

# SandscribeS

Heidelberg Beach  
Vermilion, Ohio

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009



## Wrapping up 2009

Thanks to all of those who came out for Work Day on November 7th. We had an unusually warm and pleasant day. Thanks as well to Jan Peer and the new Social Committee for providing many wonderful treats to fuel the hard workers.

Our 2009-2010 budget has been approved (see details in the Board Minutes below). The next Board meeting will take place in late March.

Have a safe and happy holiday season! This will be our last hardcopy SandscribeS until springtime. Stay tuned to the Web Site for any news that occurs over the winter.

*Jane & John*

## Property Owners Win Next Phase of Shoreline Battle

The 11th District Court of Appeals ruled that property owners "own to the water's edge." This battle over the shoreline has been going on for five years now. The ODNR will now take the issue to the Ohio Supreme Court.

## THANKS!

- To all of those who helped clean up storm damage from the "microburst" we had on August 28th.
- To David Rohrbaugh and "his crew" for repairing the very rotted pillars of the Pavilion. He added additional quality touches like installing shoe molding at the bases of the pillars to help drain and repel water.
- To Dan Warder for painting the Pavilion pillars that David Rohrbaugh repaired—and for re-staining the side rails.
- To Rosalie Nehls for creating such wonderful food spreads and flower displays for the Social

Hours following the Sunday Pavilion Services all summer long!

- To those that have maintained (watered and weeded) our floral displays around the beach.

## Reminder about our Membership Directory

Just a reminder that you can download an up-to-date version of the Heidelberg Beach Directory from the Heidelberg Beach Web site at any time (we update the Directory whenever someone sends us updated information). Two versions of the Directory are available: one for printing, and a softcopy version for you to put on your computer and/or handheld device.

## Drinking Water Notice

We received a notice that the Huron Water System did not meet treatment requirements on August 26th, 2009. This means that on that date our drinking water may have contained disease causing organisms.

There are no actions that need to be taken at this point, other than to be aware that this happened and that Huron Water Department is taking all steps to ensure it doesn't happen again. If you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

*Ron Marsinick  
Superintendent Huron Water Plant  
419-433-9502*

## Springer Family News

Claudia and Jeff Springer's (52 Kentucky) youngest son Tim is engaged to be married on March 6 to Dr. Angelika Rampal of Santa Monica, CA. Tim is the CEO of SSB Bart Group, a consulting firm that advises on technology accessibility for the disabled. Angel, a pediatrician, is an attending physician for the Pediatric residency program at UCLA's Mattel

Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.  
Congratulations!

Also, their son Matthew and his wife, Noel Nevers, have moved to Munich where Matt will continue to work for Google and Noel will consult to the pharmaceutical industry in manufacturing processes. She has been responsible for the good flu vaccine in the United States!

### **Best Wishes to Jack Corrigan**

Jack Corrigan (89 Michigan) took a fall and tore his shoulder's rotator cuff. He will have surgery soon to repair it and will have to spend the holidays doing the not-so-joyous physical therapy. Our best wishes for a speedy and pain-free recovery!

### **Elizabeth Eshelman Weds Nathaniel Moes**



Elizabeth Eshelman, daughter of Jane & Tom Eshelman (73 Indiana), married Nathaniel Moes on Saturday, October 17th. Elizabeth & Nat met at Wittenburg University in 2003 when they were both students there. They married at Weaver Chapel at Wittenburg in commemoration. Nat is from Vermilion originally and you may recognize the "Moes" name as they have had a boat business near the Vermilion Lagoons for many years. Nat's grandmother resides at the Inn at Chapel Creek (where our dear beach friends the Pretzers are). The happy couple honeymooned on Jeckyll Island in Georgia and now reside in Fairfax, Virginia.

### **New Grandchild for John & Marilyn Chidester**



John & Marilyn Chidester (67 Kentucky) welcome their fourth grandchild Donald Joseph "Joey" Bovinett III, born to their daughter Meg and her husband Don. Joey arrived at 11:44 PM on October 12th, 2009 weighing in at 7 lbs 2 oz and 20 1/2 inches long. All are doing well.

### **Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees (Informal) Meeting September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Present:** Bill Chidester (Pres-presiding), Roger Nehls (VP), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Jane Chidester (Secretary), Mary Chidester (Real Estate), Carol Dunkle, Jack Kramer.

