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President's Letter
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Lake in the Woods Community,

This is a first. This is great!!! Most of you are reading this via e-mail. This is a positive step forward. Lots of us receive other mailings this way so why not get the Lakelines. We also would like your comments and suggestions as we go along with this format. Please bear with us as we work to get the kinks out of the system.

Clean up day went well. Thanks Charles Marchant and crew for getting the job done. It still seems like more residents should get into helping make this project a part of their yearly schedule. More people helping out make the job a lot more enjoyable. Neighbors you make the neighborhood look even better after a long hard winter. I will be talking to John Wheeler about improving the entryway off of 306. It looks over grown and needs a major lot of pruning. I will be calling for some help. Any volunteers??? Let me know if you would like to help.

The community meeting last Sunday the 17th was very informative for those who attended. Although the number of attendees was not large the dialogue was very cordial and lasted a little over two hours. Gary Spiros worked hard on a power point presentation that covered the history of the lake committee and what is happening now and hopefully what will be happening in the future. **Your positive support for the passage of the easement issues has been very overwhelming.** All votes need to be cast by June 8th at the LITW pavilion at 7 PM.

The 14 lake and pond property owners need to be thanked for signing the easement that will allow LITW to maintain the lake and for residents to enjoy the lake. Residents should remember to not misuse private property. If you want to use the lake please use the community access area near the beach. With the

passage of the easement issues the Trustees will move forward with the Lake Committee recommendations to muck suck the sediment pond by the end of June. We will be working closely with the Willow Valley Company to maintain the lake in a more responsible way. We will want to do water quality testing and proper maintenance from this summer forward. We will need community to go ahead with additional projects. Our goal is to move slowly and carefully. **The lake is our community jewel and we need to start treating it that way.**

The 4-way stop sign issue is still on going. We were on the agenda to talk to the Bainbridge Trustees last Monday the 18th but a trustee was ill and the meeting was cancelled. We will get on the agenda to talk to them on June 1st at 7PM. You may want to join Sharon Zetzer and other residents to plead our case for safety in that area. We should have a 4-way stop sign intersection at Haskins Road and LITW trail.

I hope you enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend. It is great to see so much new mulch. This is a great time of year to see beautiful flowers. Thanks you so much for doing your part to keep our neighborhood so desirable. Remember to be safe and take to easy.

As always let the Trustees know of your concerns.

Regards,
Dave Strauch
President of your Trustees



"Lake in the Woods....An All-American Neighborhood" was the theme of our float in the Blossom Time Parade. The float featured all the fun that Lake in the Woods has to offer, from our BI, which celebrates it's 20th anniversary this summer, to our beautiful woods, to our amazing lake and beach. Thanks to everyone who helped with the float, donated items or money, participated in the parade, or cheered us on from the crowd. Special thanks to our "Grand Marshal's" Joanne and Joe Nidy for the use of the trailer, and Beth and John Fleming for the use of their jeep and garage as we worked on the float.

2009 LITW COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



This year, the sale will be on **Saturday, June 20th**. It will begin at 9am and end at 4pm. You are free to end earlier if you would like just by pulling your yard sign/balloons when you are done.

If you would like to participate in the community sale, please contact Elizabeth Spencer by Friday, June 5th. We are again asking for a \$5 donation to put towards advertising and supplies.

Call 440.708.2909 or email epohley@yahoo.com to participate. If you don't reach me in person, please leave your name, phone number and address. I can pick your donation up from you or you can drop it off/mail it to 9236 Wilderness Passage.

In the spirit of both recycling and saving money, please let me know if you still have your sign from last year. Thanks!

Elizabeth Spencer

POOL OPENING DAY -WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH

There is no better way to spend those long, hot summer days than up at the recreation area. LITW is very fortunate to have this nice facility for the gathering and enjoyment of family and neighbors. So on those lazy days of summer come on up and join the activities.



The pool opens Wednesday, June 10, and the hours will be the same again this year, noon to 8 PM, daily, including weekends and holidays. We will again be offering swim lessons this summer, so please contact Elizabeth Spencer if you are interested in enrolling your child.

The LITW pool staff for this summer will be Jackie Krumel, Kristen McKnight, Molly Wiberg, Taylor Uveges, and Amanda Layman. You may also see a few other guards filling in as substitutes throughout the summer.

The pool, as well as all the recreation area facilities, is open to guests of LITW residents as long as the host resident accompanies their guests. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all residents, children who are not 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult or responsible babysitter who is at least 15 years old. Parents are urged to stress the importance of water safety and responsible conduct with their children, and in particular, with the older kids who use the pool unsupervised.

Food and beverages are permitted within the pool confines but may not be consumed while in the water. Glass containers, bottles or breakable dishes are

not permitted at the pool. There is a pop machine at the pool, which contains a variety of pop as well as bottled water.

