



### **Three years already? - by Mark Koestner**

It's hard to believe that July is now past us and we're closer to back-to-school shopping than Fourth of July fireworks. As August begins, it's also hard to believe it's already been three years since August once began so rudely for many of us.

The first day of August 2006 was a Tuesday. I remember heading back to work that day after a four-day weekend. It was not a four-day weekend by choice.

Were you living in Lake Erie Shores when July turned to August in 2006? The night of July 27 of that year was a Thursday, a night that began with some rain. By early Friday morning, the "storm of the century" was in full effect. For a lot of Lake Erie Shores residents, that meant an overflowed stream, a water-filled basement or both.

Our street, Outrigger Cove, was practically a river in the early-morning hours of that Friday. The water was up past the sidewalk, and we could have had boat races in the rushing current. It wasn't, however, as deep as the water ended up being in our basement.

I will never forget the sight of nearly 4 feet of sewer water climbing the basement stairs of our new home. I'll never forget hauling dripping, ruined possessions up those stairs, nor forget the mountains of garbage in so many driveways all weekend, waiting to be hauled away.

There is also one other thing I will never forget about that last weekend of July, 2006: the residents of Lake Erie Shores.

People we didn't know, or barely knew, came to each other's aid. We bailed water together. We lent and borrowed hoses and pumps and towels and buckets. We had help moving things from the basement, and we helped others. We asked together, "How could this happen?"

Down at our end of Outrigger, the storm cancelled a planned neighborhood party. We had an impromptu one anyway, getting burgers from a local restaurant one neighbor managed, and drowning sorrows together after everybody's basements had nearly drowned.

It was a weekend of utter disaster and exhausting labor, but it was also the weekend neighborhood bonds were formed. It probably happened on your street, too. By the time August 1 rolled around, we had endured a horrendous storm and formed some enduring friendships.

Every year since then, in our corner of Lake Erie Shores, we've gotten together on the last weekend of July – our little anniversary "flood party." And as July turns to August, we remember how much many of us lost in that flood three years ago.

And what we all gained.

### **Beach Area News – by Doug Smith**

Disappointment over the lack of Lake Erie Shores beach has been a topic of neighborhood conversations and a point of frustration throughout the summer of 2009.

Earlier Spring reports from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office at the Detroit District, which has accountability, here, with the Buffalo office, certainly implied that the water level of Lake Erie would be about the same as 2008. That would, thereby, also predict similar or even better beaches.

But the Corps of Engineers' predictions were wrong.

According to Keith Kompoltowicz, Meteorologist for Great Lakes Watershed Hydrology in Detroit, water levels are higher than expected. He says:

"Lake Erie is currently above average due to several months of wet weather. Since the start of the year only the month of May has seen lower than average precipitation across the Lake Erie basin. Through the end of June, total precipitation is about 3 inches above average for 2009.

"A large snow pack this winter also provided runoff that fed the lake."

Still, the Corps of Engineers, website is still predicting a decline in lake water levels through August and September by four to five inches. That

could give allow for the return of sand within the stone walls surrounding Lake Erie Shores' now-tiny beach area.

One positive sign can be seen in the sand-fill already taking place at the wall, just across from the bottom stairway landing. It does offer residents a safe children's play area, as well as an area of comparison to monitor declining water levels.

### Recreation Committee News - by Jon Adkins

The Recreational Committee would like to thank all of you who came out and enjoyed our annual 4th of July gathering. This year we saw record attendance with nearly 400 residents coming out to enjoy the day. Our previous record was 250 people two years ago. A special thanks goes out to the heads of the 4th of July committee Suzanna Adkins and Jen Segulin who spent countless hours, days and weeks planning all the festivities.



A special thanks also goes out to Julie Gable for organizing the bike parade, David Spall for putting together another great ice cream social, and Babies 2 Books for donating the ice cream for everyone to enjoy.

The event wouldn't have been such a success if it wasn't for all the volunteers. Many of us spent several months planning and gave a large chunk of our 4th of July holiday to make the event a true success. If it wasn't for all of you, it wouldn't have been possible for things to have turned out as well as they did.

In a time of budget constraints, the committee was able to pull a rabbit out of their hat and create what many consider the best event yet. At the end of the day the committee was actually able to turn a small profit and the extra money will go towards purchasing a popcorn machine for the association to use in future years. Remember the association is only as strong as the residents that want to get

involved. Anyone interested in organizing future events or getting involved in the Recreational Committee is encouraged to e-mail us at [jonsuzannaadkins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jonsuzannaadkins@sbcglobal.net), or use the Recreational Committee link our the [Lakeerieshores.com](http://Lakeerieshores.com) website.



