



The Corner of Bacon and Lake Roads – by Mary Jo Nosse

Have you ever noticed the trees and concrete posts in of the factory at the corner of Bacon and Lake Roads? I have often wondered about that site and decided to do a little research. Here is what I found...

Industrial Rayon Memorial Grounds: The area just over the railroad tracks on Bacon Road is actually the Industrial Rayon Memorial Grounds. According to the Lake County Genealogical Society, Industrial Rayon Corporation originally occupied this land and planted an oak tree for each of their employees who were killed in World War II and Korea. Each tree has a bronze plaque on a concrete post. In the center of the row, there is a large granite rock cut and polished with the names of all those memorialized.

Brief History of Industrial Rayon: The Industrial Rayon Corporation announced in 1936 the building of a manufacturing plant on the 407-acre tract of land on the lakefront. When it opened, the plant employed between 800 and 900 to manufacture approximately 12,500,000 million pounds of rayon. Rayon, the world's first synthetic fiber, was used in items ranging from undergarments to tires. In the 1950s, it was the second largest employer in Lake County with 2,500 workers. Following the war, the demand for rayon fell and the company was sold. The plant closed in 1981 and the manufacturing equipment was sold.

PET Processors: Today, this property is the headquarters for PET Processors L.L.C, a privately held company with expertise in polymer processing. The company works with PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) plastic pellets for their customers. In the 1980s, PET was used in rail cars and in the 1990s, it was used when there was a demand for clear plastic bottles. In the 21st century, PET Processors offers specialized services for polymer producers.

Take a Walk: Take some time to walk down Lake Road and check out the memorial area. The names of the employees are there for you to see. If you walk on a little further, you can see what remains of light posts that lined the circular driveway which lead to the old offices years ago.

Writer's Note: This information was compiled using the Lake County Genealogical Society, *The Cleveland Press* archives, *The Telegraph* archive and www.PETUS.com.

Water Levels – by Doug Smith

There is no pleasant explanation of Lake Erie Shores' tiny beach throughout the summer of 2009. The high water levels of Lake Erie are a direct result of water run-off, primarily localized to the Lake Erie basin, itself, and not directly related to water levels at other Great Lakes.

In fact, the four Great Lakes to the northwest -- Lakes Superior, St. Clair, Michigan and Huron -- all have water levels that are lower than average. Their levels have been lower than normal throughout all of 2009. Only Lakes Erie and Ontario are deeper than their averages. Lake Erie continues to be about four inches deeper than average, even as it begins its annual water level decline.

That decline that will continue to the lake's lowest levels during December and January. Even then, projections from the US Army Corps of Engineers is that water levels will remain higher during the winter than last year. If rain and snow run-off return to their average, then the lake levels would follow and return to average. And for Lake Erie Shore, "average levels" would mean the return of what has been a very nice little beach.

For Lake Erie Shores homeowners who want to explore the topic of lake water levels, best and most current Lake Erie information is at the Army Corps of Engineers' website.

<http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/greatlakes/hh/greatlakeswaterlevels/waterlevelforecasts/weeklygreatlakeswaterlevels/>

Yard Waste Drop-off

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

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.”

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.

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