

**LAKENGREN
PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF
TRUSTEES - Regular
Open Meeting
September 14, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the LWA Meeting Room. Present: President Paul Ellison, Secretary Judy Thaxton, Treasurer Randy Blaich, Asst. Treasurer Bill Holtman, Amy Gilbert, and Rick McMahan. Also present were Manager Kevin Thorpe, Office Manager Tammy Moore, Board Recorder Daphne Brunett and 19 guests. Absent: Vice-President Gerald Estes, John Kanzlemer and Rod Suman.

139-09-09 Amy Gilbert made the motion to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes, as corrected. Judy Thaxton seconded. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Randy Blaich noted the following funds available as of September 14, 2009: 2008 Carryover Balance of \$0.00 (transferred to Capital Improvements Fund); Operating Fund of \$23,967.48; Designated Lodge/Building Deposit Account of \$9,556.81; Lake Improvements Fund of \$123,265.78; Road Improvements Fund of \$6,734.55; Advance Road Funds of \$0.00 (applied to Road Loan); Capital Improvements Fund of \$118,471.99; Emergency Reserve Fund of \$118,941.78.

Mr. Blaich reported Accounts Receivable as follows: 2008 & Previous of \$59,291.91; 2009 Delinquent Dues, Assessments, Late Fees, Mowing & Defaulted Payment Plans of \$63,094.71 (74 people); 2009 Payment Plans & Other Current Billing/Invoices Less Than 30 Days Past Due of \$90,124.20.

Small claims report shows 73 filed; 16 paid in full; 7 made partial payments on accounts; 3 filed Chapter 7; 2 cancelled - unable to serve/left no forwarding address.

140-09-09 Bill Holtman made the motion to approve

Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Rick McMahan seconded. Motion approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Kevin Thorpe noted Drake Fest went well with compliments on the good show and thanks to Security for help with parking. Tarring of the cracks in the roads is as far as we can go this year due to funds. Annual bar code billing went well.

There has been a \$10,000.00 increase in our employee insurance premium and we are currently searching for new options at this time.

A 2001 dump truck with a new bed and salt spreader in Chicago is \$22,500 and there is also a 1991 with a new bed in Columbus for \$14,500.

New deck boards for the lodge are in and we have painted them for installation. We will most likely start putting them on next week, weather permitting.

The plan is to take out Deaton's driveway on Paint Creek Road and create a gravel drive onto Brande this week. We need to think about beginning construction on the Marina restrooms this winter. If the drive-thru passes, work on both projects would be too much to tackle at the same time.

Mr. Thorpe suggested a committee for the promotion of the Police Levy. It will help deter some of our vandals and should make property values increase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Viking Editorial Committee-Janet Davis noted the deadline for the October issue is September 18th. The Children's Halloween Walk is scheduled for October 29th.

Building Committee-Gerald Spaeth reported business as usual.

Safety Committee-The written report from the committee requests a change to the fines for watercraft which currently reads \$25 for first offense, \$50 for the second, and suspension of all water privileges for the remainder of the calendar year for the third. The recommendation is to remove the suspension and add a \$100 fine for every offense

141-09-09 Amy Gilbert made the motion to refer the change to the watercraft fines to the Policy Review Committee for review. Randy Blaich seconded. Motion approved.

Marine and Lakes Management Committee-The written report from the committee noted they met on August 6th. The Night Tournament went well. The Lakengren work boat is now running and fish structure can be put in the lake on August 12th. Gregg Jacklin suggested a holding tank for the work boat to put fish caught at the tournaments back in the lake away from shore and along the length of the lake. Charlie Moore and Dane Brierly will check on a holding tank. The Fall Open Bass Tournament will be September 27th from 7 am to 3 pm with practice date of September 19th 7 am to noon. Next meeting scheduled for September 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Lodge.

In other business, the Board noted the members for the LWA Selection committee are: Randy Blaich, chair, Roger Riga and Dave Fourman.

NEW BUSINESS

1) The first reading for a change to Building Code 16.3 concerning above ground pools was given.

142-09-09 Bill Holtman made the motion to put on the ballot for vote by the community to decide whether any above ground pools in excess of 1 foot in depth should be allowed. Amy Gilbert seconded. Vote passed with 3 votes in favor, 2 votes against.

2) Randy Blaich requested the Financial Planning Committee be re-activated.

3) Meet the Candidates night will be October 13th at 7:00 pm at the Lodge and will include the Gasper Township Trustees and others running for office.

4) The Committee for the Policy Levy will include Paul Ellison, Ginger Adams, Dave Wilson, Kevin Thorpe and Terry Snowden.

RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS

Jeff Henson suggested building a storage facility or other use of two open LPOA lots.

Paul Healy questioned whether renters are allowed to park big rigs in Lakengren. There was a truck parked in a cul-de-sac which was blocking traffic and the truck's owner is a tenant member.

143-09-09 Randy Blaich made the motion to approve the New Membership. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

144-09-09 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn

Executive Session. Rick McMahan seconded. Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 8:30 pm.

145-09-09 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn to Regular Session. Amy Gilbert seconded. Meeting returned to Regular Session at 9:30 pm.

146-09-09 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn. Amy Gilbert seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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September 28, 2009**

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President's Remarks: Mr. Ellison noted Gerald Estes is feeling better, but still recuperating. There will be a Meet the Candidates night on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at the Lodge.

09-09-147 Rick McMahan made the motion to approve the September 14, 2009 Board Minutes. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Blaich reported the following funds available as of September 25, 2009: 2008 Carry Over Balance of \$0.00 (transferred to Capital Improvements Fund); Operating Fund of \$275,916.70; Designated Lodge/Building Deposit Account of \$8,356.81; Lake Improvements Fund of \$124,571.22; Road Improvements Fund of \$4,959.47; Advance Road Funds of \$0.00 (applied to road loan); Capital Improvements Fund of \$118,901.20; Emergency

Reserve Fund of \$118,941.78.

Accounts Receivable include: 2008 & Previous of \$57,091.01; 2009 Delinquent Dues, Assessments, Late Fees, Mowing, & Defaulted Payment Plans of \$64,085.60 (74 people); 2009 Payment Plans, Mowing & Other Current Billing/Invoices Less Than 30 Days Past Due of \$78,147.25.

09-09-148 Bill Holtman made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Judy Thaxton seconded. Motion approved.

Manager's Report: Kevin Thorpe reported the decks at the Lodge are nearing completion and look good. The leaf truck will be prepared for the upcoming leaf collection. He attended the recent OLCA meeting and learned that two other lake communities do their own refuse collection by providing dumpsters in their maintenance areas and property owners haul their own trash to those dumpsters.

The Open Bass Tournament was a success with

**VIKING
DEADLINES
2009
November 20
December 18**

quite a few good sized fish caught.

He is still looking for a good used dump truck to purchase. Also, a lot of people are using the new walking path even though it still needs some work. 97 bar codes were coded out last Tuesday for non-payment, with an additional 126 coded out due to vehicle changes or for residents moving from Lakengren

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee-Daphne Brunett noted they will meet Tuesday, October 6th to discuss changes to the Watercraft Rules fines.

