

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
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Hello LITW,

The first day of Spring has officially arrived and so has 6 inches more of snow. Despite the white stuff in our driveway I know warm weather cannot be too far off now.

Jumping straight into business, I am pleased to announce we now have a full slate of seven trustees on your LITW Board of Trustees. Dave Strauch graciously offered to come back to the board as a trustee for 2008. Dave was president of the board before I assumed the role in 2005. Welcome back, Dave!

Here are the 2008 trustees (contact information for each trustee can be found under "Trustees" at Lakeinthewoods.org):

Dan Spencer	President
Gary Spiros	Vice President/Secretary; Land & Safety Committee
Chris Cook	Treasurer
Beth Fleming	Recreation Committee & Pool Administration
Roy Lamb	Recreation Committee & Pool Administration
Charles Marchant	Land & Safety Committee
Dave Strauch	Architectural Committee

The trustees are interested in what you think. To that end Beth Fleming composed a survey asking about various aspects of LITW. The survey is included in this issue of the Lakelines. Please complete the survey so we may continue serving the neighborhood effectively.

I have another request. I ask that each resident use the common property of LITW safely and respectfully. If you or members of your family bring guests to LITW, please ensure guests also use our common land, facilities and equipment safely and appropriately. Recent snow accumulations have been great for outdoor activities including sledding on the hill by the LITW pavilion. I am happy that LITW families including teenagers choose sledding as a fun way to pass their time. Unfortunately, recent activity at the pavilion during a snow day from school included unsafe actions and misuse of common LITW property.

Firsthand and videotaped (surprising what you find on YouTube) accounts of activities at the sledding hill included removing the safety hay bales from the pool fence and picnic tables from the pavilion to construct sled jumps on the hill. Neither the hay bales nor the picnic tables were returned to their proper locations. One young man decided to jump off the newly shingled pavilion roof into the shrubs below. It is each individual's choice how he/she may put his/her own body at risk. When it comes to property and equipment paid for by each of us through association dues, the Board of Trustees respectfully asks everyone to use our common property in its intended manner.

On the subject of our common property, each year we conduct a Clean Up Day in the Spring where we ask all residents to help clean up and maintain the common areas and facilities in preparation for summer. There is a lot to be done to get LITW ready for summer and every extra pair of hands makes the job that much easier. It's also a great opportunity to catch up with your neighbors after a long winter. This year **Clean Up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 10th** with a rain date of Saturday, May 17th. Hope to see you there!

Regards,

Dan Spencer

PLANNING MEETING FOR SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

The event planning meeting is Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 at the Markel's house, 16600 Mohican Trail. Please come to help plan and select dates for community events for the spring and summer. Bring your calendars and any ideas or information you may have, or just come to hear what is coming up. Any questions, please contact Karyn Markel, 708-2314.

WEEKEND WARRIORS

Response for the weekend warriors has been enthusiastic. Our first run will be Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 a.m. Meet on the Mohican Trail cul-de-sac. All ages, all levels, new runners, or accomplished runners welcome. Any questions please contact Karyn Markel, 708-2314.

PAVILLION RESERVATIONS 2008

If you want to reserve the pavilion any time this summer please contact Beth Fleming at 708-0921 or jbflm@msn.com.

You may schedule your event any time from 10 am to 10 pm, but please be aware that the pool and restroom facilities are only open from 12– 8 pm.

Other LITW residents will not be restricted from using the recreational area during your event. You are responsible for cleaning up the pavilion and pool area, putting the tables back under the pavilion in their original place, and turning off ALL lights-ensuring the area is left in the same condition as it was before your event.

Finally, the recreation area is for LITW's residents only. NO outside organizations, church groups or any other type of group is to use the pavilion for personal gain. That is, fees cannot be levied on any people attending your party. The purpose of the pavilion is for social events, birthdays, graduation, and other similar events. When reserving your date for the pavilion, you will be asked the purpose of the event, approximately how many guests will be attending, and if the pool will be utilized.

POOL STAFF POSITIONS FOR SUMMER 2008

The Lake in the Woods pool has 2 full-time, 3 part-time, and several substitute positions available this summer. The pool season runs from Memorial Weekend to Labor Day weekend and typical work hours are from 11:30 am – 8:30 pm. Pool staff must hold current certifications in life guarding and first aid/CPR. If you are interested in applying for a pool staff position at Lake in the Woods this summer, please download the application at <http://www.lakeinthewoods.org/employment.html> and mail to Beth Fleming at 16400 Misty Lake Glen. If you have any questions regarding the positions please email jbflm@msn.com, or call Beth at 440-708-0921.

