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Annual Meeting Update

By Matt Eggenberger

March was a busy month for the Board. We held our 2007 Annual Meeting as well as an Informational Meeting and a Reconvened Annual Meeting. We also had our monthly meeting. First, I would like to thank the Board for their time and hard work. Much time is spent preparing for these meetings and your efforts are appreciated. Secondly, I would like to thank the membership for their attendance. We had excellent participation in these meetings and I hope that we are all better informed about some of the endeavors we have on the horizon.

Since we did not have enough members in attendance or through proxy for a quorum at the Annual Meeting, no business was conducted. However, a motion to move to a Reconvened Meeting was brought forward and passed. At the Reconvened Meeting two motions were passed by the membership.

First, the cap on the Annual Assessment (\$10 increase in five out of seven years) was removed and our Annual Assessment will now adjust every year based on the rate of inflation. This annual adjustment will help us keep pace with the price increases in the cost of goods and services we purchase.

Second, we approved a one-time \$70 per member fee for the Pool improvement. You can read more about this in both the 'Pool Update' and 'Pool Fund' articles in this Newsletter.

If you would like more information about the meetings or motions that passed, please visit our website where the minutes of the meeting are posted. Thanks again for your support and participation!

Spring Volunteer Day Efforts

Nearly 40 people came out on May 5th to volunteer their time and talents to HLA. The event started with donuts and coffee as work teams were formed. Then the work was done. This time crews worked on clearing the dam, cutting brush along roadsides, planting seeds at the campground, and finishing the work at Sandy Beach (go check it out!). The Road Committee worked on a study of culverts and work was also done at the Pool and at the Dog Park. After the hard work, the volunteers returned to the lodge for pizza, pop and door prizes. The Board and Committee Chairs appreciate all of the great support from members on these volunteer days! We'll do it again in the fall. Watch for announcements.



Wendy Paddock, the youngest volunteer ever, helps remove weeds at the campground.

Dog Park Update

We are getting close to our goal and the Heritage Lake Dog Park should be opening soon. Watch for postings. If you are thinking about a fence sponsorship, it is not too late. Go to the web for more information -- www.heritagelakeassociation.com.

Why we 'Close' & 'Open' the Beach

The Beach is posted as "closed" in the early spring because we are required to take a few steps to be "officially" opened by the Illinois Department of Health. Two water samples must be taken (one week apart) and checked by the Department. They also inspect the beach and issue a license. This spring, we also treated the water plants with chemicals and didn't want children swimming while this was occurring. Until these steps are taken and the beach is authorized to open as per the Department of Health, we post the "Beach Closed" sign. Please remember you swim at your own risk if you swim prior to the beach being formally and officially opened by the Department of Health.

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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.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Road Fund Payment of \$69.82 per member is due July 1.
Lake Fund Payment of \$53.66 per member is due October 1.
Pay early if you'd like.

MEETING MINUTES ON THE WEB

If you are interested in the business conducted at the Board of Directors meetings, visit the website and click on "Board Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minutes" in the blue index on the left side of the home page.

CAMP GROUND

There is no electricity at any of the camp sites at the camp ground. Note: If you can't locate the payment box at the campground, stop by the office or use the bank night deposit or drive through to make your payment.

FREE EXERCISE AT HERITAGE LAKE

Is it time to get serious about exercise? One fun way to get started is to come to the Lodge every Monday at 7:30 and Thursday at 7:00. The workout is very informal, no competition, work at your own pace (with a video or DVD leading us) and socialize with your friends and neighbors as you get that exercise that you know is so important. Please join!

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.

Scheduled Board Meetings

Next regularly scheduled Board meetings are:

Thursday – June 21 - 7:00 PM at the Lodge
 Thursday July 19 - 7:00 PM at the Lodge
 Thursday August 16 - 7:00 PM at the Lodge

All members are encouraged to attend.

