



### Annual HOA meeting

**Wednesday March 26, 2014**

**Sign in 6:30 PM**

**Start 7:00 PM**

**Painesville Township Park on Hardy Road**

We need a quorum per our deed restrictions, either present or accounted for by proxy, and we will be voting for one Trustee. A proxy should be sent to each household and an electronic copy should be attached to the upcoming March newsletter.

Even if you plan on attending, it is best to send the proxy in or drop it off at one of the Trustees homes. If you show up at the meeting, you get to cast your own vote. The proxy allows the opportunity to designate your vote to someone else to cast, but again, you get to cast your own vote if you show up to the meeting. The proxy is a safety net for us to achieve a quorum so that we do not have to reschedule the annual meeting.

### Special Collections – from Lake County Solid Waste web site

#### Computer Collection ~ April 26, 2014

- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (no fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds Commercial Building (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Acceptable items: Home computer equipment including CPU's and monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, modems and speakers. Cell phones are also accepted.
- NO televisions, microwave ovens, typewriters, DVD players, cameras or VCRs.

#### Scrap Tire Collection ~ May 10, 2014

- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (nominal fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds south entrance (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Up to 6 tires without rims will be accepted at no charge

- Additional tires without rims (\$2 each)
- Tires with rims (\$4 each)
- Oversized tires (\$10 each)

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection ~ June 7, 2014

- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (no fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Acceptable items: Household Cleaners & Solvents, Thinners, Kerosene, Turpentine, Lighter Fluid, Strippers, Used Motor Oil, Diesel Fuel, 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 (all sizes), Photography Chemicals, "Hobby" Chemicals, Mercury, Empty Propane Tanks, Roofing Tars, Drive Sealers.
- NO Water Based Paints, Radioactive (Smoke alarms), Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical Waste.



#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection ~ September 27, 2014

- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (no fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Acceptable items: see information above

For inquiries please contact:

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- <http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities/Divisions/SolidWaste.aspx>

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## Brush Drop Off

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According to the Painesville Township web site:

The brush, leaf and yard waste drop off area will open on Wednesday April 2, 2014. It will remain open on Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm until December 3, 2014.

This service is for Painesville Township residents only and proof of residency may be required.

Yard service contractors are not permitted.

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## Township Population

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The 2010 census found 20,399 people in the Township.

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## The Basic Duties of a Board Member – by David W. Kaman, Esq.\*

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Owners often question the basic duties and responsibilities of being a volunteer community association board member. While personalities among individual board members differ, each one should have the best interest of the well-being of the entire association as their primary trait.

Once elected or appointed, a board member studies the association's governing documents to familiarize him/herself with the association's responsibilities. Thereafter, the board members join together in meetings to establish goals for the property, to determine maintenance priorities, to determine who will work for the association, and to enforce the regulations that protect the safety of the residents and value of the homes. The number of board meetings varies from community to community depending on current activity on the property. Most community boards meet quarterly at a minimum while many, especially those transitioning from developer control, meeting monthly. Clearly, attending meetings to voice one's opinion and vote on issues requiring a decision is the primary duty of a board member.

In addition to selecting the many different contractors who work for an association, one of the

biggest decisions the board must make is the amount of the annual assessments. The board determines the association's annual budget, determines how much will be put into reserves, and determines budget priorities. A board member's vote on the budget is not based upon the individual's financial condition, but rather, on what is needed for the protection and preservation of the entire property.

In conclusion, a board member reads the governing documents, attends meetings, and votes in the decision making process.

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

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## Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee

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Our Annual HOA Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 26th 7:00 PM at the Lake Metroparks Community Center located at 1025 Hardy Road. This is the same location we've held the annual meeting every year as well as vote for public officials so for those new to area, if you have any questions, please ask a neighbor or feel free to contact me directly as we really hope you are able to attend.

Concerning the meeting, we invited the Lake County Health Department to join us and explain their role in our community. In addition, they will field questions and concerns related to air quality and the odors that we have dealt with in our community. There has been a flurry of activity by both the Health Department and Township in recent months dealing with this issue and it has occurred because everyone has turned up the heat and called whenever this has happened. Keep it up, they want to know when this is occurring to help them identify specifically where it is coming from and how it can be prevented.

If you encounter an odor, any day and time, please call BOTH Painesville Township Hall (352-1443) and Lake County Health Department (350-2543) and inform them of the following:

1. Time smell initially encountered
2. Location initially encountered
3. Smell Identification....please be descriptive
  - a. Good Identifiers: smells like "rotting garbage", "fish", "dog food", "sulfur", "natural gas", etc.

b. Bad Identifiers: smells awful, disgusting...

On February 12th and 13th there was an odor that lingered over our development and initiated an abundance of calls to the Township and Health Department. The Health Department was on sight investigating and identified that the source of the smell was emanating from the Lake County Landfill. As you would expect, the landfill regularly changes locations where they are dumping and when doing so their process is to turn over dirt and trash at the location. We were informed the smell was partially caused due to a procedure that has since been changed in conjunction with frozen ground that caused the smell to linger in the air longer than "normal". The county has stated they have changed "the procedure" they use to cover the turned over dirt and trash and by doing so believe it will be covering the trash better and that the updated procedure will significantly reduce, if not eliminate the odors.

