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President's Message - Stu Shafer

What a wonderful summer!. Last year we had no days over 90 degrees. This year, we had many. The weather was hot, the lake was in wonderful shape, the weeds were down, the lake level was up, the fish were biting, and the water continues to be of excellent quality.

We have had some problems with non-members trespassing and members not following our rules. Over the winter, the Board will be discussing better ways to keep our membership advised of our rules.

The East and West Beach Parks look better than ever thanks to many people, but especially Terry Gartside for his labor and Kathy Dominguez for her leadership. Kathy, Terry, Geri, Heidi, and many other volunteers have been doing an incredible amount of work updating and maintaining our parks. It is wonderful to see so many of our members using and enjoying the parks, beaches, and lake.

Although most of our members pay their dues timely, we have about 40 members who are delinquent. We have filed liens against all properties with dues delinquent

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PARK NEWS - Terry Gartside

The East Beach summer parking lot frontage project has been accomplished: two diseased sour cherry trees removed; twenty-six yards of driveway washed limestone leveled; more sand; the contracting of ninety feet of two by six wooden beds and the machine edging around the beds and berm; the spreading of eighteen yards of new mulch and the fabric material essential for weed control; and scores of perennials planted for a lovely show throughout the summer.

To Kathy Dominquez; Heidi Fernandez, and Geri Frederixon, a very special thank you.

Focusing to the West Beach: removal of a ninety foot tree that fell into the lake and a thorough tree trimming throughout the park; machine edging at the parking lot and along the scrubs and trees; and six yards of beach sand spread. Mulch around the trees and scrubs is the last task to be completed thus ending the three year west and east projects.

It has been a long and winding road throughout the three years, all of the efforts well worth the results. The mood and response of the Lake Geneva family has been overwhelming. The Board has been united to invest the available resources necessary to lift the parks' appearance, thus complimenting the loveliness of the lake.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

We are exploring whether we can deliver our Newsletter by email. If you would like to receive your Newsletter and other LGPOA information by email, please send an email with your name and address so that we can tabulate the response to this idea.

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A REMINDER:
Boats are the only motorized vehicles permitted to operate on Lake Geneva. The operation of all other motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, is prohibited.

STRAY PEOPLE ALERT (Trespasser is Such an Ugly Word)

We have had some problems with non-members boating, fishing, and using our parks and lake. Part of the problem is that non-members tend to not take care of our property, litter, and keep our fish. Several years ago, we had abundant walleye; however, we have lost great numbers to non-members who have not abided by our catch and release rule.

Please note that next year we will be changing the lock and issuing new keys at our boat launch, and providing members with dated stickers for their boats to help prevent trespassing. This means that members will have to be vigilant about bringing their beach passes to the lake.

As Wild Flower Meadows begins to populate, we anticipate trespassing to increase. Please help by asking people for beach passes and requesting non-members to leave.

LGPOA RULES REFRESHER

LGPOA rules and restrictions are intended to maintain and increase our property values, protect our members, and to allow our members to enjoy our lake and parks. Some violations result from lack of knowledge, but a few members apparently believe that the rules and restrictions do not apply to them.

NO WAKE RULE: This means that boats should operate at a speed that does not cause waves to hit the shore. The purpose of this rule is mainly to protect our shore lines, but also to maintain a quiet and peaceful atmosphere.

NO JET SKIS or snowmobiles are permitted on the lake.

CATCH AND RELEASE: We are a catch and release lake. Lake Geneva is a closed environment. We stock the lake with various species of fish, and try to keep a good balance of feeder and predator fish that will self-propagate. Killing and keeping fish is prohibited. The fishing this year has been outstanding. Help us keep it this way by releasing our fish back to the lake.

DOGS IN PARKS: Dogs are not allowed in the parks. The reason is to keep our parks clean and to protect our children. This rule applies to all dogs at all times, winter included, and is not applicable to just some dogs or particularly well-behaved dogs.

These are rules that the membership has voted to enforce. Please help us by obeying LGPOA rules and making sure your children know and obey the rules.

 * Parks and Lakes
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 * Our East and West Beach Parks are being used more than ever. We have invested significant funds
 * and time in replacing and maintaining the swings, tables, benches, and play equipment. Each year we
 * replenish lost sand on the beaches and gravel in the parking lots. Although we have a lawn service to
 * mow, it is the volunteer labor of Terry Gartside, Kathy Dominguez, and others that make our parks
 * beautiful by weeding, planting flowers, shrubs, spreading mulch, sand, and gravel.
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 * Please help keep our parks clean by putting trash in our containers and not bringing dogs and other
 * pets to the parks. If you can volunteer time to help with the Parks Committee, please call or email
 * Kathy Dominguez.
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Website Reminder

-Heidi Fernandez

For current, accurate information concerning the Lake Geneva Property Owners Association, please visit **www.LGPOA.com**.

