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Tis the season for Garage Sales! Be sure to check out the Community Billboard section for information on sales being held in The Lakes.

Also, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 30th – Family Fun Extravaganza and Silent Auction being held at Northpoint Elementary. More details inside!

Finally, I wanted to wish a Happy Mothers Day to all of The Lakes Moms!
Enjoy your day!

Hope you all are enjoying this wonderful weather!

Have a great month!

Amy Wheaton

Crown Shores

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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY

Brielle Madeleine 5/3/06
Grace Schmidt 5/3/07
Meeghan Olson 5/6/05
Hannah Manz 5/10/99
Allison Ross 5/14/97
Jennifer Dierkhising 5/16/80
Alex Wheaton 5/16
Rick Olson 5/20
Theresa Julkowski 5/23
Trisha Raich 5/24

We hope you all have a very special birthday! If you have a Birthday or Anniversary you would like added to the newsletter email Alisa Lowry @ lowryaj@comcast.net

Master Community contact info: **Mike Leimer**

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Call Mike and his team for all Master Association questions & comments regarding The Lakes

Meet our Volunteers... Community Spotlight

Bulletin Board

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Neighbors-in-Need

Emily Tischer

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Ladies Bunco Group

Email me if you'd like to take over the Lakes Bunco Group!!

Births/New Neighbors

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All articles and special requests for the newsletter must be received no later than the 20th of the month.



Shannon and Oscar Arango and big brother Mateo are proud to announce the arrival of:
Kayla Jeanne Arango born on April 30th, 2009 at 11:06am weighing 7lbs 15 oz , 20 inches long.
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Happy Anniversary!

John and Jennifer Dierkhising 5/01/2004
Nate & Trisha Raich 5/6

Want to be included in the Anniversary announcements-email Alissa @ lowryaj@comcast.net



DON'T HAVE EMAIL?? Know someone else that doesn't have email?
Thanks to our helpful Neighbors and Friends at High Point Realty Inc. & Sharper Homes you can now pick up a copy at the sales office located at:

Emerald Glen model, Sharper Homes
12247 N. Lake Blvd
Saturday and Sunday 12-5pm
Stop by & pick up your copy.



Lakes Men's Poker Night

Interested in playing Poker in the Lakes and meeting some of the neighbors? Robert Persaud wants to get a group together to meet on a regular basis. Forming an interest list now.

Phone: 763-205-3400.
Email: polar_bob99@yahoo.com

A Benefit for T.J.

Trevor James Broton was born on November 27, 2007. He lives in Blaine, MN with his parents Chad and Sarah and big brother Troy. Trevor is a happy boy, always laughing and smiling. In June 2008, TJ was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). This disease affects the muscles needed for walking, talking, eating and more. Trevor has been hospitalized multiple times due to pneumonia and other complications from SMA. Despite having health insurance, the family has incurred many medical related expenses which they need to pay out-of-pocket. For this reason, friends and neighbors of the family and the Early Childhood programs of Spring Lake Park School District are hosting the following fundraiser.

All proceeds will go directly to the Broton family.



Family Fun Extravaganza and Silent Auction

Saturday, May 30th 2009

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Northpoint Elementary

2350 124th Ct., Blaine, MN 55449

\$5 per person, additional donations accepted

- Fun Run for Children -at 10:30 am
- Silent Auction -cash or check only; bidding ends at 12:30 pm
- Police Car and Fire Truck on display
- Children's Dance
- Coloring Contest
- Inflatable Bouncer
- Pizza and Cookies
- For more information go to:

www.trevorbroton.com



FACTS ABOUT Spinal Muscular Atrophy

- *SMA is a motor neuron disease which affects muscles throughout the body.*
- *It is the #1 genetic killer of children under the age of 2.*
- *1 in every 6000 babies are born with SMA each year.*
- *1 in 40 people are genetic carriers of SMA.*
- *50% of children diagnosed before age 2 will die before their second birthday.*
- *Persons with SMA have normal intellectual activity and are often unusually bright and sociable.*
- *For more SMA info, visit*
www.curesma.org

**you
are
invited!**

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

In 2006, an estimated 52,500 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction as a factor contributing to ignition. These fires resulted in 340 civilian deaths, 1,400 civilian injuries, and \$1,447 million in direct property damage.

Safety tips

- Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, unused wall sockets and extension-cord receptacles should have plastic safety covers.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by an electrician.
- When possible, avoid the use of "cube taps" and other devices that allow the connection of multiple appliances into a single receptacle.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.

WARNING SIGNS OF ELECTRICAL DANGERS

There are several ways you can assess your risk and make simple changes to reduce the hazards that may be present in an electrical system. By ensuring that your home undergoes a thorough electrical inspection completed by a qualified electrician before buying, selling, or remodeling a home, you can help make certain your home's electrical system operates at the highest level of safety possible



Warning sign: Frequent or re-occurring issues with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers

If a fuse opens or circuit breaker is tripped, be sure to investigate the cause before replacing the fuse or resetting the breaker. If necessary, call a qualified electrician to investigate the cause



Warning sign: A tingling sensation when you touch an electrical appliance or other metal objects

Getting a shock when you touch appliances in your house can indicate a more serious problem. Be sure to unplug the appliance and discontinue use.



