

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

March 5, 2005



Happy New Year!

We apologize for the long hiatus since the last Sandscribes publication. We hope to catch up with this issue and be ready for the summer season...as spring is just around the corner! ☺

This issue covers the final two Board Meetings of 2004 and a few fall activities. We have some items to prepare us for spring, and a few personal items regarding our Heidelberg Beach family.

We always like to update our Directory at the start of each season—so please send us any address or phone number changes. Please also review the HB Committee assignments (on Page 5). We'd also like to hear any other family updates you care to share.

Important Dates to Remember:

- The first **Board Meeting** of the year will be **Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 A.M.** at the Kramer cottage.
- **Spring Work Day** at Heidelberg Beach is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th, 2005.**
- This year our Work Day coincides with **Vermilion Township's "Free" Dump Days**, which are **Friday, May 13th** and **Saturday, May 14th**. Plan ahead now!

Jane & John

2005 Bug Spraying—Pest Patrol

Pest Patrol is continuing to offer their same "deal" as in the past. We had 18 cottages that signed up for spraying last year. This assures us the \$90/season rate and that all of Heidelberg Beach's public structures will be sprayed for free (we needed 15 cottages).

Richard Romell (Dan was our old contact, Richard is who we should contact now—and he is the one who does our spraying) requests that those 18 cottages confirm their interest in being sprayed this season by either calling him at **1-866-847-4112** or

emailing romellhome@wowway.com. Please also make sure to tell him what your "home" address is so that next season he can get reminder cards sent to the proper place.

For your convenience, I'm listing the 18 HB cottage numbers that he currently has on his list:

2, 11, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 27, 45, 47, 52, 73, 78, 85, 92, 94, 95, 99

If anyone NEW would like to sign up, please contact him during March. If we have 20 cottages our rate drops *for everyone* to \$85/season (25 cottages = \$80/season, 30 cottages = \$75/season, 35 cottages = \$70/season). ☺

To review what the cottages and Heidelberg Beach will receive:

- Four exterior sprayings in April, June, August, and October. These treatments cover the complete exterior of each cottage.
- Free ant control for the first year, if requested.
- A free termite inspection for each cottage, if requested.
- Four free sprayings of all six Heidelberg Beach community structures: Pavilion, Sunset Bench roof, Bridal Bench roof, Pump House, Promenade Barn and Mailbox roof.

Spring Cleaning in Vermilion Township

Twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, Vermilion Township opens the dump on Stanley Road for FREE disposal of refuse items. It is customarily the 2nd weekend in May, and the 2nd weekend in September. This is a chance to get rid of those large items or large accumulations—at no charge! Specifically prohibited are oil, construction materials, and yard waste. Appliances WILL be accepted!

This spring the disposal site will be open from 7:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. on **Friday, May 13th**, and from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on **Saturday, May 14th**.

To get to the disposal site, take Route 6 east to Barnes Road. Right on Barnes. Go over the railroad tracks and over Route 2. Left on Stanley Road, and look for the big white barn.

For questions, call the Vermilion Township Clerk's Office at (440) 967-3251.

Rebecca Benedict Passes Away

It is with deep sorrow that we report that Rebecca Lee Benedict (15 Pennsylvania, The Brouse House) passed away on Tuesday, December 7th, 2004. Our thoughts and prayers are with her entire family.

Prayers for Other Family Members

We continue to keep the Margard family in our thoughts as Werner pursues his medical treatment. Joan and Werner are enjoying some well-deserved time in Florida during March.

Guess Who Just Turned 80?

Though you couldn't tell by looking, Ray Schuman is trying to convince us that on February 20th he hit this significant milestone!

Winter Tree Maintenance

John Baxter attended the start of the Fall Work Day to meet the community and answer questions. The tree maintenance was completed during December this year, on time and on budget. See the related report in the November 6th Board Minutes. You can also find a list of the specific work done on the Heidelberg Beach Web Site at (<http://www.TulipTreePress.com/hb.htm>).

"Sapphireenge" (our version of "Stonehenge")

As reported in the November 6th Board Minutes, all of the new plastic lumber benches were received and installed in the fall. You'll notice that the benches are currently covered in bright blue tarps; this was done to prevent damage to the new benches during the spring bird migration. Some could say we are trying to compete with Central Park's artistic display of the Saffron "Gates!" ☺ We discovered last year that apparently the benches were being used as "chew toys" for the passing flocks of birds.

They haven't noticed yet that the recycled plastic isn't as tasty as the old wood was!

