

# Lake Erie Shores Newsletter May 2010

Paines ville Twp, OH



### LES Board Changes - by Jim Sorenson

LES resident David Spall was elected to the Board during the April HOA meeting. David's term is for 3 years, ending the day of the Board meeting in 2013.

The Board had their Organizational meeting following the Annual Meeting. Per the Code of Regulations, the election of the Officers is to be conducted annually at the Organizational Meeting, following the Annual Meeting. The officers are elected by the current Board members and they are as follows:

	<b>Current Poistions</b>	<b>Prior Positions</b>
President	Chuck Hillier	Michael DiSanto
Vice President	John Guinan	John Guinan
Treasurer/Secretary	David Spall	Chuck Hillier

### A Letter from Michael DiSanto

To the Trustees and Residents of Lake Erie Shores:

It has been my privilege to be the developer and have the capacity to serve as President of the Lake Erie Shores Homeowners Association ever since its formation well over eight years ago. Over the last eight years, since Lake Erie Shores and North Shore Estates were created, these communities have proven to be an exciting and wonderful place to live and for which all residents can take credit. You have helped this area go from wilderness to one of the finest communities in Lake County.

I have had the honor of serving with Charles Hillier and John Guinan over the years and can say that I could not have asked for two more dedicated residents who have taken such a great interest in their community, making sure that all of the residents of Lake Erie Shores receive what they are entitled to — a neighborhood filled with excitement, creativity and amenities like no other. Everyone, including Chuck and John. are to be commended and I know that for many years to come, this community will stand out as one of the finest that make Lake County proud.

I am privileged to have been able to develop such a wonderful community for all the residents and certainly hope to continue to finish the remaining section over the next few years as the economy improves and still play a role in the continued success of Lake Erie Shores. I will continue to assist the Trustees and the Management Company on Architectural Review, making sure all Deed Restrictions are followed for all new construction as well as additions, sheds, etc.

I thank you for allowing me to be your President and helping in every way I could and wish our Trustees and new Board member continued success as well as all of the residents, continued enjoyment of the Lake Erie Shores community. I look forward to working with the Trustees in an advisory capacity as I am called upon and in helping in any way I can when needed.

Thank you again for many years of support and I apologize for not being able to attend the last meeting for the transition and election of the new Board member and wish that person as well as the current Trustees every success.

Michael DiSanto
President

### Motorcycle Track Days - by Jim Sorenson

Motorcycles rock! Is anyone interested in taking their motorcycle to a track day this year? Let me know [newsletter@lakeerieshores.net]. I just picked up a salvage titled bike and want to put it through its paces soon.



Track days can be a total blast. No cars, no speed limits, no police. Just fellow motorcyclists, all going in the same direction, with a common goal – having fun.

A local group [http://www.motoseries.com/] runs track

days and race events at Nelson Ledges Road Course [http://www.nelsonledges.com/] which is located 55 minutes from our neighborhood. Are you kiddin' me, that is practically in our back yard!

The same group also runs a few events at BeaveRun [http://www.beaverun.com/] which is less than 2 hours away from our neighborhood.

If you want to go to a track day, my suggestion is to do the minimum amount of work to meet their needs, and not because I am lazy. Rather, because jumping off the deep end with engine modifications, etc. will probably not make your smile any bigger, because riding just about any motorcycle on a track should be guaranteed fun!

### Dream House Rendition - by Jim Sorenson

The following picture is a rendition of the 2010 YMCA Dream Home. Thanks to Doug Smith for forwarding the drawing.



## Thanks for the Easter Egg Hunt – by Jim Sorenson

My wife and I would like to extend another big THANK YOU for everyone involved in making the LES Easter Egg Hunt possible. Once again our little guy had a total blast and I know that it takes a lot longer to implement this event than the 3 minutes that it takes for all of the children to gather all of the eggs.

The eggs with ribbons are a total bonus because the children get an "extra" prize above and beyond the candy in the eggs. If

> our son gets more than one of the ribbon eggs, we share the others with children who have gotten one. He has gone crazy each year over the prize that he gets.

My wife and I never had an experience like this children so again, THANK YOU to everyone

involved!

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### Deed U Know?

#### Article VII Section 1 – Trailers

No temporary buildings, trailer, recreation vehicle, garage, tent, shack, barn or any similar structure shall be used, temporarily or permanently, as a residence on any part of the Property at any time. Nor shall any temporary building, trailer, recreation vehicle, tent, shack, or barn be stored on the Property for more than seven (7) days, unless stored out of sight within the confines of a residence or garage.

