



WANTED – BUNNY HELPERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is with heavy heart that I announce that after 5 years, Stephanie Carlson is stepping down as Bunny Chairperson. I think we can all agree that for 5 years, this event has been nothing short of wonderful for all of our children! So with much appreciation, I, along with everyone that attended this function in prior years, would like to thank Stephanie for her years of service and fun to our children. Good luck with Nursing School!!!!

As you can well imagine, since Stephanie started this event 5 years ago, our development and the number of children here, has grown. Since we are starting anew this year, we thought this would be an excellent time to break out some of these jobs and hopefully add some additional helping hands. After conversations with Stephanie, I am requesting the following Bunny Helpers:

Prizes – 2-4 people to purchase gifts for ages 0-12. We do have a Bunny Budget.

Day of Event – we are looking for parents OR older kids in the development who would like to hide the eggs day of event and/or pass out prizes.

Easter Bunny – We have a costume but we need a Bunny Helper

Egg Stuffers – Are you a mom with small children? Could you give us an hour or two in the evenings? During nap time? We are looking for 4-6 people to stuff Easter eggs prior to day of event. Candy and eggs will be dropped off at your house. These can also be picked up from your house or dropped off at Egg Central.



If you can help in any capacity, please contact Paula Haumeser at paulahaumeser@sbcglobal.net, 440-352-2240 or through the Lake Erie Shores website – Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you for your consideration in keeping this event on-going for our children! Watch your mailboxes and the website for additional information regarding the Egg Hunt and how to register.

David Spall, Volunteer Trustee

Volunteering

Lake Erie Shores needs you! Yes it's a new year and time to think about Volunteering in our Development. There

are many opportunities available depending on your time and talents. We need help on social activities and work projects to name a few. This is a great way to meet you're neighbors in Lake Erie Shores. On a recent Oprah show, it was stated you could be 34 % happier in you're life getting to know your neighbors.

Please consider Volunteering!

Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee

We closed the books for 2010 and there is good news to report. For the year we budgeted \$157,440 but only spent \$151,365 while we brought in revenue totaling \$160,006.20. This has been another good year for us which helped enable us to reduce the annual fees for the second consecutive year.

I would like to remind everyone that although the annual fees are due payable in full upon receipt of the invoice, late fees don't take effect until April 1st. We did this purposely to help anyone who needs a little extra time to recover from the Christmas Holidays. If for whatever reason you can't pay your balance in full by March 31st, please communicate this to our property manager Bob Guarino at First Realty Property Management Company. You can request a payment plan (in writing) if needed and it will be considered by the board on a case by case basis. If you don't communicate with us, a late fee (\$25/month) will be accessed beginning April 1st.

You can be confident any request you make to the board will be kept confidential. We are your neighbors and want to help but can only help if you let us know there is a problem.

If you are a member of one of the sub-associations (i.e Tradewinds, Villa Grande) please note that your respective condo association pays your LES Annual Fees for you so you don't need to send in an additional payment. If you aren't sure, please contact condo property manager or First Realty.

It's quiet this time of year but if you have a question with anything I can answer for you, please feel free to send me an email at avcmcechi@sbcglobal.net, call me at home 350-1640 or simply just knock on my door at 926 Pebble Beach Cove.

"You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself."

Sam Levenson ~

Winter Running – by Jim Sorenson

I did a few things in January that were new to me. I ran outside when the roads had snow on them. I went running while the snow was falling. I signed up and completed a “30 miles in 30 days” running challenge [that was one SPAM email that may have actually offered some benefits].

Running on snowy surfaces can be tricky. I just shorten my stride, and I have not fallen yet [knock on wood], so I must be doing something right. Or at least I am not doing something horribly wrong. If you see a fallen runner in the winter, you may want to ask them if they need help. If you see a runner in a neon orange snow hat lying on the side of the road – he (me) definitely needs help! I am pretty confident that as the ambient temperature drops, so does a runner’s tolerance for lying in the snow after a fall.

My wife wants to sign us up for a February 5k race: hot dog! I will gladly race in the lower 80th percentile for that event. I will carefully select my prey to pass right before the finish line to finish 350th out of 400. Oh yeah!

