

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

October 1st, 2014



Busy, busy, busy

We have many important stories here in this *Sandscribes*—please take some time to read them.

- First, remember that there will be **no** Fall Work Day this year. We will now be handling the work of the community with permanent volunteers for each of the tasks. See the article below on the new Community Task List.
- Please also remember to bring up storage containers from the beach now.
- We are going to be switching dumpster services. With that, will be some changes in procedure, days of pick-up, and frequency. Please carefully read this article.
- There are “reports” on several projects that have been going on around the beach this fall. See the articles about the storm sewer project, the entrance hill re-seeding, the Pavilion area re-seeding, and a new tree planting.
- The minutes from the last two Board Meetings are included. One of those meetings was an Orientation event for family members of current leaseholders who are transitioning their cottages to the next generation.
- The next **Board of Trustees meeting is Saturday, October 25th at 10 AM**. This is the meeting where we set the budget for the next fiscal year. Anyone with budget requests should submit them to Dick Castele before **October 15th**.

Jane & John

New Community Task List

The new Community Task list is being maintained on the Web site—you can look at it there anytime. (If anyone does not have access to the Internet and

would like to see the Community Task List, call Jane Chidester and she'll mail you a copy.)

It is humbling how much work goes into a volunteer community like ours. The Board is so grateful for the time, energy, and talents that we give to each other. Sharing and participating in the work to run the community is certainly one of the foundations that Heidelberg Beach was built upon, and this legacy continues today.

Remember, when you sign up for something on the list, the hope is that you will be responsible for that task for many years to come. We don't intend to get different volunteers each year, but will of course fill vacancies if people need to change their assignments. Let us know where you are willing to donate your time and talents!

Thank you again to everyone for their cooperation, participation, and patience as we try out this new system! Of course, and as always, please provide feedback and suggestions for improvement to the Board.

*Thank you!
The Board of Trustees*

Change in Dumpster Service and Handling

With special help from Sharon Chidester and Roger Nehls, the Board has made the decision to switch our dumpster service provider from Republic to FSI. Sharon initially began investigating a pick-up service for recyclables, but also ended up saving the beach a lot of money!

FSI does not have a recycling program yet, but intends to implement one, perhaps as early as next year. In the meantime however, FSI offered us a three year contract at nearly 50% off of Republic's rates—so the Board decided to change service providers.

This will mean a few changes in how we handle things here—and hopefully all for the better.

FSI will provide us with just one dumpster, but it will be an 8-yard capacity. (We currently use two 4-yard dumpsters from Republic.) FSI's dumpster will look like the one pictured below, and it will be lockable.



During the low use months (late fall, winter, early spring), we intend to keep it locked and provide keys to those that live here, or are regularly here. Our trash pick-up schedule will also be **every other week** (not weekly) since this dumpster is twice the size of our current one.

We intend to monitor usage closely. If we need to change the frequency of trash pick-ups, we can easily do that. Our hope is that for some of the cold months (when smell is not an issue) we could even go down to just once a month pick-ups—but this depends on how much extra usage we get from those coming up to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

During the busy months we will leave the dumpster unlocked and probably go to weekly trash pick-up. During the height of summer we will have twice a week trash pick-ups.

Those that live close by could also help us shave assessment dollars off our dumpster bill. If you come up for a quick weekend in the off-season and are able to drive your trash bag back home, that will help reduce our need for extra pick-ups.

The switchover will occur Monday, October 27th.

On that day, Republic will empty their dumpster for the last time (and hopefully get both dumpsters removed). FSI will set the new dumpster in place that day as well.

The first trash pick-up with the new dumpster will be **Friday, November 14th**. It will then continue every other Friday (November 28, December 12, December 26...etc.).

If you intend to come regularly through the winter and would like a key, please call or see Jane Chidester.

Building Committee Re-organization

The Board of Trustees has implemented a slight re-organization of the Building Committee. They have added David Rohrbaugh (30 W. Virginia) and Aaron Hamilton (68 Kentucky) to the group. Bill Hertzler will now co-chair with Aaron. Aaron will be the coordinator and communicator, and Bill will continue his role as an experienced chair.

If you are contemplating any construction projects at your cottage, don't hesitate to contact Aaron and Bill. By involving the committee early in your planning process—you will be assured timely approvals and smooth management of the project!

Everyone that knows David Rohrbaugh is well familiar with his construction expertise. We are grateful that he'll be sharing his wisdom on this committee.

Aaron Hamilton too is an experienced home improvement hobbyist, but he also brings wonderful technical and management skills to the table.

Thank you to Aaron and David for adding this new responsibility into your lives, and many thanks to Bill and the other dedicated members for doing this valuable and appreciated job for the benefit of all of us!

Aaron Hamilton, co-chair and coordinator

Bill Hertzler, co-chair

Dick Henderson

Rick Herwerden

Will Ossman

David Rohrbaugh

Char Schuman

Storm Sewer Cleaning

In August, the Board was alerted that several cottages on W. Virginia Road were experiencing problems, most likely because the storm sewer was blocked. Franklin Sanitation was hired to clear out as many of the storm sewers as we could access.

They were able to clear W. Virginia and Pennsylvania. Both roads however, have significant breaks at the south end (one in the Warder's hillside, one in the Hayman's). Water is flowing through to the creek, but these areas need to be fixed. Estimates are being obtained for this work.

