau knows golf. Just ask Wayne and Pam Petersen, who watched grandson Beau Petersen become a repeat champion of the 57th Nebraska State Junior Amateur golf tournament last month. Beau followed that by becoming the youngest winner of the Nebraska men's match play June 28 at the Country Club of Lincoln.

Two weeks before beating Trevor Gutschewski 6 and 5 in the men's match play, Beau outlasted a talented field playing at Axtell's Awarri Dunes Golf Course.

Beau, who graduated from Gretna and will play for Northern Illinois University, not only beat one of the better-known junior golfers in Lincoln but became the youngest match-play champion in the event's 57-year history. He also is the first to win both the junior amateur and match-play tournaments.

Both tournaments were covered by World-Herald longtime golf writer Stu Pospisil. Beau was excited to beat the son of PGA Tour pro Scott Gutschewski.

"Everybody knows who Trevor Gutschewski is, and today was just awesome," Beau said after his June 28 victory.

Beau clearly has golf in his genes. His father, Tim Petersen (Wayne's son), played for Nebraska Wesleyan after growing up in Schuyler.

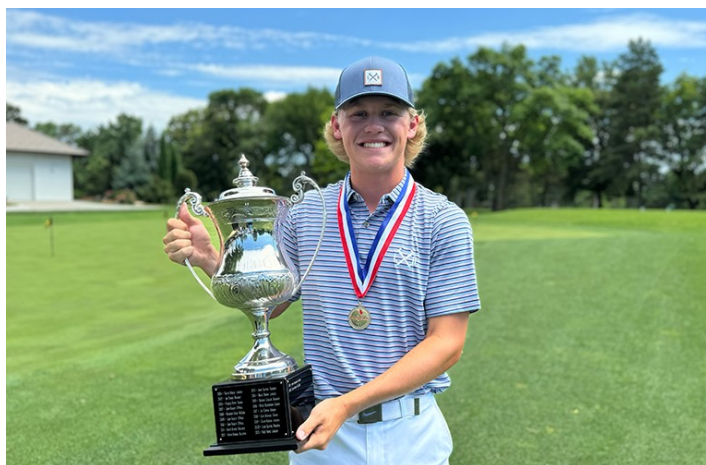
But, somewhat surprisingly, golf wasn't Beau's first love. He played soccer until his freshman year at Gretna before switching to golf.

"I was pretty decent at soccer if you ask my buddies, because I'm still friends with all them," he told Pospisil. "Just the last few years I've just gotten better in golf. I've learned from my coach, Jon Petersen (no relation), all my peers around me. They just made me better."

Beau earned a tip of the cap from Florida-bound Gutschewski.

"He just made long putts all day long. There's nothing I can do about that," Trevor said after the match. "Then I couldn't make anything happen. It was a bad day for that."

Gutschewski shot 67 for the morning 18, and was 3 down at the



**Beau Petersen, grandson of Wayne and Pam Petersen, got air time on KETV for winning the Nebraska men's match play June 28.**

lunch break. Beau recorded seven birdies and an eagle for a 64 on the card.

