

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

May 5th, 2010



Starting the 2010 Season

This *Sandscribes* mailing is being sent out to the entire membership and is serving as the official notice of the intent to put an issue on a ballot at the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for July 31st. The following letter from the Board President explains the issue.

This *Sandscribes* also contains the “start of the season” informational items, as well as the news from over the winter.

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:

May 29th: Work Day & Potluck & Board Meeting
May 30th: CCWW and Social Committee Meeting
July 4th: Start of the Sunday Pavilion Services
July 31st: Annual Membership Meeting
September 5th: Last Pavilion Service

Jane & John

Letter from the Board President

Dear Members of Heidelberg Beach Association,

You will notice in this issue of the *Sandscribes* that there is a proposal to change the By-Laws. The Board of Trustees has been discussing this issue at several meetings and many options were considered. In the end it was voted at our last meeting of May 1st, 2010, that it was prudent and in the Association’s best interest to make changes in wording so that there is no question that our rules for membership are not in violation of the Fair Housing Act. We are not legal scholars, but we did consult people in the legal field before arriving at our decision. Rather than pay someone to make these changes for us, we felt it best to show our intent to meet the requirements of the Fair Housing Act by removing any requirement of members regarding their religious affiliation.

This was not done lightly because we value the strength that our religious heritage has provided the

community and we do not wish to discard our heritage or belittle its importance to us. Therefore, we have revised the Mission Statement into an Identity Statement. In that document we have tried to make clear our indebtedness to the founders and named their religious affiliation that gave rise to the Heidelberg Beach Community. In this way, we hope to impress upon future members of the Association that our founding values are still honored and desired as the basis for our community. It is our hope that this new language will speak of the “values” of our German Reformed Church heritage. At the same time we want to focus on the values of this community which we can share in common and not focus on “religious requirements” that, to the best of our judgment, are neither legal, nor in effect at Heidelberg Beach.

Opinions on this matter are varied among us. It is therefore our hope that those who would desire clarification or rewording of the proposed changes would share their thoughts and concerns with the Board of Trustees before our next meeting on May 29th. That way we can be prepared with the best possible proposal for By-Laws changes going into the annual meeting on July 31st.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Bill Chidester
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Spring Work Day

Spring Work Day will be held over Memorial Day weekend again this year. The date is **Saturday, May 29th, 2010**. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 9:30 AM and work will begin at 10 AM.

Note: This will be the only hardcopy mailing about the date of Spring Work Day.

Spring Work Day Lunchtime Potluck

This year the lunchtime potluck will be reinstated by the Social Committee. Meet at 12:00 PM (noon) at the Pavilion (or at the Peer/Kramer cottage if raining). Sloppy Joes and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own table setting.

Tasks for Spring Work Day

As usual, our efforts will be focused on beach and bank clean-up for the summer season.

Andy Overly, the Brown property foreman, has kindly offered to help us this year with debris removal. For Work Day he will place a large flatbed trailer on our beach for us to fill with burnable debris (no metal, tires, etc.) and will come the following week to haul it to their burn pile (south of Rt. 6).

Our tree service cleared the banks again this winter of woody growth, but unlike past years did not get as much of the debris picked up because of our constant February snows.

We need people to bring rakes to “comb” the cliff side to collect this debris. We need people with gas powered weed whips and chain saws to tidy up the emerging growth and areas that cannot be mowed.

Please meet at the Pavilion at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 29th, for further detailed instructions.

Promenade Flowers

Rosalie & Roger Nehls have volunteered to transition the flagpole flower display to a perennial garden that does not require a large expenditure for annuals each year. The sundial area will be mulched to continue to provide ease of mowing. Help with watering is always appreciated!

“Bonus” Work Day last November

Thanks to those who showed up on short notice to participate in the bonus Work Day event to clear the creek on November 20th, 2009. Special thanks go to Mark Hayman for organizing the event and bringing the chainsaws and weed whips. Several compliments have been received on the cleaned-up look.