The pavilion is a regular hot spot and dates are filling up fast! The pavilion can be reserved on a first come basis for group functions by contacting Joanne Nidy-Patrizi or joanne.patrizi@yahoo.com. If you use the pavilion, please clean up after your event. If the trashcan at the pavilion becomes full, please notify a lifeguard. If it is after pool hours, please roll the can down to the pool area so guards will know to replace it the next day.

If you ever have any problems, questions, or concerns regarding the recreation area, please feel free to contact me or any trustee. Hope to see you all at the pool!

Joanne Nidy-Patrizi

LAKE IN THE WOODS GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS THE AMERICAN RED CROSS "LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM"



The American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" program is being offered at our pool again this summer. Children ages 4 and up can participate and will be put into groups according to their ability. Jackie Krumel is returning again this year as the primary certified instructor.

The first session will be June 15-19 and the second session will be June 22-26. Classes will be from 9:00-9:30 AM and 9:30-10:00 AM. Grouping for each time will be determined after all the sign-ups are in. The cost is \$35 per child for the 2-week session.

Please contact me at 708-2909 or epohley@yahoo.com to sign up or if you have any other questions. You can also sign up by sending your name, participating child/children's names and ages with payment to: 9236 Wilderness Passage. Please write checks to LITW. Deadline to sign up is June 10th.

Thank you and see you at the pool!

Elizabeth Spencer

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS



Starting **Wednesday, June 17** and continuing every **other Wednesday in June, July and August**, join us for Neighborhood Nights. Come at 6:00 PM, bring your dinner, and hang out. After you eat join a game of volleyball, baseball, kickball, tennis, or go for a swim. The pool will stay open an hour later if there is enough interest. Get your dues worth and enjoy our beautiful recreation area with neighbors on a regular basis this summer. We hope to see you there June 17, July 1, 15, 29, and August 12!

LITW BOOK CLUB



Our June book is Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See. The meeting is **June 11, 7:30 PM** at Janice Katz's house, 8639 Lake in the Woods Trail. Any questions, please call Trish Owen 543-4105.

LITW Annual New Neighbor Welcome/Summer Kick-Off Family Picnic

Come meet and greet new neighbors and old friends at the LITW Annual New Neighbor Welcome/Summer Kick-Off Family Picnic on **Sunday, June 14**.



The New Neighbor reception will be from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and will include drinks and appetizers. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner for the Summer Kick-Off to follow from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please come any time that fits your schedule. Help us welcome our new LITW families and stay to swim, eat, and celebrate summer.

SWIM TEAM NEWS... It's Almost Summer Time!!!!



Thanks to all of you who were so moved to continue in your queenly position with the Lake in the Woods Swim Team (I hope no one forgot to call before taking off their crown). Please join me

in welcoming **Jane and Dale Polk** as the Queen and King of **Concessions!**

All parents of Swim Team members will be needed to help with concessions, ribbons and scoring, and timing and line judging at some point during the seven week season.

- ✓ Helping with **Concessions** involves taking money from residents and guests in exchange for food and beverage items of their choosing. Pleasant "May I help you's?" and "Thank you's" desirable.
- ✓ **Ribbons and Scoring** volunteers need be proficient at saying "good job!" to dripping wet swimmers and adding small digits together quickly.
- ✓ **Timers** measure and record the speed at which swimmers in an assigned lane finish their race (stop watches, clipboards, line-ups, and pencils provided).
- ✓ **Line judges** determine the order in which each of four swimmers per heat finishes his/her race, use hand signals to confirm order with opposing team's judge and record said information on little pieces of paper for distribution to the ribbons and scoring table (information distributor or "runner" positions inherent).

There are more than **50 opportunities** to help, which breaks down to one parent from each family choosing two or three tasks, depending on the size of the team, which at this writing (5/15), is SMALL (12). Please bring your calendar to the

parent meeting on June 7 and SIGN UP for dates that would be convenient for you to volunteer.

Look for the official “**LITW Swim Team Registration Form**” on line, send it in, and thank you for your support! NOTE: The "Pick the Meets" meeting was postponed to after the Lakelines deadline. Everyone will get a schedule in the Parent Packets which will be distributed at the meeting.

- Leslie McKnight, Queen of Team

REMINDER: Parent and Team Meeting on **June 7 at 1:30 at the pavilion**. This will not be a swim day for the kids, but it will be an opportunity to meet the coaches and get excited about swimming!!

COACHING UPDATE...



Please welcome Jackie Krumel as Head Coach and Kristen McKnight as Assistant Coach for the Lake in the Woods Swim Team this summer!