### Landscaping Committee News – by David Spall

Wow! – A great job by all of our volunteers' on the Staining of the Pavilion, Tables & Benches.

Yes! – We worked hard to complete a lot of Staining in an eight hour day, Please take a walk and check out the Play Ground area, it looks great for all of us to in enjoy. We only completed half of the Lake Pavilion & six Tables and all the Benches, so we will need to set another date to complete the job. Big Thanks, to all of our volunteers for a great job!

Looking Ahead:

Future Work Project: Staining Lake Pavilion & tables. Watch for date!

Please come and help make our association look its best!

### Volunteer Committee News – by Paula Haumesser

WE ARE PAPERLESS! Yes, that's right. As of the July newsletter, we are no longer going to distribute newsletters, registrations, garage sale information, etc. It will all be found on the website. Aside from being more cost effective, we have learned the paper boxes are not the most efficient way to distribute information. If you still need to submit your survey, the link to Survey Monkey will be on the home page until the end of September, 2009. Or contact Paula Haumesser

through the Volunteer Coordinator link on the home page to have a survey e-mailed to you. Remember, unless a completed survey has been received, we cannot put you on the e-mail alert. The e-mail alert is a short e-mail that advises when information has been posted to the website. If you are unable to review information from a computer, PLEASE return a survey to us so that we can continue to provide your household with a hard copy print out of all homeowner information. If we do not hear from you through the survey, we are now assuming you are checking the website for information on your own.

See something in the neighborhood that needs attending too? Have an idea but don't know where to start? Contact the Volunteer Committee through the Volunteer Coordinator link on the website. We are always looking for new ideas, ways to save money and ways to improve communications with residents!!!

### **Chuck Hillier - Volunteer Trustee**

Thank you to the Landscaping Committee and other volunteers who took the time to paint the pavilion, shed, and park benches at the park on Pebble Beach. They all did a terrific job and it was very encouraging to see some new faces turn out to help. If we had a few more volunteers we probably would have finished the pavilion at the beach park instead of only getting half of it completed; guess we'll finish that one sometime before the weather changes. If you can spare a Saturday morning when the time comes, it would surely be appreciated as we also intend to stain the bridges if enough people help out. This is an opportunity for us to save some money with volunteer help.

If you have any concerns or ideas, please contact me at home 350-1640 or via email (avcmchi@sbcglobal.net). See you in the neighborhood.

*You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.*

*Dale Carnegie*

## **LAKE ERIE SHORES 1ST ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

We are currently looking for people who would be interested in participating in a corn hole tournament, which will be held next to the playground pavilion on Saturday, September 12th beginning at 2pm.

The cost will be \$10.00 per team (two people on a team). The proceeds will go toward future adult activities. We will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and potato chips. We ask that you bring your own refreshments. If you know anyone outside the Lake Erie Shores development who would like to play, they must be sponsored by someone from Lake Erie Shores. All participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Once we have established the number of participants, more information will follow. If you would be interested, please contact Joe Zanghi at 216-375-3205.

### **Swim, bike and run (and DON'T die!!!) – by Jim Sorenson**

A triathlon is a contest where the participants swim, bike and then run and hopefully do not drop dead during the event.

I completed my second triathlon in July and I accomplished several goals. I did not take the overall victory – that would have required all of the other hundreds of people to not show up or finish the race. And no, I did not take the victory in my age group – that would have also taken a miracle. My main goal that I accomplished was that I did not die! This was the big one and I did it – I am still breathing, walking and talking. Whoo-hooo! My secondary goals were to go farther/faster than last year and I accomplished those goals as well.

I saw a wide range of participants this year from adolescent to 65 years old, from skinny to obese, and from novice to veteran.

There is another triathlon event in August that is close to our neighborhood if you are interested.

1. Sunday, August 9: 2009 Greater Cleveland Triathlon at Headlands State Beach in Mentor  
[<http://www.greaterclevelandtriathlon.com/>]

**“Deed” U Know?**

Article VII, Section 1 states: No temporary building, trailer, recreation vehicle, tent, shack or barn shall be stored on the Property for more than seven (7) days, unless stored out-of-sight within the confines of a residence or garage.

**Yard Waste Drop-off**

Yard waste can be taken to the Painesville Township Road Service Garage on Wednesday's [730 AM to 300 PM] and Saturday's [1000 AM to 200 PM]. The location is 558 Fairport Nursery Rd and hours of operation were taken from the latest Township newsletter.

**Resident Articles Wanted**

Thanks to the few residents who have already submitted articles to the Lake Erie Shores newsletter. We would like to have more written article input from residents in future issues. Please submit your ideas to [newsletter@lakeeriesthores.net](mailto:newsletter@lakeeriesthores.net) – articles must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the next newsletter.

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