

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
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Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope 2007 is off to a great start for everyone. This is a busy time of year for your Board of Trustees. We have some changes to the Board to announce and are in the midst of planning for the upcoming year.

First, I wish to extend our thanks and best wishes to Gary Levine whose term as a trustee came to a close at the end of 2006. Gary was a valuable asset to the Board and gave several years of service to the community. Thanks, Gary!

I want to welcome Gary Spiros to the Board of Trustees. He is a new resident to Lake in the Woods and we look forward to his involvement. Gary, his wife Lindy and their dog Moose moved to LITW from Euclid last summer. Welcome to the community and to the Board! As a trustee, Gary will participate on the Land and Safety committee with Carl Markel.

Welcome also Paul Lepri as chair of the Architectural Committee. Paul is taking over the role Gary Levine held. I look forward to working with Paul. See below for more information on the architectural review process that Paul will lead and manage. Board Vice President and Secretary Pete Bongiovanni will also participate on the Architectural Committee.

Even though he never really left, let me say "Welcome Back!" to Pete. His trustee term ended at the end of 2006, but Pete graciously offered to throw his hat back in the ring and we unanimously voted to keep him on the Board. Pete's passion, commitment to LITW and his wealth of knowledge about the community and its history are invaluable to us.

Here is your 2007 Lake in the Woods Association Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Architectural Committee:

Dan Spencer	President
Pete Bongiovanni	Vice President/Secretary; Architectural Committee
Susan Akers	Treasurer
Carl Markel	Land and Safety Committee
Gary Spiros	Land and Safety Committee
Roy Lamb	Recreation Committee
Beth Fleming	Recreation Committee; Pavilion Reservations
Paul Lepri	Architectural Committee Chair

Please see your community directory or the Lake in the Woods web site www.lakeinthewoods.org for contact information for each person. See the web site for information on other committees which operate independently from the Board of Trustees.

I am including a few words on our architectural review process. This information has been part of my Lake Lines letters in the past, but since we have many new residents, I am including it as a reminder of the process defined in our bylaws.

External additions or changes to your home or property require approval by the architectural committee before work commences. If you are planning changes to your house or property please contact Paul Lepri (543-4603), Pete Bongiovanni (543-9754) or any trustee. Please refer to the Third Amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions in our bylaws for further details on the architectural review process. The bylaws can be found on the LITW web site.

As usual, the spring and summer months will hold many events for all residents. Keep checking the web site and future Lake Lines for information on upcoming events. I am excited about the installation of message boards in various locations in LITW. These boards will be used to provide information about events and items of interest to residents. Thank you to Leslie McKnight and Roy Lamb for coordinating the acquisition and installation of the message boards.

In closing I want to recognize the many people that contributed to a successful 2006 and whose efforts help make our neighborhood that much better. Like actors who give acceptance speeches at the Oscars, I am bound to leave some people out. To those people who I don't specifically name, please know that the other trustees and I greatly appreciate any and all efforts to make life at LITW more enjoyable.

Thank you to Roy and Laurie Lamb for the beautiful job repainting the front entrance sign. Thank you to those that helped Roy remove and re-install the sign. Thank you to Pete Bongiovanni and others for hanging greens on street signs for decoration during the holiday season. Thanks to those of you who decorated and lit the trees at the front entrance (I believe the Markels, Flemings and others were involved). It made the entrance very festive! Thank you to Laurie Lamb and the Welcome Committee for the new welcome packets they made and for their efforts in welcoming new residents to the neighborhood. And finally, thank you to Karyn Markel and others who put on a wonderful holiday party at the pavilion in December. It's people like all of you that keep Lake in the Woods a great place to live.

Regards,

Dan Spencer
President

LETTER TO RESIDENTS

At the January LITW Board of Trustees meeting, resident Pat O'Rourke introduced us to George Bare (338-5600, georgebare178288@aol.com) of USA Swimming. USA Swimming is the governing body for U.S. Olympic swimming. Mr. Bare has proposed using our lake for an open water junior swim meet hosted by the local swim club of USA Swimming, Lake Erie Swimming (LE LSC). The event would be part of USA Swimming's central zone meeting from August 3 to 6. The proposal is to hold the open water meet in our lake the morning of Monday, August 6. The central zone is Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Western Ohio and Oklahoma. They have looked at Punderson and Portage Lakes (where they have met in prior years) but feel our lake is best because of parking and spectators area.

They would need use of our common areas including the beach, the dam along the lake at Haskins road, the parking lot, restroom facilities (with added temporary facilities), hospitality host and concessions provided by the LITW association and likely the pavilion. They would pay for all provided services. They would be responsible for safety but might want to recruit our lifeguards. There would be up to 170 swimmers in ages 10 and under (1/2 mile), 11 to 12 (1 mile), 13 to 14 (1.5 miles), and 15 to 18 (2 miles).

At the January meeting, the LITW Trustees asked questions and expressed concerns including:

- 1 Effect on our lake and surrounding area
- 2 Rental toilet facilities
- 3 There would be no rain dates
- 4 Parking for 6 to 8 busses plus parents (although the BI probably has more participants)
- 5 Insurance: Covered by the LE LSC and includes LITW Homeowners Assoc. A copy of the liability insurance certificate has been provided to Dan Spencer.
- 6 LE LSC covers and repairs any damage due to set up, spectators or vandalism.
- 7 Since the Lake is run-off fed only, there could be no guarantee as to water level and algae at the time of the swim.

In addition to the swimmers, there would be additional support staff of 35 to 40 coaches and up to 120 spectators. The LSC would provide all equipment (PA, chairs, marker buoys, etc.). There could possibly be some news coverage by local media.

The LITW trustees will respond to Mr. Bare's proposal for using our lake for the swim meet at our February meeting (February 5th). We are interested in any comments the residents of LITW have on this event. Please contact any trustee before February 5th to provide your feedback (see LITW Directory or LITW web site for trustee contact information).

Respectfully,

The Board of Trustees, Lake in the Woods Homeowners Association
(Submitted by Dan Spencer, President)

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

My name is Abby Russo, I am 14 years old. I love being around kids, all ages. You can reach me from 4:30-9:00 p.m. during the week; I can also be reached on weekends any time. I am available on weekends or nights. Call (440) 543-1125 (my number is also in the Lake in the Woods directory). If you need a babysitter feel free to call.

LOOKING FOR A TREADMILL AND ELIPTICAL MACHINE

If anyone is selling (or giving away) a treadmill and/or elliptical machine, please contact Andrea or Jay Skrobola at 708-2905.

THANK YOU

Many thanks from the Kuhen Family, to all our wonderful LITC neighbors!

We were so overwhelmed by your generosity, love, prayers and incredible meals! You all made such a difference in our lives! We still can't believe how fortunate we are to belong to such a wonderful community. We took so much comfort in knowing so many of you were behind us - it's what got us through the really tough times! It is truly inspiring to feel so much love and support. We want to thank you with our deepest gratitude!

Love, The Kuhen's Ray, Chris, Hunter and Tanner

LAKELINES

Please help me get the Lakelines to our new neighbors. If you know of anyone not receiving the Lakelines, please have them contact me, Carol Willert 543-2247

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2007 Lakelines

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