Viking Editorial Committee-Janet Davis noted the October papers have ar-

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LPOA BOARD MEMBERS

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rived.

Safety & Security Committee-Deron McEldowney reported the committee met September 17th and discussed the Police Levy and ways to promote it. The CERT team was asked to help assist with traffic flow for October 15th swine flu vaccines in Eaton.

Marine & Lake Management Committee-In the written report from Charlie Moore, the committee met on September 3rd. Gregg Jacklin will take care of sweeping off the docks and is working on a lake map of where fish structure was placed. Lakengren has a tank and pump to use for fish caught at tournaments. The next meeting will be October 1st at 7:00 pm at the Lodge.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ellison announced that Tom Pohlabel will chair the Finance Planning Committee. Members will include Randy Blaich, Paul Ellison and Kevin Thorpe.

09-09-149 Judy Thaxton made the motion to approve the Finance Planning Committee members. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

Randy Blaich noted a study will be done to see the feasibility of using some of the open areas for possible boat storage or other uses.

Amy Gilbert suggested seeing if there is an interest in using PayPal for on-line payments.

Randy Blaich stated there should be articles in the Viking on the convenience store and police levy proposals and they could be put in the Register-Herald as well.

NEW BUSINESS

09-09-150 Randy Blaich made the motion to approve the Quarter Auction for Sunday, Nov. 1st from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Lodge. Rod Suman seconded. Motion approved.

Knox Energy requested permission to put signs at the gates. Board consensus was that this is prohibited

by the Signs and would not be allowed.

The Board discussed the wording of the ballot, particularly concerning the Sunday Sales issue, and also the Annual Meeting agenda.

09-09-151 Amy Gilbert made the motion to approve the ballot as amended. Rod Suman seconded. Motion approved.

09-09-152 Judy Thaxton made the motion to approve the Annual Meeting agenda as amended. Rick McMahan seconded. Motion approved.

RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS

Paul Healy noted there needs to be more involvement in the community by high school kids, possibly a Viking correspondent for teens. One audience member volunteered to work on this issue.

Dan Eckert asked about the Meet the Candidates night and was told all candidates for Gasper and for Lakengren would have an opportunity to speak.

Alice Forte stated the Back to School Pool Party was a success despite the cool weather and 50 kids attended.

Carol Moore spoke in support of Alice Forte for her excellent job as Pool Manager.

09-09-153 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn. Rick McMahan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Marine and Lake Management Meeting

By Charlie Moore, Chairman

Date: October 3, 2009

In Attendance:

Bruce Clark, Bob Jones, Charles Moore, Gregg Jacklin, Dane Brierly and Dave Fourman

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted to the committee.

Thanked everyone that

helped with the Fall Open Bass Tournament. All agreed that it went well. Discussed if we need any changes to the entry forms. All agreed that we should put the Lakengren web-site on the form.

Talked about putting a 9' length limit on the crappie in Lakengren Lakes. We will discuss further at a later meeting.

Set the dates for the 2010 Bass Tournaments. They are as follows:

Spring Open Tournament April 25, 2010- 7 am to 3 pm with practice April 17, 2010 7am to noon.

Summer Night Tournament July 17, 2010 -11pm to 7 am with practice July 10, 2010 7am to noon.

Fall Open Tournament Sept. 26, 2010- 7am to 3 pm with practice Sept. 18, 2010 7am to noon.

There will not be any meetings in Dec., 2009 and Jan., 2010

Next Meeting November 5th, 2009 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Candidates & Issues Night Held

On October 13, the LPOA held a Candidates Night at the Valhalla Lodge. To a packed house, Paul Ellison welcomed everyone and began the meeting. Handouts were available concerning several issues for both precincts within Lakengren. State and county and school bond issues were discussed. Each candidate for the LPOA Board of Trustees was introduced and told why they wanted your vote. They were: Deron McEldowney, John (Matt) Brueggemann, Alma Warner, Daniel Eckert, Bill Hapner, and John Raulnick III. Followed was a lengthy explanation about the Lakengren Police Levy. Heidi Bortel spoke with regard to the Mental Health & Recovery Board levy.

Eaton Community School Board candidates who spoke were John Brueggemann, Stephen Bruns, Deborah Devous, Rick McKinney, Doug Mowen, and Brian Pool. Greg Hamm spoke for the Preble Shawnee School Board.

Gasper Township Trustee candidates speaking that evening were: Mike Allen, Bill Hapner, John Moore, Bill Roell and Larry Taylor.

An abundance of information was brought forward on this evening creating many educated voters for the particular issues, levies, and important positions upon which to be decided

New Year's Eve Party Planned

by Paul Healy

For the third time, Garcia & Scott will be providing the music at the CLC New Year's Eve Party. Since they have moved to Nashville, TN and are pursuing more outlets for their singing duo, this may be their finale for Lakengren. Their singing is enjoyable and they play music for dancing.

Lakengren residents and their close intimate friends will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets to attend this party. The ticket cost will be \$25.00 for Lakengren couples and \$15.00 for singles. The cost for non-members is \$30.00 per couple and \$20 for singles. All tickets must be bought in advance. No tickets will be sold that evening. According to the fire marshal, only 60 couples can occupy the lodge.

Partygoers can bring their own favorite beverages and some hors d'oeuvres to share. The CLC will provide party hats, noise makers, setups and ice.

Get your party group together and watch for the announcement of the ticket sale. If there are any tickets remaining after the Lakengren residents purchase theirs, those tickets will be available to adults outside of Lakengren.....

Lakengren Veterans Website

All Lakengren veterans or their family members are urged to go to our website, lakengrenpoa.net, and submit the veteran's name, their branch of service, a summary of their service to our country and their telephone number.

They will be honored at the annual Veterans Day Dinner sponsored by the Dragons on November 12.

Also, there are two cemeteries adjacent to Lakengren that have veterans of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War buried there. These two cemeteries had a special rededication ceremony conducted by interim pastor Norm Cole of the Fairhaven Community Church, who was a veteran of World War Two. At the Winters Road cemetery in 1989, the Post 215 American Legion Firing Squad fired their rifles and Dr. John Vosler played "Taps" on the 11th day of the 11th month, and the 11th minute to commemorate the end of WWI.

They then proceeded to the Kincaid Cemetery located behind the dam and conducted the same ceremony. To visit the Kincaid Cemetery,

park the "5 Mile/hour" sign at the bottom of Paint Creek Road and climb the pathway up the hill.

Our local Boy Scout Troop has been placing flags at the known locations of our early veterans. The Gasper Township Trustees do a good job of maintaining these cemeteries.

Lakengren News Correspondents Needed

By Paul Healy

Due to some conflicts, Jessica Schul cannot continue as our Lakengren news correspondent for the Register Herald. Jessica enjoyed her time gathering news about Lakengren. The Christmas Lights Committee thanks her for her service to Lakengren.

If you would like to exercise your journalistic skills, you may apply by contacting Paul Healy at 456-3387. The weekly column is sponsored

by the CLC (Christmas Lights Committee) and receives compensation from the Register Herald. The money is deposited into the CLC treasury.

All clubs and Lakengren residents who have articles they wish published within the Lakengren News section of the Register Herald should send it to Paul Healy at phealy6@woh.rr.com until a new correspondent is found.