Again, thanks go to Mark Hayman, Harvey Foote, Carol Dunkle, Roger Nehls, Dan Warder, John Macko, Jane Chidester, Char Schuman, and Bill Chidester.

Spring Cleaning

Dear Cottage Owners,

Perhaps some of you were able to see the entrance to Heidelberg Beach shortly after the creek banks were cleared of debris. It made for a welcoming panorama as you entered and crossed the bridge. We have been blessed over the years to have members who give of their time and energy to keep our grounds in good shape. Not least among these, of course, is Harvey Foote, but there are others who also trim, plant, weed and generally keep Heidelberg Beach beautiful.

Now it is spring and the weeds on the creek bed are already starting to grow back. As the Board of Trustees discussed upkeep of our grounds, it was decided that it would be a good idea to ask all of our cottage owners to please do a spring clean up of the property around your cottage. We know it can be hard to keep up with things in the spring. But as spring turns to summer and more of us make it back, we believe it is important to spruce things up. It's only fair to your neighbors and friends to have your property looking nice. Unsightly weeds, miscellaneous items stored outside our cottages, and lack of building maintenance can ruin your neighbor's view and make Heidelberg Beach seem cluttered and unattractive.

It is also important for us to keep our belongings on our own lots and not on neighboring properties or communal areas. The exception to this is the storage containers allowed on the beach. Please tidy these up as well as we are trying to clean up the beach and bank for the summer season.

So, please take some time to clean up and keep Heidelberg Beach the welcoming and inviting place that it is meant to be. Of course, you are all invited to help with the common areas which we will attend to on Work Day, May 29th. Thanks for all you do for Heidelberg Beach.

The Board of Trustees

Pavilion Electricity

This is a reminder that we had the electricity shut off to the Pavilion over the winter as a cost saving measure. The electricity to the Pavilion will be turned on around July 1st.

Mailbox Key Management

The Nehls will now be the keepers of the master mailbox keys and mailbox assignments. Thanks go to the Seymours for many years of service!

2010 Season Bug Spraying

Dan of Pest Patrol is still Heidelberg Beach's bug spraying service provider

He provides low rates to cottage owners and sprays our community structures for free (Pavilion, Shed, Pump House, covered Promenade bench, Mailbox cover, and Entrance Lights).

Note: Existing customers from last year should have recently received a letter in the mail with their 2010 invoice.

If you are not an existing customer and would like to sign up this year, here are the specifics:

- \$65 (+ tax) per year for 3 exterior spray applications.
 - You can request a free termite inspection.
 - He will treat ants as needed (let him know).
 - He will do interior spraying for a small additional charge.
- Some have asked about the chemical Dan uses: it is Talstar-Reg#279-3206-.06 liquid. It is a multi-purpose insecticide that works on about 75 common pests.
- To sign up:
 - Dan's Pest Patrol
4001 Maple Ave.
Castalia, OH 44824
Phone: 1-877-255-2847
 - If you sign up this year he'll leave the 2010 invoice in your door when he comes out for the first application.
 - Dan will inform people by phone and email when he intends to come out to spray.

Dumpster Pick-up Schedule

We currently have one dumpster emptied once a week on Monday. Starting June 1st we will have both dumpsters emptied on Monday. Starting July 1st we will have both dumpsters emptied on Mondays and Thursdays.

Call for Nominations

We have just one position to fill on the Board of Trustees this year. Mary Chidester's second term will be ending. Jack Corrigan, Carol Dunkle, and Jack Kramer are all incumbents for re-election.

Note: If you would be interested in joining the Board, please contact Mary Chidester!

"New" Heidelberg Beach Web Site

This winter we transferred our Web Site to its own domain at www.HeidelbergBeach.org.

THANKS go to John Macko for many weekends of effort to transition this Web site to the new URL, re-establish all of the pages under new Web site management software, and bring the site up to the latest Web standards.

