Lake Erie Shores Newsletter May 2011 Painesville Township, Ohio



Two Year's of Monthly Newsletters – by Jim Sorenson

Twenty five (and counting) consecutive monthly Lake Erie Shores newsletters have been published including this issue. Initially it was planned to publish hard copies of the



newsletter quarterly, but to also not publish an issue if there was not enough content. Well, there was not much content in the beginning, and only four newsletters were published from fall 2006 through April 2009.

The policy changed in 2009 and it was decided to try and publish on a monthly basis. However, in an effort to keep costs down, it was decided to publish the newsletter electronically rather than as hard copies. The first issue of this new monthly newsletter initiative was for May 2009.

I would like to thank everyone who has been a past contributor and encourage other residents to contribute in the future. Please submit your ideas to newsletter@lakeerieshores.net

Easter Egg Hunt Thank You – by Paula Haumesser

Where to begin with all the thank yous that need to be said for this year's Easter Egg Hunt! What a great success!

First, thank you for the beautiful weather we were blessed to have the entire day! The rain finally stopped – if even for that one day – and allowed us all to be outside and enjoy the Park!

To Stephanie Carlson – for her help and guidance and setting this thing in motion 5 years ago. We hope we did you proud!

To the Board and Finance Committee – for their help, guidance and support in this transition year. For buying the eggs and candy (which allowed the eggs to be stuffed "prior" to all the crazy school vacation schedules) as well as taking that burden off the families (one less stop to make – I have never gone into Target/Walmart and came



out with just one bag of eggs and one bag of candy per kid!)

To Jonathan Adkins – for ALL the copies!

To Mary Papadopoulous – who could take \$1 and turn it into a pile of prizes. What an awesome Prize Patrol

Organizer! 200 children received prizes at the Hunt this year and she had everything ready at the shed (also a last minute change due to wind!). We came in under budget – and Mary already has her sights on some summer bargains to help get us started for next year! Awesome job, Bunny Helper!!!

To the Walking Committee – Vashti Jagmohan, Carole Orozco, Mary Papadopoulous, and Marlo Bamberger - for taking care of this first distribution of the year while working around snow days, flood days, wind, etc. Thanks for getting the information distributed to all of our neighbors.

To Rick Boos – who handed down the Bunny duties this year – but remained our trusted back up bunny!

To Jen Selan - our resident "Allergy Mom" – so much to watch out for with our little ones.

To our Egg Stuffers - Nicol Susel, Marlo Bamberger, Jessica Cuffia, Tiffany Godfrey, Carrie Jazbec, Kristen Sanford, Elisha Eppich, Vicki Check, Karen Smith, Dawn Linch, Jody Knapp, Whitney Buckels, and Michelle Perry. This group stuffed 4,032 eggs with 8,000 pieces of candy. Yes, I said 4,032 eggs! The Easter Bunny was so happy to have so much extra help! This group had everything stuffed and back to Egg Central by the end of March – we were ready to go!!!

To our Egg Hiders - Marlo Bamberger, Mr. Check and Elisha Eppich. They braved the mud and made last minute changes on where best to put the various age groups. We were amazed at how much time it took us to hide the eggs but how quickly it took for the Hunt to be over!

To the Campolas – Lori – who helped with crowd control – thank you! I was overwhelmed when I saw the masses coming but everything ran so smoothly! Thank you for keeping everything moving and on time. And to Logan and Rich who helped try and figure out how to get my paper signs from blowing into the Lake (a change for next year? – definitely! Live and learn).

And to Allen Haumesser - Thank you - for you know who you are! Know that all the kids loved you being there, passing out candy, and letting them take pictures with you. These memories will last a lifetime! I know it will with our kids – and with me. We (I) love you!

Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee

We held our Annual Meeting on Thursday April 21st but before I discuss anything about it I want to

apologize on behalf of the board for scheduling the meeting during Easter week. It was a complete oversight at the time of scheduling so please accept our sincere apology. By the time we realized the mistake it was too late as notices were already mailed to the entire membership. I promise we'll do better next year.

At the meeting we discussed the financial condition of the Association (which is in very good condition)

and we had reports from Jon Adkins about the planned Lake Erie Shores Day coming up on August 13th. Joe Zanghi discussed the Adult Party scheduled for July 23rd along with the Annual Cornhole Tournament which will be



held in early September. Each of these events will



require help to pull them off successfully but especially the Lake Erie Shores Day event as this is the first year it is being planned. I can tell you the initial conversations taking place are exciting and

it will be a lot of fun for all so if you can help, please let Jon Adkins, Chairman of the Recreation Committee reached know. Jon can be at jonsuzannaadkins@sbcglobal.net. Also at the meeting I was re-elected to another three year term to serve as a trustee for the Association. At our Organizational Meeting after that meeting, I was elected President of the Association, John Guinan was elected Vice President and David Spall was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Although I ran for Trustee unopposed. I want to thank the good number of people who signed their proxy over to me as their voting agent. I truly appreciate your confidence and promise to continue earning it.