2004 National Property Rights Conference

In September, Joyce Foote and I (Carol Dunkle) went to the *National Property Rights Conference*. We learned that there are a lot of people fighting for their property rights, not just the *Ohio Lake Front Group* fighting the ODNR. There is *The Citizens for the Protection of Property Rights* fighting the Erie Metro Parks for taking their land to build a bike path along the Huron River, and there is talk about Indian casinos being built across from Sawmill Creek in Sandusky. All of us must band together to have a large enough group to have our voices heard.

H.B. 218 passed the Ohio House of Representatives 77 to 20 but is doubtful that it will pass the Ohio Senate. The OLG had a good start but environmentalist groups such as the Sierra Club, the Ohio Audubon Society, and the Ohio Environmental Council were able to sway enough of the Senate Committee members against passage of the bill. The OLG keeps working hard for our rights with motions to the courts. We need our voices heard before it is too late. We must stand up for ourselves.

The Metro Parks built a bike trail through privately owned property and opened the bike trail to the public along the Huron River while the ownership of the property is still in litigation. Now the property owners have their decks cut off and people trespassing on their private property having picnics in their lawn chairs.

The Indians are a sovereign nation. That means they do not have to obey our laws, and they do not have to charge sales tax and they do not have to pay the minimum wage. This will make it nearly impossible for other business to compete with them driving more businesses way.

I have lots of information if anyone is interested.

Submitted by Carol Dunkle

**Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 14, 2004**

Present: Craig Peer (presiding), Mary Chidester, Linda Glaviano, Sheila Henderson, Bill Hertzler, John Macko and Char Schuman.

Absent: Dick Beck, Carol Dunkle, Harvey Foote, Rick Herwerden and Barclay Rohrbaugh.

Guest: Will Ossman, Chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee.

Prayer: The meeting was opened with a prayer given by Craig Peer.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes for the July 17 Board meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Schuman reported that \$13,728.06 needs to be invested in a CD. She wanted to get the Board's opinion as to whether it should be invested for 3 or 6 months. The consensus was that this should be done at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Real Estate:

Will Ossman presented drawings for the remodeling of Jane Chidester and John Macko's cottage. The plans met all building requirements. A motion was made to approve the plans with John Macko excusing himself from discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was discussion concerning enforcement of Heidelberg's Building Rules and Regulations. Peer stated that he plans to contact a member of the Vermilion Zoning Board and request a meeting regarding the relationship between the Vermilion Zoning Board and the Heidelberg Zoning and Building Committee. Several other Board members also plan to attend the meeting.

Old Business:

ODNR update: Peer appointed Joyce Foote and Carol Dunkle as two additional members to this committee. Other members on the committee include Rick Herwerden (Chair), Harvey Foote, and Jack Kramer. It was reported that the Ohio Lake

Front Group plans to hold a meeting in Sandusky and several committee members plan to attend.

Audit Report: Hertzler submitted a limited audit report of the Association's financial records for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The report was dated July 27, 2004. It was reported that all taxes had been paid by that time and bank accounts reconciled with bank statements. William Hertzler and Willard Pretzer completed the audit.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: It was decided to hold Fall Workday on Saturday, November 6. Coffee will be available in the pavilion at 9:00 A.M. with workday beginning at 10:00 A.M. A Board meeting will be held at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Glaviano,
Secretary

**Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 6, 2004**

Present: Craig Peer (presiding), Dick Beck, Mary Chidester, Carol Dunkle, Harvey Foote, Rick Herwerden, Bill Hertzler, John Macko, Barclay Rohrbaugh, and Char Schuman.

Absent: Linda Glaviano and Sheila Henderson (both excused).

Minutes of previous Meeting (August 14, 2004):
There were no corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Char Schuman proposed a new budget of \$34,068.97. Bill Hertzler (Barclay Rohrbaugh) moved to accept the report and proposal as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Variance for 8 Pennsylvania: Valerie Yeager Murray submitted a variance for her cottage at 8 Pennsylvania, requesting permission to construct a front deck extending beyond the conventional building boundaries. Bill Hertzler (Barclay Rohrbaugh) made a motion to accept the variance under protest, since an architecturally accurate

drawing was requested but never received. The motion passed unanimously.

ODNR update: Rick Herwerden reported that there was not much news concerning ODNR H.B. 218 aside from tiny changes to the bill as it moved along. The Board agreed to address our next contribution to the OLG (Ohio Lakefront Group) at the next meeting, and renew our membership at the one year anniversary.

