

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

June 4th, 2009



2009 Summer Season Begins

We have a lot of news here at the start of the season, so please be patient with us and read through this longer-than-usual Sandscribes.

As promised, the Board of Trustees has made their decision regarding the Assessment Issue that has been debated in the community for the last 2 years.

We also have personal updates from our Heidelberg Beach family, general administrative business, and information about our summertime activities.

Please make special note of the **Annual Membership Meeting** date set for **Saturday, July 18th, 2009** at the Pavilion at **10:00 AM**.

Jane & John

Decision on the Assessment Issue

Dear Heidelberg Beach leaseholders,

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Saturday, May 23, the following proposal was approved for determining our assessments beginning with our fiscal year July 1, 2009. You will see the changes in your February 2010 statements.

- One-third of the budget will be raised by dividing that amount equally among the total number of cottages.
- A second third of the budget will be raised by dividing that figure equally among the number of lots.
- The final third of the budget will be raised based on the value of your cottage as determined by the Erie County Tax Assessor.

We know this is not a perfect plan, but we also know that there is no plan with which everyone would agree. Our goal was to find a policy that reflected our efforts to listen to all of you. Another and more important goal was to create a policy that would preserve Heidelberg Beach as an organization, thus renewing the shared sense of community that has always been a part of this place.

We want to remind you that this policy is the result of conversations that took place at the three listening sessions; letters you sent to board president, Bill Chidester and to the entire community; several Board meetings; the work of a separate Assessment Committee; and lots of number crunching. The policy itself developed after we discussed numerous possibilities. In the end we decided on simplicity and compromise. By this, we mean first of all that the new policy is easy to understand. Then we also sought a middle ground between assessments determined heavily on valuation and by no valuation at all. For all of these efforts we hope you understand this policy was not adopted quickly or without considerable deliberation.

You will find with this letter a listing of what the assessments would have looked like in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) for all members. As stated above, the assessments for next year will vary based on cottage valuations current at that time and the budget for the coming year.

We thank you for your patience, your interest and your participation in this process.

Sincerely,
Board of Trustees Heidelberg Beach Association
May 2009

Summer Community Events

July 18th (Annual Membership Meeting Day): 6-7 PM
"Sundaes on Saturday" at the Pavilion.

August 8th: Potluck at the Pavilion. Kathy & Mark Hayman are grilling fresh bologna with Vidalia onions on a bun!

More details on both events coming soon!

Karen Herwerden & Kathy Hayman
CCWW Co-chairs

Summer Pavilion Service Schedule: First Sunday is July 5th, 2009

Welcome to the 79th Season of Pavilion Services here at Heidelberg Beach! The dates, schedule of Ministers (what information we have), and cleaning schedule is on a separate insert in this mailing.

Our tithe this year will be Second Harvest Food bank. We will have collections for canned goods and packaged foods on the first and last Sundays of this season. Please check expiration dates as we had some expired donations last year.

Susie Foote sewed a beautiful new podium cover for us and it has been installed. Thanks Susie!

Needed: Greeters and Announcers! Please contact Bill Richardson.

Also needed: Additional helpers for Jack Kramer & Jan Peer for the PA system.

We welcome any ideas and suggestions for this season's services.

Karen Herwerden & Kathy Hayman,
Co-Chairs, Christian Council of Work and Worship

Pavilion Cleaning Schedule and Procedures

There has been some confusion in recent years about what to do for the Sunday your family is listed on the schedule to clean the Pavilion before morning services. There are a few variations as to what people typically do, so to clarify and standardize the procedure for everyone, the Pavilion Committee asks that you follow these guidelines:

- If your family is listed on a Sunday that you cannot be present for, it is up to you to trade or acquire a favor from one of your neighbors.
- At least one member from the listed family should show up to clean (this will ensure 4 people are present).

- Arrive at 8:00 AM (or what ever time your group wants to start) with brooms, buckets, sponges, and towels.
- Sweep the floor of the Pavilion.
- Set out the chairs in rows inside the Pavilion.
- Wash and dry the chairs and outside picnic tables to the extent that they need it.
- Set up the podium and remove the hymnals from inside.
- Distribute the hymnals around the chairs and picnic tables.
- Get the music stand, chair and stand for the organ out of the barn and put it up by the podium. The key for the barn is inside the podium.
- If weather is inclement or looking that way, lower the Pavilion tarps. (And keep the hymnals inside the Pavilion.)

Carol Dunkle,
Chair, Pavilion Committee

Managing the Electricity at the Pavilion

Due to changes with the electric company's billing procedures, we now intend to officially shut off the electricity at the Pavilion for the months that it is typically not in use. If you have any events at the Pavilion scheduled for after Labor Day Weekend, please let Char Schuman (the Pavilion Schedule Keeper) know of your plans as soon as possible.

Neighboring Properties

It has recently come to our attention that both Heidelberg Beach residents and people who come from further west of Heidelberg Beach have been trespassing on to Mr. Brown's property on an increasing basis. There were several incidents last summer, and notably, children were sledding down his hill this winter. This is not only unacceptable behavior on our part, but becomes a legal liability issue for him. There are posted "No Trespassing" signs at various points between the properties. Please respect both of our neighbors, Mr. Brown and Mr. Norton—both of whom have been very generous with their kindnesses towards us in the past and present.