To generate more interest in high school activities, the CLC is seeking student correspondents from Eaton and Preble Shawnee High Schools. They will report things of interest to the high school students of Lakengren. They may also provide some input to the LPOA Board of Trustees. An initial contact with Cory McKinney brought out his and others' desire to enlarge the basketball court at our swimming pool complex. That subject will be brought up at the next CLC meeting. Perhaps this could lead to some friendly rivalries at our sand volley ball court, softball games on our diamond, some picnics, outings, etc.

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LPOA Annual Meeting Held

The Annual LPOA meeting was held at the Valhalla Lodge on October 3 to a larger than ever crowd of members. Following the pledge of allegiance and meditation, President Paul Ellison called for an approval of the agenda. The minutes of the 2008 meeting were approved and a report of the Board of Trustees was presented by Paul Ellison. A litany of standing committee reports followed.

Sheriff Mike Simpson gave an explanation with regard to the LPOA Police Levy on the ballot. Superintendent Brad Neavin (pictured on left) spoke with concerns about the Eaton School levy. Seven of the eight BOT candidates were introduced and spoke briefly. No nominations from the floor were presented. More discussion followed upon the Lakengren Drive Through, Police Levy, and above ground pools. Those addressing the issues were Sheriff Mike Simpson, Superintendent Brad Neavin, Randy Blaich, Kevin McEldowney, and Paul Ellison. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m..

Memorial Bench Planned

By Dorothy Roebuck

Donations for a memorial bench in the area of the Lakengren Walking Path in honor of the twenty-year proprietors of the Lakengren Snack Bar - Kay Sorrell and Helen Christman, in memory of Helen who recently passed, are being accepted at this time. Gifts may be given directly to Dorothy Roebuck or dropped off at the Lakengren Office...

Lakengren Walk-A-Thon

By Dorothy Roebuck

When winter comes, will spring be far behind? So, let's all think spring as we place, at the top of our Christmas list, a pair of good walking shoes for each member of our family, as we look forward to the up and coming spring and plans for a 1st Annual Walk-A-Thon on our new "Lakengren Walking Path."

There is plenty of time to get together with your neighbor, to make plans and get organized by rounding up sponsors (where you buy your food, where you dine, bank, get repairs, your pharmacy, insurance, dry cleaners, etc.) needed to fund our "walk" for the maintenance and improvement of our new walking path.

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Dragons Annual

Veterans' Dinner Planned

The Dragons Club is sponsoring their Annual Veterans' Day Dinner on their regular meeting night of Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valhalla Lodge.

All Lakengren veterans of America's Armed Forces are invited to a free dinner along with their spouse or significant other to this special meal. Also invited are widows of veterans. The cost for the dinner for non-veterans is \$5.00 per person.

All persons who would like to attend this dinner, including Dragon members, must make reservations by calling Dan McElwee, Dragon president at 456-5319 by Friday, November 6, 2009. Reservations are a must so that enough dinners are prepared. Pot roast with vegetables, green beans, salad and a beverage are the menu. The spouses of the Dragons will provide desserts. Following dinner, there will be a special Veterans Day message from Army Sergeant First Class Brant Parker, III and Terry Pendergraft of the Preble County Veterans Services.



Card Scores

Sept 25 - DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE - 1st Mark Schoettinger, 2nd Tom Carr, 3rd Donna Hawley, 4th Donna Guethlen, Sue Harrison, Jim Parks (3 way tie)

Oct 2 - PINOCHLE - 1st Virginia Wehrly, 2nd Donna Guethlen, 3rd Marilyn Sliver, 4th JoAn Birkhead

Oct 9 - DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE - 1st Marilyn Sliver, 2nd Joe Taylor, 3rd Elsie Burkle, 4th Jan Weaver, 5th Sue Harrison

Oct 16 - PINOCHLE - 1st Don Haas, 2nd Jan Weaver, 3rd Joanne Parks, 4th JoAn Birkhead, 5th Freda Kellenbarger, 6th Ruth Bell.



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By Stephanie
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Below is a reformatted version of the powerpoint presentation presented at the September informational meetings on the proposed drive thru near the entrance of Lakengren.

PURPOSE OF THE DRIVE THRU

To create long term sustainable income for road and future infrastructure improvements.

To limit the need to ask the association for future assessment increases and make the community more self sufficient.

Our current road assessment provides \$113,000 per year for the improvement /maintenance of our roads. Our capital improvement fund provides \$44,000 for all infrastructure repairs.

VOTING

Before proceeding any further with plans or construction

Gasper Precinct 2 will have to be voted wet on the November general election.

The entire association will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed business on the regular association election ballot.

THE BUILDING

The building will be approximately 30ft x 50ft building conforming to our deed restrictions.

It will be properly landscaped and shaded from neighboring properties.

To reduce cost the majority of the construction will be completed by Kevin and his crew. We experienced great success with this with the marina building.

We will seek other professional sub contractors (Lakengren residents) that would like to volunteer some of their time to help the association.

As per state law there will be NO OUTSIDE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL .

The traffic flow: The entrance will be off of ST RT 732 and the exit will give customers the option of either returning to 732 or on to Lakengren Dr.

LIABILITIES

In an effort to reduce the liabilities to the association the BOT has:

Formed a separate LLC wholly owned by the LPOA

Obtained quotes on all necessary insurance needs of this type of business

Consulted our attorney to cover the possible liabilities

OPERATIONS

The association will have Kevin Thorpe as the president of LRS LLC (as was recommended by our attorney).

The Business will have a manager hired by the LPOA directly reporting to Kevin.

There will be an extensive Loss Prevention Plan in place.

Hours of operation will be dictated by the demand of the association.

RESEARCH

The Committee for Retail Sales visited several Drive Thru operations.

It was during the visits we gathered crucial information on some of the operational needs.

We had the opportunity to speak to the operator of 11 drive thru's and gathered valuable sales and profit information.

It was in these visits we were able to narrow down our expenses and profit potential.

We have obtained a consultant to assist in the start up process at no expense.

COST

1. There will be no increase in assessments to the association for this project.

2. The start up cost will be around \$150,000 to \$175,000.

3. The cost of paving 3/4 mile of road correctly is \$100,000.

4. 3/4 mile of road which is from the ball diamond to the south gate.

5. Most of the start up funds will come from existing funds. The remaining will come from a loan.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

We are projecting sales between \$550,000 to \$600,000. This projection is based on info from the operator of the 11 drive thru's and the distributors.

With a profit after all expenses between \$44,000 to \$50,000.

These estimates are conservative and could very well be exceeded.

Sales will be driven by people wanting to reinvest in their community.

ESTIMATED FUTURE INVESTMENTS NEEDED

Correctly pave and finish roads \$3,500,000.

New Backhoe \$56,000.

2 New Dump Trucks \$50,000.

Repair/ Dredge Main Lake \$120,000.

Repairs at Pool \$50,000.

Playground Equipment / Amenities repairs \$75,000

Dredge Smaller Ponds \$30,000.