Franklin was unable to clear any of the other roads because either the manholes were not placed such that they could access what was needed, or because they (we) feared creating a larger problem.

The picture below shows an example of one of the manholes where the water main pipe is laid directly on top of the storm sewer line. We could not get the snaking hose into these openings (that rough rectangular space below the pipe) without danger of snapping the water pipe.

With these storm sewer issues, and the recent water main breaks (3 in the last two years), our aging infrastructure is going to be a problem for our community to solve in the years to come.



East Entrance Area Re-seeding Project

Bill Hertzler, Harvey Foote, and Herb Foote have re-seeded the entrance area hill. Many thanks to Bill Richardson and Mark Hayman who donated supplies for the project! The area is filling in, but has also experienced some damage due to recent heavy rains. The “boys” have promised to keep after this with attention and additional seed now and in the spring—they assure us it will soon be an entrance area that we can all be proud of again! Thank you!



Ground Leveling at the Pavilion

With the help of Herb Foote, Harvey Foote, and Jane and Tom Eshelman, the CCWW has completed a project to level the uneven ground between the parking area and the Pavilion. The CCWW has been concerned about the ruts and holes that have made it hard for people on Sundays to walk from their cars to the Pavilion, and to socialize after the service, without twisting an ankle in one of the many holes in that area! Thank you!



William Henry Chidester Memorial Tree

Thank you to Sharon Chidester (69 Kentucky) who generously donated a wonderful new entrance area tree in memory of her late husband Bill. It is a beautiful variegated Tulip Poplar!



Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting August 9th, 2014

Present: Bill Hertzner (President and newly re-

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Excused or Absent: Rick Herwerden (Vice-President)

Treasurer's Report: None. The expected water billing credits related to the leaks last winter are still pending.

Real Estate Report: None

Old Business:

The bare dirt on the hill by the entrance: One last in-house effort will be made to grow grass on the entrance hillside. The work is to be done in September. These resources are committed:

- Herb Foote will be in charge. Harvey Foote will assist.
- Bill Hertzner will donate the cost.
- Mark Hayman will provide straw.
- Bill Richardson will provide matting.
- A hose will be extended to the area from Warder's cottage.

Pavilion Earth Work: Last year's plan to create a level path and level grassy area near the pavilion for use in the social hour is defunct. Tom Eshelman is assigned to lead another effort.

Valerie Murray project: An email vote of the Board of Trustees will be used to expedite approval of her deposit return when the project is completed.

Zoning and Building: Changes to committee personnel are coming.

Dumpster service: There are reasons to switch from Republic to FSI: cost, dumpsters with sliding doors, potential recycling someday. Roger Nehls is our liaison with Republic and will be asked to pursue the possible transition.

New Business:

Water main break: There was another break, in July, on Indiana Road. It was due to 90-year-old pipes corroding. Strittmather fixed it for \$1600. A road repair in that area is still pending.

Sewer problems on West Virginia Road: Sewer problems were reported by James and Jane Rohrbaugh and a clog was confirmed by Strittmather. Strittmather recommended we use "Franklin" to snake out the line. A motion (Richardson/Weber) was passed to hire Franklin for 8 hours (\$1500) to snake as many lines as possible. The Sewer Maintenance Fund will be tapped to pay for this.

Task List: A motion (Peer/Lukens) was passed to implement the task-list based approach to

organizing volunteer efforts. A draft task list was discussed. Jane Chidester will finalize the list and organize the sign-up effort immediately. There will be no more community-wide Spring and Fall work days.

By-law change: A draft proposal to change the board size from 12 to 9 was discussed. Community feedback will be solicited.

Possible Board meeting: a meeting of the Board may be called on short notice in the coming weeks to vote on new members resulting from some pending internal property transfers.

Next Board Meeting: October 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Eshelman
Secretary

**Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach
Informal Board of Trustees Meeting
Membership Orientations
September 6th, 2014**

Present: Jane Chidester (President), Bill Hertzler, Jan Peer, Scott Welch

Excused or Absent: Rick Herwerden (Vice-President), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Tom Eshelman (Secretary), Sharon Chidester, Nancy Lukens, Bill Richardson, David Rohrbaugh, Barbara Weber

Real Estate Officer Present: Mary Chidester

Prospective Members Present (in person): Jeff Belmont, Judy Destro, Ella Davidson, Dale Montgomery

Prospective Members Present (by phone): Craig Kessler, Scott Kessler, Linda Miranda, Sherry Vitti, Beth Schuman

New Business:

Orientation of Prospective Members: Eight of the nine people present are third generation “grandchildren” of early Heidelberg Beach leaseholders. Six Kessler family members (64 Kentucky) were present and two Pagel family members were present (27 W. Virginia). Beth Schuman is the wife of Curt Schuman, who of

course has also been here since the day he was born (even more literally than the others since this was the Schuman family’s permanent residence)!

Though all of the prospective members are well familiar with beach life, they did review the Association’s documents and Web site thoroughly. Everyone signed two copies of the “Agreement to and Acknowledgment of Heidelberg Beach Association Documents” form. The Real Estate Officer retained an original, and each prospective member retained an original.

Since a Board quorum was not present, the vote into membership will take place at the October 25th, 2014 Board meeting and the property transfers will be executed then.

Next Board Meeting: October 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Chidester
President and Secretary Pro-tem