



Lake Erie Shores Newsletter

March 2011

Painesville Township, Ohio



Annual HOA Meeting Notice

The Lake Erie Shores Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Painesville Township Park, located at 1025 Hardy Road, on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. (Sign in will begin at 6:30 p.m.) This year the Board position currently held by Chuck Hillier will be open for election. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please submit your name to Bob Guarino at First Realty Property Management as soon as possible.

You will be receiving your Notice and Proxy in the mail. Please complete and return your proxy (top portion) whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. This will ensure a quorum which will allow the Association to hold a legal election. If you attend the meeting, your proxy will be revoked and you will receive a ballot for voting. Please take the time to attend this important meeting.

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 the 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 the 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 for additional information regarding the Egg Hunt and a registration form is provided in this issue.

Recreation Committee – Jonathan Adkins

1st Annual Lake Erie Shores Day Planning Meeting
Saturday, April 9th 11:00 AM
1076 Outrigger Cove

Come join Lake Erie Shores recreation committee to help plan the first ever Lake Erie Shores Day. As a community we have struggled to get volunteers to pull off our annual 4th of July party so this year we are looking to have a day of games, food, and entertainment in either July or August that the entire neighborhood can enjoy. All ideas are welcome, but remember the event can only be a success if neighbors get involved. Please e-mail the head of the recreation committee Jonathan Adkins (jonsuzannaadkins@sbcglobal.net) if you will be able to attend the planning session. Make sure to watch the association's website www.lakeerishores.com for future updates.

IronMan Distance Triathlons in Painesville During the Winter! – by Jim Sorenson

An IronMan Triathlon race is comprised of a 2 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and last but not least, a run that is a mere 26.2 miles. Did you know that they hold these races in Painesville in February and March!



Luckily (for me) the Painesville YMCA does not expect you to swim in Lake Erie, or bicycle on snowy roads, or to even complete all of those items consecutively on the same day.

The challenge is to complete all of those tasks within specified time intervals: 2, 4 or 6 weeks. The honor system is used for tallying up all of the respective miles but it does provide a challenge during the winter months.

John Guinan - Volunteer Trustee

As I say good riddance to another rough winter, of which I swear I have aged three years, I ready myself for the annual spring yard cleanup. As I have two dogs one can imagine just how fun and exciting that is – but it is an essential rite of spring passage. I would like to take this opportunity to talk about some issues that as residents and neighbors seem to come up every year during the spring and summer. First off I'd like to talk



being a responsible dog owner. Owning a dog goes far beyond just purchasing a dog, it involves adhering to leash laws when you have your dog outside and picking up after your dog when it goes to the bathroom. Some people call it couth or common sense, or even class but

while it may be all of those things it is also a requirement. You must keep your dog on a leash and you must pick up after it when it eliminates in common areas, streets, and sidewalks. We all live here together and share the beautiful amenities of Lake Erie Shores.

Secondly I'd like to talk about speeding through the development. (see couth above) As usual we will have even more children out and about this year as they getting older and becoming more and more mobile – so please watch out for them – I know everyone would feel terrible if something bad ever happened. Once you're in the development please slow down and check out the landscaping or wave to a neighbor.



The third thing I want to discuss is just informational. This year just as every year we will be having many fun events from the Easter egg hunt to the adult party, every summer here is packed with great things to do and a great way to get out and meet your neighbors. We also have a couple of community maintenance events. There is the beach cleanup, stream cleanup, and then staining projects of some of our fences or picnic tables. Please feel free to help out as a volunteer for any event be it a fun one or a maintenance

one because we really need the volunteers. Check your paper slot or our web site for further information on all the events.

Lastly I would like to take a moment to say a word about current Trustee Chuck Hillier, who is up for re-election this year at our Annual HOA meeting on March 24th. He goes far beyond what is required for a board member and I believe LESD would not be where it is today without the hard work he's put in. There are many dedicated men and women in the development that are worthy of serving on the board, but in my opinion none are more deserving than him and I'm hopeful you'll join me in returning Chuck to the board for another three year term.

I hope to see all of you out and about this summer in the parks or beach or playground!

