



# LAKEBRIDGE ASSOCIATION NO. 4



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## NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the meeting room of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7600 Cahill.

## PROOF OF INSURANCE DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Remember to get your proof of insurance to Mertz Hebert as soon as possible. You may also mail it to the Association's address or include it when you send in your association's dues. If you have questions about this, please contact Mertz at the number below. If you have not responded with your proof of insurance, she will be contacting you in the near future.

## USE RECEPTACLES FOR CIGARETTE BUTTS

Please do not throw your cigarette butts on the ground, but put in a receptacle inside your fenced area. Homeowners that walk their pets have a challenge of keeping their pets from trying to pick them up.

"What happens after that butt gets casually flicked onto the street, nature trail, or beach? Typically wind and rain carry the cigarette into the water supply, where the toxic chemicals the cigarette filter was designed to trap leak out into aquatic ecosystems, threatening the quality of the water and many aquatic lifeforms. Cigarette butts may seem small, but with several trillion butts littered every year, the toxic chemicals add up! The biggest myth is that cigarette filters are biodegradable. In fact, cigarette butts are not biodegradable in the sense that most people think of the word. The acetate (plastic) filters can take many years to decompose. Smokers may not realize that their actions have such a lasting, negative impact on the environment."

Reference: [www.cigarettelitter.org](http://www.cigarettelitter.org)

## LAKESHORE RESTORATION

The shoreline protection installer is responsible for maintenance this summer and the summer of 2011. The fences will stay up to prevent the geese from destroying the plants. When the plants gain a firm root system, then the fences will come down. Work on the project will involve cutting back the plants a couple of times, possibly before they all get to bloom to help them get established. In the future, there will be some weed kill needed and eventually a burn may be suggested.

Following is information from the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District on the Bohrer Pond Project:

**Project:** Stabilize erosion on shoreline and install 1,300 feet of native plant filter buffer (25 feet average buffer width) along south shore of Bohrer Pond (DNR 19-34P). Native grasses and forbs were seeded throughout the project and supplemented with live seedlings and shrubs. Two years of maintenance are included in the project with subsequent maintenance to be completed by the homeowner associations.

**Benefits:** Reduced erosion and sedimentation; Vegetative filter buffer to improve water

**Funding:** Final project cost: \$45,320; State Funding: \$33,990 (75%); City of Inver Grove Heights: \$11,330 (25%)

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