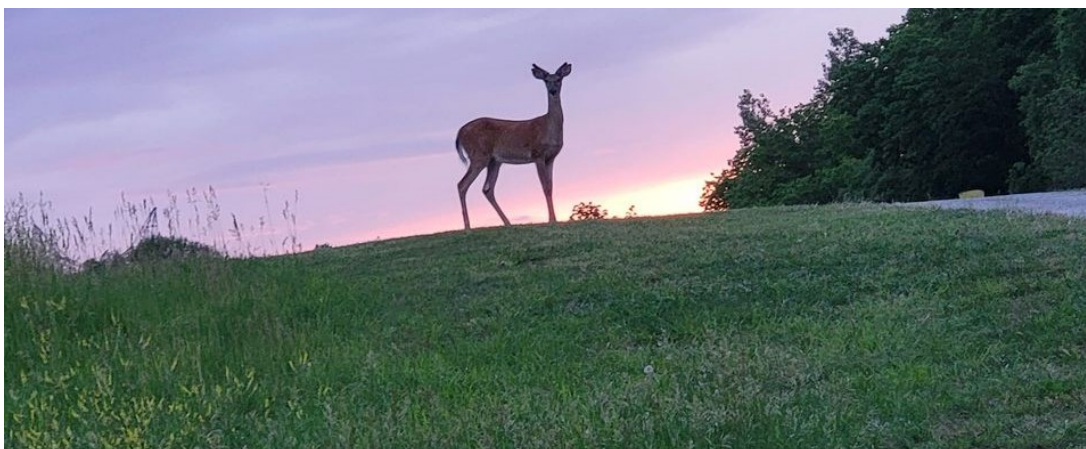
"That was stellar," he said. "I made everything and couldn't ask for much more."

Wayne and Pam left for vacation the day before the match-play tournament, but they tried keeping tabs on the road. They've enjoyed watching their grandson's game grow.

"Beau has always had a positive attitude toward his goals," Pam said a day after he won the junior amateur. "He listens to his mentors and applies what he learns, academically and on the course. He has a wide smile and confident demeanor."

"He's the most dedicated young man I've ever know. Beau is respectful and respected. I love how he always circles back to his family to share his accomplishments, whether or not he comes out on top. He FaceTimed us, and he was happy and humble."

Added Wayne: "We're very proud of him."



## Oh, deer!

**A visitor strolls by the tee box of the second hole of Bay Hills Golf Course last month. Terri Beadleson snapped this photo taken as the sun began to set.**



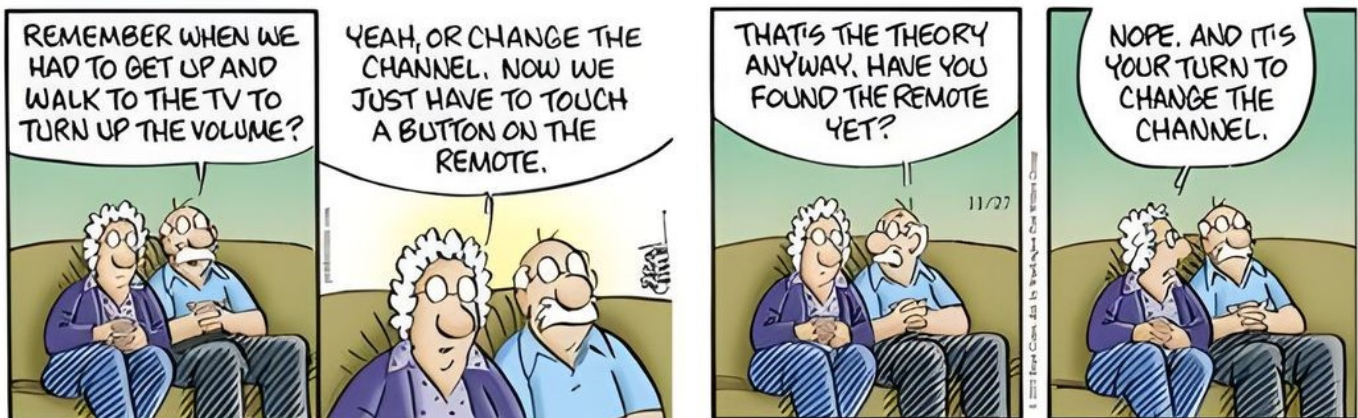
# Buc Bay bell cherished as heirloom



It's not easy to spot, but there's a church bell in the back yard of the home owned by John and Bonnie McQueen, who live on Sailboat Lake. There's quite a bit of history behind the bell. John explained that it was handed down from at least one, perhaps two generations from Bonnie's family.

"We're wondering if it was some kind of church bell," John said. "We cherish it as an heirloom."

