



### **Bad People – by Jim Sorenson**

A fellow LES resident informed my wife about a very disturbing incidence that occurred during the week of March 22 on Outrigger and we wanted to share it.

A white male in his thirties was driving an older van with no windows. He pulled into a driveway, across the sidewalk, as a young girl was walking a dog, stated that he could show her how to walk the dog properly and grabbed the leash. Luckily a neighbor noticed the odd situation, took action and called out to the girl while still in their home. As the neighbor moved from their upstairs to go outside – while in the midst of dialing 911 – the van sped away and no license plate information was obtained.

I doubt that this all could have all taken place in less than a few minutes. Things like this happen around us. I like to think that most people are good, but there are some bad people in this world that do very bad things.

Be aware that this stuff happens everywhere – including in our neighborhood. We cannot control who comes in and out of our neighborhood. Control what you can, protect your family as best that you can and help your neighbors & friends in situations like this.

### **HOA Meeting**

There were not enough proxies and people at the March meeting to fulfill a quorum. **The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 7 PM at the Painesville Twp Park located at 1025 Hardy Road.** Sign in will begin at 6:30 PM.

Please submit your proxies ASAP in order to achieve a quorum at the Annual Meeting. The proxy form is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the following at First Realty Property Management: Bob Guarino at (440) 720-0142 or Ginny Nichols at (440) 720-0141.

### **Leukemia: How Can You Help – by Jim Sorenson**

We lost our 2 year old nephew, Carter Nedley, to Leukemia in February. Half of Carter's short life was spent fighting Leukemia but he was not able to overcome it. Although Carter was only with us for 2 short years, he has motivated many people to do great things and his story was reported throughout the world. Carter's parents have started a foundation [www.CarterNedley.org] to continue Carter's positive effect on people.

A few things that you can do to help people with Leukemia are as follows: (1) Donate blood - this is free, (2) Become a registered bone marrow donor - there are usually no-cost-to-you drives in large metro areas, (3) Join the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - they have sponsored events like triathlons, marathons, 1/2 marathons, 10k's, 5k's, etc. and (4) Donate money.

Here are some useful web sites:

- www.curesearch.org [children's cancer organization]
- www.marlow.org [national bone marrow registry]
- www.redcross.org [Red Cross]. There are usually 1 or more blood drives every week in Lake County.

- rmhc.org [Ronald McDonald House - housing for families at children's hospitals]

My family is already involved in several charitable activities and we wish to continue our involvement in the spirit of our beloved nephew Carter.

### **Check before You Build – from the Kaman & Cusimano, LLC web site (<http://www.ohiocondolaw.com>)**

Porches, decks, landscape water falls, path lighting, window sheds, swimming pools, skylights, mailboxes, exterior light fixtures, hot tubs, and additions costing in the tens of thousands of dollars all have one thing in common. Each and every one has been installed in contradiction to an association's governing documents and each and every one was subsequently removed.

Association living is a choice that purchasers make. When an owner chooses association living, they are also choosing a lifestyle where individual desires must give way to community restrictions. Most associations have a restriction prohibiting any modification to the exterior of the home unless prior written approval of the board is obtained.

Before starting construction, put your intention in writing to your association's board and obtain written approval. Better to get prior approval than to waste hundreds or thousands of dollars installing and then removing an item. In the Georgetown Arms v. Super case, the Ohio Appeals Court stated that "individual owners cannot be permitted to disrupt the integrity of the common scheme through their desire for change."

### **Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee**

We held our annual meeting on March 18th at the Metroparks Pavilion on Hardy Road, however per the requirements of our Code of Regulations, we failed to have a quorum present (minimum 50% of membership represented either physically or via proxy) so we were forced to suspend the meeting. We have gone ahead and scheduled another for Wednesday April 21st at 7 PM, once again to be held at the Metroparks Painesville Township Park building on Hardy Road.

Unfortunately, the low turnout at our first meeting means the rescheduled one will unnecessarily cost us additional monies (~\$400) as we must once again mail our entire membership notification and provide for hall rental. We considered holding the meeting at our park but if the weather doesn't cooperate we would once again have to reschedule and absorb even more costs.

If you were present at the meeting on March 18 or represented by proxy, you do not need to take any additional action. However, if you did not attend the March 18th meeting or did not send in your proxy to First Realty, please complete the proxy mailed to you and send it in as soon as possible, or plan to attend the rescheduled meeting on April 21, 2010.