#### Landscaper Works for Association - from the Kaman & Cusimano. LLC web site (http://www.ohiocondolaw.com)

While individual owners make up the association, it is important to realize that the landscaper works for the association, at the direction of its board, and not for individual owners. As we enter into the landscaping season, it is wise to remember that individual owners should not interfere or attempt to direct the landscaper's performance. Rather, if you see a problem, you should contact the association immediately.

In some communities, owners have stopped the landscaper so often during the day that performance time has almost doubled. As a result, these communities are now paying twice the price or, in the worst case, cannot get landscapers to bid their properties, all as

a result of well-intentioned owners.



Each year the association enters into a landscaping contract that contains very specific performance guidelines. If you see the landscaper skipping an aspect that you believe should be completed, or if you see poor performance, please

contact the association immediately and it, in turn, will deal with or correct the problem where appropriate. Finally, it is important to realize that the association entered into a "landscaping" agreement and not necessarily a "gardening" agreement. Specifications for flowers, mulch, weeding, etc., vary based upon the cost an association is able or willing to pay for these services. Owners having any landscaping suggestions, and definitely any concerns, should immediately take them up with the association, not the landscaper or its workers.

#### Save The Dates

Event: 1st Annual Adult Party

When: July 17th Time: 7 PM to 11 PM Where: Beach Pavilion Ages: 18 and Over Details to follow next month

Event: 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament

When: August 14th

Time: **TBA** 

Where: Pebble Beach Park/Pavilion

18 & Over Ages:

Details to follow next month



### Cleveland Marathon events May 15 &16 – by Jim Sorenson

I am signed up for 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 signed 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 (end sarcasm). All of the friendly inter-family trash talk should start escalating here with just a couple of weeks to go.

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

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\_Kay ak-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 [http://www.pacificsportsllc.com/cleveland-tri-event-info/]

#### David Spall - Volunteer Trustee

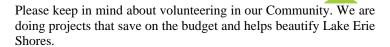
Volunteers Needed!!!

Yes, it's a new year of projects around Lake Erie Shores.

Save the Dates:

- Staining Bridges June 26, 2010
- Staining Split wood Fencing September 18, 2010
- Stream Clean-up October 23, 2010

We need more volunteers on these projects!!!



Please come and help make our association look its best!

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

Welcome to spring! I love this time of year, a new beginning to life all around, after a long cold dreary winter, hearing the birds chirping and insect noises is a welcome sound.

We will be conducting our Annual Beach Cleanup on Saturday May 22nd and we are in need of your help. The "Working Party" headed up by Jon Adkins and the rest of the Recreation Committee begins at 10 AM and is complete by 1 PM; the more help we get; the quicker it will be finished. You can help by carrying debris up the steps and out of the beach area. We have such a beautiful beach and anything we can do to clean it up in the spring really makes it better for us all summer long. Come on down lend a hand and meet some new friends and neighbors, you'll be glad you did.

I'm hopeful you noticed the main entry way to our development at Pebble Beach where for the second time in three years we had the main trees replaced. Several years ago, the six trees which border the entranceway (three trees each side) were replaced under warranty. This past year three more of the trees (on the west side) were identified as in need of replacement. The trees we replaced were Pin Oaks which are slow growing and average in height from 70 to 90 feet. They were replaced with Bradford Pear trees which have white ornamental flowers and bloom in early spring. These trees currently line Bacon Road beginning at "The Brooks" condominium complex, all along Lake Road and into our Playground Park so naturally we felt it would be a nice tie in to the development.

We made the change in trees because we've had both residents in the past who have questioned the tree selection in the first place and offer that if the opportunity every presented itself for an alternative that we should consider it. Well, we felt that opportunity knocked when three of the six trees were due to be replaced again under warranty, so we essentially only had to purchase three of them. The three good Pin Oaks that were removed from the entranceway were transplanted, two in the Pebble Beach Park area to provide a little shade and one in the open green area on the west side of Outrigger. We hope you like the new trees, approve of the new look entryway and both approve and understand our logic in making this decision.