The bell originally was located near Columbus, Ohio. The McQueens lived not far from there before moving to Bellevue. They uprooted to Buccaneer Bay about four years ago.



## This month in history

» **July 4, 1776** — The Declaration of Independence is approved by the Continental Congress.

» **July 6, 1885** — Louis Pasteur gives the first successful anti-rabies inoculation to a boy who had been bitten by a dog.

» **July 16, 1769** — San Diego is founded as the mission San Diego de Alcalá by Father Junipero Serra.

» **July 21, 1898** — Guam is ceded to the United States by Spain.

## They were born this month

- » Woody Harrelson — born 7/23/1961
- » Selena Gomez — born 7/22/1992
- » Princess Diana — born 7/1/1961; died 8/31/1997
- » Robin Williams — born 7/21/1951; died 8/11/2014
- » Tom Cruise — born 7/3/1962
- » Jennifer Lopez — born 7/24/1969
- » Nelson Mandela — born 7/18/1918
- » Arnold Schwarzenegger — born 7/30/1947
- » Tom Hanks — born 7/9/1956
- » Kevin Hart — born 7/6/1979
- » Harrison Ford — born 7/13/1942
- » Sandra Bullock — born 7/26/1964
- » Sylvester Stallone — born 7/6/1946
- » Terry Crews — born 7/30/1968
- » Will Ferrell — born 7/16/1967
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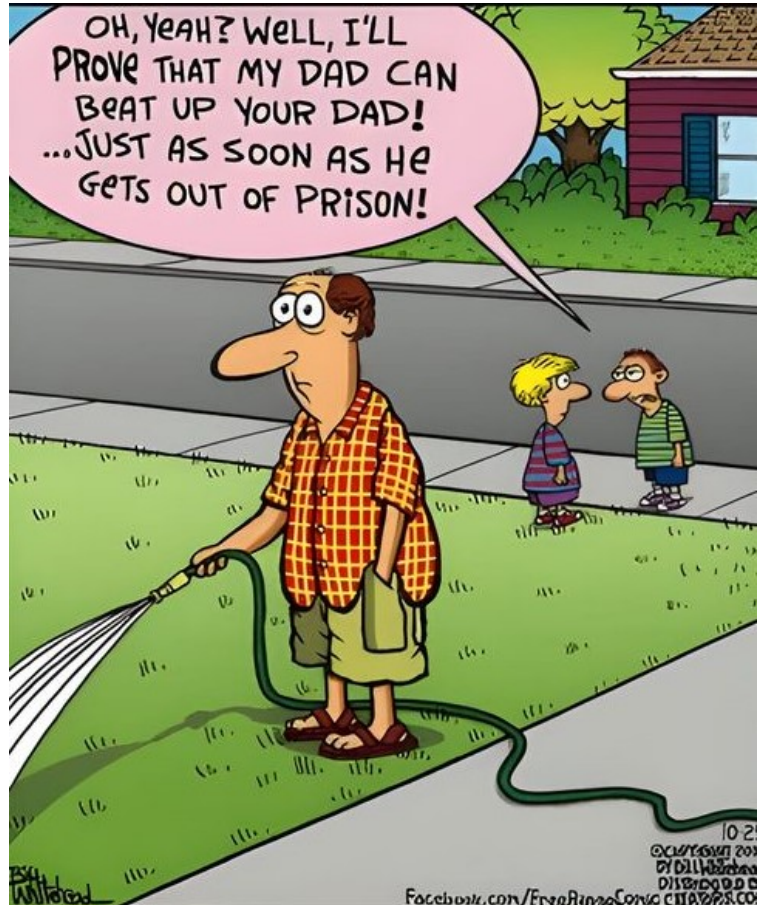
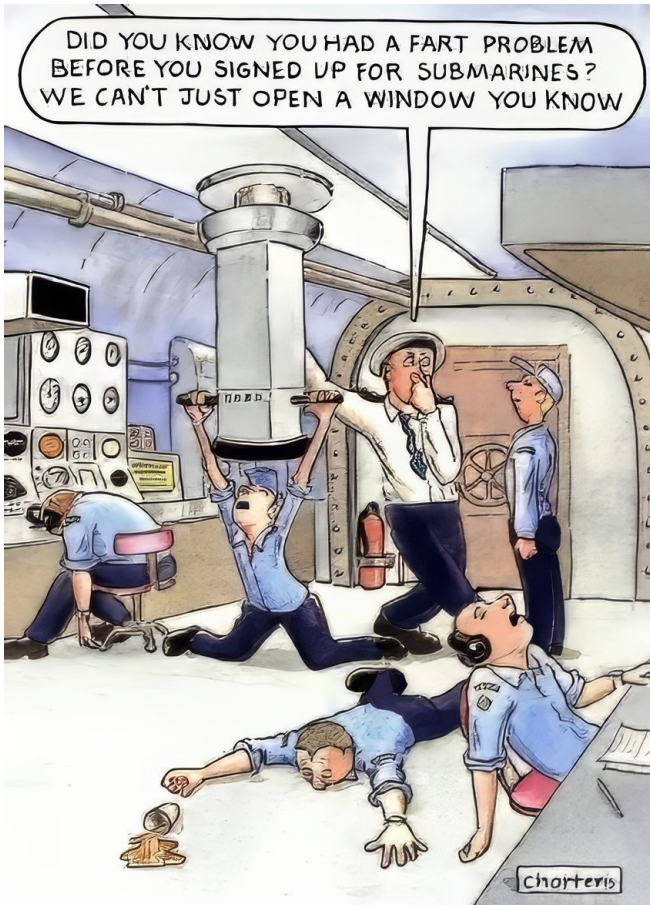