Motorcycles Still Rock! - by Jim Sorenson

I purchased my 10th motorcycle in March 2010 and then acquired my 11th motorcycle just 9 months later, and just 6 days before Christmas 2010. I just sold that 10th motorcycle last month and I only owned it for 11 months. I sold it for as much as I paid for it; therefore, it only cost me gas and insurance to "rent" it during 2010 and that is a price that is easy to live with.

My 11th motorcycle is a Yamaha R6 and it is my first Yamaha. I got my first chance to ride it mid-February when we had that great warm weather on a Thursday, and I must say, motorcycles can still give me goose bumps and an ear-to-ear grin.



My plan is to keep this one for a few years, vs. just for a months like my 10th motorcycle. Big thanks to my brother-in-law who actually found the R6 on Craigslist. My brother-in-law called me about it on Friday while I was out of town, I called the seller on Saturday, looked at it Sunday, and picked it up on Monday. I look forward to riding it this year and getting lots of smiles.

Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee

As expected, January was a quiet month for the Association as our expenses totaled slightly more than \$7,300 with the greatest majority of that going to pay for our annual insurance premium. We began 2011 with nearly

\$41,000 in our checking account and after paying all expenses and making a transfer to the Reserve Savings of \$31,588.25; we ended January with a checking account balance of just over \$37,000. It is interesting to note that our revenue received for fees in January was within \$1,000 of what we collected last year, so it appears we are on track.



Bills were mailed out to residents in February that erroneously stated late fees would be assessed on March 1st as opposed to April 1st. Please note that this was a mistake and we will ensure that the \$25/month late fee will not be assessed on unpaid balances until April 1st.

As we've communicated over the past few months, if you can't make payment in full by March 31st due to a financial hardship, please communicate this information in writing to the management company (First Realty Property Management). As a board, we do consider payment plans on an individual basis but the request must be received prior to March 31st. You can rest assured, that as a board, we do not share this information, and in all cases you can be confident that your privacy will be respected.

By now you have received your official notice of the annual meeting for the HOA to be at the Metroparks Pavilion on Hardy Road on Thursday, March 24th at 7 PM. Per our deed restrictions, in order for us to conduct business and hold our annual meeting we need to have a quorum of members either present or represented through Proxy. Please return your signed proxy to First Realty Property Management Company so we can conduct business.



In a related note for the annual meeting, my term as Trustee is up for election this year and I'm asking you to vote me back in for another three year term. The Association is on very solid ground and I'd like to think that my involvement has had a direct impact on that. If you agree, I would appreciate your vote, Thank You Very Much.

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 avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net, call me at home 350-1640 or simply just knock on my door at 926 Pebble Beach Cove.

"It requires less character to discover the faults of others than it does to tolerate them" - J. Petit Senn

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Article VII Section II

Section 2 – Nuisance: No noxious or any activity constituting an unreasonable source of discomfort or annoyance shall be carried on upon any portion of the Property, nor shall anything be done thereon that may be or become a nuisance or annoyance to others Owners. The Master Association shall have absolutely power to determine what is "reasonable" and what is "unreasonable" under this Section.

Attend the Annual Association Meeting - Even If You Are Happy

While serving on my association's board for seven years, I came to realize that happy owners generally do not attend their association's meetings, even if there is only one a year. In soliciting proxies for an annual election meeting, I often asked my fellow owners why they did not plan to attend. An almost universal response was that they did not like the negative attitude, rambling, or complaining from owners that are present at far too many meetings. One owner told me she had only lived in our association for six months, loved the property, and thought the monthly fee was a bargain. Then, after attending the annual meeting and hearing nothing but complaints about the board, management, and monthly fees, she began to think her new home was not so sweet after all. It was only after a non-attending owner pointed out to her that our association consisted of one-hundred sixty homes with only about thirty homes attending the annual meeting, (with some of those being husbands and wives) did the new owner realize her positive attitude was being skewed by a minority of owners with complaints to register or a personal agenda to put forth.

Over the last several years, boards have come to realize the negative impact of failing to control the annual meeting agenda. As a result, many association boards have altered their annual meeting format from being "bottom heavy" with owner comments to being "top heavy" with informative reports and speakers. Now, it is not unusual to hear from the association's accountant, insurance agent, manager, and lawyer at the annual meeting. Some associations have even further improved their meeting format by inviting the local

police or fire chief, city council person, or even the mayor to briefly address the owners.