Although we weren't able to conduct business or elect a new trustee at the March 18th meeting, we were able to hold discussions with the residents and introduce our management company personnel to those present. At the April 21st meeting, the trustee seat currently held by Michael DiSanto will be open for election. Michael has the option of running for his seat again if he

so chooses but regardless the seat is open and an election will take place. If you would like to run for the seat and serve your community, please consider throwing your name in the hat. The commitment is not extensive but does require some time and a dedication to serve your neighbors. We hope you'll consider.

Expenses for February totaled \$6,741.75. This amount was greatly comprised of our annual insurance payment along with closure of several legal bills for past actions. Year to date our expenses have slightly exceeded \$9,000 of a \$131,000 budget but our largest expenditure months are coming just around the corner when the weather breaks so things will balance out in the coming months.

I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with you at our Annual Meeting. If you can't make it, you can always reach me via email at [avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net) or at home 350-1640.

*It is a good thing to be rich and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be loved by many friends.*

*Euripides ~ (480-406 B.C., Greek Philosopher)*

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### **Cleveland Marathon vents May 15 &16 – by Jim Sorenson**

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I am participating in the 2010 Cleveland Marathon Weekend events along with other family members. Note that I said the "weekend events" and not "I am running a marathon".

I received my 2010 5k registration and our son's Kids Fun Run registration as a birthday gift (thanks Honey!). And then we had more family members jump on board, but with the 10k event. Thus, I am going to sign up for the Sunday 10k event too.

I am not sure if my body can take a 5k on Saturday and a 10k on Sunday at my *blistering* full blown race pace (not) but I still have 7 weeks or so to train. All of the friendly inter-family trash talk should start escalating here pretty soon.

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### **Swim, Bike & Run for Fun – by Jim Sorenson**

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Sunny days will be here soon enough and it is time again for another season of triathlons where people swim, bike and run .... for fun of course. Here is what I know so far:

1. Sunday, July 25: Triathlon at Fairport Harbor Beach. [[http://www.lakemetroparks.com/programs/Triathlon\\_Kayak-Triathlon.shtml](http://www.lakemetroparks.com/programs/Triathlon_Kayak-Triathlon.shtml)]
2. Sunday, August 8: 2010 Greater Cleveland Triathlon at Headlands State Beach in Mentor [<http://www.ncmultisports.com/gct.html>]
3. Sunday, August 8: 2010 Cleveland Triathlon held in the downtown Cleveland area [<http://www.pacificsportsllc.com/cleveland-tri-event-info/>]

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### **Painesville Township Recycling**

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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."

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### **Resident Articles Wanted**

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Thanks to the few residents who have already submitted articles to the Lake Erie Shores newsletter. We would like to have more written articles from residents in future issues. Please submit your ideas to [newsletter@lakeerieshores.net](mailto:newsletter@lakeerieshores.net) – articles should be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.

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# LAKE ERIE SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 25, 2010

## **NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING**

As many of you are aware, the Association held its Annual Meeting on March 18, 2010 at Painesville Township Park. Unfortunately, at that meeting, the Association was unable to establish a quorum of the membership and, as such, could not conduct the Annual Meeting, conduct Association business, or hold an election of Trustees. Therefore, the meeting was suspended until such time as a proper quorum is achieved.

The Association's governing documents require that a quorum of one-half of the voting power (i.e. 216 households) be present at the meeting or represented by proxy in order to properly conduct the Annual Meeting. To date, 154 households were present and/or represented by proxy. In order to establish the proper quorum, we need to have an additional 62 households present at the rescheduled meeting or represented by proxy to meet the required quorum number of 216 households.

It is very important that the Association conduct its Annual Meeting as soon as possible. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has agreed to reconvene the Annual Meeting on **April 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Painesville Twp. Park. Sign-in will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

If you were present at the meeting on March 18 or represented by proxy, you do not need to take any additional action. However, if you did not attend the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting or did not send in your proxy to First Realty, please complete the enclosed proxy and send it in as soon as possible, or plan to attend the rescheduled meeting on **April 21, 2010**. Each time the Annual Meeting is rescheduled, the Association incurs significant costs for postage, copying, hall rental, etc.

If you previously sent in your proxy, it will remain in effect for the rescheduled meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

LAKE ERIE SHORES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Board of Trustees

# PROXY

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, Owner(s) of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please print name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

of the Lake Erie Shores Homeowners Association, Inc., hereby authorize the Board, or \_\_\_\_\_ to cast my/our vote as my/our duly authorized representative at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Lake Erie Shores Homeowners Association, Inc.

**IF THE PERSON DESIGNATED AS PROXY DOES NOT ATTEND THE MEETING, THE PROXY MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A QUORUM.**

Signature of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THE PROXY EVEN IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MEETING**