



Newsletter Distribution

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Lake Erie Shores Management Company Change – by Jim Sorenson

As of June 1, the Lake Erie Shores management company will change and will no longer be Barnett Management. Our new management company will be as follows:

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Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee

The morning of Saturday, May 9th at 9:30, a group of volunteers met at the Pebble Beach Park pavilion to begin the clean-up of the streams. This year, the Landscaping and Beautification Committee decided to take on the challenge with the ultimate goal of providing this much needed service at a significant savings (over \$3,000) to the Association. Not only did their work save us money but they did an incredible job cleaning it up! We were completely finished by 12:30 and met back at the pavilion for lunch and sharing of stories.

This entire evolution took less than three hours but not before four truck loads of brush was hauled off to the Painesville Township dump on Post Road. Unfortunately, we had a large amount of actual GARBAGE that was pulled out of the stream areas as well. We found discarded carpet, a children's play tent, tires and other items that didn't just get blown back there. Most disappointing of all were the many piles of grass clipping and yard waste dumped along the stream banks as well.

We can't stress enough how important it is that we all take ownership of these streams and ensure that they

remain clear year round. For those of us that lived here during the last major storm, we remember clearly how the streams were overflowing the banks; we are trying to ensure that if another storm of that caliber hits us, we are prepared. This will only be the case if everyone takes ownership as responsible neighbors. Remember, the flooding of a basement you prevent may very well be your own.

We will repeat this cleanup again in the fall and hope to see a few more faces helping out. If we do, I know we can finish in less time. I extend a sincere THANK YOU to all those that helped but specifically to Dave Spall, Derek Poindexter, and Judy Cogan for all their pre-planning and leadership that morning.

The following Saturday brought out another group volunteers for the Beach Cleanup, headed up once again by Jon Adkins of the Recreation Committee. Jon tells me they were completely finished within 2 hours and that we had a real nice turnout. THANK YOU to all those that helped out as well!

On June 27th we have our next big volunteer event. On that morning, in preparation for the July 4th festivities, we will be staining the pavilions at both parks, all the picnic tables along with the shed. It can only get completed with your help so if possible, please donate a few hours of your time and meet some of your neighbors in the process. Hope to see you there.

Until next month, please be safe and know that if you have any concerns, questions or ideas, please contact me at home 350-1640 or via email (avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net). See you in the neighborhood.

All great change in America begins at the dinner table. ~Ronald Reagan

Welcoming Committee – by Jen Segulin

This is a brief update on the Welcoming Committee. It was decided at the annual homeowners meeting that we no longer are in need of a full welcoming committee for the development due to both the drop in new move-ins as well as budget constraints this year. Therefore, we have decided that I will continue to answer any welcoming questions that are asked through the website and we will develop a 1 page flyer that will be put in new home owners paper boxes to welcome them and direct them to our website for any other needed info. If anyone has any input or questions about this



just click on Welcoming Committee on the lakeerishores.com website and I will get back to you.

Recreation Committee – by Jon Adkins

The Recreation Committee continues to plan for the upcoming Fourth of July neighborhood gathering. Several dozen people responded to our on-line survey at www.lakeerishores.com. Information for the event will be posted on-line as well as the bulletin boards at both the beach and playground pavilions. Anyone that has any additional ideas or suggestions can contact us directly by using the "contact us" link on the website.

We'd also like to thank the group of volunteers who came out and helped with the annual beach clean-up. Even with the water levels so high we were able to clean up a lot of the debris and drift wood left behind from the winter. Please help keep the beach clean by picking up after yourself. If you see someone else leaving trash, remind them to pick it up, and if you don't think someone belongs on the beach you have the right to ask for proof of residency. The Lake County Sheriff has told us they have no problem making non residents leave, and you can call them any time. Following the beach clean-up the stairs were repainted. We also painted over damage from a fire that was built on the bottom landing.

Please continue to watch the website and message boards for upcoming events, and let us know if you would be interested in joining the committee. The more resident involvement we get the better we can all make Lake Erie Shores.

Volunteer Coordinator – by Paula Haumesser

Thank you to those that met the call for our "spring clean" jobs list e-mailed to the Volunteer Group. Mary Papadopoulos and Cindy Nalepka have offered to walk flyers, monthly newsletters, etc. around the development. Thank you to Cindy Nalepka who has offered to help keep the dog bag holders filled with bags. If you are a pet owner, please be aware that the bag holders will be installed by end of May to one of the already existing poles. One will be at the park pavilion; one at the beach pavilion.

Surveys – we are about half way complete! Remember, until we hear from you, we have to make copies and walk newsletters and other Homeowner's information to you. For the month of June, we will include a copy of the survey with your newsletter. If you receive your newsletter through your paper box, PLEASE take a few minutes to complete the hard copy survey or go to the Survey Monkey link on the Lake



Erie Shores website. Help us cut down on copy costs; let us hear from you.

E-mail alert trigger – All those that responded to the survey that they will receive information through the website rather than hard copy, also advised they wanted an e-mail alert when new information was posted. Please be advised that the e-mail alert trigger is up and running. Thanks for your input.

Paint – thank you to the Recreation Committee for painting the two beach areas this past weekend. If other paint jobs present themselves, an e-mail will be sent to the volunteer group.