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5	AJ Poppleton 402-706-5459	Front half of Buccaneer Blvd. up to Ewel Ct. 3501-3617 – 10 houses
6	Jeff Groshans 720-644-7418	Buccaneer Blvd. 3811 – 3911, 11 houses
7	Jennifer Sommer 402-889-1918	Buccaneer Blvd. 3706 – 3810, 10 Houses
8	VACANT	Buccaneer Blvd. 3920 – 4016 – 15 houses
9	Debbie Meyer	Sterling Ct. – 23 houses
10	VACANT	Davy Jones Cir. & Davy Jones Dr. – 25 houses
11	Linda Goodman 402-917-2914	Rainey Cir. – 11 houses
12	Patty Weirauch 402-298-7325	Fairway Cir. – 10 houses
13	Cheryl Myers 402-296-6924	Becker Ct. – 9 homes
14	Carol Kellison 402-296-0282	19309 – 19413 Spyglass Ct. 22 houses
15	VACANT	19225 – Spyglass Ct. – 11 houses Cypress Ct., 6 homes (17 total homes)
16	Sheila Nelson 402-297-4101	19201 – 19223 Spyglass Ct. – 16 houses
17	Rita Offutt	Ridgeway Rd. – 46 homes, Blk 15 Lots 7-35
18	Cheryl Myers	Ewel Ct. – 16 homes
19&20	Jill Bobenhouse Tesar 402-298-7171 Kayla Graff & Teresa Dilts	Townhomes on Sailboat Lake - 36 houses Homes on Sailboat Lake, Blk 27, 32 houses
21	Renie Kula 402-296-5239	Buccaneer Blvd. 4018-4109 – 16 houses
22	VACANT	Buccaneer Blvd. 4113 -4130 - 17 lots
23	Agness Lenaugh 531-205-7797	4320 – 4416 Windward Dr. 708 – 714 Windward Ct. – 14 houses
24	Barbara Hamlin 402-298-9911	3501-3618 Fairway Dr. – 17 lots
25	Lauri Deseck 402-672-9866	4211 – 4319 Windward Dr – 48 homes
26	Jeanne Thompson 402-216-4287	3224 – 3335 – Fairway Dr. 17 lots
27	John Fey 402-250-6574	2833 – 3043 – 14 Townhomes
27.5	John Fey	Lakeside Dr. – 1 home, 2 Townhomes
30	Todd Clark 402-926-1737	4420-4432 Windward Dr. 819-841 Wedgwood Ct. – 20 homes
31	Judy Link 402-298-8750	21034 Treasure Island Rd. – End 6 homes
Lead Coordinators	Jill Bobenhouse Tesar, John Fey	Fill in vacancies, schedule meetings as needed, liaison to Sheriff's Office