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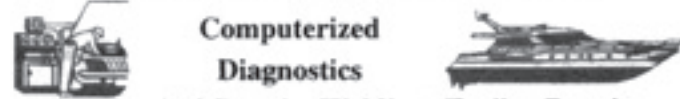


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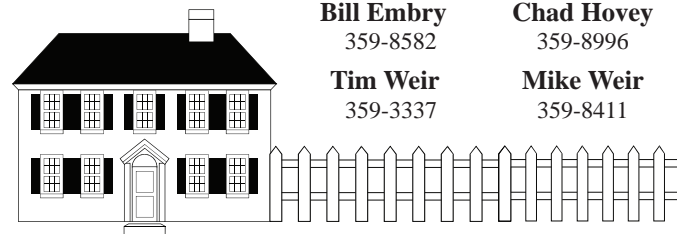
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Social Club Update May 2007

By: Sandy Hoffmann

For those of you who made it out to Potluck, thank you for all of the wonderful food. I believe the weather had an affect on our turn out, but it was great to have an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbors and, as always, the food was excellent.

Our events are done for the summer, but if your looking for a very casual time with friends and neighbors, head out to the sand volleyball courts. Teams are already formed, but if you want to bring your favorite beverage, and head out to watch, it's a nice time. For dinner you might want to buy a hot dog at the "D.O.G." cart. Unfortunately it will not be there every week, but look at the entrances to see on the Wednesdays when it will be there. I don't know what it is about hot dogs outside, but they sure are delicious. All proceeds go the upkeep of the Heritage Lake Dog Park.

Advance notice for the fall: The weenie roast and hay rack ride are being changed to the first weekend in October which is Saturday the 6th at 5:30. The weather seems to be more cooperative at the beginning of the month. The weekend of the 13th will be the 5K run, so mark your calendars today so that you may participate in either or both of these enjoyable events.

Don't forget the gathering known as the "Floatilla" in celebration of the Independence Day Holiday. This year we'll meet on the lake in the **afternoon of Saturday June 30**. This is not a Heritage Lake Association sponsored event but everyone is invited. You'll see a bunch of boats tied up with a lot of people having fun. Just tie off and join the party. If you want to buy a 2007 Floatilla t-shirt, contact Glann at 359-9052. Also, let us know if you need a ride out to the party. **Have a safe and happy summer!**

GOOD IDEAS CONSIDERED

Members have sent in several good suggestions lately. All are considered and some are implemented. A member suggested that we put our lifeguards at the beach until the pool opened. Seems like a great idea but the pool income helps pay for the lifeguards. There is no charge to swim at the beach and no budget established to pay for guards. Keep those ideas coming!

Garage Sales & Coordinators

Special thanks to Angie Scott and Jill Gresham for all the Spring Garage Sales they coordinated for Heritage Lake. Janice Hamilton and Peggy Cole took up the reins this spring and put together a great event. The fall garage sale coordinator is Heather Paddock and a fall garage sale is in the works. The next newsletter will have details but you can start getting your things together! Thanks to all our Garage Sale Coordinators – past and present!

Annual Report from our Accountant

Following is the summary of the verbal report given by our Accountant, Brent Heinold, at the Annual Meeting: Compared to 2005, overall 2006 was a fairly steady year:

- Total cash fell slightly from \$140,806 to \$139,847.
- Total debt fell from \$123,866 to \$111,621.
- Total revenue increased from \$316,774 to \$332,045 (4.8%)
- Total Expenditures increased from \$301,577 to \$355,905 (18%)
- Largest increase in expenses was Lake upgrades which rose from \$592 to \$29,234 – this is mainly engineering fees for lake and retention work. These expenditures will continue into 2007 when the work is done.
- In June, old receivables were turned over to collection. At that time the decision was made to remove them from the Association's books. This created a total bad debt expense of \$28,950 (compared to \$3,558 in 2005). This is a non-cash expenditure that impacts Net Income.
- Assessment, Road Fund and Lake Fund all had modest increases in collections ranging from 4 - 5.5%.
- The small increase in revenue combined with a larger increase in expenditures created a \$24,653 loss for the year. This compares to a profit of \$14,464 in the prior year. If you adjust the current year for the bad debt write off (add back \$28,950) the adjusted operating result is a profit of \$4,297.
- The ongoing issue that the board must deal with is costs and expenses rising at a faster rate than revenue. Items such as the lake and retention work will continue to come up and planning needs to be in place to prepare for.
- As we have talked about in the past the Board is limited in its ability to significantly raise revenue. Short-term, mid-term and long-term budgeting is a must. It is our feeling that over the past few years the board has spent significant efforts in doing this.
- The fact that cash balance remained steady in spite of the loss this year is an indication that attention is being given to planning and budgeting.
- From what we are seeing and involved in we believe the Board has done a good job of creating procedures to effectively and efficiently manage the resources and responsibilities they have been given.
- We have seen significant improvements in collection procedures, financial checks and balances, and budgeting.
- We have enjoyed the past year of being a part of working with the Associations staff and Board and appreciate the cooperation we have received.

Income for January – April 2007

General Assessment	\$211,390
Road Fund Assessment	\$ 0
Lake Fund Assessment	\$ 0
Pool Fund	\$46,690
Fees for Services	\$2,100
Environmental Fees	\$410
Other Fees	\$3,400
Interest Income	\$2,135
Other Income	\$4,217

Definitions: Fees for Services: lodge rentals, swim receipts, pool season passes, associate memberships, and campground fees. Environmental Fees: building permits, environment impact fees and property inspections. Interest Income: earnings on investments and accounts. Other Fees: transfer fees, collection fees, citations, and lien filing fees.

Expenses for January – April 2007

Conservation	\$39,504
Lodge and Pool	\$6,280
Beach	\$1,614
Campground	\$502
Sports Complex	\$93
Property Owner Services	\$15,217
Roads & Mowing	\$14,157
Payroll and Payroll Tax	\$20,037
Finance	\$9,793
Zoning and Security	\$2,459

Definitions: Conservation: lake & dam upgrades and beautification efforts. Lodge & Pool: repairs and maintenance for both facilities, utility expenses for both, wages for lifeguards and pool chemicals/supplies. Beach: electricity and telephone. Campground: electricity, water, repairs to bathhouse. Sports Complex: ball diamond and soccer field. Property Owner Services: legal fees, insurance, utilities, postage, newsletter, office supplies, printing, copying and interest expenses. Roads & Mowing: road repairs, equipment repairs, gasoline, general maintenance supplies, snow related expenses (cinders, salt, snowplow labor, etc.) Payroll and Payroll Tax: salary for the maintenance and office staff and all applicable payroll taxes. Finance: contract bookkeeping, collection expenses, lien filing fees and applicable federal and state income taxes. Zoning & Security: wages for enforcement office and other administrative expenses.

Pool Fund

Thanks to everyone who paid the \$70.00 pool fund. Through May 9th, eighty-one percent (81%) of the members had paid the pool assessment (\$37,750 collected \$46,760 billed). This has allowed the Pool Committee to aggressively address the problems and improvements at the pool.

This fund is being collected like all the other billings you receive from Heritage Lake. If not paid by June 1, the \$50.00 late fee was added and statements mailed. If not paid by August 1, the outstanding debt will be sent to collections.

Pool Update

Jim Johnson, Pool & Lodge Committee Chair

The renovation on the pool has begun and is going well; so far we are right on schedule.

To begin, our first concern was the main drain and whether it would pass a pressure test. The drain passed the test so the excavation began. The volunteers doing the work started with excavating a trench all the way around the pool to a depth of 4 feet. This was done for a few reasons:

- 1) Relieve the hydrostatic pressure
- 2) Replace all the return lines
- 3) Replace all the water inlet lines which were pressure tested to insure water tightness.