Total \$3,880,000

LAKENGREN GARDEN

CLUB NEWS

By Judy Mahaffy

It's been a fun filled year for the Garden Club. If you didn't attend any of the meetings and outings let me recap them:

March - Guest Speaker Rodney Creech, Lawn Plus Rodney up with our lawn questions and gave us great advice.

April - Theresa Kaluga, Stockslager's Garden Center brought new plants for the club to take home, and gave us ideas for our spring landscaping.

May - Day trip to Cox's Arboretum for Garden Tour & Seminar: Edible Plants. This was a wonderful day out with friends and lunch outside was so pleasant.

June - Covered dish dinner at Anne & Mike Schleich's beautiful home on the lake.

July - Day trip to Majestic Lily, Daylily Farm, and dinner at Bares. A great time had by all, Sooo many daylilys to try in our own gardens next year.

August - Day trip to Centerville, Ohio to the home of Mary Higgins. Her yard has been featured in numerous magazines and is the background for photo shoots, etc. Weddings and business such as Iams. This tour was followed by a trip to Grandma's Gardens.

September - The club's famous luncheon and style show was held at the Lodge. Everyone had a great time.

October - Guest speaker Dave Meyer, Greenbush Professional Services, spoke on hardscape for our yards. Dave brought pictures of his work. Examples were, patio and sidewalk pavers, retaining walls, and ideas for problem yard areas. Dave also spoke about current insect problems affecting the trees in our area.

November- This will be our last meeting until March 2010. The club will have dinner at the Eaton Country Club. Installation of officers and next years program/ projects will be discussed.

This was a fun year. Everyone is invited to attend next year's meetings, you do not have to be a member to attend.



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Mums, Models & Music Presented

by Garden Club

The Garden Club's luncheon and style show brought out a full house of appreciative ladies. Mums, Models & Music was the theme this year and Youniques Boutique of Greenville again presented a repertoire of fall fashions. There were fitted slacks, jeans, dresses and skirts with blouses. Sweaters were the keyword, which Lelah Shoop and Hala Knapke called cardigan coats. Everything was in fall tones, including coats with hoods, ponchos, and shawls. The jewelry was outstanding and there were handbags of all sorts - bucket and doctor bags, enormous hobo totes with tassels, beads, chains, but always BIG. All the models had quick changes as each presented at least three or four outfits. The finale brought out PJ's, robes and slippers. Those modeling were: Judy Thaxton, Shirley Lorenz, Connie Moore, Dalene Simons, Peg Baker, Sandy Langston, Betty Teaford and Beth Mickelson. Hala Knapke read the commentary and invited all who attended to Youniques for a special "shop-pertunity."

Preceding the style show, guests enjoyed chicken salad croissant, mushroom soup, special greens, and an array of homemade pies and cakes. The raffle winners were: \$25 gift certificate to Youniques to Margaret Healy, a framed original drawing by Judy Thaxton to Betty Teaford, the Little Red Wagon with stuffed panda bear & mums to Maureen Bolinger, and the Fancy Garden Tool Coat Rack to Judy Mahaffy. The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing cards or just visiting with friends.



Peg Baker



Betty Teaford



Sandy Langston



Beth Mickelson



Shirley Lorenz



Hala Knapke commentator



Dalene Simons



Connie Moore

The Overindulgent Avian

by Jo Ann Hoffman

This time of year, after the summer-only birds have migrated south, it is not unusual to see large flocks of winter birds congregating in trees or on wires or undulating across fields mowed low for winter. Most folks assume with hardly a glance that these flocks are Starlings or House Sparrows, our plentiful, non-native pests. Most flocks are, but not always. After nestlings have fledged, Cedar Waxwings also form large flocks, flocks of hundreds or even thousands of individuals. Each larger than a House Sparrow yet smaller than a Robin, these relatively chunky birds dressed in pastel shades of brown and yellow, grey and cream are similar in size and shape to a Starling. They have long wings compared to their body size, pointed and triangular like a Starling's and a short square or very slightly rounded tail. In silhouetted flight, they look a lot like Starlings.

Their loose flocks behave like Starlings too, pulling together in a group until tendrils curl away only to curve back to rejoin the group. Flocks sweep through the air with short bounds making these various loops before landing to perch in trees. Yes, one could easily mistake them for Starlings, until they land. Once perched, the resemblance dissipates. The pointed head crest pops up. Waxwings have a crest like Cardinals and Blue Jays, but Cardinals and Blue Jays move their crest according to mood; the Waxwings upon landing. Poised in watchful waiting, standing erect "military style." Waxwings hold their crest up at attention until it is determined safe to begin feeding. The short crest then relaxes and falls draped across the back of the head.

The proud and proper pose captured so often by photographers hides an underlying flaw. Like the Beagles and Labrador Retrievers of the dog world, Cedar Waxwings don't stop eating until all the food is gone. As Edward H. Forbush wrote in 1929, they are "such gluttonous birds that they sometimes become so surfeited as to be unable to fly, and have been known to fall helpless to the ground." From fall through winter until spring, Cedar Waxwings eat berries, lots of berries, lots and lots of berries, almost every kind of berry! They are one of the most thoroughly frugivorous birds in all of North America. How is that for a neat new vocabulary word? "Frugivorous" simply means "eats mostly fruit". Their dining buffet includes strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, wild cherries, mulberry, hackberry, chokeberry, bittersweet, pyracantha, mountain ash, privet, yew, holly, and of course the small blueberry-like cones of its namesake, the Eastern Red Cedar (which is ironically not a true cedar, but a juniper). It is a good thing these sleek, crested, berry-pickers travel in large flocks. Once the flock descends on a fruit-laden tree, it doesn't take long for them to devour every bit of available food. A prolific tree would be the death of a single bird which cannot stop eating. Once the fruit is gone, the flock moves on.

Cedar Waxwings are present year round throughout Ohio, but their need to constantly wander the countryside from food source to food source makes it nigh impossible to predict when and where they might appear. If they are missing the gene that tells them they are full and to stop eating, maybe they are also missing the gene that remembers where they previously found good food or good nesting spots for they often do not return to the same spot one year to the next. They swoop in out of the blue and then mysteriously disappear. Here today, gone tomorrow. Bird watchers most often just happen upon a flock in feeding frenzy swarming a tree like bees. It warrants a stop to marvel knowing they will be gone in a day or two. Such luck happened to me mid October on Valhalla Drive. Returning home from the grocery, massive movement and flashes of yellow in a large shrub next to the road caught my driver's eye. No other car nearby, I slowed and finally stopped as a flock of Cedar Waxwings partied in the juniper just an arm's reach away.

For such memory-deprived, intensive foragers with an insatiable appetite, Cedar Waxwings are beautiful birds. The soft brown of the crest, head and back subtly shades to grey on rump and back looking as if made of velvet. Cream on the breast becomes a pale lemon yellow on the belly. Three distinctive marks break the delicate coloring: 1) a black line through the eye edged in white gives the Waxwing a Zorro-like mask, 2) the yellow tail band on an otherwise grey tail looks like a paintbrush dipped in bright yellow paint, and 3) vibrant red tips on the second row of wing feathers (secondaries) resemble droplets of red sealing wax.

