

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

June 14, 2006



Summer is One Week Away!

- First—we catch up with news from over the winter.
- During the spring, a water leak was discovered and more are suspected around the beach. A letter was sent with the recent tax bill mailing, and it is included here as well. Please help us figure this out.
- The start of the summer season at Heidelberg Beach heralds the start of the annual Pavilion services. Please see the article below and the enclosed colorful flyer, both furnished by the CCWW.
- The first board meeting of the year was held May 20th. The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** will be **Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Pavilion.
- Note that we now include the URL for the Heidelberg Beach Web site in the page footer (thanks for the suggestion!).

Jane & John

Sheila Henderson's Mother Passes Away

Our sincere sympathies to the Henderson Family (62 Kentucky) on the passing of Sheila's mother on January 15th. She truly loved her time here at the beach.

Lydia Foote Passes Away

It is also with great sadness that we share that Lydia Foote (9 Pennsylvania) also passed away in January.

Chidester Family News

On March 18, 2006 Robert Chidester, second son of John and Marilyn Chidester (67 Kentucky), married Angela Hull in Tiffin, Ohio. The young couple currently makes their home in Michigan.

Paul Rohrbaugh Returns Home

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Paul and his family this winter and spring. Paul has had a series of health issues that have kept him in the hospital for some time. He is now back home!

Property Tax Assessment Rate Hike in 2007

The State of Ohio requires Erie County to reevaluate private property values every 6 years. Tax values for homes in Erie County can be tracked and are displayed at the county's Internet Web site at www.erie.iviewauditor.com/valuation.asp. To search for your home's information, click the "Real Estate Search" tab in the left column. Homes are taxed at 35% of their county appraised value. Postcards should be sent out to homes in the fall indicating rate adjustments. Six years ago overall county valuations increased by 10.89%.

*Article from the Sandusky Register
March 13, 2006*

Lakefront Group (OLG) News Possible Memorial Day Resolution

The federal judge presiding over months of court action in the dispute over private ownership versus state control of the Lake Erie shoreline has been sent the issue back to the state level court system. Senator Randy Gardner is pushing hard for a resolution by Memorial Day since both of the sides have fully presented their information.

As always, check www.OhioLakefrontGroup.com for the latest articles.

*Article from The Morning Journal
April 19, 2006*

OLG June 8, 2006 UPDATE: No further news on this front, but it appears that the original lawsuit has now been certified as a Class Action for all Lake Erie shoreline property owners. See the above Web site for details.

Report from the Tree Committee

Despite our best efforts Ohio Edison still came into Heidelberg Beach and did their wholesale clearing of limbs from areas near the high power line.

Gratefully Leimeister, our new tree service, went through the neighborhood in January during their scheduled work for us and "fixed up" as much of the haphazard hacking from the power company as they could—with no additional charge!

As mentioned last year, we've planted 8 new trees around the property. Please feel free to help us keep these baby trees well watered. ☺ And again, if anyone would like to gift for a future tree planting, we have a few more spots open.

Jane Chidester
Tree Committee Chair

Water Leak at Heidelberg Beach

The Treasurer's Office is concerned that we may have a water leak. This concern, which has been shared with the Board of Trustees, stems from unusually high water bills.

We are asking that all residents look and listen both inside and outside of their properties to see if water is running or leaking.

One problem has already been discovered, but we fear there may still be a problem somewhere else.

Please spend a few minutes and see if we can cooperatively find other leaks.

If something is not right, or if you hear or see water where it should not be, please contact Harvey Foote or me.

Respectfully, *Char Schuman*
Treasurer

Council of Christian Work and Worship

Summer is approaching and our committee has been busy planning for our worship services. The first of our 10 services is on Sunday, July 2, 2006 and the last is Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 3rd. Please invite your guests to attend and remember to mention our services to anyone who rents or stays at your cottage.

The worship services begin at 10 A.M. but plan to stay after for fellowship time and refreshments

provided by the Social Committee. As always, we will be asking for volunteers to greet and pass out the bulletins, to be the morning announcer, and to share musical talents.