When this was completed, the trench was backfilled with pea gravel to cover the lines and to prevent the new pipes from breaking during the winter. Their next step was to remove all of the concrete pool decking and the two retaining walls so the deck area could be expanded on all sides.

Some more improvements that will be made are:

- 1) lifeguard chair with an umbrella at the deep end of the pool
- 2) ladders for the deep end of the pool
- 3) steps for the shallow end with handrails
- 4) commercial quality outdoor furniture (chairs, tables and umbrellas)
- 5) a new splash area is being researched for the little ones who enjoy the water
- 6) a new stone block retaining wall will be put in to replace the two that were removed
- 7) a new stand for the diving board
- 8) and under consideration is a power lift chair so that the pool can be enjoyed by all regardless of age or physical conditions.

There is still quite a lot of work to be done, but the volunteers are doing a wonderful job, and if all goes well we should be opening in the beginning of July. Keep your eyes and ears open for the date of the "Grand Opening Pool Party". We are also considering the costs and the processes to sell season passes. Watch for this too.

Julie Rhoades has accepted the position of Pool Manager for this season. We look forward to working with her as we get set to open the new and improved Heritage Lake Pool!

Road to Improvement

By: Ramona Cone

It wouldn't be new news for someone to tell you the roads in Heritage Lake are in poor condition. With that in mind, here's some news you might not know...

Recently a road committee has been formed and has been meeting regularly to determine the best plan to return our roads to good condition. The road committee recognizes the need for professional advice to reach our goal. Professional advice does however come at a price. A lower cost solution was to invite the Civil Engineering Department at Bradley University to use our subdivision as a senior project starting this Fall. We are currently in communications with the faculty advisors to determine if we are a good match for them. The goal is to create a long term plan and budget to improve and maintain our roads. We would like to share this with the membership.

Drainage is currently the road committee's primary concern. Spending money on re-surfacing roads without proper drainage is like throwing it away. All the water that lands on the road during a rain needs a path into a ditch. In many areas of Heritage Lake when the water reaches the side of the road, the ground level is higher and the water cannot reach the ditch. Instead it runs along the side of the road causing erosion. The next time you drive on our streets see if you can notice the path water takes. Many times it is easy to spot the trails of cinder and rock the water leaves behind.

Once the water reaches the ditch, the ditches must have a clear unobstructed path. If a road or driveway straddles a drainage ditch, it needs a culvert. The committee has been evaluating the ditches and culverts. A few streets will need culverts added. Many driveway culverts need to be cleaned and clear of obstruction to allow water to flow easily. Please take the time to inspect your culvert and keep it maintained. Many of our ditches have filled up with silt and need to be dug out, so water continues to be carried away from our roads.

Both the path to the ditch and the ditches themselves need maintenance. The committee is currently investigating our best options for equipment and manpower to correct these issues.

VOLUNTEERS TO THANK

Thanks to these volunteers for their greatly appreciated assistance with the Annual Meeting and Newsletter Mailing:

Jim & Cindy Johnson, Sandy Hoffmann, Vern & Denise Sorensen, Karen Duffy, Amanda Cagel, Rick Bremner, Kelsey Bremner, Duane & Pat Tesdall, Bob Witkowski, Jake & Linda Bahan

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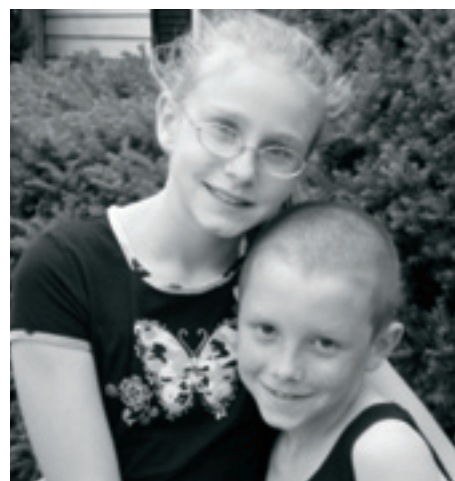
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Heritage Heroes: Nick Flynn and Kaitlyn Cleary & Jacob Cleary

The children and teenagers who live at Heritage Lake care about our community too. This month's Heritage Heroes are representative of this group and have shown us what can be done with a little effort and commitment. Nick Flynn, Kaitlyn Cleary and her brother Jacob all proactively responded when they heard that the swimming pool was in trouble.



