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or concerns, just email
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share your thoughts.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

As the first day of spring approaches, I'm sure we're all looking forward to getting outdoors and working on our yards and gardens and just enjoying the springtime beauty of the lake.

Our community is also coming alive with more and more residents looking for ways to get involved that benefit the lake and our community. You can check out the list of activities the Community Involvement Committee is planning for the coming year in this newsletter.

Also, our first Community Garden is underway. The garden will be located on a plot of ground near the Pavilion. To keep the costs down, the Committee has put together a wish list of items that are needed. If you happen to have any extra garden tools or supplies you'd be willing to donate, please email OrchidLake1@gmail.com.

WISH LIST

Seeds	Seed Planting Trays	Potting Soil
Hoe	Black Plastic Sheeting	Buckets
Watering Can	Garden Shears	Straw
Manure	Shovel/Spade	Top Soil
Mulch	Galvanized Landscape Stakes	Rake
Deer Fencing	Black Bamboo Stakes	Tunnel Plant Arch
Hoe	Fiskars Garden Knife	Rake

Finally, as you all know, our roads were hard hit by the weather we experienced this winter, and we're always looking for volunteers who are willing to help with the ongoing maintenance. If you're willing to lend some time – even an hour can make a difference – please text Brian Steele at 804.402.8747.

See you around the Lake,
Debbie Blanchard, President

Bi-Annual Lot Owners Meeting, Workday and Potluck

WHEN: April 30, 2022

WHERE: OLE Pavilion

10:00 a.m. – **Workday**

12:00 Noon – **Potluck**

1:00 p.m. – **Lot Owners Meeting**

Details on the Workday, Potluck and Lot Owners Meeting will be posted on the website – www.orchidlake.net and in upcoming newsletters.

Hope to see you there!



The speed limit on all roads at the lake is 15 MPH. Following the speed limit helps

keep road repairs to a minimum and also ensures the safety of our residents.

Annual Dues Notices have been sent out to all residents and lot owners. If you have problems paying your dues, please email OrchidLake1@gmail.com for information on how to set up a payment plan.

Membership cards will be **BLUE** this year. Once you receive your 2022 membership cards, please dispose of the old cards.

The **Community Involvement Committee (CIC)** is busy planning events for our community to be held during the coming year. Below is a tentative list of events. Dates and times will be posted on our website at www.orchidlake.net.

April	4/30 – Workday, Potluck and Lot Owners Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Workday Noon – Potluck 1:00 p.m. – Lot Owners Meeting
May	CPR Training / Community Garden Seed Planting
June	Talk on Bee Keeping / Honey Tasting
July	4 th of July Celebration
August	TBD
September	Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Presentation
October	OLE 60 th Anniversary Party Workday, Potluck and Lot Owners Meeting
November	Harvest Festival
December	Tree Lighting / Cookie Swap

UPDATE: TRAPPING AT THE LAKE

Trapping at the lake has been completed. A total of three muskrats were removed and no additional signs of muskrat activity have been observed. The muskrat burrows were filled in with gravel. If you notice any activity around the burrows, please email OrchidLake1@gmail.com. All traps have been removed and activities around the lake can resume as usual.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We're always looking for volunteers to help with events and projects around the lake. If you have an interest in supporting your community, or have a special talent you'd like to share, please email OrchidLake1@gmail.com with your name and area of interest. Thank you!