

# Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach  
Vermilion, Ohio

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011



## 2011 Summer Season Begins

This *Sandscribes* is packed with “first of the season” information and news from over the winter (for those that do not keep tabs on the Web Site).

Sunday **Pavilion Services** begin on **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** and run through September 4<sup>th</sup> this year. Please see the enclosed schedule.

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Membership Meeting**, which will be **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

*Jane & John*

## Membership Directory

Please send us any changes to your personal information (address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.). We are waiting to produce a new hardcopy Directory after the cottages up for sale have been sold. (One down, one to go!)

## Maintaining the Grounds

- Our roads are also our sidewalks. Please help by keeping them swept off so that it is easier for strollers, tricycles, and foot traffic. Around the mailbox, playground, and entrance area is the real problem spot—it would be wonderful if people would take turns sweeping off this area.
- Please help Harvey by keeping sticks and debris picked up off of the lawn around your cottage. Please too give us some of your time by similarly cleaning up the common areas—this is a great idea to get the kids and grandkids involved in keeping our property beautiful!
- Do not resist the urge to pull a few weeds from any of our flower beds or around the Pavilion!

We are a community of volunteers—thank you for doing your part to keep our costs down and keeping the area enjoyable for all!

## Maintaining the Beach

Last year the beach was kept in a little better condition than it had been, and feedback was positive for the improvements.

- Herb and Harvey Foote will continue to smooth the sand weekly.
- John Macko will continue to keep the wood pile stocked at the fire pit area.

*We need your help too!* Please show respect for this beautiful place and the volunteers who work so hard to maintain it by:

- Keeping the beach clean. Help by picking up trash and dead fish.
- Keeping the beach tidy. Please do not leave any personal items on the beach overnight.
- Extinguishing beach fires with water only—buildup of sand inside the fire ring causes many problems.
- Making sure your guests and family members are equally respectful of our property.

## Spring Work Day

### Thank you to all that Attended!

We had a challenging task on the beach this year with far more wood and debris than anyone can remember. Amazingly, our industrious group got it cleaned up.

Thanks as well to the group who worked diligently to adjust the plantings around the flagpole. The Nehls once again donated the additional plants and mulch to complete the beautiful look. Thank you!

All of this work made for a hungry crowd and Jan Peer and her crew put on a delicious Potluck lunch. They had also gotten the day started with donuts and coffee at the Pavilion. Thank you!

## **Trespassing Incident**

The foreman from Mr. Brown's property called to discuss an incident around noon on Memorial Day. A group of teenagers from our beach went over and played football on the grass by their marina. When approached by security guards, the teenagers gave a lot of flippant answers and remarks and were not initially going to leave—until calling the sheriff was threatened.

We are once again not sure if these were guests of our members, or kids who have come over from Mitiwanga. If anyone saw anything on the beach around this time period, please call Jane Chidester.

Now that the summer season has started, please remind your guests of our Rules and Regulations, and that trespassing to either side of our property is prohibited. Also, if you witness anyone coming onto our beach that does not belong here, please take action—inform them that this is a private beach and make sure that they leave (or call the sheriff).

## **Water Main Break**

On March 7<sup>th</sup> we had a water main break. It was located just to the north of the west water manhole cover, which is located in the grass between the creek and to the south of W. Virginia Road.

Unfortunately the break occurred just inches into “our side” of the line, which means the repair was at our expense instead of Erie County's expense. It also means that our road had to be cut to access the break, and will be patched soon. Please be careful when driving by the area.

The contact information for water main break emergencies has been added to the Web Site in case of any future problems. The information is filed on our Neighborhood Reference Information Page, under Water Department.

## **Septic Tank Cleaning & Information**

Septic tanks were cleaned on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Abel Sanitation held our cost this year the same as two years ago (\$110/tank), and hopes to do the same for two years from now. They feel that cleaning every two years is the right balance for our neighborhood and the fact that we have an array of tank sizes (some people with large or adequate sized tanks, others with small or undersized tanks). The master

set of diagrams of tank locations has been scanned and will be stored on the Web Site after some editing work is done.

*Abel wanted to remind everyone for the proper functioning of septic tanks—never put anything into them other than toilet paper (please do not grind food in garbage disposers and do not flush baby wipes or diapers).*

## **Welcome to our New Neighbors at 95 Ohio**

Pam & Don Seymour have sold their home to a couple from Oberlin, Ohio. Georgia Newman is a practicing Internal Medicine physician at the Oberlin Internal Medicine Associates. Her husband David Young is a retired professor from Oberlin College and a published poet. They have a black lab named Nemo, 3 grown children, and 5 grandchildren. They plan to use their Heidelberg Beach cottage as a weekend home for family gatherings.

