

# Lake Erie Shores Newsletter November 2010

Paines ville Twp, Ohio



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

On Tuesday November 9th at 7 PM there will be a LES Homeowners Association Meeting to discuss the Basin Project that we have contracted with Cawrse and Associates. The meeting will take place at Riverside High School in the Lecture Room. All are welcome to attend, but this meeting will have specific importance to those whose properties abut the basins, as plans and options for Basins 4, 5 and 6 will be discussed.

As many of you are aware, Lake Erie Shores Homeowners Association is required to maintain the basins in our development to ensure they continue to function as designed. The past several years we have taken the path of cutting the basins regularly and keeping out all growth, minus of course grass. I learned earlier this year that the EPA actually encourages planting of trees and some plants in basins to help with drainage, so to finally resolve this issue, we hired a professional company that specializes in this sort of project. Instead of us continuing to struggle with basin maintenance and having it adversely affect our budgets on an annual basis, we have contracted with Cawrse and Associates to help us develop a plan that will be phased in over the coming years. In addition, they will supply us with maintenance plans and options for future improvements.

This will be the ONLY meeting we will have prior to Cawrse and Associates generating their plan, review and recommendations. This meeting is being held so any and all interested parties may come and listen to the professionals and some of the ideas they have to remedy our basin issues and offer feedback and ask questions. They will discuss the specifics of each basin as they have already begun the process. Please note that due to logistics and financial reasons, we will hold ONLY this meeting for all basins as opposed to three separate meeting for the three basins (Basins 4, 5 and 6) that are the scope of this project.

We sincerely hope you are able to attend.

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

It's mid-October as I'm writing this which means it's time to begin preparing budgets for next year. We have already gone out for bids on landscaping for 2011 so we can have more accurate numbers to work with and we've also requested bids on several other items that we anticipate expenses for next year. Further discussion on this entire topic will be in greater detail in next month's newsletter.

Earlier this year I was honored to be appointed to the Painesville Township Zoning Commission by the Township Trustees. Living in Lake Erie Shores (a Flexible Planned Unit Development or PUD for short) and serving as a trustee

here for the past number of years has helped me gain an insight into some "issues" we as PUD residents have with current township zoning regulations. One such regulation is the ten foot rear yard setback for accessory structures such as sheds. With some of the rear yards in Lake Erie Shores being so small (not uncommon for a rear year of 40 feet from the back of the house to the property line), the ten foot setback requirement often places the front entrance to sheds within twenty feet of the back of the home. As a Zoning Commission member I've pushed to bring this issue to light and I'm proud to say that at our October meeting we unanimously voted to reduce the setback from ten feet to three feet in PUD's. We still need to have a public meeting in November and the Township Trustees will still need to approve it but assuming they do, sheds will be able to be placed further back into the rear yards.

By now everyone has surely seen the new Lake Road Walkway which connects the sidewalk on Outrigger Cove to the one on Pebble Beach Cove. The other two trustees (John Guinan and David Spall) and I brought this item up for discussion at our end of summer association meeting held at the Beach Pavilion and we presented it to our Finance Committee who voted in the affirm that our current financial situation would afford construction of the sidewalk. Discussion of the walkway has occurred every year since 2006 and we are glad that we were finally able to have the necessary funding put aside to proceed. In the end, our bids came in under prior bids but most importantly of all is the fact we were able to completely connect both streets with CONCRETE sidewalks as opposed to asphalt as was originally spec'd out.

At the end of summer association meeting there were questions raised about the possibility of constructing a sidewalk connecting Nautica to Tradewinds Cove. I firmly support construction of that walkway but this is something we will have to budget for so in our 2011 budget we will propose placing aside money specifically for this purpose just as we did in prior budgets for the walkway connecting Outrigger to Pebble Beach.

For the month of September, our General Fund disbursements totaled \$22,703.25, of which our most notable "disbursement" was the funding of two of our Reserve Accounts, \$13,350, our 2010 obligation to the Shoreline Reserve Account and another \$844.75 to our Reserve Savings account for a YTD total of \$7,605.32. Pertaining to actual "expenses" for the month, we totaled \$7,088.50. Aside from Management Company and landscaper fees, our largest expenses were to pay the balance due for the Reserve Study (\$1,420) and for the removal of five dead trees at several locations in the development (\$1,753.12). We began the month with \$99,709.78 in our Checking Account and ended it with a balance of \$78,080.53.

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

The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. Winston Churchill ~

# **David Spall - Volunteer Trustee**

THANK YOU! TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE STREAM CLEAN-UP!

David Spall, Chuck Hillier, Gregory Wilcox, Joe Zanghi and Dan Cogan

We had a great day for the stream clean-up. The weather was perfect for this project. We removed many bags of trash & wood from the streams and also freed up areas that were blocked.

The clean-up job was completed in 3.0 hours with 5 volunteers. There is 1 tree in the stream to be cut out and removed. We ask every home owner not to put YARD WASTE & TRASH in the stream area or dry basins.

We need more volunteers on these projects!!! Please keep in mind about volunteering to our community next year. We are doing projects that save on the budget and helps beautify Lake Erie Shores.

## **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@lakeerieshores.net —

articles should be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.

#### **Contact Information**



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