Promenade Bench Report: John Macko reported that all of the promenade benches have now been assembled and installed on the promenade. All of the cement pads were power washed (including the stone work at the sunset bench) and the holes left from the removal of the old benches were filled with cement. The two bench cover structures were fully sanded, washed, primed, and painted with two coats of paint computer matched to the color of the new bench supports.

Thanks to Pam Seymour and Carol Dunkle, who helped with the painting, and especially to Dick Beck who provided manpower, hauling, and did all of the power washing. Most of all, many, many thanks to all of the donors of the benches!

Tree Committee Report: Jane Chidester reported that this fall the Tree Committee re-opened the bidding process for our winter tree maintenance to ensure that we were getting good prices and good service. We gave each service the same list to work from; though each also had some additional suggestions. Three firms were interviewed and responded:

- Leimeister Crane & Tree Service \$3630
- Sitterly's Tree Service \$5590
- Baxter Tree Service \$4300

We recommend staying with, and accepting the Baxter Tree Service bid.

We have also been investigating locations for new plantings, specifically making use of our memorial tree fund of \$600. The desire for these funds is to have some large replacement trees in place in the shuffleboard court area for the eventual removal of the silver maples. We had considered getting one large tree and planting it centered on the west side of the courts. We are now also considering waiting until the old trees are down and planting two new

trees to the west (these would be in too much danger from falling limbs if we planted now). There are also several other candidate locations around the property for new trees, but we will wait until next season to address these.

New Business:

Spring Work Day: Scheduled for Saturday, May 14th, 2005.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next Board meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, 2005 10:00 A.M. at the Kramer cottage, 12 Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,
John Macko
(substituting for Linda Glaviano, Secretary)

**Heidelberg Beach Association
Board of Trustees & Committees**

President	Craig Peer	2006
Vice President	Barclay Rohrbaugh	2005
Secretary	Linda Glaviano	2006
Treasurer	Charlene Schuman	2007
Real Estate Agent	Mary Chidester	2007
	Dick Beck	2006
	Carol Dunkle	2006
	Harvey Foote	2007
	Sheila Henderson	2005
	Bill Hertzner	2005
	Rick Herwerden	2007
	John Macko	2005

Please review your membership assignment(s) and confirm your continued interest in serving.

- **Beach and Bank**
Tom Lukens, **Chair**
Rick Herwerden
Bob Koester
Jack Kramer
John Macko
Bill Richardson
Norm Siebenhar
- **Boat House**
Jack Kramer, **Commodore**
Joyce Foote, **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Coastal Legislation**
Rick Herwerden, **Chair**
Jack Kramer
Harvey Foote,
Joyce Foote,
Carol Dunkle
- **Finance and Budget**
Charlene Schuman, **Chair**
William Hertzner
Craig Peer
Williard Pretzer
- **Grounds and Creek**
William Hertzner, **Co-chair**
Ken Stone **Co-Chair**
Bob Koester
Bob Reimsnyder
- **Membership & Orientation**
Will Ossman, **Chair**
Werner Margard
Paul Rohrbaugh
Jim Schneider
- **Council on Christian Work and Worship**
Barb Tereshko, **Chair**
Carol Dunkle
Jane Eshelman
Joan Margard
- **Pavilion**
Carol Dunkle, **Chair**
Dick Beck
Kathleen Foote
Jack Kramer
Clark Martin
- **Pavilion Scheduling**
Charlene Schuman
- **Peace & Tranquility**
Marion Rohrbaugh, **Chair**
Barbara Beck
Dawn Dumke
Linda Glaviano
Clark Martin
- **Publicity**
John Macko, **Chair**
Harry Bratton
Loretta Bratton
Jane Chidester
Linda Glaviano
- **Real Estate & Insurance**
Mary Chidester
Craig Peer
- **Recycling**
Pam Seymour, **Chair**
Marion Rohrbaugh
Ray Schuman
- **Safety & Recreation**
Joe Tereshko, **Chair**
Tom Dunkle
William Hertzner
Barclay Rohrbaugh
- **Special Events**
Margaret Schuman, **Chair**
Linda Glaviano
Harriet Ossman
Charlene Schuman
- **Tennis Club**
Carol Dunkle, **President**
Ruth Schneider, **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Trees**
Jane Chidester, **Chair**
Werner Margard
Will Ossman
Bill Richardson
Ray Schuman
- **Utilities**
Harvey Foote, **Chair**
Harry Bratton
Herb Foote
Richard Herwerden
Neil Richardson
- **Zoning & Buildings**
Will Ossman, **Chair**
Richard Henderson
William Hertzner
Richard Herwerden
Werner Margard
Charlene Schuman