



Rake it or Leave it! – by Lake County General Health District

Fall is here and most of us have begun the task of leaf removal from our lawns. Here are some quick solutions for how to dispose of your yard full of leaves:

Rake it! Follow the guidelines of your community for curb-site pick up. If you're asked to put leaves in the street, wait until just before collection day. Never rake them into or near storm drains, ditches, creeks or the river. Decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming stream inhabitants.



Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn.

Or, Rake it and Leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring.

SAVE THE DATE

Stream Clean Up
Saturday October 23, 2010



Upcoming Recycling Events – by Jim Sorenson

Phone Book Collection

September 17 to October 22, 2010
Wickliffe City Hall, Mentor Wal-Mart and Madison Giant Eagle.
Phone books only; no plastic bags

Household Hazardous Waste Collection ~

Saturday October 2, 2010
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Lake County Fairgrounds
Acceptable items: Household Cleaners & Solvents: Thinners, Kerosene, Turpentine, Lighter Fluid, Strippers, Automotive Fluids: Used Motor Oil, Gasoline, Coolants, Antifreeze, Grease, Oil-based Paints, Varnish, Shellacs, Stains, Aerosols, Polyurethanes, Primers, Grout, Liquid/Solid: Pool, Lawn & Garden Chemicals, Pesticides, Weed Killers, Spray Insecticides, Batteries - All Sizes (including lead acid & household), Fluorescent Bulbs, Photography, "Hobby" Chemicals, Mercury, Empty Propane Tanks, Roofing Tars, Drive Sealers.

No Radioactive (Smoke alarms), Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical Waste.

Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee

In late August we met with Reserve Advisors Inc, the consulting firm we hired to perform an analysis of all properties at LES and then determine the amount of financial resources we need to have put aside to maintain those properties. Under a recent state law (Ohio Revised Chapter 5312) that took effect on September 10th, all HOA's in the State must have an analysis performed and then fund the reserve amount as stated, OR annually pass a waiver notifying homeowners that it is not going to happen. We plan on meeting the first option and fund the reserve amount as it will be stated.

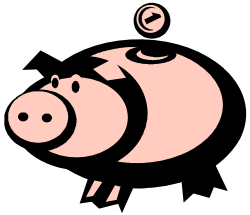
When we met with Reserve Advisors, we had options pertaining to future maintenance expenses (i.e. pavilion/bridge staining, parking lot seal coating), as to whether or not we wanted to include them into the Reserve Study. We chose to include those expenses in the Reserve Study so as to force current and future boards to annually fund those expenses, which ultimately will ensure the money is available when these maintenance expenses need to be performed. Had we chose to exclude those expenses from the report, our annual contributions to "The Reserves" would be less, but then future boards would be forced to deal with these large expenses in whichever year they came due. The concern with allowing that to happen, is that future boards may be hesitant when it comes to adjusting annual fees to fund these expensive maintenance items, or instead they may decide to just skip the maintenance for an additional year or more. Delaying preventative and predicative maintenance will surely end up costing more money in the long run. Like the old oil change commercial use to advertise, "you can pay me now or pay me later". If preventative maintenance is ignored it would be, "pay it now or pay much more later".



The report just came in at the time I am writing this newsletter and there are several corrections and/or adjustments that will need to be made to the study, but suffice it to say that we are right on track with where they state we need to be. Keep in mind, this report does not pertain to the \$250,000 Reserves for the beach property we are required to maintain per Township Resolution, instead it pertains to everywhere else in the Master Association. In that report, by the end of 2010 we are required to have \$81,593 total reserves but with us making our monthly deposits of \$844.75 to our reserve accounts, we will certainly achieve

that dollar amount. By the end of next year we are required to have \$90,400 total in Reserves after we perform crack and seal maintenance on all our asphalt surfaces which are estimated to exceed \$11,000.

Overall there is a lot of information to process and decisions to make but with this "Guide" we are much better prepared to make those decisions. We will share more information in the coming months as we work on the 2011 budgets and get more time to study this wealth of information.