I mentioned earlier that we were able to hold our annual meeting but this is the second year in a row that we have had to reschedule it because we failed to receive enough proxies returned by homeowners in time. Scheduling of each meeting costs the Association (YOU) approximately \$400 as we have to pay for rental of the building, printing of all the documents and of course the mailing. We almost had to reschedule the meeting a third time as we found ourselves almost 75 proxies short one week prior to the meeting but thankfully we received a late rush combined with a door to door Proxy campaign by David Spall, John Guinan and myself which averted the third meeting.

I know a lot of us are busy but please understand that we, Lake Erie Homeowners Association are required by State Law to comply with our Deed Restrictions as written so we are required to hold that

annual meeting in the first quarter of each year AND we are required to have half the membership (50% of 492 households) accounted for either by physically being present at the meeting or by signing and returning a proxy prior to it. Anything short of that and we are required to keep rescheduling the meeting until Quorum is achieved. Next year when you receive your meeting notice, please take those few extra minutes and either mail it in or drop it off in my mailbox (926 Pebble Beach Cove) so I can get it to First Realty, our property managers.

From a financial stand point we had expenses of \$11,099.31 with the majority of that totaling between

Legal (\$1,976.50) and Engineering expenses. (\$6,353.60) The engineering expenses were for the basin engineering drawings we addressed during 2010 with plans on implementing the first step of the



basin improvement plans this year but there are some other related issues we must work through first.

Concerning our Reserve Savings, we currently have \$111,387.09 in our Shoreline Reserve Accounts. Per Painesville Township Resolution we have to continue paying \$25/household/year until we achieve an accumulative balance of \$250,000. Aside from that, our other Reserve Accounts total \$117,557.17 which places us with an actual "Rainy Day Fund" of about \$30,000 as we are required to have \$90,400 of savings by years end. Just like you, we've listened to economists discuss our countries economic future and we feel we are well positioned to sustain some more rough roads and still have fiscal wherewithal to sustain our operations. Each year our level of mandated reserve savings increase, some years by as much as \$25,000 so having a current "Rainy Day Fund" of \$30,000, although nice, is not really too much.

If you have any questions I can answer for you, please feel free to send me an email at avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net or simply just knock on my door at 926 Pebble Beach Cove. Hope to see you around the neighborhood in the coming months.

Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. ~

Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure – by Megan E. Williams

This year, I'll be participating in a very special event called the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure®.

I'll walk 60 miles over the course of three days with thousands of other women and men. Net proceeds from the 3-Day for the Cure are invested in communitybased breast health programs and breast cancer research. The research funded focuses on decreasing breast cancer incidence and mortality in the next decade.

I've agreed to raise at least \$2,300 in donations. I've set my personal goal at \$2,300. So I need your help. Would you please consider making a donation? Keep in mind how far I'm walking - and how hard I'll have to train. You can donate online at <u>www.The3Day.org</u> : just click on *Donate* and search for my personal fundraising page. You can also call 800-996-3DAY to donate over the phone please be sure to use my name.

I have always watched from the sidelines as these women and men walk every year. This year I thought it would be a great idea to join these selfless people in their fight to find cures. I have had family and friends who have fought the battle against breast cancer some have won others have not been so lucky.

I remember when I was in 7th grade a friend of mine was diagnosed with breast cancer. Yes, she was in seventh grade as well, scary. She won that fight. Breast cancer does not discriminate on any level. We need to do everything we can to rid the world of this disease!

Without a cure, one person will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes in the United States. That's why I'm walking so far. To do something bold about breast cancer. I hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with me - by supporting me in my fundraising efforts.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely, Megan E. Williams www.the3day.org

P.S. Ask your employer if they will double your donation through a matching gift program!

Texas Racing – by Jim Sorenson

I mainly follow motorcycle road racing since I used to do it myself, and the only form of "car" racing that I follow is Formula 1. A new race track was officially announced in April that is located near Austin, TX named *Circuit of the Americas*.

The track is currently under construction but they have already signed a 10-year deal with Formula 1 that starts next year in 2012, and they have also signed a 10-year deal with MotoGP that begins in 2013. MotoGP is considered the pinnacle of motorcycle road racing, while Formula 1 is considered the pinnacle of car racing.

I have experienced MotoGP in person, but I have not yet watched a Formula 1 race live. Thus, I hope to get the opportunity to get to Austin over the next 10 years and watch a race.

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

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