# Your dose of July funnies



"This is an 8 1/2. Do you have it in a size 9?"

## R & K Lawn Service

- Serving Buccaneer Bay Residents Since 2007
- 20 Years Mowing Experience
- Exceptional Pricing (Senior Citizen Discounts)
- Weekly Mowing
- Also Available for Vacation Lawn Service
- Over 25 Buccaneer Bay Residents Have Used R & K Lawn Service



**Call Ron for Free Quote**

**Cell – 402-916-0940**

**Home – 402-502-0015**

Quiz answer: D. (It can hold 25 adults.)



# This track takes you nowhere



Folks who lived in eastern Nebraska might recall when the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge was planned for the Missouri River, some penned it “the bridge to nowhere.”

Well, workers recently replaced sections of track on the BNSF line that intersects with Treasure Island Road. They placed one next to the road folks use to reach the boat ramp on Sailboat Lake.

The sign at the end of the track says it all: “no outlet.”

## More July funnies

If it hadn't been for the invention of the Venetian blind, it would have been curtains for all of us.

The best thing about being over 50?



We did all our stupid stuff before the invention of the internet, so there's no proof!



**Rebecca Ehrenfried**  
Attorney

## Meet Your Omaha Advocate: Rebecca Ehrenfried

Rebecca Ehrenfried is the newest member of The Nebraska Advocates. She is a local Nebraskan who is passionate about helping her community members get the help they need after an accident. As your attorney, Rebecca will be by your side every step of the way— from the moment you call our office to the day you receive your settlement check, Rebecca and her team will have your back.

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- Dangerous and defective products

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INJURY ATTORNEYS



# Contact information for SID No. 5 Board

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Committee – Primary</u>
Kurt Meisinger (Chair)	402-297-4365	kurt.meisinger@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Finance, Budget and Audit
Jim Grotrian	402-679-9158	jim.grotrian@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Grounds
Jennifer Sommer	402-889-1918	jennifer.sommer@buccaneerbay-ne.org	
David Martin (Clerk)	402-578-7147	david.martin@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Water and Wastewater
Robert Karr	402-672-7300	robert.karr@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Roads and Storm Water Management

Please feel free to contact any board member with your problem using the contact information from above but please give board members at least 24 hours to respond. Most of the board members have full time jobs and are subject to business trips, meetings, etc. If your concern or problem is of an emergency nature you may try to contact one of the other board members.

You can also contact a board member via regular mail via the SID #5 address at:  
SID #5 Board of Trustees  
19457 Treasure Island Rd.  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

**Text message alerts:** Would you like to receive alerts and notifications related to SID infrastructure such as a water main break, road closure or hydrant flushing via text message? Click this link to find out: [Alerts and Notifications via Text Message – Buccaneer Bay – SID #5 \(buccaneerbay-ne.org\)](https://buccaneerbay-ne.org/alerts-notifications)

**To view the most-recent meeting minutes and find out future meeting dates, click on this link (it’s under the tab at the top that says communication):**  
<https://buccaneerbay-ne.org/>

## Cass County Historical Society information and news

**Cass County Historical Society Museum**  
646 Main Street, Plattsmouth, NE

**Winter Hours – November-March:**  
Tuesday-Saturday – Noon-4 p.m.

**Summer Hours – April–October:**  
Tuesday-Sunday – Noon–4 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and Mondays

**Admission:** \$2.50 for adults, free for museum members and children under age 12.

Website: [casscountynemuseum.org](http://casscountynemuseum.org)

**Mission Statement:** The Cass County Historical Society shall collect, preserve, and study materials to document, interpret and present the history of Cass County Nebraska to the public.