## **Condolences to the Corrigan Family**

Our sincere sympathy to Jack and Neil Corrigan (89 Michigan) and their entire family on the loss of Jack and Neil's mother Patricia A. Corrigan on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Condolences to the Martin Family**

Kenneth Martin-Shultz, son-in-law of Clarke & Virginia Martin (97 Ohio), passed away on March 16<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy battle with cancer. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Penny, and the entire Martin family.

## **Siebenhar Grandchild #4!**

Karen & Norm Siebenhar (79 Indiana) welcome new granddaughter Elle Taylor Siebenhar, born to their son Josh and his wife Melissa on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This is Josh and Melissa's first child. All are happy and healthy!

## **Condolences to the Herwerdens**

Our deepest sympathy to Karen & Rick Herwerden (11 Pennsylvania) and their entire family on the passing of Karen's mother, Elaine Fallon on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rev. Bill Chidester Passes Away**

Bill Chidester (69 Kentucky) fought valiantly this past year against pancreatic cancer, as those of you know who have been following his health updates online. He died peacefully on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sharon, his children (Sara and Brice), and their whole family.

Also, interest was expressed to gather funds to honor the memory of Bill here at Heidelberg Beach. If anyone would like to donate, send a check to Dick Castele (made out to Heidelberg Beach) indicating it is to be used for Bill's memorial. The Board of Trustees will work with Bill's family to decide on the most appropriate use of the funds. Thank you to all of those who asked about this.

### **John Chidester Grandchild #5**



John & Marilyn Chidester (67 Kentucky) welcome Julian Frederick Chidester, born to their son Bob and his wife Angela on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are healthy, and all but big brother Anson are happy—he “asked for” a sister!

### **Brown Property is up for Sale**

There is a feature length article in the May issue of *Lake Erie Living Magazine* detailing the sale and pictures of the property.

### **Rohrbaugh Family News**

Jane & Jim Rohrbaugh (36 W. Virginia) are happily awaiting their first grandchild from daughter Liz in late May. As has been mentioned in the past, Liz

has been working diligently on a feature length documentary, *Battered Women Who Kill*. They've hit the milestone of completing the filming and are now gearing up for the editing stage. For information on how to support this cause, see [www.BatteredWomenWhoKill.com](http://www.BatteredWomenWhoKill.com).

### **Hamilton Family News**



Anne & Bill Hamilton (67 Kentucky) welcome their first boy grandchild!

Oliver Javier Niño was born to daughter Rebecca and her husband José on March 15<sup>th</sup>—he weighed in at 9 pounds, 7 ounces and 21 inches long—and joins beautiful big sister Isabel.

Anne & Bill's son Aaron and his wife Jenny have two beautiful girls, Elissa and Sofia.

### **Springer Family News (with some Kramer sidelights :-)**

Holly (Springer) and Caleb Noel greeted their third child, Gear Scott Noel, on January 5<sup>th</sup> of 2011. The Noels are now fully settled in Austin, TX, after several years in the New York City area. Gear's older siblings Campbell (4) and Marjorie (2) already think Texas is best. The family will be spending part of the summer at Heidelberg Beach while they conduct renovations on their Austin home. Come by to say "Hi" in July.

Tim Springer and his wife, Angelika Rampal, are expecting a baby girl sometime in July—a busman's holiday for Angel, who is a practicing pediatrician. The Rampinger/Springpal family recently bought a home in the DC area where Tim owns and manages an internet consulting business and Angel works in a private practice in northern Virginia.

Matthew Springer and his wife, Noel Nevers, leave in April for a six-month stint at the Sydney, Australia, office of Google. Noel will be working in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry on a short-term assignment at the same time. Keep looking up those searches!

Bob Koester has become the organ impresario of Springwood Court Assisted Living Center, aided by Gale Kramer. They staged a joint concert this month to the delight of the many music lovers at Springwood Court. Bob's exact words were along the lines of "We really rocked 'em!"

### **Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**Present:** Jack Kramer (President-presiding), Roger Nehls (VP), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Jane Chidester (Secretary), Jack Corrigan, Mark Hayman, Dick Henderson, Rick Herwerden, Barclay Rohrbaugh.

**Excused or Absent:** Carol Dunkle, David Rohrbaugh.

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board Meeting were approved.