New Grandchild for Sharon & Bill Chidester



Sharon & Bill Chidester (69 Kentucky) welcome their second grandchild, born to their son Brice and his wife Kara. Reid Irwin Chidester was born at 6:35 PM on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 after 4 hours of labor. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long. He joins older brother Grant in the family. All are healthy and happy!

CCWW and Social Committee Meeting

Please meet at the Peer/Kramer cottage (12 Pennsylvania) at 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 30th, 2010.

80th Season of Pavilion Services!

The 80th season of Pavilion services begins on July 4th. Services begin at 10:00 AM with a social hour at 11:00 AM each Sunday throughout the summer.

The 2010 Pavilion Cleaning Schedule will be completed and published in the next *Sandscribes*. The Pavilion will be cleaned the first day, July 4th, by the Worship Committee. If you would like to volunteer for a certain Sunday this year, please call 216-389-0182 (cell) and let me know. I will try to accommodate your requests. All members will be assigned a Sunday. After the schedule has been posted, please honor your assignment or get your own replacement.

Thank you!
Karen Herwerden
CCWW Chair

July 4th: Rev. Bill Hamilton

July 11th: Jeff Springer

July 18th: Rev. David Timm

July 25th: Rev. Jane Ellen Nickell

August 1st: Rev. Steve Volker

August 8th: Rev. Bill Chidester

August 15th: Rev. Dick Henderson

August 22nd: Rev. Jim Dumke

August 29th: Rev. Randy K. Meyer

September 5th: Rev. Paul Deppen

Thoughts & Prayers for our Neighbors

- Rev. Paul Rohrbaugh was hospitalized shortly before Christmas. He now has 24 hour care at home at Westlake Village, but was able to recently make a visit to Heidelberg Beach on one of our warm spring days!
- Condolences to the Schuman and Pretzer families on the loss of Ken Pretzer at Christmastime, the brother of Will Pretzer and Margaret Schuman.
- Harvey Foote is doing well and back to mowing after his hip replacement surgery in

late January. He still does not have all of his energy back, but he continues to push on.

- Condolences to the Reimsnyder and Leahy families on the loss of Ric Reimsnyder, the son of Karen Reimsnyder and brother of Kim Leahy (29 West Virginia). He passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday, February 5th, 2010 of a massive heart attack at age 50.
- On January 18th, 2010 our neighbors, Donald and Shirley Brown (and the pilot and co-pilot), died when their small private plane crashed on approach to the Lorain County airport. They were returning from their holiday celebrations in Gainesville, Florida.

Loretta Bratton Passes Away

Our sincere sympathy to Harry and the whole Bratton family.

The following is re-printed from Loretta's Obituary from Riddle Funeral Home:

Loretta Arline Bratton, 86, formerly of Vermilion, died Monday, April 26, 2010 in Wesleyan Village, Elyria after a short illness.

She was born October 5, 1923 in Cleveland, Ohio and has been a Vermilion resident since 1989 moving from Seven Hills.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Vermilion. She enjoyed reading, sewing, traveling, square dancing, and had attended Elderhostels for over 30 years.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Harry Harvey Bratton of Vermilion; sons, Raymond (Judy) Bratton of Santee, CA and Donald (Joy) Bratton of Lorain; daughter, Colletta (Bill) Lieber of O'Fallon, IL; grandchildren, Beth Edwards, Matthew Lieber, Steven and Andy Bratton, Sharon Cumberland and Curtis and Rachel Bratton; and sister, Alice Godwin of Sierra Vista, AZ.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Albert and Florence (née Foote) Pretzer; brother, Albert Pretzer; and sister, Elverda Keith.

**Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 1st, 2010**

Present: Bill Chidester (Pres-presiding), Roger Nehls (VP), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Jane Chidester (Secretary), Mary Chidester (Real Estate), Carol Dunkle, Mark Hayman, Barclay Rohrbaugh.

Absent: Jack Corrigan, Dick Henderson, Jack Kramer, David Rohrbaugh.