**Board Members:** Sandra Allgeier, Plattsmouth; Judy Attebery, Murray; Roger Behrns, Louisville; George Eledge, Plattsmouth; Jim Elworth, Nebraska City; Lanny Glup, Plattsmouth; Del Hervey, Plattsmouth; Julie Schmale, Murdock.

*The board usually meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.*

### 2024 Board of Directors

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**Why don't they play poker in the jungle?  
Too many cheetahs!**

## SID#5 Covenants – Architectural Control

**The Buccaneer Bay Architectural Control process of reviewing requests for changes on your property is now being managed by Teresa Dilts and Kayla Graff. They will be working with Mike Jensen, Cass County Zoning Administrator.**

There are 8 sets of Covenants for Buccaneer Bay. It seems like every time a new section of Buccaneer Bay opened up another set of covenants was made. I try to make sure that every resident in Buccaneer Bay gets a copy of the covenants that is for their section of the neighborhood. Some realtors will provide a copy of the covenants to the buyer, but I don't think all of them do. Most of the covenants have some sort of termination clause.

All sets of covenants are filed at the Register of Deeds office at the Court House. Not all of the covenants have the same number of years that the covenants are in force.

**HILLS COVENANTS** in the second section titled: **“AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS”**, which covers the following: These covenants shall run with the land and be binding upon the current and future Owners of all Lots in Blocks One (1) through Six (6), inclusive; all Lots in Blocks Fifteen (15) through Twenty (20), inclusive; Lots one (1) through Five (5) in Block Seven (7), and; Lot Ten (10) in Block Fourteen (14), all in Buccaneer Bay, a subdivision as surveyed, platted and recorded in Cass County, Nebraska, until the year 2029, together with any Lots created by a replat of these Lots, and shall be continued for successive periods of twenty-five (25) years unless sooner modified or terminated in writing by seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the then record owners of the Properties, with one vote per Lot.

**BAY LAKE COVENANTS** in the second section titled: **“AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS”**, which covers the following Blocks: Block 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26 until the year 2000, at which time the covenants shall be extended for **successive terms** of 25 years, which should make them good until 2025.

**Block 31 in Buccaneer Bay** includes Windward Dr. and all side streets in this section, approved in September 2008 for term of 25 years, which would then expire in 2033.

**Blk 28 Lots 8A/B, Lots 9A/B, and Lot 10** on Lakeside Dr. These first 2 townhomes and one house are under the original covenants for Lakeside Dr. approved May 18, 2005 for a term of 25 years, which should terminate in 2030.

**Blk 28, Lots 1A – 24B, minus Lots 8A/B, 9A/B and Lot 10** on Lakeside Dr. as described in the Covenants from Lone Tree Holdings. Approved May 18, 2017 for a term of 30 years, which would terminate in 2047.

**Bucc Bay 1<sup>st</sup> Edition – Lots 1R – 39R – Davy Jones Dr. and Davy Jones Cir.** Filed February 14, 1996 for a term of 25 years. **These Covenants have expired.**

**Blk 29 Lots 1-26 Fairway Cir., Blk 30 Lots 1-6 – Fairway Dr.** – Covenants and restrictions shall run with and bind the land and for a term of twenty-five years. Filed May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, which would expire in 2030.

**Blk 27 Lots 1A – 20B, and Lots 21 – 62 – Sailboat Lake** – The Covenants and restrictions shall run with and bind the land for a term of 25 years. Filed December 23, 1996, the Covenants have been renewed.