According to Robert Rice in "The Moveable Feaster," the May 1997 Smithsonian Bird of the Month article, these knobby red globs found on both male and female unique to waxwings are actually flattened extensions of the feather shafts. Interestingly, research from the 1980's suggests that the number of feathers with red tips is a visual clue as to the age of the bird and as such, a marker used by the birds in their side-hopping courtship dance to find a partner of similar age. It is no wonder that the bird fond of cedar berries with unique waxy red tips on wing feathers is officially named the Cedar Waxwing, or that it is also sometimes simply called the Cedar Bird as the waxy tips are small and not so easily seen.

The distinctive yellow tail band recently started showing signs of orange. According to Christopher L. Wood in the National Geographic's Complete Birds of North America, this correlates with the introduction of the invasive exotic honeysuckle whose red berries contain the red carotenoid pigment, oxanthin. Previously the Cedar Waxwing only synthesized yellow pigment from its diet producing the classic yellow tail tips. Waxwings that have consumed red honeysuckle berries during the fall molt grow new tail feathers with orange tips. The exact color depends on how much honeysuckle the bird eats during the molt. Should the Cedar Waxwings of Valhalla Drive discover the numerous honeysuckle bushes lining the wild side of Valhalla Cove, we could see orange tail Waxwings right here in Lakengren.

Since these elegant little nomads have no territory to defend, they have not developed a territorial song like other perching birds. Some writers actually call it the "bird without song". Waxwings are, however, very vocal. Flocks call constantly back and forth in flight and in feast. Their voice, like their attire, is soft and unassuming, so soft and so high-pitched that it often goes unnoticed. One must be pretty close to hear the faint whistled "tsee tsee tsee" call. People with high frequency hearing loss like my father-in-law Billy Hoffman, may see the bill open but not be able to hear the sound. In addition, since the "song" is all a series of the same note, soft and high, the chorus of other birds often drowns it out.

Gregarious birds on all counts, they have no territorial disputes, tolerate other pairs nesting in close proximity (though I would not say they nest in colonies per se), and they seldom bicker with fellow diners. In some sort of goofy game, Cedar Waxwings can be seen all lined up in a row on a branch facing the same direction passing a berry from beak to beak until one (which one and why we can only guess) finally swallows it. Is there a link to the similar behavior in a courting pair of Waxwings who pass a single flower petal back and forth, beak to beak? Do Waxwings and humans express friendship and companionship the same way beak to beak, lip to lip with food and flowers? Sounds like a future research project.

One final unique tidbit about the Cedar Waxwing ties in with its propensity for overindulgence. Not so much up here in Ohio, but common in the hot summers of southern states where any overripe sugary fruit can ferment on the tree, Waxwings actually get drunk. Truly! Disoriented by the alcoholic content of fermented fruit, they

begin to fly irregularly, flop around in tipsy oblivion and go back for more until they tilt and topple to lie in a drunken stupor on the ground. Juniper (cedar) berries are used to flavor gin, you know... When I was little, the cherry trees in our neighbor's yard were so tall that even Dad on a long extension ladder could not reach all of them to pick for pies and canning. I will never forget finding an obviously distressed Waxwing on the ground under the cherry tree. A concerned child taught not to touch but to love birds, I ran to get my mother who came immediately and then burst out laughing telling me that's what would happen to me if I ever drank too much of Dad's homemade wine! I sat and guarded the bird fearing a cat predator until it sobered up and flew away. Luckily Waxwings have fast digestive systems; the wait was less than an hour if I remember correctly. Would that humans could recover so quickly!

Many birds are more vividly colored and many there are of more melodious voice, but when Cedar Waxwings sweep over the yard in purposeful, rolling flight, swerve and descend on a tree or bush where the fruit is ripe, there is no more joyous sight, no merrier a party, no more fleeting a view. Here today, gone tomorrow. Rejoice and enjoy!

Happy Birding!



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My Reason for Desiring Board

Position:

As a Lakengren Property Owner my desire is to improve the community that I have come to love, I take great pride that I am a part of Lakengren. I am not afraid of hard work and dedication. One of my great loves is to always volunteer in any way that I can. If it makes our community a better place to live I am for it.

Not long ago, a long time resident of Lakengren made the statement to me that none of the clubs or committees ever do anything for the residents who prefer Gospel Music and he would like to have a day of Gospel. My answer to him was there should be something for everyone who lives here in Lakengren and I would try to get that on the calendar of events for this year and I am happy to say that on June 13, 2009, we had a wonderful day of Gospel. I Tell you this because I would hope that it gives you insight to the commitment that I have for all residents here in Lakengren and I will always work hard to see that if there is something that needs to be included it should not be looked over or dismissed just because someone does not care for that particular thing. We are a diverse community with many likes and dislikes.

I believe that our children should have more things made available to them. We have the resources, let's use them! Some ideas are swim team, baseball team, cheerleading, teen dances or what about a game night for the kids. We have card clubs for the adults, why not one for the children? Let's keep them busy and teach them pride for their community. Maybe I am being optimistic but that just might help with the vandalism that goes on here in our community. (Our children should be our first commitment) They are the future of Lakengren!

I know in the economical times that we are facing, we

need to avoid waste, be more efficient, avoiding unnecessary expenditures. We need to re-vamp the ways that we do some things. I think that there are a lot of different avenues that we can travel down. (Become more self efficient) We are the second most populated community in Preble County. We need to come together and find ways to move ahead. Start trusting in the community that we live as a whole. All of Lakengren should have a voice! (Not just a selective few).

Let's find a way to pave our roads, upgrade our playgrounds, increase our security, and clean up the lakes. It is time to stand up and fight for what we have, before we lose it!

It is evident that what we have been trying is not working. Let's try something new, get our priorities in line. Let's make some changes and stop just getting by.

I have many thoughts and ideas that I believe that will make us capable of the changes that we so desperately need without emptying our pockets! No more temporary fixes. Let's develop more suitable long term changes. Quit spending our time on more irritating rules and regulations that we cannot seem to enforce anyway. (It is time to get serious about the things that matter!)

With that said, I would hope that you will get onboard with me to improve Lakengren. Let's stop fighting against each other and find the solutions that we so desperately need. There is no quick fix, but we cannot delay this any longer. I am interested in all Lakengren residents ideas (call me). Let's figure it out together. Let's make this a joint effort (937-336-5256).

{I am not the Easter bunny nor the tooth fairy, to some people that may be important.}

What I am is a hard working; let's get things done, kind of person. I am devoted and committed to the place that I call home (Lakengren). Together we can make our community a better place to live. We have got the foundation, let's build on it. If you decide you would like someone with compassion to represent you and your family, vote for me. I will always do my best to help and to understand the many challenges that face our community. I will always be dedicated to you and the growth of Lakengren. (It is time to get serious)

Amy Gilbert

The Board of Trustees does not run Lakengren, you the

property owners run Lakengren. As a current Board of Trustee it is my hope that I have represented Lakengren Property Owners that have



elected me to my position twice now. Serving you the Property Owners has been a real challenge for me and I feel there is still much I can contribute to the benefit of Lakengren. After much soul searching I have come to the decision that I still have contributions to give and am asking for the property owners vote one more time.

As a Health Care Provider of the Disabled, I am quite aware of the mobility challenges in Lakengren and it has been my mission to focus awareness of the obstacles of persons in wheelchairs, using walkers, and canes as well as the challenges of their caregivers and families.