Rakers – I am still looking for 1-2 people to help with occasional raking at the park. A thatch rake works well. No set time; just rake when you see the need. Let me know if you are interested.

Corn hole games – did you know that there are two Lake Erie Shores corn hole games for your use in the playground shed? If you are having a party at either pavilion and are interested in using these games at your event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator through the Lake Erie Shores website link at least 72 hours in advance and we will make them available for you and your guests.

And finally, it's beginning to look a lot like summer! Walkers, joggers, dogs, kids, bikes, deer – you name it, it's out enjoying the summer! PLEASE remember to adhere to the posted speed limit signs – 25 mph on Lake Rd. as well as all streets within the development; 40 mph on Bacon Rd. Have a safe and happy summer! Enjoy all the great amenities are community has to offer!

Landscaping Committee - by David Spall

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE STREAM CLEAN-UP.

We removed many bags of trash & wood from the streams and also freed up 4 areas that were blocked. The clean-up Job was completed in 4 hours with everyone's help.



There are 3 areas of concerns to go over with Matt Scharver (Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District). We ask every home Owner not to put YARD WASTE in the stream area or dry basins.

We will have a contract for the cutting of the dry Basins to start in June. Looking Ahead:

June Work Project: Staining – Saturday June 27, 2009

Playground Pavilion, tables & shed

Lake Pavilion & tables

Start @ 9:00 am – Lunch provided

The Pavilions (Playground & Lake) are reserved for June 27 & 28, one day to Stain & one day for the Tables to dry. Please come and help make our association look its best!

Next Landscaping Committee Meeting is June 2, 2009 (1534 Clipper Cove at 7:00 pm).

Stream Clean-up by Eric Wright

With an outstanding volunteer turnout, the Lake Erie Shores Landscaping Committee held the first of its bi annual stream cleanups on Saturday May 9th. Approximately twelve residents gathered at the park pavilion around 9am where garbage bags and gardening gloves were handed out. The group then split in two with one working south of Lake Rd and the other moving north of where McKinley Creek meets Pebble Beach Cove. After meeting in the middle and some quick hard work, the group then continued north of Lake Rd and finished up amazingly within only 3 hours. Along the way both man made and natural debris was taken away with the main focus of the cleanup to allow for a freer flow of the stream on its way to Lake Erie. While in the past this was a hired out activity, LES volunteers saved the association around \$3,000 with their "Do It Yourself" spirit. Keep a lookout in the next few newsletters for a scheduled time and date for the Fall cleanup.



Now might be the time to remodel – by Mark Koestner

While the current housing market has many of us homeowners concerned about our property values, it is apparently also worrying people about something else: home remodeling projects.

The "Spring 2009 Remodeling Sentiment Report," a semi-annual survey of 5,000 U.S. homeowners, revealed that homeowners were four times less likely to start remodeling projects in 2009 than they were two years ago.

According to the report, released by the industry group RemodelOrMove.com, three times as many homeowners than in 2007 say that the economy is affecting their remodeling plans.

On the surface, that makes sense. Home owners watching their equity dwindle would naturally be less inclined to sink more money into their investment. And with financing harder to come by these days, there isn't as much funding for such projects as there was when the market was sailing along.

The good news is that now might be the best time in years to start a home remodeling project.



With home-building down severely, more labor and materials are available than a couple of years ago, which has driven down the costs of some projects.

The Associated General Contractors of America predicts that plywood and lumber costs could drop as much as 7 percent this year compared to last. Plumbing jobs could be affected by a predicted 24-percent drop in copper prices, the AGCA says. Overall, the group is predicting a continued softening of construction costs throughout the year.

And aside from cost savings, keep in mind that with contractors less busy in this economy, scheduling your project and shortening your project time are real possibilities.

Also remember that in a declining market, home improvements are a good way to protect your home's value and separate it from other homes on the market should you decide to sell.

If you've been thinking about an upcoming home remodeling project, now might be the time to start getting quotes.

Yard Waste Drop-off – by Jim Sorenson

Yard waste can be taken to the Painesville Township Road Service Garage on Wednesday's [730 AM to 300 PM] and Saturday's [1000 AM to 200 PM]. The location is 558 Fairport Nursery Rd and hours of operation were taken from the latest Township newsletter.

Painesville Township Recycling – by Jim Sorenson

The Township currently offers three recycling drop-off locations: (1) Fire Station #1 – 55 Nye Rd, (2) Recycling Center – 141 Bowhall Rd and (3) Near the Service Garage on Post Rd. There are containers for: (1) paper and (2) "everything else."

SUMMER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

It is time again for the household hazardous waste collection and this year it will take place Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Lake County Fairgrounds. This is a great way to appropriately dispose of household waste/chemicals such as mineral spirits, oil, gas, etc.



Recycling Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL's) – by Jim Sorenson

Did you know that compact fluorescent lights [CFL's] contain mercury, a hazardous material, and they should not just be thrown in the trash. The Home Depot will apparently recycle your unbroken CFL's appropriately for you, and the closest Home Depot is only about 13 minutes away at the Heisley Rd exit off of State Route 2.

Resident Articles Wanted

Thanks to the few residents who have already submitted articles to the Lake Erie Shores newsletter. We would like to have more written article input from residents in future issues. Please submit your ideas to newsletter@lakeereshores.net – articles must be received by the 20th of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter: July 2009 articles must be received by June 20.

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