**Guest:** Bill Hertzler.

**Opening:** The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Bill Chidester at 10:00 AM.

**Minutes:** This was an informal meeting and no official business was conducted.

### **Discussions:**

**James & Jane Rohrbaugh's Construction Plans:** Bill Hertzler presented the architectural drawings for the planned addition and renovation of their soon-to-be cottage. They are going to increase their footprint with 16' x 20' porch addition on the north side of the cottage. They will also be extensively renovating the interior on both the first floor and by finishing and expanding the second floor. The second floor will have a shed roof bumped out of the existing roofline on the west side. Two bedrooms and two full bathrooms will be created on that floor, along with a walk-out deck to the north above the new 16' x 20' addition.

A letter from the Erie County Health Department stating their approval (as per Building Rules & Regulation #20) is required, as well as final agreement between the Zoning & Building Committee and the Rohrbaughs as to the amount of the bond required. A check for \$5,000 has been received by the Treasurer. Bill Chidester will call an Executive Committee meeting when the plans are ready to approve.

Uneven Manholes in our Roads: A request was made that we fix the uneven manholes around our property. The issue will be investigated by the Utility Committee and a solution will be presented to the Board. Jack Kramer will assist the Utility Committee (Harvey Foote) in getting estimates from several paving companies for fixing the problem.

Committee Restructuring:

- Consideration is being given to having each member of the Board be on (or chair) a different committee. The advantage would be that the Board would have better communication with the committees.
- Jan Peer has accepted the chair position of the newly re-formed Social Committee. Consideration is being given to merging the pavilion scheduling task under the new Social Committee.
- The task of scheduling the weekly Pavilion Cleaning is being transferred from the Pavilion Committee to the CCWW.

Painting: Dan Warder has completed much of the planned Pavilion painting and sealing work that was scheduled for Work Day. (Thank you Dan!) Dan has requested that Carol Dunkle buy some paint for him to refurbish the playground equipment.

Pavilion Electricity: The electricity is being shut off in the Pavilion as of Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be turned on again for next summer. This is a cost saving measure.

Beach & Bank: Help was requested of the Beach & Bank Committee in removing the buoy from the lake at the end of Labor Day Weekend.

Grounds & Creek: Two issues were discussed:

- Renewed interest has been shown in implementing the plan to install snow fence in strategic areas of the promenade to prevent the extensive snow drifting on Ohio Road in the winter. This task will be done on Work Day.
- Other tasks appropriate for Work Day are also being considered.

Trash Pick Up: As of September 7<sup>th</sup>, our bi-weekly double dumpster pick-up will be reduced to once a week on Mondays. As of Work Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the service will be reduced to one dumpster once a week on Mondays.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jane Chidester*  
Secretary

**Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Present: Bill Chidester (Pres-presiding), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Jane Chidester (Secretary), Mary Chidester (Real Estate), Jack Corrigan, Mark Hayman, Dick Henderson, Jack Kramer, Barclay Rohrbaugh.

Excused or Absent: Roger Nehls (VP), Carol Dunkle, David Rohrbaugh.

Opening: The meeting was opened at 1:00 PM with a prayer led by Bill Chidester.

Minutes: Mary Chidester (Jack Kramer) moved that the minutes from the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Board Meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Everyone is current with their assessments and all bills submitted, have been paid.

Real Estate: Nothing to report.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance and Budget Committee: Presentation of the 2009-2010 Budget. Dick Castele went over the summary of our financial status and then discussed each line item of the annual budget. The budget will

be posted on the Heidelberg Beach Web site for all to reference. Highlights of the discussion:

- As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (the end of our fiscal year) we have a total of \$89,756 in cash. \$47,053 is in a checking account and \$42,703 is in CDs. Of that \$89,756—\$12,175 is a surplus from our 2008-2009 budget, \$48,848 is money reserved for specific purposes, and \$28,733 is unencumbered cash.
- Bill Hertzner (Grounds & Creek Committee) has requested that we hire Harvey Foote to mow the grass at the rate of \$385 per mowing—the same rate as last year. The Board included in the budget \$9,000 to cover 22 mows.
- Bill Hertzner (Grounds & Creek Committee) has requested \$650 for spring and fall weed and feed applications to the promenade.
- The Board has decided to transfer the \$5,000 Sewer Maintenance budget surplus from the checking account to the CD's to earn a higher rate of interest.
- Jane Chidester (Tree Committee) has requested \$8,000 for winter tree maintenance (details below under Tree Committee Report). Two tree companies bid on the project this year, Leimeister was chosen to continue as our service provider.
- Bill Hertzner (Grounds & Creek Committee) has requested that we hire Harvey Foote to plow the snow at the rate of \$100 per plow—the same rate as last year. The Board has included \$1,600 in the budget, which is the average of the last 2 winter's costs. If the snow depth is greater than 6", an outside plowing service will be called in (current rate is unknown). Roger Nehls will oversee these services.
- The Board has allocated \$500 to address the issue of uneven manhole covers. Jack Kramer and Barclay Rohrbaugh have volunteered to work with Harvey Foote (Utilities Committee) to apply the asphalt patch. The asphalt patch is an interim