Our worship committee is also planning several additional fellowship gatherings with the help of the Social Committee. One event is being planned each month beginning with an ice cream social on Saturday, June 24th. Please look for a separate flyer in this Sandcribes listing these fun events with the schedule of worship services on the reverse side.

Barb Tereshko and Jan Peer
CCWW Co-Chairs

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting May 20, 2006

Present: Craig Peer (presiding), Dick Castele, Mary Chidester, Harvey Foote, Linda Glaviano, Rick Herwerden, Bill Hertzler and Charlene Schuman.

Absent: Jack Kramer, Sheila Henderson, Bill Chidester and Carol Dunkle (attended latter half of meeting).

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

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction made by Schuman. The church balance is \$5,344.26 rather than \$4112.06.

Treasurer's Report:

Schuman distributed the treasurer's report. She indicated the change as noted above in the Summer Church balance. She also noted that the balance was affected by three speakers who didn't take their stipend.

Schuman reported that there has been a major increase in the water bill with the amount of the bill almost doubling. One water leak has been repaired and Schuman is waiting to see how this impacts the next bill. Schuman requested that all cottage owners check their crawl spaces or basements for water and listen for any sound of running water. This request will be included in the next issue of the Sandcribes.

Committee Reports:

Real Estate and Insurance: Peer reported that the Beach's liability insurance has been paid for the next year.

Real Estate: Chidester had several Real Estate items to report.

- *Lots 64 & 65 Kentucky (Kessler cottage):* M. Chidester (Schuman) made a motion that a new lease be issued to Ken Kessler, Mary Lou Belmont and Verna Field as tenants in common for lots 64 and 65. The motion was approved unanimously.
- *Lots 9 & 10 Pennsylvania (Lydia Foote cottage):* Lydia Foote's two daughters, Mary Buemi and Beverly A. Morris, are now the successor trustees for these lots. They are in the process of providing the required letters of recommendation. After the letters are received, they will meet with the Orientation Committee.
- *66 & 67 Kentucky (Mary Jane Chidester cottage):* Anne Hamilton, John Chidester and Jane Eshelman will be the leaseholders for these lots. Jane Eshelman is already a member of the Association. John and Anne have submitted their letters of recommendation and are ready to meet with the Orientation Committee.
- *Lots 7A & 8 Pennsylvania (Yeager-Murray cottage):* Chidester (Hertzer) made a motion to issue a new lease listing Valerie Yeager-Murray as the Trustee for lots 7 A and 8 Pennsylvania. The motion was approved unanimously.

ODNR: Foote circulated the information that he received from the Lake Front Group. They are trying to get the June 9 hearing for the class action suit moved from Columbus to Cleveland.

Utilities: Foote reported that all the septic tank work has been completed. He was able to hire a company that came in and cleaned the tanks in one day. All tanks were found to be in working order.

Roads: The repaving of the roads should begin soon.

Old Business:

Addendum to Heidelberg Beach Building Rules: It was decided that this topic and the Nominating Committee Report will be the main agenda items at the next Board Meeting. Board members were asked to review the proposed Building Rule changes in advance.

New Business:

Beach and Bank Request: A request was received from Tom Lukens, Chair of the Beach and Bank Committee, to look into the removal of several of the bank trees that obstruct the view of the Lake in the area behind the boat house. This committee along with the Tree Committee will develop a formal proposal to submit to the Board.

New Beach Snow Fence: Hertzer brought up the need for a new snow fence for the Beach. A motion to purchase up to 200 feet of orange snow fence was made and passed unanimously. Schuman will purchase the fence materials.

New Anchor and Chain for Buoys: Herwerden stated that there is also a need for a new anchor and chain for one of the warning buoys as well as a new chain for another. It was decided that Herwerden and Dunkle would look at the buoys and determine what materials are needed. Dunkle will purchase them.

Nominating Committee: Peer, Dunkle and Schuman will make up the Nominating Committee for new Board members. There are four vacancies. Peer and Dunkle are completing their second terms and cannot run for a year. Kramer can complete two more terms and Glaviano one. Nominees will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25, at 10:00 am in the pavilion. Hertzer (Herwerden) moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Glaviano
Secretary