There are direct links to committee members phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

The website features a wealth of information such as: current news about the lake, beaches, parks, and the neighborhood, as well as building use and restrictions, committee descriptions, Board contacts, past newsletters, local website links of interest, and much more.

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more than a year. As a result of the liens, we have been able to reduce our delinquent accounts significantly. In order to avoid a lien and the addition of filing fees and late fees to your dues, please pay on time.

We are in much better shape financially. The dues increase was essential, and brought us back into the black. We are hopeful to replenish our reserve fund over the next few years while continuing to maintain and update our lake, parks, and beaches.

Thank you to our Board and the many members who volunteer their time. This year was great, and we are looking forward to an even better year next year.

Stu Shafer, President



A Special Thank You!

The LGPOA would like to thank the following people for all their efforts at beautifying the East and West parks:

Terry Gartside, Kathy Dominguez, Heidi Fernandez, Jeffrey Slater, Geri Frederixon, Ann Gawura, Tom Dominguez, Evan Dominguez, Nick Trego, and Deb from Enchanting Farms!

AND SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS . . .

- The speed limit through the neighborhoods is 25 miles per hour. As we have no sidewalks, please adhere to the speed limit for the safety of all.
- Anything you put on your lawn and driveway ends up in our watershed and ultimately in the lake. Please use non-phosphorus fertilizer and keep salt use in the winter to a minimum.
- As we start into winter, a reminder to be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets - snow will eventually melt
- Also, heavy snow cover insulates ice and prevents it from freezing as evenly and as quickly as it would if the snow weren't there. Snow cover is also deceptive and makes evaluating the ice cover difficult. Please keep this in mind when skating or fishing on the lake.

LAKE

Our lake is in good shape and we continue to try to make it better. Professional Lake Management has done a great job controlling our weeds and algae. The good news is the weather has been great for boating, swimming, and fishing. The bad news is that the hot sunny weather makes weed control more difficult and expensive.

Our new pump at the west beach has proven to be even more efficient than we hoped. It pumps 550 gallons per minute and costs about half as much as the previous pump to operate. We will likely replace the North Pump in the near future.

Volunteers and Contributions

We need and appreciate members volunteering their time to help in the parks, including weeding, planting, spreading mulch and sand.

Although we haven't really entered winter, it's not too early to look ahead to spring. We are looking for donations of perennials for the parks. If you purchase more than you can use, or perhaps you're looking ahead to spring planting and dividing, please think about donating them for our parks. We would be happy to take your extras.

Also, if you have reasonably sized trees or bushes we would appreciate those also. Please call or email Kathy Dominguez at Dominguezk@comcast.net

REMINDER:

The annual Lake Geneva Property Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, hopefully at the DeWitt Middle School library.

Please look for the notice in your mail toward the beginning of the year.

There are several board members retiring and so there will be vacancies to fill. If you have a nomination, please call or email any board member.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Lake Level and Water Quality:

Stu Shafer (Chair), Tim Walter, Chadd Smith

Building Control:

Dan Skorich (Chair), Dan Norberg, Bob McClean, Chadd Smith

City Liaison:

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Beaches / Parks:

Kathy Dominguez (Chair), Terry Gartside, Liz Rhoads, Chadd Smith, Yvonne Lantz

Compliance:

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Welcoming:

Barb Hamm (Chair), Terry Gartside, Deneen Benham, Liz Rhoads

Newsletter, Website, and Information:

Heidi Fernandez (Chair), Melissa DeMong, Kathy Dominguez

Assistant Treasurer: Michael E. Lacharite

Please Give Some Thought to Safety

Our speeding limits are generally 25 mph, and 15 mph around the curves. A number of our younger drivers, as well as our adult drivers, seem to be driving significantly faster than the speed limits. Most of our streets do not have sidewalks so it is especially important to drive slowly. Speeding in our neighborhoods is dangerous to our children and all of us who walk, jog, and bike on our streets. It also disturbs the serene nature of our environment. **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

Thanks to everyone who contributed their time to this newsletter.

If you have anything you would like to see covered in a future newsletter, something you would like to add, or any comment about this one, please feel free to contact a board or anyone on the Newsletter and information committee.

Also, just as a reminder, all the members of the Board of Directors, as well as the committee members, donate their time. If you would like to volunteer, please contact any of the Board members.