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

Minutes: Bill Chidester (Dick Castele) moved that the minutes from the November 7th, 2009 Board Meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Castele reported that he anticipates we will end the fiscal year under budget by approximately \$445.

The only unanticipated cost was \$650 in sales tax that we paid to the tree company for their services for the year. In the past, they had not charged us sales tax. Both Jack Corrigan and Dick Castele researched the Ohio Revised Code and independently determined that Heidelberg Beach, unfortunately, is NOT eligible for sales tax exemption. This over budget item was offset by under budget items in other cost categories.

Real Estate:

Nehls Lease Transfer: Mary Chidester (Dick Castele) made a motion to consent to the transfer of the lease for lots 75, 76 and 77A located on Indiana Road, from Roger Nehls and Rosalie Nehls to Roger C. Nehls and May Rosalie Nehls, Co-Trustees, or the survivor as Sole Trustee, of the Nehls Family Revocable Trust UAD January 19, 2010. Motion passed unanimously. Roger Nehls remitted the \$50 lease transfer fee to the Association.

Requested ODOT Easement: Roger Nehls (Barclay Rohrbaugh) moved that the Board of Directors of the Company hereby approve the donation of a perpetual easement for highway purposes to the Ohio Department of Transportation over a 0.0086 acre area more particularly described on Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and further that the President of

the Company, William Chidester, is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate steps to grant the easement, including but not limited to, execution of the easement, seller's affidavit, closing statement and donation letter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Exhibits A and B can be viewed on the Web Site.*

Corporate Standing with Ohio Secretary of State:

Roger Nehls (Mark Hayman) moved that Mary Chidester be retained as the registered statutory agent with the Ohio Secretary of State and that the Association reimburse Mary for the \$25 fee to file the Statement of Continued Existence for the Heidelberg Beach Association with the Secretary of State. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

2010-2011 Nominating Committee: Mary Chidester completes two terms on the board. She will serve as committee chair to nominate her replacement. Jack Corrigan, Carol Dunkle, and Jack Kramer are all incumbents for re-election.

CCWW: Barclay Rohrbaugh presented the list of ministers for the 2010 summer season. All slots have been filled for the 80th season of Pavilion services.

Social Committee: The Social Committee will be hosting a lunchtime potluck following the Spring Work Day activities on May 29th, 2010. Meet at the Pavilion at 12:00 PM. The rain location is the Peer/Kramer cottage (12 Pennsylvania). Sloppy Joes and beverages will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish and your own table service.

Old Business:

Adoption of New Language in Association Documents: Bill Chidester (Mary Chidester) made a motion to recommend the following wording changes to comply with the Fair Housing Act:

Change the wording on Page 1 of the By-Laws document from

Heidelberg Beach Association desires to perpetuate the Christian spirit and character in which it was founded in 1922. It is therefore the desire of the Association that membership will continue to be

made up of those who believe in the Christian faith and its founder, Jesus Christ. Prospective members are encouraged to declare the agreement with the Statement of Mission and Purpose adopted by the Association in 1990. Prospective members shall submit three letters of recommendation, one preferably by their pastor.

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An orientation process for all new members will bring an understanding of the history, mission, rules and regulations of the Heidelberg Beach community and will set the tone for membership expectations and community involvement.

Change the current Mission Statement:

The beginning of Heidelberg Beach, Vermilion, Ohio goes back to 1922 when a group of ministers and lay people dreamed of a place along Lake Erie which would become a "playground for the Reformed Church". They envisioned a community where young and old might enjoy enriching friendships in a beautiful water-front setting with a well-designed physical layout including attractive homes and cottages and adequate public areas including the beach and promenade.

The greatest asset of Heidelberg Beach is found in the people who are over the years have helped make it the special place it is. The Heidelberg Beach family is made up of persons—who motivated by Jesus Christ—seek to reflect His presence and spirit. Believing in the ideals of the Heidelberg Beach traditions, many have found re-creation of the whole of life-body, mind and spirit. People have found mutual enrichment as they have played, worked and worshipped together.