Also at the annual meeting we will be voting for a new Trustee for our board. I have served as a board member since 2006 but have been advised by numerous people that I should step down since I was just elected to serve as Township Trustee as there might be an appearance of a "conflict of interest". I've thought a lot about it and in the end only want what's best for our development so as much as I've enjoyed working for you with John Guinan and David Spall in making Lake Erie Shores a better place to live, I believe it would be best if I stepped aside and let someone else lead. Besides, new ideas and a fresh approach when combined with the experienced trustees currently serving, has the potential to inject new life and vigor into our community.

Last month we offered to everyone that if they had an interest in running for Trustee they could present an article in this newsletter asking for your support. During the last month I have spoken with Randy VanBuren, longtime Chairman of our Finance Committee about running and he has expressed an interest in serving. Having worked so closely with him over the years and keeping him up to date with the various issues we've encountered, I know he'd jump right in ready to contribute and make the tough decisions that need to be made. I've known Randy since we first moved here in 2005 and he's an honest, hardworking family man with a terrific sense of humor

and a real good business head on his shoulders. I ask that you give him your strongest consideration for your vote at this month's meeting.

If you have an interest in running for HOA Trustee and have questions, please feel free to contact me. It's not an easy job, there is no compensation but it is a very rewarding and necessary one. If you have the ambition to serve your local community and make Lake Erie Shores an even better place to live, please consider throwing your hat in the ring.

Although I won't be an elected Trustee for Lake Erie Shores, I will stay involved with various committees to ensure the fiscal responsibility and drainage plans we've laid in place over the past number of years continues. In addition, my wife Diana and I along with other neighborhood friends will continue to be involved with the successful and well attended Adult Party which has occurred over the past four summers.

In January we spent \$10,285.67, a larger number than we'd like for the first month of the year but it includes payments of \$4,188.50 engineering work, another \$760 for legal expenses and \$3,130 for insurance. We also made a transfer of \$10,000 from our General Fund to our Regular Reserve Account which was done to pay back the transfer we made in December, which enabled us to pay bills. We closed out January with \$31,865.39 in Checking, \$131,007.72 in our Shoreline Reserve Account and \$155,792.23 in Regular Reserves. For a point of fiscal requirements for our association, by the end of 2014 we are required per Section 5312.06 of the Ohio Revised Code to have sufficient funds in Reserve (\$138,187 according to our Reserve Study). As you can see we currently exceed that figure but not by a significant amount, however we are stable and in good position for the coming years.



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at home (926 Pebble Beach Cove – 796-0741) or via email at [avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net). This is your Homeowners Association, your neighborhood, get involved and make it better!

*"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."*

President Ronald Reagan

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### Trustee Candidate – Randy VanBuren

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As you all know, we have our annual meeting coming up on March 26th. As always, I will be sharing the association financials with everyone at that time. I'm very pleased that we are financially stable and continue to be able to address the needs of our association and continue to improve on the foundation that was created here. I've worked very close with our board of trustees since 2005 to help ensure we are fiscally responsible and maintain a strong financial position in order to maintain and in fact, enhance our association. By working so closely with the trustees over the years, I've become intimately familiar with our finances needs, objectives & challenges and the overall inner workings of our association. With that experience, I plan to run for the volunteer position of Trustee during our election this month and would greatly appreciate your support. I want to continue to help keep our community a desired location to live within Lake county and with your support, will do so.

Randy VanBuren - Finance Committee Chairman

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### Spring Fever Anyone?

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Some folks get anxious in January for spring to arrive, but that seems a bit early for Clevelanders. The winter and summer solstices are a way to keep track of whether the amount of daily daylight is increasing or decreasing.



The summer solstice occurs around June 21 while the winter solstice occurs around December 21.

The amount of daylight should increase after the winter solstice, while the amount of daylight should decrease after the summer solstice.

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### Committee and Event Volunteers Needed

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Several volunteers are no longer with us on the various committees & events for our neighborhood and we need your help. You can help as much or as

little as you would like with a committee or event such as: Covenants/Restrictions • Financial • Landscaping/Beautification • Recreational (including the subcommittees for events like the Easter Egg Hunt, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, etc.) • Yard Sale Volunteers. The various committees may be reached via the web site:

<http://www.lakeerieshores.com/contactUs.aspx>

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### Frozen Rivers

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The temperature swings that have occurred this winter have created some interesting results with local rivers. *Interesting* if you do not live near a river, *disappointing* if you do live near a river. Areas like Vermillion, Eastlake and Rocky River have had flooding due to the rivers freezing and then rapidly thawing.

The following image is of the Grand River after a freeze-thaw-freeze cycle, looking north from the East Erie Street bridge.



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**Spring will  
 be here  
 eventually,  
 right?**