2008 BAINBRIDGE INVITATIONAL

The date for the BI is July 12, 2008.

LITW BOOK CLUB

This month's meeting is Thursday, April 10 at Marsha Hopkins' house, 8620 Eaglewood Trail. Icy Sparks by Gwyn Hyman Rubio is what we're discussing. Contact Trish Owen 543-4105, if you have any questions. Next meeting: May 8th-Joyce Page's house, Three Plums in One: One for the Money, Two for the Dough, Three to Get Deadly by Janet Evanovich

SWIM TEAM NEWS

Believe it or not...It really will get hot!

The swim team registration form is in this Lakelines. Please fill out the form and send it back to me by May 10. I need to declare the team with the Chagrin Valley Rec League on May 14 and need more accurate figures than I've had in past years in order to set the meet schedule. Participation costs remain the same - \$50 per swimmer; \$20 for 15-18 year olds whose employment prevents them from

attending practice on a regular basis and participating in less than half the meets; \$15 for swimmers practicing with another team, but willing to grace us with their presence at meets only.

The meet schedule will be published in the June Lakelines. In the past, meets were almost always on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 P.M. (Home) and 5:45 P.M. (Away). We have had an occasional Monday and Friday evening meet as well.

Practices are offered Monday through Friday as indicated:

June 9th through July 25th: Ages 10 and UNDER: 10:00–11:00 A.M.

Ages 11 and OVER: 11:00 A.M.–12:00 NOON

Swimmers have the opportunity to purchase Lake in the Woods swim gear at group rates. We have had tee shirts and hoodies in the past. Look for the order form in the next issue! We are hoping to place the order early enough to have the items when regular practices begin June 9 or at least by the first meet.

Queens – crown wearing time will soon be upon us! ☺ If you are not able to fill your crown this season, call (543-8107) or email me (jklmcknight@alltel.net) **NOW**. We will need some of the parents of “10 and under” swimmers to step up to the block and wear a crown, or at least practice this summer for the future.

Last, but not least, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Lake in the Woods swim team member Molly Wiberg who qualified for the Ohio High School **State Champion-ships** in swimming in February! So, do you have to be a really good swimmer to be on the LITW swim team? No, but look what can happen! ☺

Leslie McKnight, Queen of Leisure?

Queen of Team/Swim Team Manager)

SAVE THE DATE! The 19th annual Bainbridge Invitational will be held on Saturday, July 12. This is an all day event, and a favorite of the summer. Please plan your vacations accordingly. ☺

Dear Lake in the Woods Community,

The board of trustees would like your participation in the following survey regarding our community. The questions relate to various aspects of the community, how the property is being utilized, and what suggestions you might have for future improvements. The survey will help the board in making long-range plans for the community. Your input is vital and we appreciate the time you will put into filling out the survey.

Please complete the survey by May 1. Once completed you can mail to:

Lake in the Woods Board of Trustees
8575 Lake in the Woods Trail
Chagrin Falls, OH, 44023

Or you can drop off the survey with any of the trustees. The trustees will be around in the next month to deliver the new directory, so you can also turn it in to a trustee at that time.

Thank you for your time!
Lake in the Woods Trustees

Lake in the Woods Survey

SWIMMING POOL

About how many times did your family use the pool last year?

Over 15 ____ 10 to 15 ____ 5 to 9 ____ less than 5 ____ Never ____

Do you feel that the pool water quality was well maintained?

Mostly ____ Sometimes ____ Not Usually ____ Never ____

How clean was the bottom of the pool with respect to leaves, debris, etc.?

Usually very clean ____ Occasional debris visible ____ Usually needed more cleaning ____

Was the pool deck clean and well maintained?

Mostly ____ Sometimes ____ Not Usually ____ Never ____

Was the pool furniture well maintained?

Mostly ____ Sometimes ____ Not Usually ____ Never ____

Are the restrooms clean and well maintained?

Mostly ____ Sometimes ____ Not Usually ____ Never ____

Did you buy beverages from the vending machine? Yes ____ No ____

How important is the beverage vending machine to you?

Extremely Important ____ Use occasionally ____ Don't use ____

Were the lifeguards friendly, courteous, and responsive?

Mostly ____ Sometimes ____ Not Usually ____ Never ____

Are the lifeguards diligent in their work when on duty?

Mostly____ Sometimes____ Not Usually____ Never____

Did you feel safe and reassured to have the lifeguards tend to your children's safety?

Always____ Sometimes, depend on the guard(s)____ Not usually____ Never____

Did your family take advantage of children's swimming lessons? Yes____ No____

If yes, what was the quality of the swimming lessons being offered?