The purpose of Heidelberg Beach, from its founding days to present, is to provide a place and an atmosphere to foster Christian ideals and principles in individuals and families. Since 1928, Sunday Christian Church services have been held each summer season in THE PAVILION, an outdoor sanctuary built especially for that purpose. THE PAVILION is also utilized for other Church, family and Association meetings and gatherings.

The mission of the Heidelberg Beach Association is to continue in the spirit of its founder in operation

and maintaining a Christian community of the highest moral standards. It is an Association where members and friends alike can be a part of Christ's Church and enjoy the personal fellowship and the natural beauty God has surrounded us with.

into a re-written "Identity Statement"

The beginning of Heidelberg Beach, Vermilion, Ohio, goes back to 1922 when a group of ministers and lay people dreamed of a place along Lake Erie which would become a "playground for the Reformed Church." Their strong faith provided the source of their unity in envisioning, founding and building this association. They envisioned a community where all ages might enjoy enriching friendships in a beautiful water-front setting with a well-designed physical layout including attractive homes and cottages and adequate public areas including the beach and promenade.

The greatest asset of Heidelberg Beach is found in the people who have over the years helped make it the special place it is. The Heidelberg Beach family is made of persons who seek personal enrichment and renewal. In addition, people honor and build on this family tradition through active participation in the life of the community by forming new friendships, sharing in the work of this place and participating in social events and other offerings.

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The mission of Heidelberg Beach is to continue to prosper as a community of high moral standards. It is an Association where members and friends alike can enjoy fellowship with neighbors and friends as well as the natural beauty that surrounds us. It is essential that the greater good of the entire Heidelberg Beach community will always be a priority in both personal and corporate decision making.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board will call for a vote of these changes (as required by section IX of the By-Laws) at the Annual Membership Meeting (July 31st, 2010) and ask for the support of the community.

Clarification of the Orientation Process of New Members: The orientation of new members will occur prior to the Association's granting of a new (or assigned) lease. Prospective members will be given copies of all Association documents and the history of Heidelberg Beach will be shared. The prospective members will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of receipt and agreement to these documents. The Board of Trustees will then vote on whether to grant membership into the Association, and then proceed accordingly with any actions regarding lease issuance.

Bill Chidester (Roger Nehls) moved that for simplification and expediency, the Board of Trustees will become the de-facto Orientation committee. Motion approved unanimously.

Roger Nehls, Barclay Rohrbaugh, and Jane Chidester will begin work on gathering appropriate orientation materials and organizing them.

New Business:

Association's Safety Deposit Box: An inventory of the box's contents is going to be created.

Pavilion Electricity: Dick Castele will coordinate with Ohio Edison to turn the electricity back on prior to the July 4th weekend.

Mailbox Key Management: Roger Nehls has volunteered to take over the Mailbox Key Management task from the Seymours.

Leasholder's Lot Maintenance: A letter is being drafted to remind leaseholders about proper upkeep of their cottages and lots.

Reduction of the Number of Board Members: There was discussion on the pros and cons of slightly reducing the number of members on the Board of Trustees. The first point raised was making the number of members an odd number (vs. even number), as is more typical. The optimal number being discussed is 9 members.

Spring Work Day: Spring Work Day will be held **Saturday, May 29th, 2010**. Coffee and doughnuts

at 9:30 AM, work begins at 10:00 AM, potluck is at 12:00 PM, and the Board Meeting is at 1:00 PM.

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Annual Membership Meeting: The date for this year's Association meeting is set for **Saturday, July 31st, 2010** at 10:00 AM at the Pavilion. Note that this is a departure from the "3rd Saturday in July" guideline. It was moved to the end of July to ease several scheduling conflicts.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be at 1:00 PM at the Pavilion on **Saturday, May 29th, 2010**.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Chidester
Secretary