As a current and past Board Member my contributions also entail safety and security with relation to the gates. This was a project that was long in the making but during my tenure it was finally completed and I am proud to have had a part in this project. I am also proud to be a part of instituting fines and penalties for persons that do not choose to follow rules and regulations put forth by you the property owners. As concerns for safety were raised in regards to people walking on the roads, our current board supported the property owners decision to raise funds and have our Manager Kevin Thorpe build a much safer alternative, the walking path of which is now in use.

I am a very big advocate of communication to the people of Lakengren. We have had an Official Web Site for as long as I have been a resident, (1999), and it was in need of a communications person to beef up and update information for property owners and those that cannot always attend the meeting. Editor of the website and the Dragonfly Newsletter is another of my contributions to the community since January of this year, of which I hope to continue.

Our budget, roads, lakes, safety, and yes our fun have all been placed in front of the Board collectively for fair answers to concerns facing Lakengren. As a member of that

Board I have done my best and would like to continue to serve the people of Lakengren in finding answers to these needs fairly and to the best of my ability as to what you want for your community.

Amy Gilbert Lot 1850 Lot #1301

Bill Hapner

214 Finland Drive
Eaton, OH 45320

Memberships & Affiliations: Masonic Lodge #80; Pee-Wee Program & Eaton Little League for past six years

Reasons for Desiring Board Position: I feel that we just need some new and fresh ideas for this large community in which we live in. If this drive-thru passes, it will be very big for us. We will have a source of income for the community that we have never had before and I feel like if it is handled correctly that Lakengren and its residents will only benefit from this. I also feel that it's time I try and help solve these problems that we face as a community instead just standing around and talking about our issues with neighbors and friends and wondering what's next.....

Daniel Eckert

309 Lakengren Drive
Lot 2265

My name is Daniel Eckert, and I've been a Lakengren resident at lot 2265 for the past

four years. After retiring from twenty-one years of service with the

Army, I relocated here in support of my wife's career as the Preble County Juvenile Prosecutor. Not content to Sit around, the work ethic I employed in the dedication to the service of this country was reinvented in my second career with the Voss Auto Network. With my wife so involved in the improvement of the greater Preble County community, we have had the privilege of developing good relationships with members of law enforcement and the legal community, many of whom reside here in Lakengren.

gren. Having committed to making Lakengren home for my wife, Valerie Sargent Eckert, and our two young children, ages 3 and 1, I decided it was time for me to get more involved in our community.

Over the years I've found myself grumbling about several things such as infrastructure shortcomings, security issues, and priorities in the spending of community funds. Too often I have waited for others to make decisions that impact not only my family and me, but the entire community. I realized that even when action was taken it did not always live up to expectations, and at times appeared to have backfired for/on everyone.

In this era of decreased funding, I feel that the current board needs a breath of fresh ideas. I've always had a knack for quickly identifying the true nature of problems, and making sound and timely decisions. It has been said that I think 'outside the box,' and tend to approach problems with a 'we can solve this' attitude. Do not tell me it cannot get done, as that just motivates me to prove that it can be done - quickly, safely; with greater value and usually at lesser cost.

As a member of the board you can trust that I will be looking out for the best interest of the entire community. I will be fiscally responsible and encourage other board members to be the same.

I have heard-and often shared-the concerns of our community members. Having always enjoyed a challenge, I believe that many of the challenges our community experiences at present-with respect to security, allocation of resources and planning for the future-are within my ability.

I am sure that many of you have community issues you would like to have some attention brought to; so I will make myself available to meet with anyone, formally or informally, to discuss any community issues that you feel are important. If you have any questions you would like answered before board elections please feel free to contact me by email at daneck@daneck.com Please put "LPOA Board" (without quotes) in the subject line to avoid getting filtered.

Lakengren has a proud community tradition, and my only hope is that I can help continue that tradition to pass on to our children. With your support we can make it happen. Thank you for your consideration.

Deron McEldowney

Address: 158 Valhalla Dr.

Employment: Retired.
Worked for 15 years at Parker Hannifin

Lived in Lakengren: 7 years

My reason for desiring a board position:



Is to help the current board to continue to make improvements to the community and also safety of our residents. I come with NO self agenda, but only to help the community, as that is how it should be. Too many times people run for the wrong reasons and use the position on the board as their own personal stepping stone to get things done for themselves. I'm not going to do that. I would look at it as I am working for the residents of Lakengren and what is best for them.

I have been attending the BOT meetings for the last 7 years, so I know what is going on with the community and what needs to be done. The roads are still a major concern, and let me tell you that I have seen this board working their hardest to find a solution to the problem although there are probably some out there that would disagree, I can tell you they have. The drive-thru proposal is just the start of something good that can happen from that thinking, and there are other projects as well that are being looked at.

Security is still an issue here in Lakengren, and we need to start taking it more serious as community members and I hope to help people understand it better.

Involvement in Lakengren:

I am a member of the Policy Review Committee; Vice-Chair of the Safety and Security Committee, and a new member of the Lakengren branch of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). And unlike the other candidates that are running, with the exception of the two that are re-running, I also attend LPOA BOT meetings on a regular basis. This does not mean that they are less qualified, but only less informed on what is really happening here in Lakengren. You can only know less than half of what goes on here if you do not inform yourself with the facts, and that is why I attend the meetings. Like I said I'm not

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putting them down, because they may be very nice people, but it is what it is.

So as a resident I am asking you for your vote for Board of Trustee so I can help make the decisions that will be facing this community in the future.

Matt Brueggemann

My name is Matt

Brueggemann and I have been a resident of Lakengren since 2006 where I currently reside at 194 Hatchet Drive with my wife Sheila and two children Ethan and Olivia.

I have been involved in law enforcement/public safety for the past five years after I obtained an Associates Degree in Police Science from Hocking College. For the last three years I have been serving the citizens of Preble County as a police and fire dispatcher, corrections officer and Deputy Sheriff.

During my career I have served as the secretary and later I was elected as the President of the Preble County Special Deputies, while serving as a Union Representative until my position was eliminated due to budget cuts caused from the current economic downturn that we all are currently involved in.

With the majority of my experience being in public safety I am committed to improving the safety and quality of life in Lakengren so that our current residents can feel more safe and secure. By improving the security and safety in Lakengren I believe that we can attract future residents and businesses that will help Lakengren grow into a larger and safer community.

I would like to achieve these goals by helping develop a contract with the Preble County Sheriff so that we as a community can have a Deputy or Deputies that will be dedicated solely to patrolling within the community of Lakengren at minimal cost to the resident.

As a member of the board I will promise to do my best to improve our community by prioritizing maintenance projects, improving our road system and help eliminate wasteful spending and unnecessary purchases in order to prevent the increasing of dues or the level of service that we currently have from deteriorating. As a community member myself I cannot afford to pay more cash out of my pocket during this economic recession so I would not expect anyone else to do so either.