We have some events taking place this summer that you are sure to enjoy. Of course we will have our Annual July 4th Celebration at the PB Park which has quickly turned into a family favorite. The Recreation Committee has truly done an incredible job with this event, those of you who have attended can surely attest to that but if you haven't gone yet, you really should make it a point to attend, and it's a terrific way to begin the day by celebrating the birthday of our great country with your neighbors.

We were approached by a group of homeowners who wanted to have something geared to the adults of the community. We told them to put a committee together and come up with a plan and we'll go from there. They ran with it and more details are to follow but for now, you can mark July 17th on your calendar to be the date of our First Annual Adult Party at the Beach Pavilion. For entertainment, we've booked a local band called Legacy (http://www.legacyohio.com/index.html) which predominantly plays dancing music and are sure to please all. As I said, more details and information will follow in the coming months.

The same group of homeowners who suggested the adult party also wanted to find a fun fundraiser to help offset costs for the party and last year they held the 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament. This year we are going to do it again but with some minor changes that we believe will speed up play and help things flow smoother. This event will occur in August but the date has yet to be determined; standby for more details in the coming months.

When writing my articles, I do my best to keep you informed of our finances. The more you know the better off we all are so please ask if you have any questions. I find it too often that people aren't aware of how much it truly costs to run our Association; there are a lot of expenses that most of us just take for granted. For example all the painting that was performed last year at both parks. It cost us roughly \$1,200 for all the supplies we purchased, yet had we not had volunteers who did this and instead contracted it out, we had estimates to do this same work wanting over \$8,000. Another terrific example of volunteers saving us all money AND doing a better job than would be done by contractors is the cleaning of our streams. The lowest price we received for two stream cleanups was \$3,300, yet our volunteers did the same work and better for only \$315. The beach cleanup has always been performed by volunteers so we don't have any estimates of what it would cost to contract that out but it surely wouldn't come cheap. If you can donate a few hours of your time this year at any one of these events we promise to put your valuable time to good use. If you know someone who helped, thank them, if you were one of our many volunteers, I THANK YOU!

Expenses for March totaled \$8,753.87. The greatest majority of those expenses (roughly \$4,500) were paid to Yardmaster to settle pending bills from 2009. The greatest majority of that payment had to do with the cleanup of our newest basin (Basin 6) located behind the homes on Outrigger near Pebble Beach. Not only did we have to have Basin 6 cleaned out but we also had to have Yardmaster physically remove the Cat Tails and Phragmites that grew wild and restricted water flow through the stream which exited the basin. The only way to clear the stream and allow for proper flow was to have all this wild growth physically removed.

To prevent this from happening again every year, we are going to have that stream area (and a few other locations in the development) chemically treated; this will become an ongoing maintenance effort that will reap benefits as time goes on and ultimately costing us less in annual maintenance upkeep expenses. We've contracted a company which specializes in this work and uses chemical treatments that are safe for the environment.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net or at home 350-1640.

"One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time" Andre Gide

#### John Guinan - Volunteer Trustee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael DiSanto for his vision and standards in creating Lake Erie Shores subdivision, truly a great place to live and raise a family. I would also like to thank him for his years of leadership and guidance as he served as Trustee and President of Lake Erie Shores Homeowners Association. Very few residents know or recognize what he has done and what he has meant to this development. From personal experience I can tell you that his presence will be missed immensely.

With the coming of the warm weather I want to remind everyone of a couple common courtesies; please drive slowly and watch out for children as there are a lot of children just learning to ride bikes as well as testing the boundary of the curb. If you walk your dog please be aware of any and all rules and courtesies, I can not think of anyone who enjoys seeing evidence that a dog has "been there" so please have some courtesy and pick up after your animals. We will be installing poles with bags for just that reason but by no means will they substitute for your obligation to bring your own should they be empty from time to time. Please take this opportunity of change in seasons to review the Deed Restrictions LESD has such as for rubbish, parking, blocking drives, and permitted vehicles on the property for example RV's, etc.

As is the case every year, I'm sure I will see most of you out and about this summer. This place really comes to life when the weather gets warm so get out and enjoy and meet your neighbors!

### 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."

### Yard Waste Drop-off

Yard waste can be taken to the Painesville Township Road Service Garage on Saturday's [1000 AM to 200 PM] and it should also be available on Wednesday's [730 AM to 300 PM] and. The location is 558 Fairport Nursery Rd.

#### 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 articles from residents in future issues. Please submit

your ideas to newsletter@lakeerieshores.net – articles should be received by the  $20^{\text{th}}$  of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.



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