

# Bulletin Board

## NEW TO HERITAGE LAKE?

If you moved to Heritage Lake or recently purchased a lot and have not received a packet of new member information, call the office and request one. Call 359-8012.

## SEPTIC SYSTEM

All residents are reminded to add chlorine tablets to their septic systems on a regular basis, even through the winter months. Normally, you should add chlorine every 30 days. If unsure if your system requires chlorine, contact the Tazewell County Health Department for assistance.

## REMINDER

As you are out walking/running walk/run along the side of the road in which you are facing oncoming traffic. You can better see what is coming. If you are riding a bike, you should ride with the traffic. Be safe.

## New Office Manager

Hello, my name is Renee Lundeen and I'm the new office person for the Heritage Lake Association. We moved to Heritage Lake from Washburn, Illinois in November of 2007. My husband is an operating engineer. We have three children, Carlin who is 14, Spencer who is 12, and Quinton who is 9. In my spare time I like to do gardening, landscaping (which needs a lot of help), and home improvements. I look forward to meeting everyone.



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## Roads and Mowing

by Ryan Joos

With another rough winter behind us, it is time again to address our roads issues. We experienced a very dramatic freeze-thaw cycle this year which made certain sections of road fall apart. Simply put, when you have two feet or more of frost on the ground with daily temperatures erratically changing, sometimes thirty degrees or more in one day, and then it rains which helps draw the frost out of the ground faster, it turns a normally stable base into unstable mush. Then you take the weight of garbage, Swans, and UPS trucks with out day to day traffic and it spells disaster. Nobody wants or plans for such problems but they do happen and now we have to fix them.

The intersection of Heritage Dr. and Westminster will be dug up and fixed along with the other troubled areas in a couple of months. We realize these sections are not fun to drive over, but this is not the time of the year to start such road repair. We encourage everyone to look at the 2009 budget on the HLA website and see that we do have \$100,000 of our own money going towards the roads this year. Our plans as of now which keep changing due to weather, budget, and more troubled areas, are to redo Carlton, Summerset, Fleetwood, Suffolk, Stratford, and a section of Brandy. Midwest Asphalt Repair will also be coming out several times over the next six months to patch all other roads.

As for the mowing, we are going to mow the same areas we did last year with our own equipment and staff. The new street signs are all painted and will be installed over the spring and summer months. Some new posts will also be going up and any old posts that can be re-used will be painted. Along with the signs being replaced, we are also going to fix the existing fence out front. As always....if you have any comments, concerns, or money saving tips please email or contact the office.

## Any Volunteers? We need volunteers for both Spring and Fall garage sales.

Heather Paddock currently organizes the Fall Sales, and Janice Hamilton does the Spring Sales, and are resigning our duties. We are looking for new volunteers to take over these tasks, and are willing to provide the the new volunteers with all of the documentation (maps, advertising, etc) needed to get started! The Fall Sales are normally held in September, so we are looking for someone for Fall 2009, and of then Spring, 2010. Please contact the Heritage Lake office and let them know you are interested.

Thank you for your help!  
Janice Hamilton & Heather Paddock



# Heritage Lake Association Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SPRING 2009

The Board of Director's have chosen to change the newsletter format from a printed and mailed one to an electronic one. The decision to do this was based on numerous requests for specific information to be put on our website. The Board realizes that not all of the property owners have computer's available to them for viewing the newsletter. For this reason, Renee Lundeen (office secretary/bookkeeper) will print copies for those who do not have access to a computer. Non resident property owners will be mailed a postcard announcing this change.

By utilizing this method of communication, the association will save \$3,500.00 this year alone in printing and postage costs. This is money that can be used to repair our aging infrastructure. That's right, REPAIR what we have but not add anything new to our amenities. The Board of Director's is committed to reducing costs instead of raising assessment's. We need to live within our means and maintain our assets to the best of our ability.

With these goals in mind, I would like to see you at our Spring Volunteer Day on Saturday May 2, 2009. We will start the day at 7:30 with doughnuts and coffee or juice at the Lodge. Work teams will be formed to work from 8:00 until 12:00 noon, when we will meet at the Lodge for pizza and drinks. I hope to see the usual volunteers, but I look forward to meeting new resident's. This is our community, let's do what we can to make it better.

**Jim Johnson**

## Financial Outlook

Things look good financially at Heritage Lake, unless you figure in the cost of repairing the roads. We are spending \$100,000 on road repairs this year. We don't know how long it will take to repair all the roads. We should have a better idea after this year, and then we can provide a better idea of how long we will have to dodge potholes and washouts.

This is the first time in the last few years that we are going to spend more on the roads than on stopping mud from getting into the lake, so hopefully we see some noticeable changes.

## Social Club Update

Attention due to a scheduling conflict the Annual Potluck will be moved from Saturday April 11th to Saturday May 2nd at 5:30 in the lodge. So don't forget to bring your place settings, favorite beverage, the family and a dish to pass. Last year there were a lot of new faces and it was a lot of fun. Hopefully with the later date the weather will be nicer for bocce and bags.