Most recently Mr. Norton, against his desires, cut down two trees obstructing our sunset bench views. We have much to be grateful for with two large, quiet properties on either side of us.

Getting Ready for Summer Season

Several "Thank Yous" are in order:

- Rosalie Nehls for the Promenade & Mail box flowers.
- Jan Peer for the front entrance flowers.
- Roger Nehls for managing our dumpsters throughout the year—he has refined a system and worked with BFI in their pick-ups to most efficiently manage our capacity needs. This is now saving the Association \$700-\$800 over the course of the year.
- All who participated in a variety of Spring Work Day activities.
- Harvey Foote, as always, for mowing and debris pick-up.

Second Half-Year Assessments:

Due June 20th, 2009

Note that the increase in bills this cycle is due to the \$110 per cottage septic tank cleaning charge. (Tanks are currently being cleaned every three years.)

Nominations for the Board of Trustees

The Board is looking for candidates to serve for the next term. Please contact President Bill Chidester if you would be willing to be nominated. High pay, generous vacation schedule, and respect of your peers are just some of the many benefits of this position. ;-)

Boat Club Membership Meeting

Commodore Jack Kramer would like to have a Boat Club Meeting of all Boat Club Members the weekend of **July 4th, 2009**. Exact day, time, and location are still yet to be determined...stay tuned.

Norm Siebenhar's Father Passes Away

Jack Siebenhar passed away in Florida on May 16 following a brief illness. He built the family cottage on Indiana Road in the 1950s and spent many summers at Heidelberg Beach with his family. He moved to Florida for his retirement years. He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Dorothy; 3 children; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Please keep Norm & Karen Siebenhar (79 Indiana) and their family in your prayers.

Linda Glaviano's Sister Passes Away

Linda & Cliff Glaviano (78 Indiana) are mourning the loss of Linda's sister, Barbara Arnold. She was just 52 years old and passed away on Monday, May 4th at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Barbara spent many of her summer days at Heidelberg when she was growing up.

Linda and Barbara's parents, Frank and Jane Arnold, preceded her in death. Barb was an IT person for IBM and the Dana Corporation.

A memorial service is being held Sunday, May 17th, at the Toledo Botanical Gardens at 3:30 pm. A reception will immediately follow the service.

Please keep Linda and her family in your prayers.

Karen Herwerden's Brother Passes Away

Karen & Rick Herwerden (11 Pennsylvania) are mourning the sudden loss of Karen's brother, the Rev. David Fallon. He passed away on Friday May 1st unexpectedly. David was the priest at La Sagrada Familia Church in Cleveland at 7719 Detroit Ave. The wake is being held at the church on Wednesday, May 6th from 3-9. The funeral mass will be at the church at 11:00 on Thursday, May 7th. There will be an announcement in the Plain Dealer about Dave on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please keep Karen in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult period. Our sympathy goes out to all of the Fallon and Herwerden family members as well.

Tom Dunkle's Father Passes Away

Warren G. Dunkle, 87, of Medina, passed away Monday, April 6, 2009, in Medina. He was born in Cleveland on May 21, 1921, to Harley and Nellie Dunkle. Warren has been a Medina County resident for more than 50 years.

He was a former Liverpool Township zoning inspector, member of the Valley City Fire Department and past president. Warren was active in the Buckeye Boosters and was a past president of the Little League when his children were in school. Warren served 3½ years in the Army. He was owner/operator of Uncle Dunkle's Hardware in Valley City back in the early 1960s. Warren worked at General Motors of Brook Park and GM Truck & Coach of Cleveland. Lastly, he retired as a diesel mechanic teacher at Lorain County JVS. Warren enjoyed flying radio controlled planes, gardening and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Catherine "Kay"; children, Loreen (Fred) Rote of Aurora, Tim (Wendy) of Medina, Dennis of Litchfield Township, Jane Guseman of Strongsville, Jack (Debbie) of California and Tom (Carol) of Vermilion; grandchildren, Kyle and Brad Rote, Ben, Elizabeth and Kasi Dunkle, Ryan and Amanda Guseman, Brett Manning and Michele Savell; stepgreat-grandchildren, Ashley and Cooper Savell; many nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law, Ruth Wise of

Sebring and Rita (Larry) Taddie of Parma; and brother-in-law, Jack (Caroline) Bernard of Florida.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Maynard Dunkle and brother-in-law, Don Wise.

It's a Boy!



Welcome to Glenn Christian Eshelman who was born on May 23rd and weighs in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and 19 inches long. Glenn is the second grandchild for Jane & Tom Eshelman (73 Indiana) and is the son of Jane & Tom's second son, Kent, and his wife In-Ja.

Also exciting is that Kent has accepted a new full-time position at Baylor University in Waco, Texas as the Assistant Professor of Tuba and Euphonium. Kent & In-Ja currently reside in Flagstaff, Arizona, but will be moving to Texas in early August.