I would like to see the board and community mem-

bers to seek the avenues on creating a cash flow for Lakengren so that the association can receive a steady income to supplement the cost to improve the roads and other community improvements rather than turning towards the members and asking for more tax dollars. M.Brueggemann

Rodney Suman

Lot #819

I have served on the LPOA for the past three years and my family has lived here since 1999. We love the area and the people. I feel I have represented all of the membership and I have proven I do not have a personal agenda. I have made myself available to all the residents of Lakengren and feel I act on what is best for all of Lakengren. Currently we are looking for a way to complete the paving of our roads and to maintain them. I would like to see this done without raising the dues. I do not know if a drive thru will solve the problem or not. It is one of a few options we are looking at, but whatever the decision is, I believe it should be up to the membership of Lakengren, not the board of trustees.

I am asking for your vote because I want to continue to represent all of Lakengren and not just certain areas or neighborhoods. I have worked well with other members of the board and I have proven that I will stand up for all the residents and not just go with a popular vote of the board. We need to find a way to pave the roads and maintain the security of Lakengren. We also need more activities for the children and families.

John M.J. Raunick, III

132 Thunder Drive Eaton, OH 45320-4727

Lot #755/756

Employment: I worked in the general field of Retail Management, both in the corporate & self-employed restaurant, convenience store,

with sales part-time in General Real Estate sales with many flipping of personal residential and large apartments in the San Francisco Bay area under Broker, Rose Clark, and Associates. Mrs. Clark is now deceased. Our office was governed by the San Carlos, Belmont, San Matco Board of Realtors and California Real

Estate Department headquartered in Sacramento, California. It was there my wife, sister-in-law, and brother operated several convenience stores, while my wife and I respectively pursued in her field of hospital medical field and also working in the field of General Management in a Retail Corporate setting, which we both multitasked, as stated above, plus other business ventures like a retail plant store with plants displayed in Corporate & Retail businesses for decoration and ambiance. After the death of my parents and grandparents, I decided to relocate to Ohio. My children, wife, and myself want a large family network and here my base network of in-laws numbers at around 70 families within 500 to 600 miles of Lakengren. After 27 years in the Dayton, Ohio area doing basically the same employment, I added restaurant management and Service Station Operation for a short while.

Membership & Affiliations: I have been with the American Legion & VFW in Greenville, Ohio. I didn't transfer when returning to the Dayton Metro Area; I maintained my membership at the American Legion in New Lebanon, Ohio Post 762. I did not transfer locally till we decided if this was our final retirement home, which we have said yes because of people in the area, the center location of Dayton, Richmond, Indiana, Cincinnati, Eaton, Oxford and a multitude of other interesting towns & venues.

I have not really looked to be community active since we settled in after our arrival in 2004, which started with a terrible bump, with a deadly car accident that put our lives on hold till just about six months ago.

It's a Matter of Security

By Ginger Adams

Due to space limitations my article was not in last months paper, but I still think it needs to be said that school has started, buses are running and children are on every corner waiting to be picked up. Please slow down and watch for them. If the way cars fly through the front entrance and exit is any indication of what they're driving like within the community, it could be a recipe for disaster.

By now, you're probably aware that you'll be voting on a police levy that will be on the November ballot. This idea has been batted around for many years. With the rash of serious vandalism happening from time to time I would think that the people of Lakengren would be ready to embrace any kind of help they could get. The last incident

when many cars had windows bashed out or rocks thrown through the windows of their houses, it just about put everyone over the limit of tolerance. The addition of a full time, dedicated, badge wearing, gun toting, official cruiser driving deputy can only mean a reduction of these problems. We've already seen the success of trying this on the weekends. Lakengren hired a deputy to patrol for the past four weekends before school started. There were no reports of any vandalism during the times he was on the road and there were a couple of arrests for DUI. With our patrol officer and the deputy working together, you can cover a lot more territory. Loud and raucous parties were kept under control, kids breaking curfew were given warnings, and incidents of "bell ringers and door knockers" were non-existent those weekends. We will get the services of a 40-hour a week deputy for less than four dollars a month. If you ask me, we would be foolish not to do this. If you were one of the people who had to turn in damage to your insurance company, your deductible would have been far more. It's time to do this. It is past time to have the added protection of someone with the kind of authority we need. Young people are more brazen in their misdeeds. There is more drug driven crimes like break-ins going on. We had an elderly man robbed at gunpoint last year. We have front doors of residents kicked in during the daytime. We need this protection. It's time. It's really time.

Lakengren Got Talent?

By Paul Healy

Get your act together, whether it is singing (no lip sync), dancing, juggling, guitar playing, pantomime, comedian, etc., for the auditions on Wednesday evening November 18 in the lodge at 7:00 p.m. The acts for kids under 17 should last about 4 minutes. The winners at the CLC sponsored auditions will be invited to perform at the Annual Open House with Santa on Saturday, December 12 just prior to the arrival of Santa. The top three acts will receive \$50.00 each.

Participants must call Anne or Mike Schleich at 937-336-5151 prior to the November 18th meeting to register. Parents, friends and other Lakengren residents are invited to attend the auditions. Let's pack the house.



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| 5-Oct | 6:29 PM | Brandt Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 13-Oct | 10:55 AM | Brandt Drive | Welfare Check | Call Recorded |
| 2-Oct | 7:26 PM | Dragon Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 30-Sep | 7:58 PM | E Lakengren Drive | Burglary | Report Taken |
| 8-Oct | 11:32 PM | Fiord Drive | Fire Related Investigation | Handled By Fire Dept |
| 11-Oct | 9:36 PM | Fiord Drive | Child Custody Dispute | Call Recorded |
| 29-Sep | 12:38 AM | Hatchet Drive | Unclassified Offense | Call Recorded |
| 28-Sep | 5:31 PM | Iceland Drive | Fire | Handled by Fire Dept. |
| 30-Sep | 10:59 AM | Lakengren Cove | Fire | Handled by Fire Dept. |
| 26-Sep | 2:33 AM | Lakengren Marina | Drug Offense | Arrest made |
| 4-Oct | 7:52 PM | Long Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 8-Oct | 6:53 PM | Ocean Drive | Domestic Violence | Report Taken |
| 13-Oct | 7:09 PM | Ocean Drive | Unclassified Offense | Call Recorded |
| 10-Oct | 1:46 PM | Plunder Cove | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 30-Sep | 11:07 PM | Ram Drive | Peace Officer Call | Call Recorded |
| 9-Oct | 2:31 PM | Shield Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 23-Sep | 1:47 PM | Skodborg Drive | Property Damage misdemeanor | Call Recorded |
| 5-Oct | 5:12 PM | Skodborg Drive | Unclassified Offense | Call Recorded |
| 8-Oct | 7:47 PM | Skodborg Drive | Unclassified Offense | Warning Issued |
| 12-Oct | 5:57 AM | Skodborg Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 11-Oct | 9:28 PM | Theren Drive | Burglary | Report Taken |
| 25-Sep | 3:31 AM | Thunder Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 23-Sep | 6:03 PM | Valhalla Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 29-Sep | 11:41 AM | Valhalla Drive | Civil Protection Order | Call Recorded |
| 1-Oct | 9:47 AM | Valhalla Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 13-Dec | 3:19 PM | Valhalla Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |
| 8-Oct | 7:11 PM | W lakengren Drive | Ambulance | Handled by EMS |

NATURE OF CALLS

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| Property Damage misdemeanor | 1 |
| Ambulance | 13 |
| Drug Offense | 1 |
| Fire | 2 |
| Unclassified Offense | 4 |
| Civil Protection Order | 1 |
| Burglary | 2 |
| Peace Officer Call | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | 1 |
| Fire Related Investigation | 1 |
| Child Custody Dispute | 1 |
| Welfare Check | 1 |
| Total Calls | 29 |



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Dockside

Before you Vote

By Tony McGuire

Oh but fall is most certainly in the air now. Another season has slipped past us and we all have thought, "Where did it go?"