measure while estimates are gathered for raising the manhole cover collars.

- Jane Chidester (Communications Committee) has requested \$600 for the Sandscribes and Web Site (details below under Communications Committee Report).
- Dick Castele has declined the Treasurer's annual \$750 stipend and is generously donating his financial and accounting services.
- Tom Lukens (Beach and Bank Committee) has requested \$1,800 for bank maintenance (details below under Beach and Bank Report).

Richard Henderson (Jack Kramer) made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget. Motion passed unanimously. The total approved assessments are approximately \$1,000 more than last year, but are also approximately \$1,000 less than the average of the budgets of the last 4 years.

Tree Committee: \$8,000 was requested. This is approximately \$5,600 additional assessment dollars (as there was a \$2,400 surplus from last year). The cost is significant this year for two primary reasons; we skipped regular maintenance last year and we have just selectively pruned over the last several years. It is time now for a more thorough pass through the whole property. This estimate includes for all trees that are in need:

- Remove deadwood larger than 2" in diameter
- Prune for safety
- Clear all roofs by 15'
- Elevate low limbs up to approximately 10' or more
- Vista prune promenade trees
- Remove broken (and stuck) limbs
- On select trees, thin canopies to improve structure

For this dollar figure we will also be removing a diseased maple and ash by 67 & 68 Kentucky, and

will be grinding out a total of 6 stumps (4 were left from last year).

Communications Committee: \$600 was requested.

- \$250 is the cost to publish (print and mail) the hardcopy Sandscribes. An average of 5 Sandscribes are done at an average cost of \$50/Sandscribes issue.
- \$350 will go to improving the Web Site. The Web Site domain and hosting service has been donated since the inception of the Heidelberg Beach Web Site. It has been decided to acquire our own domain name ([www.HeidelbergBeach.org](http://www.HeidelbergBeach.org)) to simplify naming conventions and to allow others to take over Web Site management in the future. (NOTE: The new domain name will NOT take effect until sometime in 2010. There will be an announcement at that time.)

This will turn into a continuing annual cost of approximately \$300 to have this URL registered to us and have a hosting service for the Web Site.

Beach and Bank Committee: \$1,800 was requested.

All trees along the beach bank will be "vista pruned" and the "woody" and "shrubby" undergrowth will be removed along the entire expanse. All debris will be hauled up the cliff and disposed of by grinding.

### **Old Business:**

Executive Committee: Bill Chidester (Mark Hayman) made a motion to officially approve the Executive Committee that had been approved via email in early September. The members are: Bill Chidester (President), Roger Nehls (VP), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Jane Chidester (Secretary), Carol Dunkle, Jack Kramer, Barclay Rohrbaugh. Motion approved unanimously.

Rohrbaugh Construction Plans: Jane & James Rohrbaugh's (36 W. Virginia) construction plans were approved unanimously by the Executive Committee in a prior email vote. They complied with all regulations and requirements.

Real Estate Signs: They will be removed over the winter.

By-Laws and Fair Housing Act: Discussion of options and possible actions. The Board will continue to look at the wording in the By-Laws. The discussion will continue in the spring.

### **New Business:**

ODOT: Heidelberg Beach has been contacted by the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT plans to replace the culvert along Route 6 with a new concrete one. They are asking to buy an easement over a .0086 acre portion in the southwest corner of our property. Property appraisals are in process right now and shortly we will receive a letter with an offer and exact maps of the location. The work to replace the culvert will take place in the spring of 2011.

Grounds & Creek: Mark Hayman will be organizing a special Work Day to clear some of the debris and trees out of the creek to facilitate better water flow and prevent some of the flood jams.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held in late March. An exact date will be set via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jane Chidester*  
Secretary