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting March 28th, 2009

Present: Bill Chidester (presiding), Dick Castele, Jane Chidester, Mary Chidester, Linda Glaviano, Jack Kramer, Roger Nehls, Barclay Rohrbaugh.

Excused or Absent: James Dumke, Carol Dunkle, Jack Corrigan and Dick Henderson.

The March 28, 2009 Board meeting followed the final informational meeting held to hear members' ideas and concerns regarding Beach assessment. President, Bill

Chidester, called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm and opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Nehls reported a balance of \$23,655.50 in the general fund as of March 10, 2009. He also reported that trash is now being picked up once a week. Nehls also expects an increase in the cost of water starting with the next billing period. The bill for Beach insurance has not yet been submitted.

Real Estate: Mary Chidester stated that she will have business to present at a later meeting.

Old Business:

Committees: Bill Chidester reported that there is still a need to look at the make-up of committees.

New Business:

Septic Tanks: It was reported that septic tank cleaning will begin on Monday, March 30. An announcement about the cleaning will be sent out via email and will be posted on the website.

Spring Work Day: Spring Work Day will be held on Saturday, May 23. Coffee will be served in the pavilion at 9:30 am and work will begin at 10:00 am. A Board meeting will follow at 1:00 pm.

Assessment Committee Report: Dick Castele presented the report developed by the Ad Hoc Assessment Committee. The committee's proposal based assessments on four different factors. These included a lot fee, a cottage fee, a premium fee for the lot owners facing the front promenade area and a primary resident fee. A lengthy discussion followed the report. At the end of the discussion, Dick Castele was asked to work up several alternative assessment scenarios for the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Glaviano
Secretary

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting May 23rd, 2009

Present: Bill Chidester (presiding), Dick Castele, Jane Chidester, Mary Chidester, Jack Corrigan, Linda Glaviano, Dick Henderson, Jack Kramer, Roger Nehls and Barclay Rohrbaugh.

Excused or Absent: James Dumke and Carol Dunkle

Opening: The May 23, 2009 meeting was opened with a prayer by Bill Chidester, President, at 1:10 pm.

Minutes: The minutes for the March 28, 2009 Board Meeting were distributed by the Secretary, Linda Glaviano. They were approved as presented with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Nehls reported that this would be the last week with only one container open for refuse. Next week, both dumpsters will be open and pick up will be moved to twice rather than once a week. Nehls reported that approximately \$700.00 to \$800.00 had been saved by locking the one dumpster during the off season time.

He also reported that there will be a change in the electric rate. The minimum rate charged per month for the pavilion will go up to \$30.00. It will also cost \$15.00 to turn the electric in this area on again once it has been turned off. He suggested that members who may want to reserve the pavilion after Labor Day let Char Schuman know if they will be needing power. This way, the power can be turned off only once at the end of the season.

Nehls also let the Board know that one leaseholder has not paid the assessment due in January and another paid their assessment late. Each was charged the 10% penalty and the amount owed has been added to their next tax bill.

Jane Chidester thanked Nehls for his efforts to reduce the cost of refuse pick-up.

Real Estate: There was no report.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Old Business:

Non-Payment or late payment of Assessments: Nehls brought up the topic about procedures that may be needed if leaseholder assessments are in default. The current lease reads that after six months, the leaseholder is in default for non-payment of assessments and the leasehold can be revoked. Presently, there are no interim steps defined for the Board to use if this situation occurs. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was that this may need to be brought up as an agenda item at the Annual Meeting. At the meeting, Board members would request input and suggestions from leaseholders about what processes the Board might decide to use.

Nominating Committee: B. Chidester reported that Jane Chidester, Roger Nehls and Barclay Rohrbaugh will be completing their first term as Board members and are eligible to be nominated for another term. Linda Glaviano will be completing her second term on the

Board and is not eligible to run again. J. Chidester, R. Nehls and B. Rohrbaugh have indicated that they are interested in being nominated for a second term. At least one other nominee will be needed.

Linda Glaviano, the non-returning member, will chair the Nominating Committee. Other members completing their first term on the Board will be assisting. B. Chidester asked Jane Chidester to place an announcement on the website and in the Sandscribes to have any Beach members interested in running to contact him. He also indicated that one Board member has verbally indicated that a letter of resignation will be sent to the Board President. According to the By-Laws, the Board president will appoint a leaseholder to compete the Board member's term.

New Business:

Assessment Discussion: Bill Chidester opened the discussion concerning the assessment issues and the proposals and ideas that the Board is considering. He stated that input from the three informational sessions, the Assessment Committee, letters that he has received and Board meetings have been considered. He also indicated that feedback received indicates that valuation needs to be used as one of the factors. Another factor to be considered is to create a policy that can be easily understood and preserve a sense of community and compromise within the Heidelberg community.

A lengthy discussion followed as the Board looked at various factors including whether land value should be included in the valuation of a cottage and the disparity in usage within the community.

Dick Castele (J. Kramer) moved that:

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The motion was approved with one abstention.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting was scheduled for June 13, at 10:00 am, in the pavilion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Glaviano
Secretary