Even if you are happy, your association needs you to attend the annual association meeting. The primary purpose of most association meetings is to elect the new board members. If only the negative and/or complaining owners attend, the likelihood of electing only negative and/or complaining board members increases. If you are happy, vote to re-elect current board members. If you are unhappy, vote to elect new board members. Regardless of your attitude, your vote is needed. More significantly, important community information is now being disseminated at the association meetings and you don't want to miss out on hearing this information.

See you at the annual meeting – even if you are happy!

*(The law firm of Kaman & Cusimano represents our Association)

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 should no longer be separate containers for (a) paper and (b) everything else. Now, just place all recyclable materials in any one of the containers.



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@lakeereshores.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 (buffie723@att.net)
- Financial Committee Chair - Randy Van Buren (rcvanburen@sbcglobal.net)
- Landscaping & Beautification Committee - Dave Spall (davidspall@sbcglobal.net)
- Recreation Committee Co-Chairs - Jonathon Adkins (jonsuzannaadkins@sbcglobal.net) and Cory Wertch
- Volunteer Coordinator - Paula Haumesser (paulahaumesser@sbcglobal.net)
- Newsletter Committee Chair – Jim Sorenson (newsletter@lakeereshores.net)

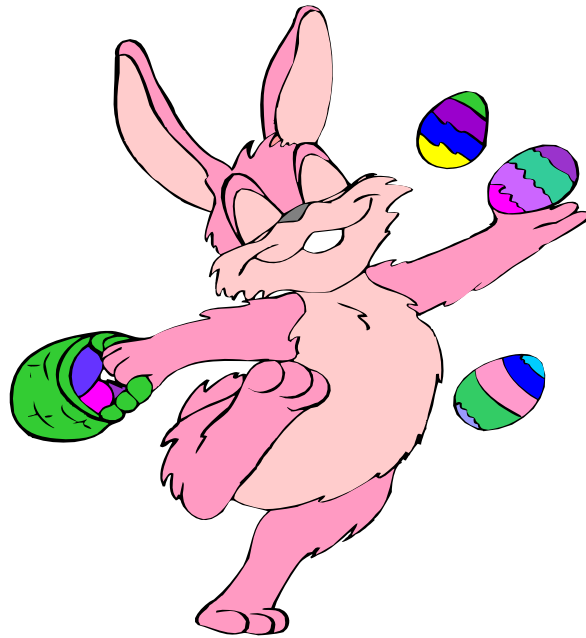
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IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO HOP DOWN THE BUNNY TRAIL!!!!!!

The Lake Erie Shores Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the LES Park Pavilion:

When: Saturday, April 16, 2011
(Rain date: Saturday, April 23, 2011)

Time: 1:00 pm.

Who: LES residents and extended family of LES residents (grandchildren, etc.) ages 0-12

To participate, please return the attached registration form and registration fee to:

Egg Central
Paula Haumesser
1080 Outrigger Cove (bin on front porch)

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1st. In order to allow our volunteers to prepare for their holiday plans, we will not accept registrations after **April 1st**. All children participating will receive a prize. Eggs and candy will be provided by the Lake Erie Shores Home Owners Association.

LAKE ERIE SHORES EASTER EGG HUNT REGISTRATION FORM
(Must be returned on or before April 1st)

Please return this form and registration fee to Egg Central – 1080 Outrigger Cove

Registration fees for 2011 event will be \$2 per child, ages 0-12 years of age, and can be paid via cash or check. Please makes payable to Lake Erie Shores.

Family Last Name _____

Prizes will be distributed by last name

*Family Address: _____

*Family e-mail address: _____

*Anyone registering and then not able to attend event will have prizes delivered to their home.

Registration fee

Child's age _____ Boy or Girl (Please circle one) \$2.00

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Total registration fee (\$2 per child) _____

Any questions, please contact Paula Haumesser at paulahaumesser@sbcglobal.net.

REMEMBER – registration form and fee must be received by **April 1st**. Thank you – and here's **HOPPING** to see you and your family April 16th!!!!!!

*****Never know what to do with all those plastic eggs after the hunt? There will be a box at the pavilion for the eggs so that we can use again next year. The drop off bin will also be on the front porch of 1080 Outrigger Cove for one week after the event should you like to recycle. Thank you for your consideration!