***Residents under the covenants that will be expiring can be renewed by having residents who want to have the covenants continue review and update them. Each set of covenants has a specification of how many signatures are required to approve the revised covenants. It has been done, but it takes a lot of work. Once the covenants are out of date, that section of residents will no longer have to follow any restrictions for their section.***

***Note: The process below may be modified as the Newsletter and Welcome Packages are being updated.***

*Each time a new resident moves in they receive a Welcome Package that has a copy of the covenants for their location. The information on new residents come in an email from Peoples Service. Jill Bobenhouse-Teaser will take on putting the Welcome Packages together and provide the packages to the appropriate Block Captain so the new resident can fill out a Data Sheet to be sent to one of the members taking over for Janet. The changes will require the new information to be added to the Buccaneer Bay Phone Directory, if the new resident approves, and update the Block Captains list as residents move in and out.*



# Helpful Phone Numbers

## Board of Trustees S.I.D. #5

*Elections held in even numbered years.*

Kurt Meisinger — 402-297-4365  
 Jim Grotrian — 402-679-9158  
 Robert Karr — 402-672-7300  
 Jennifer Sommer — 402-889-1918  
 David Martin — 402-578-7147

## SID Auditor

Goracke, Ritterbush & Piotrowski  
 Tom Shearer 402-896-1500

## SID Fiscal Agent

Ameritas Inv. Corp. 402-384-8433

## Water/Waste Water Maint.

PeopleService Inc.  
 402-932-8143  
 888-527-9853

Contact for water or sewer issues.  
 24 hour Emergency# 888-861-1921

## Monthly Water Billing Rates

Sewer \$17.00 + tax monthly flat fee  
 Waste Water Treatment Plant Debt  
 Reduction — \$16.00 a month  
 Water base fee up to 5,000 gallons — \$17.00  
 Additional fees beyond 5,000:  
 5,001 — 10,000: \$3.80  
 10,001 — 20,000: \$4.65  
 Over 20,001 — \$5.30

## Architectural Control Committee

Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains

Kayla Graff and Teresa Dilts are the  
 new ACC leaders. The general number  
 for ACC submissions is 402-813-5295.  
 Teresa can be reached at 402-680-  
 1631.

## Plattsmouth Schools

St. John School 296-6230  
 First Baptist 296-5489  
 Plattsmouth High School 296-3322  
 Plattsmouth Middle School 296-3174  
 Plattsmouth Elem. School 296-4173  
 Superintendent's Office 296-3361  
 Head Start 296-5250

First Students Bus Service 296-5624

## Bad Weather

The school district will notify the  
 following radio and TV stations with  
 school closing information:

KFAB (AM 1110)  
 WOW (FM 94.1)  
 The River (FM 89.7)  
 KMTV (TV Channel 3)  
 WOWT (TV Channel 6)  
 KETV (TV Channel 7)  
 KPTM (TV Channel 42)

## Local News Papers

Plattsmouth Journal — 296-2141  
 Published Thursdays, delivered by  
 Mail to Buccaneer Bay, arrives on  
 Friday.

[www.cass-news.com](http://www.cass-news.com)

Cassgram — Free at Local Businesses  
 Contact Steve Warga via E-mail:

[Cassgram@windstream.net](mailto:Cassgram@windstream.net)  
[www.cassgramonline.com](http://www.cassgramonline.com)

Omaha World Herald — 444-1000  
 Daily Delivery

## Buccaneer Bay Newsletter

John Fey — 402-250-6574  
[jmfey1952@gmail.com](mailto:jmfey1952@gmail.com)

## Other Numbers

Emergency 911  
 Cass County Sheriff — 402-296-9370

Neighborhood Watch Lead Coordinators  
 Jennifer Sommer, Jill Bobenhouse Tesar

Bay Hills Golf Course — 402-298-8191

COX — 402-933-3000  
 Windstream — 800-501-1754

Future Technologies (Internet)  
 — 402-933-2877

Spiral (Internet) — 712-800-1100

Black Hills Energy — 888-890-5554  
 Emergency — 800-694-8989

**OPPD Electric — 877-536-4131**  
**Outages — 800-554-6773**

Trash Pickup:

**Gretna Sanitation — 402-332-4701**

Plattsmouth Post Office — 296-2152

Union Pacific RR — 800-848-8715  
 Burlington Northern — 800-832-5452  
 Public Service Comm. — 471-3101

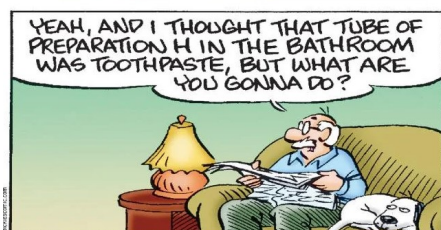
## Architectural Control for Blk 27 Sailboat Lake

Sailboat Lake Board/Architectural Control

## Buccaneer Bay Web Site

[www.buccaneerbay-ne.org](http://www.buccaneerbay-ne.org)

Provides various information on the  
 Sanitary Improvement District.



## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

FUNCTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>	<u>Property Owner/Resident</u>	The county does not have an Animal Control unit. In 2008 the Nebraska State Legislature passed a new law that the county is responsible for capturing dangerous animals. Cass County has not created an Animal Control Officer, so it is up to the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff will come out on dangerous animal calls. If someone has been bitten they will try to trap the animal.
<u>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</u>	<u>Other</u>	Governed by County and State Laws. Lot must be zoned appropriately.
<u>ELECTRICITY</u>	<u>OPPD</u>	OPPD – 234-2455 Outages – 800-554-6773
<u>ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS</u>	<u>Property Owners</u>	The original developer of a neighborhood, to help protect the community, establishes covenants. Buccaneer Bay has 7 sets of covenants: Davy Jones, Sailboat Lake, Bay Lake, Hills, Blk 28, Blks 29&30, and Blk 31. The SID is not involved with enforcing protective covenants.
<u>FIRE/RESCUE</u>	<u>Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire &amp; Ambulance</u>	Plattsmouth Volunteer Emergency/Fire - 911
<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u>	<u>Cass County</u>	Cass County Sheriff's Department 911 or 296-9360
<u>MAIL</u>	<u>Plattsmouth Post Office</u>	It is up to the post office to determine if you can install a mailbox in front of your home or if you will be assigned to a cluster box – 296-2152.
<u>MOWING</u>	<u>SID/Resident</u>	SID property only – including maintenance of the front island Resident – responsible for owned lot and right-of-way
<u>NATURAL GAS</u>	<u>Black Hills Energy</u>	Service – 888-890-5554 Emergency – 800-694-8989
<u>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH</u>	<u>Property Owner Resident</u>	Everyone can belong to Neighborhood Watch. When suspicious activity is spotted it should be reported to the Sheriff's department and information passed on to the neighborhood through the volunteer Block Captain and the Lead Coordinator. These names are listed in the Buccaneer Bay Phone Directory.
<u>NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGES TO BE APPROVED</u>	<u>Architectural Control</u>	Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains will review new house plans and any changes you may be making to your home externally, as well as any additions you might want to make to your home.  Sailboat Lake – Blk27 Sailboat Lake Board/Architectural Control
<u>OUTLOTS</u>	<u>SID</u>	SID is responsible for maintaining the outlots.
<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>SID</u>	SID is responsible for keeping roads within the district boundaries, repaired in safe operating condition.
<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>Property Owner Resident</u>	Plattsmouth School District or school of choice.
<u>SNOW REMOVAL</u>	<u>SID</u>	SID is responsible for having the roads within the district snow plowed, salted, and sanded when needed. The board has set a 2-3 inches as the threshold for having the streets plowed.
<u>WATER/WASTEWATER PLANT</u>	<u>SID</u>	Peoples Service – to establish/terminate service or questions 403-932-8143 888-527-9853 888-861-1921 – Emergency Calls