Nick Flynn, who will be a Senior next year at Dee-Mack, planned, organized and produced a Rock Concert at the Lodge on April 28. He did the marketing, arranged for security, recruited the bands, obtained sound equipment, recruited other students to help with logistics, and attended three board meetings to make his pitch for the idea. Several Bands played short sets. The concert was open to high school aged students and nearly 100 attended. Through Nick's efforts, \$360 was raised for the pool. **THANK YOU NICK!**



Kaitlyn and Jacob Cleary and their family moved to Heritage Lake just last December so the kids haven't even used the pool. Yet, when Kaitlyn heard that funds were needed to repair the pool, she had an idea. She and Jacob crafted flower pens and then sold them one Sunday afternoon.

All of the \$48.00 made through their sales was donated "for the pool". Kaitlyn's & Jacob's actions inspired several others to match this donation and the "Kaitlyn Pool Fund" now has \$240. **If you want to contribute, there's still time and there's still a need. THANK YOU KAITLYN AND JACOB!**

Thanks to our young people of Heritage Lake for supporting the pool and for showing the rest of us what can be accomplished when you put your mind to it. Kaitlyn, Jacob and Nick are true Heritage Heroes.

Avoid Ticks and Mosquito Bites

West Nile Virus is spread by mosquitoes and Lyme Disease is spread by ticks. These diseases are concerns for people who live in wooded areas (such as some neighborhoods and amenities at Heritage Lake). Both of these diseases can make one quite ill. West Nile Virus can be fatal.

To avoid ticks: Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves when in the woods. To avoid tick bites, roll your long pants inside your socks and then perform a "tick check" when you leave the wooded area. Check in the hair and behind the ears. Also check around the waist band. Ticks are often found in hard to see areas such as the groin, armpits, and scalp. To remove a biting tick safely, grab it as close to the head as possible with tweezers or fingers and gently pull. Treat the site with antiseptic lotion and watch it for swelling or redness. In most cases, the tick must be attached for 36 to 48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted.

A couple of Heritage Lake members have visited their doctor with Lyme Disease symptoms. Prompt medical attention will minimize complications involving the heart, nervous system and joints. In the early stage of the disease, people may have any combination of the following symptoms: Headache, chills, nausea, fever, a spreading rash (circular in shape, 5-20" diameter, center of the circle clear), aching joints, fatigue. If you have these symptoms, tell your doctor if you have been in any areas where you may have encountered ticks. Watch your pets too. If they seem ill, again, you should tell your Vet to check for Lyme Disease. You won't die from Lyme Disease, but your quality of life will be harmed so don't take any chances.

West Nile Virus, carried by mosquitoes, can cause serious, life-altering health issues and even death. So it's worth it to take the time to prevent mosquito bites.

Remember: Use mosquito repellent, eliminate mosquito breeding sites, install or repair window and door screens.

To help reduce mosquito numbers, leave the spiders, birds and bats alone. A spider web by your front door keeps more bugs out of your house than you can imagine! You can knock it down when you have company. Check in your yard for any standing water. Kid's wading pools, flower pot saucers, bird baths, buckets, wheelbarrows and any puddles that sit undisturbed for a while become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Keep those drained and cleaned frequently.

The best defense against these serious diseases is insect repellent and the actions noted above. Take care...

