HLA Member Newsletter

Your HLA Board:

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2017 Budget Available for Review

The Heritage Lake
Association board, with
the assistance of the
finance committee, has
been working diligently
over the last 2 months to
prepare the plan for the
2017 budget. Each board
member worked on his or
her section separately and
submitted to the finance
committee for compilation.
The full budget was first
discussed at the October
board meeting, and

showed an operating deficit of about \$8,000.

The board has worked together over the last couple weeks to bring the proposed budget down so there is a balanced budget to share with the members, without an increase to Annual Assessments other than inflation.

Balancing the budget has meant cutting back on some plans for 2017. The

budget will be on the agenda at the November board meeting and will be voted on at the December board meeting. Members who have questions about the proposed budget are encouraged to attend one of these meetings or e-mail the office. Budget specific informational meetings may be scheduled in late November. Watch the website and boards for details.

Bath House Remodel

One of the biggest projects HLA undertook in the last year was the ground up remodel of the Beach Bath House. The old bath house had become rundown and difficult to maintain at a reasonable cost. Former Director Rodney Stickrod championed an effort to completely gut the inside of the Bath house, and rebuild from the ground up, a much needed amenity improvement for our members.

After the interior of the Bath House was completely demoed, new plumbing, electrical, and flooring was put in. New walls were erected, making both sides of the restrooms handicap accessible. An outdoor shower was installed in addition to the indoor

facilities on each side. A beautiful new concrete patio and walkways were poured and a team of member volunteers purchased and installed new landscaping.

In all the project cost approximately \$29,000, most of which was surplus from 2015 expenses being under budget. A large majority of the costs we kept low thanks to a great team was willing to work within the confines of our budget.

HLA would like to extend its thanks to the following volunteers and contractors, without whom this project would not have been possible:

Bob & Mary Pirtle
Rodney Stickrod
Dave Sanford
Blaine Gilbert Plumbing
Coon Crete Concrete Jason Aderholtz
Margaret Riggert
John & Barb Nafziger
HLA maintenance Staff
Barb Waldorf
Luann Woodburn



HLA Committees & Chairs:

Conservation:

Kurt Lempke & Bill Schaumburg

Environmental Control:

Rick Stokes

Roads:

Brad Reed

Finance:

Bonnie Lempke

Social:

Nicole Shake

Upcoming Board Meetings

November 28, 2016 December 12, 2016 January 23, 2016

All board meetings are at 7pm at the lodge and are open to all members. There is a portion of the meeting reserved for member questions and comments to the board, and a sign in sheet will be available at the meeting. Questions specific to committee reports can be asked at the time the report is given. The board requests that members please reserve their questions and comments that do not pertain directly to the reports to the Open Floor to Members portion of the meeting. This will help facilitate getting through the reports in a timely manner and allow us to get to the member portion of the meeting quicker.

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www.heritagelakeassociation.com

Social Events and Happenings

The Heritage Lake Association Social Committee had been busy planning fall activities over the last several months, and more is to come!

Rib Throw Down: The 9th annual HLA Rib throw down was held the 1st of October and was a finger licking good time! Congratulations to this

vear's winners from 16 entries:

1st: Murray Gill

2nd: Bonnie Lempke & Becky McGrath (tie)

3rd: Dave Riggert

Halloween Party:

Saturday October 29th brought out the spooks and ghouls for the Annual Halloween Bonfire and Haunted House.

Members joined us at the beach for s'mores and a weenie roast, and travelled down Summit to the Haunted House

Save the Date for these future Events:

Christmas Party 12/11/16 Chili Cook-Off 02/11/17

Road Improvement & SSA Update

In an effort to help members throughout the subdivision. stay better informed, a new page has been added to the top navigation bar of the website. This page will remain on the site throughout the development and construction process and will be updated around the 1st of each month with the previous months efforts and the next steps to be taken.

We will also be publishing the latest information in each newsletter from now until construction is completed

Road Work Completed:

- Ditch improvements on Kenton, London Ct., and Summit Dr.
- Several areas have been spray patched for winter. -About 1.5 miles of Heritage Drive have already been resurfaced.

SSA Development:

- Austin Engineering (Devon Birch) has been hired as our engineer and will be present at the Nov. **Board Meeting**

- -Core Samples were drawn in October
- Initial approval has been granted to begin the design phase of the project.

Next Steps:

- Ditch work on King Richard and Strawberry
- Complete design phase
- Submit design to the county for overview approval from County Transportation Committee and County Board.

Recent News from the Website

Lake Fund Late Fees:

\$25 late fees were added to all unpaid Lake Fund balances. Lake Funds paid in full by November 19th will have the late fee waived.

Campground Closed: The campground was closed as of Labor day weekend.

Lake Draw Down: The Lake Draw Down began on October 20th. The

Conservation committee is not to impede Boat Plucking Weekend.

Beach Closed: The Heritage Lake beach is closed for the season. There will be no daily cleaning of the beach for the remainder of the year and no further water tests will be conducted.

Fall Garage Sales: 17 monitoring lake levels so as members held garage sales as a part of the Semi Annual garage sales on September 17th.

Annual Meeting Dates:

Mark your calendar for the following important dates surrounding the 2017 Annual meeting

- Intent to Run due 01/17/17
- Date of Record 02/01/17
- Annual Meeting 03/18/17

About Heritage Lake Association

Heritage Lake Association is organized is to promote pleasure, social recreation and sports activities for its members, their families and guests and to develop and maintain a recreationally oriented environment in the Heritage Lake Subdivision.

Other than Maintenance and office staff, Heritage Lake Association is run by Member volunteer committees and volunteer elected board members.