As to the Chili Cook-off, it was a smashing success. We had over 20 pots of chili, and that is huge for the fact that it fell on Valentines Day this year. All were very yummy, but in the end there could only be three winners. Drum roll please. The winners of the Annual Chili Cook-off as seen in the picture are:

**Most Unusual-Pat Welch**

**Best Overall- Patti Greer**

**Hot, Yet Tasty- Tim Defebaugh**

Thank you to all of the participants and tasters. The venue could not take place without you.

That is it for me for the summer but be on the lookout for other really great events.

The spring garage sale, in June there is the HLA fishing tournament, and July is Floatilla/Knoleswapalooza



# Scheduled Board Meetings

**Next regularly scheduled Board meetings are:**

Thursday, April 16, 2009 - 7:00 PM at the Lodge

Thursday, May 21, 2009 - 7:00 PM at the Lodge

Thursday, June 18, 2009 - 7:00 PM at the Lodge

**All members are encouraged to attend.**

## Heritage Lake Board:

President: Jim Johnson

Vice President: Curt Greer

Secretary: Dan Maurer

Treasurer: Dusty Schmidgall

Director: Pete Burdette

Director: Pat Jones

Director: Ryan Joos

## Lodge & Pool Reservations:

Call HLA Office: 359-8012

## HLA Office Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday - 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday - 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday - Closed

Saturday - Closed

Sunday - Closed

## HLA Office:

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## Local Services

**Garbage Removal:** Neville Trucking 309.392.2407

**Cable:** Tel-Star Cablevision 888.842.0258

**Water:** Village of Mackinaw 309.359.5821

**Septic:** Tazewell County Septic 309.241.0576

# Pool & Lodge

This year, the plans for the pool and lodge are looking very promising. We plan to update several things for the pool as well as the lodge. We are also optimistic about some of the additions planned for the pool this year. If we have a year like the last one, it will be a successful year too.

## The updates for the pool include:

- The second stage of the pool wall resurfacing for the deep end, which will be done this spring when the weather is more permitting.
- We will be installing a new drain cover, to comply with the federal mandated anti-entrapment requirement.
- Finally, we will be obtaining an emergency defibrillator (A.E.D.) to comply with another law mandate. Thanks goes to Kathy Tetrol for patiently and persistently assisting us in gaining information about a special AED grant, which we will hopefully obtain an AED through.

## The additions for the pool include:

- A handicap lift for the pool, which will assist the disabled in getting in and out of the pool more easily.
- We will also be completing the sprinkler/fountain for the small children and toddlers. We are optimistic that this will be up and spraying this year and will be a fun and vital addition when it's completed.

The fees for the pool have stayed the same this year. The family passes for members are still \$50 and the passes for non-members are \$75. The daily admission fee is still \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

The management positions haven't changed either. Pool Manager is still Julie Rhoades and the Pool Operator is still Kris Kuhn. Kudos to those guys for a great job last year.

The lodge is also in need of updates and minor maintenance, which should be completed this year. The remodeling of the women's bathroom is a high priority. There are also maintenance issues on the outer part of the lodge that will be addressed this year.

Thanks, and come join us at the pool and lodge this year.

# Zoning & Security Update

It's that time of the year again when people are getting back out and walking, riding bikes, running, etc. So please watch out for people on the roads when driving. Also as a reminder DOGS are to be kept on a leash or in a fenced in area not running loose. We are starting to get a lot of complaints. So please keep your dog in your own yard or on a leash. Also, in case you have not seen the signs or heard the news, golf carts are going to be allowed on the roads once you have had them inspected and met all requirements, and purchased stickers for your cart showing they have been inspected. See last page of newsletter for copy of rules regulations and form to fill out for inspection. Proof and copy of insurance on golf cart required at inspection.

# Heritage Lake Golf Cart Regulations, Rules and Registration Form

I / we \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

acknowledge these regulations and rules and understand the ramifications for the violations. I / we understand that breaking any of these regulations can and/or will result in a fine starting at \$50.00 for the first offense and can escalate up to \$500.00 for any other future violations or loss of privileges.

Restriction to golf cart modifications. All golf carts operated within the Association of Heritage Lake shall have no increased power from standard manufactured gas or electric golf cart and meet all rules and standards required by Heritage Lake.

## Cart Operating and Rules

- All drivers must have valid driver's license and be 18 years of age or older.
- Carts shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.
- Carts shall be operated in a single file with headlights and taillights in operation at all times day or night. If a trailer is towed, it must have taillights, too.
- Cart operators shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- Cart drivers must obey the posted traffic signs and regulations.
- Carts shall have no more passengers than the vehicles are equipped to handle, no standing and riding, no sitting on coolers or other objects. Must be sitting on the seats.
- Carts must stay on roads and parking lots not on any grassy areas.
- Carts must have slow moving vehicle signs displayed on back.
- Carts are subject to all motor vehicle rules same as cars. DUI's, open alcohol, drinking and driving, etc.
- Carts must be inspected and registered at the office and display stickers on left and right front fenders at the cost of \$30.00 per year.
- Carts must have lot and unit numbers on them.
- Cart operators must have driver license and proof of insurance on cart at all times like cars.
- Cart headlights must be white or clear.
- Cart taillights shall be red in color with brake activated lights.
- Carts must be off roads by 9:00PM.
- Must be in good standings.

Lot owners are responsible to make sure people driving their cart abide by these guidelines and the lot owners are responsible for the fines.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Stickers good through January 1 to January 1 next year*