For the latest news and information, please visit www.heritagelakeassociation.com

Please Keep Our Amenities Beautiful

Well, it's that time of year again where we all venture out into the great outdoors and experience the many amenities which we have in our community. Please keep a few things in mind whether you are using the beach area, campground, or renting the lodge. Our Maintenance Staff and many volunteers have spent countless hours working on maintaining these resources. Just the little things you do could positively reflect on the overall appearance of the amenities - such as putting glass bottles and cans in the garbage containers. Also, if you host an event please do the proper care and cleanup. After the event, please take down your signs or do a final check just to make sure the area is cleaned and ready for the next group to use. Just doing the little things really makes a difference in how the facility looks for all of us. We need to work together to accomplish this. Lastly, please make sure everyone abides by all the rules and regulations we have. The rules and regulations are there for your safety as well as the safety of others. Vandalism of any kind should be reported to our office as well as the county police. Each year it seems we have one or two incidents which in turn costs the association money because of property damage. This is usually prevalent during the warmer times of the year. Parents of teenagers - please keep in mind the county curfew times as well as the closing times for all our outdoor amenities. This will help keep them safe and sound. Please have a safe and wonderful summer season.

Bulk Waste – What a Site

Nobody likes to see old washers, dryers, stoves, beds, furniture, carpets, or construction waste sitting along the road. If you place something at the roadside hoping someone will carry it away and it sits there over a week, please contact Ben Neville Trucking to have it removed. They will quote you a price based on the item and will pick it up with the next garbage collection. Please don't make your neighbors or those passing by see your old stuff for long. Neville will not remove tires, paint, dangerous chemicals, yard waste and other items and you'll need to make other arrangements. Watch for County drop off days for these materials.

Dumping of yard waste or bulk waste is not allowed anywhere in Heritage. Do not dump at the Campground, Boat Ramp Parking Lot, Sandy Beach, the Maintenance Shop or at any of the dumpsters. The dumpsters are placed near the lodge and beach for trash that accumulates there. Please use the procedures described above rather than relying on Heritage Lake resources to solve your problem. We shouldn't all have to pay to have your trash carried away.

Just What Do These Guys Do Around Here Anyway?

Al Mittelsteadt is the Maintenance Supervisor for Heritage Lake and has worked for us since February of 2005. Steve Berchtold is the Maintenance Worker and has worked for us since April of 2005. Both juggle a variety of jobs in support of the upkeep and enhancement of all public areas at Heritage Lake. You may not see them working or even notice the work they have done, but they work very hard for the association and the Board felt it was important to communicate about their efforts and responsibilities.

So, just what do these guys do around here anyway, is a question we hear. Their workload mainly focuses on caring for all of the amenities at Heritage Lake – dam, pool, lodge, roads, parking areas, campground & bath house, beach & beach house, volleyball court, beach park amenities, pavilion, ball field, soccer field, tennis court, playgrounds, fishing docks, boat ramp, and fencing. They also help address complaints and issues, cut brush around our 11 miles of roads, plow snow and maintain all our equipment and vehicles.

To help you see some of the work our staff has done recently, here are some specific examples taken from weekly reports they provide to the Board:

Week in May: Turned on all hydrants at the campground, moved and set playground equipment, cleaned up yard waste dumped by residents, repaired vandalism damage at the lodge, created a plan to replace the dock at the boat ramp, cleaned out the overflow area on the dam, cleaned up the beach, prepared the volleyball court, turned electricity on at pavilion and changed light bulbs, put up split rail fence around new septic tank and fixed driveway area, replaced vandalized garbage can, drug ball diamond 2-3 times, filled potholes.

Week in Feb: Plowed snow, repaired frozen pipes at the shop, installed signs at the retention basin, painted lodge doors, painted sign posts.

Week in Jan: Dug around pool, finished building two docks and runways, contacted contractors to look at the plumbing problems at the pool.

Obviously, the maintenance staff is quite busy taking care of the amenities and equipment. The Board appreciates their hard work and all that they do for HLA. Hope you do to!

NEW OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

A new e-mail address has been set up for the office – hlaoffice@verizon.net.