Warning sign: Discolored or warm wall outlets, or Sparks from an outlet

This can indicate arcing, smoldering, burning happening behind your outlets, damaged or improperly installed wiring in the outlet, or a problem with the receptacle itself. Avoid using the outlet or switch and contact a qualified electrician as soon as possible.



Warning sign: A persistent burning smell coming from an appliance, room, or area

This can indicate that the appliance is overheating or malfunctioning. Unplug the appliance or turn off the circuit breaker.



Warning sign: Flickering or dimming lights

This sign could indicate a short in the wiring, dangerous arcing, or an over-extension of your home's electrical systems. Contact a qualified electrician to discuss potential reasons for this problem and to have an inspection completed.

Find out what Dan Doofus does wrong!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-wXyw0tvSA>

Disclaimer: These photos are situational. They are intended to describe a situation, not issues with the manufacturer of any product

NFPA Safety Information

Recreational Fire Regulations

Recreational Fires have become an important part of our outdoor experience. In order to ensure that these types of experiences can continue without creating a safety hazards or nuisance the recreational fire regulations listed below have been developed. Unfortunately the number of illegal recreational fires has been increasing each year. The District Chiefs from the Fire Department who respond to these calls are volunteers who leave their homes and businesses to ensure the safety of the residents. To curb the growing number of illegal recreational fires and to further eliminate potential safety hazards and nuisances strict enforcement of these regulations will begin immediately and violations will result in legal action through the municipal court system.

Open burning of lumber, pallets, wooden shingles, scrap wood, brush, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, cardboard, paper, garbage, and other similar items, is not permitted.

Recreational fires are permitted under the following conditions:

- Only natural firewood cut in short lengths less than two (2) feet may be burned. The fire must be contained in a manufactured freestanding fire pit or ring or pit not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter.
- All fire rings or pits must be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences. Manufactured freestanding fire pits must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet away from any structures or combustibles, such as houses, garages, sheds, wood piles and wooden fences.
- The fire must be constantly attended and supervised by an adult until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- A connected garden hose or other means to extinguish the fire must be readily available. The use of flammable or combustible liquid accelerants is not permitted.
- Recreational fires are not permitted on windy days when the smoke may create a nuisance for nearby neighbors.
- Recreational fires are not permitted on commercial or industrial sites, or sites with construction activities.
- Police and Fire Department officers are authorized to require that a recreational fire be immediately extinguished and discontinued if it is determined that the fire is not in compliance with the above rules, the smoke is offensive to nearby neighbors, or the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.

Contact the Fire Inspection Department at number listed below if you have questions regarding recreational fires. If you see fires that are clearly in violation of these requirements dial 911 and a Duty Chief will be dispatched to the scene.

[click here to print the regulations](#)

Thank you to Becky Booker of the SBM Fire Department for her continuous contributions to our newsletter!

<http://www.sbmfire.com/>



District 16 ECFE & Preschool Programs

www.springlakeparkschools.org/ecfe

Early Childhood office: 763-785-5560

For families with children ages birth-kindergarten

SUMMER 2009 ECFE - Early Childhood Family Education offers fun, educational and affordable family classes for babies, toddlers and preschool children. This summer (June 22-August 13), parents may choose from the following classes: Monday **Mixed Ages**, Tuesday **Mixed Ages**, Wednesday **Drop-In Playgroup**, Thursday **Infant Playtime**, Thursday **Toddler Playtime**. The two **Mixed Ages** classes offer parents a chance to play with their child/ren and a time to meet with other parents for discussion time. Registration will begin on **Monday May 4** at 8:30 a.m. for the **Mixed Ages** classes. You may register by calling 763-785-5560 or going on-line to www.springlakeparkcomservices.com. All other summer classes are non-separating and drop-in; no registration is necessary-just pay at the door. Full details about the District 16 ECFE program can be found at www.springlakeparkschools.com/ecfe.

Summer 2009 Preschool Classes - The summer semester will run from June 22-August 13; all classes will be held at Woodcrest in Fridley. Classes include: "Fun in the Sun Preschool", "Summer Kindergarten Readiness" and "Summer Preschool Partners". Call to check on availability.

2009-2010 Preschool Classes - Learn & Play Preschool classes will be held at both Woodcrest Elementary and at Northpoint Elementary (or a nearby location in Blaine). Preschool Partners will be at Woodcrest only. There is sliding fee scale assistance available for all Preschool classes.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING is a FREE, careful review and check of your child's (age 3-5 years) health, well-being and development. Together, parents and professionals identify strengths and areas that may require special attention before your child enters school. The best age for screening is just before the child's fourth birthday. The State of Minnesota *requires* Early Childhood Screening before kindergarten entrance. District 16 has five more days of screening before the 2009-10 school year begins in September. For more information, or to schedule an appointment for your child please call Maggie at 763-785-5560.

