



LAKELINES

March 2010

**President's Letter**  
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Dear LITW Residents,

Happy Spring! Things have been looking up, weather wise, the past couple of weeks, haven't they? It's great to see bikes on the roads instead of snowplows. Let's hope that's the last we see of those things for 8 or 9 months.

There are a number of things going on in LITW, so let's jump right in:

**Clean Up Day-**

Just in case anyone missed this in last month's letter, our annual Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, with the 16<sup>th</sup> as a Rain Day. We ask that everyone attend and help out with this. There's a lot to do, from putting up tennis netting to cleaning to wood repairing to trash pickup to sign painting, etc. You name it, we've got it. Seriously, this day is very important to our community. We all have chosen to live here and it's our obligation to keep LITW clean and attractive. It not only gives one pride in calling LITW home, it also attracts new residents and keeps our property values up.

**Annual Dues-**

By now, all should have received the annual Dues Letter from Rich Dobre. Although you have until April 15<sup>th</sup> to pay, our LITW bank account would benefit from any early payments so, feel free to write that check this weekend!

**Golf-**

It's possible that some don't know that we have a LITW golf group. Pete Bongiovanni and Kevin Costigan are the two who usually coordinate the golfing, if you'd like to join in. Although I've only gone on Saturday mornings with the group, I understand that there is a couples outing on Friday evenings, as well. So, shine up those clubs and take a nice ride

with us through some of the prettiest real estate around here, one of these weekends. The first outing was last weekend, so we are up and running.

#### **Lake/Sediment Pond-**

We will be having the Sediment Pond vacuumed out in mid-May, which will do a lot to keep the main lake healthy for many years to come. We may get some very good topsoil out of this, if anyone would like some for their gardens or low spots. More on this as we get closer to the date.

Willow Valley will be performing our lake and pond maintenance this year. They do a great job and don't use any harmful chemicals. The company started many years ago as a fish farm, so they know what to do to keep a healthy lake ecosystem. We also test the water throughout the year to make certain that it is clean and 'swim able'.

#### **Recreation-**

Our LITW Social Committee has been hard at work, planning some great summer events. You will find their schedule a bit later in this Lakelines.

#### **Pool-**

We are having a safety Check Valve installed in our pool pump system. This is a state-mandated addition and is designed to prevent anyone from getting stuck to the pool drain at the bottom of the deep end. We Trustees will also drain the pool around the end of April and clean it. A new drain cover needs to be installed at that time, as well. Believe it or not, it's actually a fun thing to do, so let us know if you'd like to help out.

#### **Architectural Review-**

Dan Isaacson has a note in this issue that discusses the process that the LITW Constitution and Declarations have for additions or replacements to our properties. Please contact Dan if you are going to replace a roof, add a storage shed, put on siding, etc.

A couple of reminders from last month's Lakelines-

#### **Committees-**

We have two Committees that will be meeting this year. One that is currently formed- the **Lake Committee**- and a new one that we are in the process of forming- the **Constitution Committee**. Over the years, it has become apparent that our Constitution & By Laws are very dated and in need of an update. Kevin Thornton and Greg O'Brien, both lawyers and LITW residents, have volunteered to assist with this important project. We welcome your participation and hope that we will see some of you volunteering to be part of these committees. Please contact Gary Spiros (708-0658) if you'd like to find out more on the Lake Committee and contact Don Hubbard (375-0855) for the Constitution Committee.

#### **Directory Update-**

It's time to update our LITW Directory and Pete Bongiovanni has graciously volunteered to do this again. We will be sending out a form for you to fill out. Please make certain to include your email address, as it helps our turnaround time and, also, to keep our postage

costs in line. Also, we need to update the information on **Baby-Sitters** (some that are listed are now in college) and **Yard workers**. This is a great opportunity for your kids to make some great friendships and pocket some cash at the same time.

Thanks, all, for your time and have a great Spring!

Best regards, Chris

#### **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. 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.** Request approval to the Architectural Review Committee by phone or in writing; include confirmation of verbal or written approval from any neighbors who may be affected by the exterior change. Where applicable submit any drawings or plans with your approval request. All work, even a roof replacement needs approval prior to the start date. Please keep the committee informed before starting your next exterior project.

Thank you,

Dan Isaacson

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#### **Lake in the Woods Social Events**

Mark your calendars! The social committee has planned some fun events for the summer. We also have created a google site, which will have all events posted and any information changes there. The site is <http://sites.google.com/site/lakeinthewoodssocial/>. Make sure to bookmark the site and if you are a google calendar user you can easily add the Lake in the Woods calendar to yours. If you have ideas for events contact anyone on the committee.

- **Friday, June 4, 6:30 p.m. Wine and Women Night at the Pavilion.** This is a social night for women in the neighborhood. Bring a bottle of wine, appetizer or dessert to share, and a wine glass to play in our white elephant game.
- **Saturday, June 12, 4 p.m. Neighborhood Party at the Pavilion.** Join your neighbors, new and old, to kick off another great summer in our neighborhood. A reception to welcome our new neighbors is from 4 - 5 pm, and then bring a picnic dinner to enjoy and relax by the pool or play a game.
- **Saturday, July 3, 10 a.m. Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade.** Join the family bike parade! Decorate your bike, wagon, stroller, in your best 4th of July decorations and join your neighbors in the annual bike parade. The parade starts at Mohican Trail and this year will end at the Pavilion to continue the festivities.
- **Saturday, July 10, 5 p.m. Family Campout.** Enjoy a night under the stars camping in our rec area by the lake. Shine only event.
- **Friday, July 16, 7:30 p.m. Men's Night Out at the Beach.** Join the men in the neighborhood for a night out. Bring your own drink and a snack to share.
- **Wednesday, July 21, 6 p.m. First annual LITW Talent Show at the Pavilion.** Whatever your talent, share it with the neighborhood! Signing up to participate will be required.

Dates/times could change depending on the summer swim team schedule and the weather, so please check out the website closer to event dates.

We hope to see you all there!

LITW Social Committee,

Karyn Markel, Beth Fleming, Chris Kuhen, Allison McBrady

Save the Date!

The 2010 LITW Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 19. Look for more info in future Lakelines and on the message boards/mail boxes.

Thanks!  
Elizabeth Spencer



## PLEASE DON'T LITTER

The neighbors at the corner of LITW and Haskins got an early jump on spring clean up with the nice weather. We picked up 6 full garbage bags of trash in the 1-mile stretch of Haskins up to Washington. About 75% of the garbage was beer, wine and liquor bottles. We don't mind picking it up once a year; we use the road and want to keep the community looking good. However, the very next day when we went for a walk, the road was strewn with more litter and we picked up a grocery bag of trash again. This is discouraging. Please tell your family, friends, contractors, etc. not to litter. We would like to keep the community clean.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

The LITW Directory will be updated in 2010. Jared Kammer would like to be added to the Baby-Sitter and Yard Worker List. Jared is 13 years old, and can be reached at 708-9889.