March Trustee Election - by Jim Sorenson

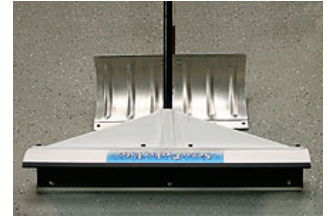
The annual Lake Erie Shores home owner’s association meeting is scheduled to be held in March [details to follow]. One of the Board of Trustees seats will be up for election. The particular seat is currently held by Chuck Hillier, who is the current Board President.

Anyone interested in running for this volunteer position must be in attendance at the meeting and must be nominated by someone other than themselves. Candidates are usually given the opportunity to speak briefly at the meeting to state their intentions and qualifications. Candidates are not to use the opportunity to make comments about current Board members, and association business comments should be supported with facts.

There was an open invitation for candidates to publish an article in this issue of the newsletter. The only article received was from current President Chuck Hillier and is printed on the last page of this newsletter.

Snow Removal – by Jim Sorenson

Last month I mentioned that I purchased a Snow Pusher Lite; a 28-inch wide snow removal product for \$45.90 delivered to our door.



I have used it a few times and like the overall concept.

I do however have a couple of ideas of how the product could be modified to make it better. In short though, even without the modifications, I would probably buy another one.

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 seasonally 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 20th of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.

Contact Information



Lake Erie Shores Web Site
www.lakeereshores.com

Home Owners Association Committees

Welcoming Committee (welcome@lakeereshores.net)
Covenants/Restrictions Committee Chair – Bruce Buffie
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Financial Committee Chair - Randy Van Buren
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Landscaping & Beautification Committee - Dave Spall
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Recreation Committee Co-Chairs - Jonathon Adkins
(jonsuzannaadkins@sbcglobal.net) and Cory Wertch
Volunteer Coordinator - Paula Haumesser
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Newsletter Committee Chair – Jim Sorenson
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LES Property Manager is Bob Guarino
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Candidate for Trustee – Chuck Hillier

Hello, my name is Chuck Hillier and I am asking you to re-elect me to serve another three year term as Trustee for our homeowners association. This is a volunteer position that I've served in since 2006 and am asking you to re-elect me to another three year term.

This past year I was elected President of the Association by my fellow board members and we've worked hard along with the management company to ensure our services are top notch while our costs are minimal.

Some of my more notable contributions as Trustee include:

- Readily Accessible: communicate to all requests and inquiries and write monthly article in newsletter.
- Rainy Day Fund: our current cash on hand totals \$232,598, which exceeds the minimum state mandated reserves by more than \$30,000.
- Shoreline Erosion Reserve Fund: totals \$111,159 which is exactly where we are mandated by Painesville Township Resolution.
- Annual Fees Reduced: for two consecutive years.
- Budget Watchdog: Reviews budget reports monthly; drafted initial 2010 & 2011 budgets.
- Lake Road Walkway: while listening to resident's desires we saved the money over three years to finally construct the walkway this past summer.
- Future Lake Road Walkways: placed aside \$4,000 in 2011's budget for a future walkway to connecting Zephyr Lane to Tradewinds Cove.
- Competitively Shopped Services: \$32,000 savings in 2010 over 2008 for Management Fees, Landscaping, and Legal Services combined.
- Basin Resolutions: proactive leader bringing governmental agencies, engineering professionals and residents together to correct drainage issues.
- Transparent Financial Operation: works closely with the Finance Committee to ensure the budget and monthly reports are transparent and open.
- Volunteer for HOA: with adult activities, stream clean up, wood staining projects and beach cleanup.
- Good Working Relationship with Trustees: Have a very good working relationship with the other Trustees John Guinan and David Spall.

Besides serving on the board since 2006, I currently serve as a member of the Painesville Township Zoning Commission. Some other pertinent leadership positions I've served in include:

- City Council President (Eastlake)
- Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman (Eastlake)

On a personal note, my wife Diana and I have been married for 27 years and we have three adult children, Dayna, Chucky and Sean that we are very proud of. I work at Lubrizol in Wickliffe in Instrumentation Services and in 2009 I retired from the Navy completing a 30 year career. Diana and I truly enjoy living here, have made many new friends and look forward to calling Lake Erie Shores our home for many years to come.

Again, I'm asking you for your vote and confidence to continue leading this Association and keeping us on solid footing. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to vote for me, please do so by mailing your proxy in prior to the Annual Meeting in March.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.