**Real Estate:** Mary Chidester presented two lease transfers.

**Bratton Lease Transfer:** Barclay Rohrbaugh (Jane Chidester) made a motion to consent to the transfer of the lease for lots 41, 42, and 43 located on W. Virginia Road, from Loretta Bratton and Harry Bratton to Harry Bratton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chidester/Macko Lease Transfer:** Rick Herwerden (Mark Hayman) made a motion to consent to the transfer of the lease for lots 81 and 82 located on Indiana Road, from Jane Chidester and John Macko to Jane E. Chidester and John L. Macko, Co-Trustees, or the survivor as Sole Trustee, of the Chidester - Macko Family Revocable Trust UAD November 24, 2011. Motion passed. Jane Chidester abstained and remitted the \$50 lease transfer fee to the Association.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building & Zoning:** Bill Hertzler presented three upcoming projects.

- Sharon Chidester is adding geothermal heating and cooling to her cottage. After work is complete, the only visible change will be a heat/ac pump on the exterior of the cottage. During the work, there will be drilling equipment parked on the cut over section of road to the south of their cottage. The drill will install piping underneath their cottage for the geothermal unit.
- Rosalie & Roger Nehls are renovating the porch at the NE corner of their cottage. There is no footprint change. The roof line from above their kitchen (south of the porch) will be extended forward (north) to replace the current porch roofline. Jack Kramer (Dick Castele) moved to approve this plan. Motion passed. Roger Nehls abstained. No construction deposit is required.
- Char Schuman will be installing a concrete driveway on lot 32. Mark Hayman (Rick Herwerden) moved to approve this plan. Motion passed unanimously. No construction deposit is required.

**Trees:** Recent straight line winds blew down a very large pine up by Rt. 6 in the SE corner of our property. The wind also took a 25' chunk out of the top of another one. Andy Overly cleaned up the chunk for us; we'll have Leimeister take care of the other tree next winter because it is not impacting anything.



### Utilities:

- Septic tanks were cleaned in April on the new plan of cleaning every other year. A copy of the map with the septic tank locations has been scanned and will be uploaded to the Web site for permanent storage.
- Strittmather will soon patch the road where the February water main break occurred.
- Jack Kramer gave maps of the water lines to Jane Chidester to get scanned into the computer.

### **Old Business:**

**Beach and Bank:** Roger Nehls (Dick Henderson) moved to authorize Jane Chidester to further research the options for spraying the large areas of poison ivy and vine growth on the beach bank with a maximum budget of \$300. Jane will contact Bill Richardson for consultation. Motion approved unanimously.

Jane Chidester (Rick Herwerden) moved to authorize Harbourtown (Fred Yost) to do an early summer and later summer cut down of the beach bank growth for a cost of \$560 per time (4 people for 8 hours @ \$17.50/hour). Motion approved unanimously.

**Promenade Fertilization:** After discussion it was decided to skip this spring's application.

### **New Business:**

**Board Member Nominations:** Outgoing Board members are Dick Castele and (the late) Bill Chidester. Members up for re-election are Dick Henderson and Mark Hayman. Dick C., Dick H., and Mark will work together to come up with a list of nominees prior to the next Board meeting.

**Orientation:** David P. Young and Georgia Newman met with the Board at 3:00 PM for their orientation. Jack Kramer welcomed them and discussed the history and purpose of the Heidelberg Beach Association, the shared responsibility for the welfare of the community, the privileges of membership, and the opportunities for friendship in the Heidelberg Beach Association family. Dick Castele explained the assessment process. Jane

Chidester provided an Orientation Booklet with all relevant documents.

David and Georgia shared that they live permanently in Oberlin, Ohio and intend 95 Ohio to be their weekend home for gatherings with their family. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. David is a retired English Literature Professor from Oberlin College and Georgia is still practicing Internal Medicine. David and Georgia signed the "Agreement to and Acknowledgement of Materials" document and it will be stored with their lease records with our Real Estate Trustee.

**Vote on New Members:** Roger Nehls (Dick Henderson) moved to accept David Young and Georgia Newman into membership of the Heidelberg Beach Association. Motion passed unanimously. We had 8 Board Members present (Rick Herwerden was not present), so we did have the "two thirds of the whole of the Board," as required by the By-Laws.

Jane Chidester (Roger Nehls) moved to authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign all appropriate lease transfer documents to complete the sale of 95 Ohio Road. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Jane Chidester*  
Secretary