Jackie served as Assistant Coach last year as well as Pool Manager and swim lesson instructor. Jackie has maintained her Red Cross WSI (Water Safety Instructor) certification and will be teaching swim lessons again this summer. She was a member of the LITW swim team for 10 years and a State qualifier for Kenston High School. Jackie has recently completed her Sophomore year at John Carroll University where she is majoring in Education.

Kristen is new to coaching for LITW, but not new to LITW. Kristen has been on the LITW Swim Team since she was eight years old, joining the team the summer of the 10th annual BI, and still qualifies as an 18 and under swimmer! She was also a State qualifier for Kenston High School where she and Jackie still hold the 400 Free Relay record. Kristen just completed her Freshman year at Miami University where she participated in Club Swimming. She is an Education major.

Please join me in welcoming these two very qualified young adults to their coaching positions. Our kids will surely learn a lot and have a lot of fun swimming for LITW this summer!

GUPPIES SWIM TEAM INFORMATION

Dig out those goggles and floaties, it will soon be time for Guppies! Guppies is the LITW swim team for children, ages 2-7 who are not yet ready for the big swim team.



Guppies practices are held at the LITW pool 2 to 3 times a week for 15 minutes. Practice consists of getting into the water and “swimming” (no particular stroke is required) any way possible (children can use floatation devices) to a “catcher” (either a mom/dad or a big swim team member.) Practices are not mandatory and we try to have practices right before open swim. We also have meets just like the

big swim team where everyone is a winner. Meets are held just prior to 4 or 5 of the big swim team home meets. Guppies begin in mid-June and end in July.

This is a fun way to foster a love of the water to our children. If you are interested in signing up your child, please call Theresa Bhanoo at 708-1015 by the end of May. There will be a \$5 fee/per child for ribbons and medallions due by the first practice. We will distribute the Guppies schedule once the big swim team schedule is firmed up

Theresa Bhanoo
(Queen of the Guppies)

GRADUATION NEWS

We wish all of our Lake in the Woods graduates congratulations and all the best!



Rachel Besand is graduating Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA and honors diploma from Kenston High School. Her accomplishments include Spanish Club President, National Honors Society Secretary, John Phillips Sousa Senior Award for band, 2 years with the Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus, 2 years with Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, 2 years with Ohio State Honors Band, 2 years with Akron University Honors Band, and 1 year with Chagrin Valley Conference Honors Band. Rachel will attend The Ohio State University to study Music Education in the fall.

Jim Church is graduating Cum Laude from Kenston High School. He was named Rotary Senior in March of 2009. Jim will attend Carnegie Mellon in the fall.

Jillian Herbst is graduating Cum Laude with an honors diploma from Kenston High School. She received various High School Academic & Athletic Awards and is a Kenston Foundation Scholarship Recipient. A former LITW Swim Team Member, Jillian is also a Sectional, District & State Qualifier and holds several Kenston School Swimming Records - 4 Individual & 1 Team Relay (100 Fly, 200 Freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 100 Backstroke & Individual Medley Relay). She will attend the University of Findlay on an Academic and Athletic Scholarship.

Benjamin Hopkins is graduating with honors from Swarthmore College in Philadelphia. He majored in economics and history and has accepted a job as a "Research Analyst" with the Federal Reserve System in Washington D.C.. The position is in the area of "Advanced Foreign Economies" in the International Trade division. This section keeps track of developments in advanced economies and examines trade with them. He will be living in Washington D.C..

Katie Isaacson graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications. She majored in Radio, TV and

Film. Katie plans to take a European trip during the summer after which she'll seek a career in the film industry.

Heather Page received a Master of Education degree in Reading and Literacy Education from Boston College on May 18, 2009. She graduated from Notre Dame Cathedral Latin in 2002 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College in 2006. Heather has been working as an elementary teacher in the Boston Public School System. Many young people in Ohio remember Heather as a swim teacher and swim coach

Melissa Strauch is graduating from Kenston High School this June. She was the KHS Rotary Student of the Month for February. Melissa is currently doing a Senior Mentorship at Shaker Middle School. She will receive a Kenston Scholarship at the annual breakfast on May 29th. Melissa will be attending Edinboro University of Pennsylvania this fall.

Jeff Willert graduated from The College of Wooster on May 11 Summa Cum Laude with honors. Jeff earned the Mathematics departmental award, as well as, the William H. Wilson Prize, and the Elizabeth Sidwell Wager Prize in Mathematics. Jeff was inducted into The Phi Beta Kappa Society at the end of his junior year. He will move to Raleigh in August to pursue his PhD in Mathematics at North Carolina State University.

Matt Willert will graduate from Kenston High School on June 4 Cum Laude with honors. Matt earned several student of the year awards. He'll be heading to Xavier in the fall to study finance.

YARD WORKER FOR HIRE

Need someone to cut your grass on vacation or every week? Call Scott Haines at 543-3700. I am available for one-time help too. Ask me about mower oil change and blade service.