## **April 2009**

I would like to first start out by thanking all of the residents who are taking an active role in making LES a beautiful, fun, and safe place to live and raise a family! From organizing a viable volunteer force to those who inspect the beach daily or who inspect the grounds while out walking the dogs. Thank you all! All of us are the eyes and ears of our community, and with warmer weather upon us, boy are they needed. In an attempt to curtail vandalism and disruptive (and disrespectful) behavior we must take an aggressive stance. A block watch and beach patrol are just a few of the steps currently being taken to protect our properties. Do not hesitate to contact the Sheriff in those circumstances.

Michael, Chuck, and I are extremely proud to announce that we have taken steps to ensure that LES remains a safe place to live. We instructed the associations' legal representation to amend the declaration and code of regulations to prohibit sexual predators from living in or entering Lake Erie Shores. The amendment prohibits classified Tier III and Tier II sexual offenders/child victim offenders for whom the Sheriff must provide notice from living in and/or entering our community. This is something that we all felt strongly about and are very pleased that it is finally official. A copy of the amendment will be distributed all residents very soon. In the meantime please visit <a href="www.lakeerieshores.com">www.lakeerieshores.com</a> to not only view the amendment but also to obtain a wealth of knowledge regarding LESD.

One of the biggest factors in keeping any property value at their highest potential is a solid and successful local school district. We have that here with the Riverside School District and that is why I'm urging you to vote YES on Issue 1 next month on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The ballot is a substitute levy, combining two existing levies which will NOT RAISE TAXES. Please keep our schools and our community strong. I have personally seen on three separate occasions what happens to communities when schools begin to falter. When schools start cutting teachers or sports or bussing, housing prices go down and crime goes up. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, please vote YES on ISSUE 1.

And as always please remember to drive slow and be a responsible pet owner.

Enjoy! Be safe! John Guinan