Early Years are Learning Years



Soccer Anyone??

I would like to put together a team for Adult Coed soccer:

http://www.nscsports.org/sports/soccer/leagues/adult_summer/index.htm

It will be roughly \$50/person. All games are Sunday nights during the summer at the Blaine National Sports Center.

Please contact Carlos Mostek at 612-247-6537 if you are interested. We need to have the team put together by May 15th, 2009.

Thanks!
Carlos

Looking for something to do this summer?

The Blaine Parks and Recreation Department offers many great programs, check out their website at: www.blaineparks.com

Street Light Outage

The City of Blaine has streetlight maintenance contracts with the electric utility company that serves your neighborhood. If you have a streetlight that is not working, you can contact your electric company directly. Connexus Energy's number is 763-323-2650 and Xcel Energy's number is 1-800-895-4999. Please note that you may be asked to provide a pole number to assist in accurate identification.

The Anoka Hennepin School District's ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) program offers classes, special events and home visits for parents with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten. A sliding fee scale is available. New classes begin in late January. For more information, call 763-506-1275 or visit our Web Site at www.anoka.k12.mn.us/ce.

Interested in Advertising in The Lakes Newsletter?

Persons wishing to advertise their businesses or services in The Lakes Newsletter may now do so (we will have one page for Lakes residents and one page for non-Lakes residents). Advertising is free. We only ask that a discount or special promotion be offered to The Lakes residents in exchange for the free advertising. Advertisements not offering promotions or discounts will not be placed in the newsletter.

Ad sizes will be predicated on the amount of submissions we receive. All new advertising submissions must be received by the 20th of the month.

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Community Bulletin Board

<u>Help Wanted</u>	<u>GARAGE SALES</u>	<u>For Sale</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
<p>"Supervisors, Weight Loss Challenge Coaches, and Referral Coordinators Needed for The Daily Shake -- Nutrition Club. For more information call Trisha at: 651-983-6251 or email: thedailyshakeblaine@hotmail.com"</p> <p><u>Services</u></p> <p>Piano Lessons: Call Sara @ 651-235-6290</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE: May 8 and 9th from 8am-3pm at 12036 Waconia Circle. Lots of furniture, a boys bike (GIANT brand), boys and girl's clothes (sizes 8-16), many household items and toys.</p> <p>MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale Eastwoods of The Lakes- 3232 119th Avenue NE Tons of children clothes- Girls 0-4T and Boys 0-6X, Lots of Toys, Games, High Chair, Swing, Crib, Stoller, Pictures, Household Items, Hutch and Buffet, Dresser, Nightstand. Come check it out! Open: Thursday May 7th- 8 AM-5PM Friday May 8th- 8AM-5PM Saturday May 9th- 8AM-12PM</p> <p>HUGE GARAGE SALE (KIDS AND ADULT CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CRAFTS, TOYS ETC...)</p> <p><u>WHEN:</u> WEDS MAY 13TH 3 P.M. - 7 P.M. THURS MAY 14TH 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. FRIDAY MAY 15TH 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.</p> <p><u>WHERE:</u> 11399 ARNOLD PALMER DRIVE BLAINE, MN</p>	<p>FOR SALE: Hot Tub, 2002 Beachcomber, 6 person, 350 gal., 19 jets, w/built in stereo/CD player. Exc. cond., \$3,000. Call Steve at 763-208-6683 or 763-226-4634</p> <p>FOR SALE: Pier One rustic wooden room divider \$150.00 Pier One rustic wooden coffee table-like new \$150.00 large woven light blue floor rug \$75.00 If interested, call at 763-208-9749 or e-mail at lkdm@comcast.net</p>	<p>WANTED: Spring cleaning is about to begin and I am looking for DONATIONS for a LARGE garage sale to be held June 10th through the 14th for a non-profit organization, Vail Place http://www.vailplace.org/ This organization helps adults recovering from mental illness integrate back into the community. Misc. items of all kinds in good condition, electronics in working condition, household items, toys, games, puzzles, etc. no clothing please. I will pick up at your home. Call Theresa at 763-208-6683 or 763-226-4635.</p> <p>CARPOOL: Looking to connect with other DaVinci Academy parents for carpooling. Email Colleen: Colleen.Fodness@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US</p> <p>WANTED: Looking to buy a newer Premier Pontoon, 16 or 18 foot, please call Ryan at 763-565-6477</p> <p>WANTED: Recumbent Exercise bike (chair-like seat, with back rest) Recommended by Physical therapist for rehabilitation. Jennifer.Dierkhising@WellsFargo.com</p>

If you have anything you'd like to add to the bulletin board please call or email Lisa Althoff at 763-786-0902 or twinsandjl@msn.com. The bulletin board can be used for help wanted, babysitter needed, garage sales, items for sale, etc.