



LAKELINES

MARCH 2009

President's Letter
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Lake in the Woods Community,

Reminders

1. **CLEAN-UP DAY**- Please mark your calendars now. Saturday May 16th (rain date is Sunday May 17th). The annual event is open to all residents. We need your help to clean up the winter mess and get the community looking great for the summer season. Please many hands make the job a lot easier.
2. **DOGS**- Please keep your dogs in your yards and quiet. As residents get out on the streets we should be able to walk, run or bike without annoyance. Dog owners please realize that peace and quiet is important to your neighbors. If you are not home your dog should be kept inside, not running outside barking at any resident who passes by. Kids and other dogs should feel secure outside in their own yards.
3. **DRIVING**- Please obey all speed limits and stop signs. Residents should set a good example.
4. **DUES**- Please pay the annual dues of \$550.00 by the April 15th deadline. Our budget needs begin to mount at this time of year. Once again thank you for supporting the LITW trustees on this issue.
5. **E-MAIL**- This year, trustees would like to offer the Lakelines electronically. Money is not the issue. Many people are used to receiving things by e-mail, and we would like to do the same. Please let Joanne Nidy know of your intentions. Email her at: lake_in_the_woods@hotmail.com, or call 708-0100. We want to start electronic Lakelines e-mails in June.

We have been working on lake issues since the last community meeting in December. The health and safety of the community and the lake are at stake. We

cannot look away from this issue. We want to get back the picturesque beauty and clean water quality of many years ago.

I'm sure you have noticed the auction signs posted in the Haskins field across from the LITW neighborhood on Stafford/Haskins Road. I stopped and got a flyer from the box by the sign. The brochure says that the 60 acres is zoned rural open residential. The property features "numerous potential uses, from hobby and horse farms to large rural home sites or development tracts". Robert and Janice Haskins are selling this acreage. I guess we all knew this could happen. We should keep a watch on the progress of the auction and the proposed development of the land. We would like to preserve the best community in the valley.

Regards,
Dave Strauch
President of the Trustees



Spring is on the way!

PLANNING MEETING FOR SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS



Want to help plan some fun spring and summer events, or just want to know what's coming up? Our next event-planning meeting is **Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 PM** at the Markel's house, 16600 Mohican Trail. We'd really like to see some new faces. Bring your calendars and any ideas or information you may have, or just come to hear what is being planned. Any questions, please contact Karyn Markel, 708-2314.

EASTER EGG HUNT



The LITW Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Pavilion on **Sunday, April 5th @ 1PM**. Anyone who would like to participate please drop off 1 dozen filled plastic eggs (wrapped candy please) and \$1 per child, OR \$3 per child by Wednesday April 1st, to Theresa Bhanoo at 8893 LITW Trail. Remember to dress for the weather. Any questions, call Theresa 708-1015.

GARAGE SALE ****SAVE THE DATE****

The annual LITW Garage Sale is going to be held on **Saturday, June 20th**. Details and sign-up information will be coming in future Lakelines and will be posted on the message board. For now, please mark your datebooks!



Any questions, please email epohley@yahoo.com or call 440.708.2909.

LITW BOOK CLUB



Our April meeting is one week later this month. **Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 PM** we're discussing Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides. The meeting is at Dianne Chec's house, 9146 Moccasin Run.

The **May 14th** meeting is at Gwynne Gretter's house, 16350 Misty Lake Glen. Eleni by Nicholas Gage is our book. Please email Trish Owen, owennos@roadrunner.com, or call 543-4105, if you have any questions.

LAKE IN THE WOODS GOES GREEN



Are you interested in receiving the LITW Lakelines by e-mail? Please let us know by sending an e-mail to lake_in_the_woods@hotmail.com. Hard copies of the Lakelines will continue to be delivered to those members who do not notify us you want it via email.

SWIM TEAM NEWS: IN BRIEF...



Clearly, it takes a lot of volunteers to make a summer recreational swim program work, and we are fortunate to live in a community with such wonderful support. Swim parents, search your hearts over the next few months....this team needs people to practice wearing Queen of Concessions and Queen of Team crowns next summer. Peg Vanek and I will welcome and train you and work along side you all summer.

THAT WAS THEN; THIS IS NOW...One Crown Still Available!

Nellie Sparks has volunteered to learn how to wear the Queen of Team crown! Thank you Nellie!

Swim parents, search you hearts over the next few WEEKS...we NEED a Queen in training for Concessions. At \$50 per swimmer, we cannot afford to pay our coaches a decent wage without the proceeds from concessions. We would be forced to raise registration fees OR reduce the number of meets OR shorten the season OR listen to our children whine about having nothing to eat after the meet OR spend more time packing our own food OR rush home to feed the troops OR ...you get the picture!

If you are organized, good at keeping up with paperwork, receipts and finances, like to shop, enjoy thinking and working ahead, and can find a little extra time in your day from late May through July, you're qualified to be a Queen in training for Concessions! Please consider; call Leslie McKnight or Peggy Vanek with questions; claim your crown!

MORE SWIM TEAM NEWS: IN BRIEF...

Swim Team Registration Forms will be accepted beginning mid April; the Chagrin Valley Summer League organizational meeting to declare teams and pick the meets is in early May; practice is usually five mornings a week after school ends; meets are usually on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The season usually runs from early June through the end of July with an end-of-the-season party in August. The Bainbridge Invitational – the 20th annual! – is scheduled for July 25. We need a Queen in training for Concessions.

Do we have a volunteer for the Concessions crown yet?

Leslie McKnight, Queen of Team 😊

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday May 16th. Rain date is Sunday May 17th.





ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE FRIENDLY REMINDER

As the weather gets warmer, many of us will be looking to start home improvement projects. The exterior appearance of our homes is integral to the beauty and value of our neighborhood. Improvements and repairs are always welcome, but they should be done in a manner consistent with LITW guidelines and restrictions in order to maintain this beauty and value. To ensure that guidelines and restrictions are met, we ask that you continue to seek approval for all exterior house projects before they commence.

It is simple to get approval. We ask for a phone call or written request as well as written approval from any neighbors who will be affected by the exterior change. Drawings or plans also need to be submitted where they apply. All work, even a roof being replaced with the same color of roofing material, needs approval prior to the start date. Please keep the committee informed before starting your next exterior project.

Thank you,
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