For the month of August, our expenses totaled \$13,969.94. Of that amount, some of the more notable expenses we incurred were roughly \$2,391.25 in new signs, repairs of signs and installations of signs. Our water bill was \$848.07 bringing YTD expenses to \$1,207.54. For the year we budgeted \$3,000 so we are still within budget. We incurred engineering costs totaling \$2,420.50 for the preliminary design work for the Lake Road Walkway. We paid \$750 for treating wild growth in the streams and we paid \$1,119.13 for the third chemical lawn treatment this summer on our common areas.

We began the month with \$111,571.47 in our Checking Account and ended it with a balance of \$99,709.78. Year to date from our General Fund, we've deposited \$6,760.03 into our Reserve Accounts.

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

Why do some people always see beautiful skies and grass and lovely flowers and incredible human beings, while others are hard-pressed to find anything or any place that is beautiful? Leo Buscaglia ~

All Owners Pay For Vandalism – from the Kaman & Cusimano, LLC web site (<http://www.ohiocondolaw.com>)

Damage to association property costs all owners dearly. It is important to note that there is a huge difference between an accident and a malicious act of vandalism. Should you accidentally cause damage to association property or common elements, own up to the accident. Notify the association which will cause the repairs to be made and your account billed. Vandalism, on the other hand, is a cost assessed to all owners.

Vandalism may be writing on a door or ripping wallpaper off the wall. It may be yanking out association flowers or spray painting a sign. No matter what form vandalism takes, it is an unnecessary cost assessed to all owners. Remember, owners are also responsible for the acts of their guests.

Each year the board prepares a budget to address the anticipated expenses of the coming year. The budget includes costs for many items including personnel, routine repairs, contract services, and insurance. A budget does not

include the costs of intentional damage to association property or common elements.

Association property and common elements are an extension of our homes. Owners would not permit intentional damage to the inside of their homes to go unreported. Similarly, if an owner witnesses someone in the act of vandalism, please take the time to immediately call the police. A failure to call the police to report the vandalism results in all owners paying for the vandalism.

David Spall - Volunteer Trustee

A stream clean-up is scheduled for October 23. In an effort to keep the cost of maintaining the stream beds to a minimum, volunteers are being asked to help with the clean up effort.



We will meet at 9 a.m. at the playground Pavilion. Teams will be formed to cut out debris in the stream and carry debris/garbage from the banks.

Hand saws and wheel barrows are needed to help with the cutting and hauling of the debris.

A lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

To know approximately how many commitments we will have prior to Oct 23, please contact David Spall by email at davidspall@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 440-637-4559 if you will be able to help.

Your Homeowners Association needs your participation in the clean up effort. If you are able, please consider volunteering.

Wow! – A great job by all of our volunteers: who helped on the staining of the Split Wood Fencing on Lake Road. The section between Pebble Beach Cove to Outrigger Cove was completed.

Yes! – We worked hard to complete a lot of Staining in 3 hours with 6 volunteers and used 10 gallons of stain on that section.

Big Thank YOU to our volunteers!

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 [10:00 AM to 2:00 PM] and it should also be available on Wednesday's [7:30 AM to 3:00 PM]. 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@lakeereshores.net – articles should be received by the 20th of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.



2010 Indianapolis MotoGP – by Jim Sorenson

I have another item that I can check off of my list of things that I have done in life: I have attended a MotoGP race in person. After watching many MotoGP races on television, it was great to see one in person. As a recap, MotoGP is the highest level of motorcycle road racing in the world. MotoGP motorcycles are very loud and very fast!

On the way home from the race, my brother-in-law and I made preliminary plans to go to the MotoGP race at Laguna Seca Raceway (Monterey, CA) in 2011 – and we were talking about riding our motorcycles to the event.



Laguna Seca Raceway is only a few miles from Pebble Beach Resorts. Wow! I could ride 2,600 miles one-way to go from Pebble Beach Cove to Pebble Beach Resorts.

We have a few months to work on the details, and there would be lots of details.

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