Excellent____ Satisfactory____ Poor____

Any suggested changes regarding the pool area and the pool staff? _____

LAKE

About how many times did your family use the lake last year?

5 or more____ 1 to 4____ None____

Your family's use of the lake was for: (mark all that apply)

Fishing____ Boating____ Swimming____

Was the lake clean and well maintained?

Mostly____ Sometimes____ Not Usually____ Never____

Any suggested changes regarding the lake? _____

BEACH AREA

About how many times did your family use the beach area last year?

5 or more____ 1 to 4____ None____

Your family's use of the beach area was for: (mark all that apply)

Sun Bathing____ Playing in the sand____ Swimming____ Playing Volleyball____

Was the beach area clean and well maintained?

Mostly____ Sometimes____ Not Usually____ Never____

Any suggested changes/improvements regarding the beach area? _____

TENNIS COURTS

About how many times did your family use the tennis courts last year?

5 or more____ 1 to 4____ None____

Would any one in your family be interested in tennis lessons if offered?

Yes____ No____

Any suggested changes/improvements regarding the tennis courts? _____

BALL FIELD

About how many times did your family use the ball field area last year?

5 or more _____ 1 to 4 _____ None _____

Your family's use of the ball field area was for: (mark all that apply)

Family game _____ Private game _____ League Game _____ LITW Game _____

Was the ball field clean and well maintained?

Mostly _____ Sometimes _____ Not Usually _____ Never _____

Any suggested changes/improvements regarding the ball field? _____

PAVILION

About how many times did your family use the pavilion last year?

5 or more _____ 1 to 4 _____ None _____

Did anyone in your family reserve the pavilion last year for a party?

Yes _____ No _____

Was the pavilion area clean and well maintained?

Mostly _____ Sometimes _____ Not Usually _____ Never _____

Any suggested changes/improvements regarding the pavilion area? _____

SOCIAL EVENTS

Did your family participate in any of the social events held this past year?

Yes _____ No _____

If not, please mark any reasons why you did not participate in social events:

Didn't like the events _____ Time/dates inconvenient _____ Didn't know about the event _____

If you did participate, which events did you attend? Circle the event you or your family enjoyed the mos

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| _____ Easter Egg Hunt | _____ Annual Softball game |
| _____ New Neighbor Welcome Party | _____ Caribbean Night |
| _____ Wine and Women on the Water | _____ Fall Hayride |
| _____ Movie Night at the Pavilion | _____ Family Holiday Party |
| _____ 4 th of July bike parade | _____ Adult Holiday Party |
| _____ Men's Night Out | _____ Family Roller Skating |
| _____ Golf League | _____ Family Winter Swim Party |

Do you feel the social events appeal to a wide range of residents?

Mostly _____ Sometimes _____ Not Usually _____ Never _____

Any suggested events/ideas for the social committee? _____

COMMUNICATION

Which method(s) are most effective in communicating neighborhood information?

Lakelines _____ Message Boards _____ Website _____ Email _____ Mailbox Posting _____

Is your family on the LITW email distribution list? Yes _____ No _____

If not and you would like to be on the distribution list, please include your email address or email to jbflem@msn.com: _____

Any suggested changes regarding communication? _____

DUES

Lake in the Woods has several consistent expenditures, such as lawn maintenance, lake maintenance, lifeguard payroll, and pool maintenance which uses most of the money collected from dues each year. We also have been able to update and repair items around the recreation area, such as updating the electrical, fixing plumbing, and resurfacing the tennis court.

At this time, do you feel your dues are being properly applied? ____Yes ____No

Comments regarding dues? _____

Lake in the Woods Swim Team Registration Form

Swimmers must be 18 years of age and under and able to swim one lap of each of the four competitive strokes (backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle).

FEE: \$50.00 Make check payable to: "LITW Swim Team"
Mail to: Leslie McKnight, 9127 Lake in the Woods Trail by May 10th.

Swimmer's Name	Age (as of June 1)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Consent (please read and sign):

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Lake in the Woods aquatic activities, the undersigned (parent or guardian of named child/children) voluntarily assumes all risks of accident or damage to a child's/children's person or property, agrees to abide by all rules and regulations and hereby releases from every claim, liability, or demand, all employees, parent volunteers, coaching staff, trustees, and officers of Lake in the Woods Association, as well as their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns for any personal injury or damage of any kind. I understand that the above mentioned parties are not insurers of my child's/children's personal safety during this activity.

Signature (Parent / Guardian)	Date
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Address	Phone
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If you are new to the neighborhood and would like more information, please call Leslie McKnight at 543-8107 or email jklmcknight@alltel.net.

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