Last month I wrote about two of the political issues facing the residents of "The Gren." I hereby have completed my civic duty to inform you of the need for you to vote in our upcoming election without interjecting opinion.

Having said that please heed that, please remember that you need to vote.

Now, I guess there is one other issue that we need to pay attention to (I'm referring to it being political in nature). So whoever is out there standing on the stump and whispering about the above ground pools issue, stand and show yourself, why hide behind others and try to sneak this one past the members of the association.

While I restrained myself from interjecting my opinion into last month's article, I won't with this one. This one is personal with me. Now I'm not picking a fight. But I will defend my name and family. The only thing I will say on a personal level, "that's down right not neighborly."

People, people, people, You MUST vote Yes for the above ground pool issue.

Now Let Me Repeat That, People, people, people, You MUST vote Yes for the above ground pool issue.

I'm no wizard with English and my high school English teacher questioned whether or not I should pursue my dream of becoming a writer. Thank God for the development of computers and spell-check. Otherwise I might have not made it.

So I don't use any word trickery when I write. But if you do not carefully read what is being proposed and how it is worded you could make a big mistake.

Lakengren already has it in the rules that we can't have above ground pools. This is where the word trickery comes into play. What do you think of when someone says above ground pool?

I think of the hard walled round or oval shaped pools that stand four or five feet high and usually have a deck or raised area to enter and exit the pool. Which is also what most people think of too?

Our current rule does not allow for these structures, but does allow for the now very popular vinyl collapsible pools with the blow up ring around the top. I'm sure you have seen them, they are everywhere.

They are nice, convenient, cheap and comfortable. They

afford a simple opportunity to families that they might not have otherwise. I have one, I use it, my kids use it my wife uses it. We have had it for several years. It only got used twice this year because of some problems with it.

Otherwise it gives my wife and I a chance to sit at home and watch our kids enjoy some water. Oh I'd have an in-ground pool if I had the means, for now I'll enjoy what I can afford.

Ooooo but you say we have a pool. Your right we do. It's a nice place to swim. I enjoy going there and even ran it one year. Had some ideas about what we could do to improve it. Some got done, some didn't.

So I have nothing against the pool. I don't go there because the atmosphere of the pool is over shadowed by some management issues. I don't care for the way the pool is run. The current management creates an atmosphere that is less than desirable to be in. I have said my peace on that and until some changes are made I will not support the pool.

It's not news everybody so don't act like you don't know what I am talking about. Many people have expressed many concerns to me about our pool. Its time something is done about it.

That is not my only problem with the pool; I think we should have access to our pool when we want to swim. The BS about noon to eight, I'm not ready to get in the water until I get done with my work and that's usually after eight and the pool is closed. Or maybe I'd like to go for a midnight swim, been known to do that too, oops pool is closed.

So what I am telling you here is that if we vote no on the above ground pool issue you will be voting not to allow anything above one foot in depth. The little wading pools like Wal-mart sells are what we will be allowed to have.

One of the collapsible pools affords opportunity to their users. There are rules in place about them.

So don't let tricky wording cause you to make a mistake in how you feel. Vote Yes.

While I have sung praises to our current board in the past, let it be known of my disappointment in how this was handled.

You as a collective body should have used this opportunity to set precedence in creating the Policy for pools when this came up. How many of us will you have to grandfather in? You know you have to.

So I think I want to try something here. Indulge me.

We all have gotten our envelopes for voting on the issues and the candidates running for LPOA Trustees. There is a place there to write in a name for Trustee.

You all have read my column, you know how I think, write me in Tony McGuire. It's time we get this bus moving a little faster and in the right direction. Spread the word, I'll represent the voice of the "Gren." Let's prepare for our future not keep spinning our wheels where we are now.

As always, I appreciate your comments and questions and I do try to respond to them all.

You can drop me a line at Docksidelpoa@aol.com

Peace to the "Gren" and pay it forward.

CLC Annual Open House & Santa

By Paul Healy

Santa Claus is to appear at the Lodge on Saturday, December 12 about 8:00 p.m., since he has been here before and knows the way.

The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with cookies, candy and drinks for Lakengren families. At 7:00 p.m., the finalists from the "Lakengren Got Talent" will show off their stuff.

Nov. & Dec.

Calendar of Events

Activities at the lodge unless otherwise noted
Pinochle and Euchre Friday at 7 p.m.

- Nov 1 Walking Path Quarter Auction 3pm @ lodge
- Nov 3 Election Day
- Nov 4 LWC - 1 p.m. - speaker
- Nov 5 M & L Committee 7 p.m. @ lodge
- Nov 6 Reservations due for Veterans Dinner
- Nov 7 Bass Club 9 a.m. to 3 .m.
- Nov 7 Dragons Hold'em - 7 pm @ lodge
- Nov 9 Board mtg - 7 p.m. @ new office
- Nov 12 Dragons Veterans Dinner 6:30 p.m. @ lodge, reservations necessary
- Nov 13 LPOA Ballots due by 4:30 p.m.
- Nov 15 Lake Lowering begins
- Nov 17 Garden Club mtg @ Eaton Country Club
- Nov 18 CLC mtg & talent auditions 7:00 pm - lodge
- Nov 19 Safety Committee - 5 pm @ lodge
- Nov 19 Social Club 6:30 pm @ lodge
- Nov 20 Viking deadline for December
- Nov 23 Board mtg 7 p.m. @ new office
- Nov 24 To Better Your Health 12-2 @ lodge
- Nov 26-27 LPOA & LWA offices closed
- Nov 30 Decorate Lodge & Gates for Holidays - 9 a.m.

- Dec 2 LWC carry-in lunch Noon @ lodge
- Dec 5 Dragons Hold'em - 7 p.m. @ lodge
- Dec 10 Dragons Mtg - 7:30 p.m. @ lodge
- Dec 12 Open House & Santa 6:30 p.m. @ lodge
- Dec 12 Bass Club Awards Dinner in Hamilton
- Dec 14 Board Mtg - 7 p.m. @ new office
- Dec 16 CLC Annual Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. @ lodge
- Dec 18 Viking deadline for January 2010
- Dec 24-25 LPOA & LWA offices closed
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party 9 pm to 1 am - lod

Following the talent portion of the evening, Santa will appear around 8 p.m. to listen to the wishes of our little children that want to sit upon his lap.

After Santa and the children leave, there will be an adult social for Lakengren residents and their friends. Amy Gilbert will be providing music for the evening. She will be playing music to dance to for the adults. Attendees can bring their own favorite beverages and some snacks to share. There is no charge but a hat will be passed for the services of Amy Gilbert's DJ services.

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