



COUNTRY LAKES ESTATES

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“SPRING” INTO SAFETY!

PRESIDENT’S CORNER: With the arrival of Spring and warm weather, there are more people out walking or running, and many children outside playing ball or riding their bikes, scooters, and skateboards. The biggest complaint I receive from residents at this time of year is that we have too many drivers speeding or driving erratically through our development. We set up a Block Watch a few years ago and posted signs to remind everyone to be cautious and remain aware of what is going on in our neighborhood. The BH Police have made an effort to patrol our streets more often and have advised that residents call them at (440) 526-5400 with complaints of speeding or suspicious activity in any part of our neighborhood; noting a description of the offender, as well as the license plate number and make, model, and color of the car are helpful to the Police when calling in a tip. Additionally, our Councilman (and resident), George Stelmaschuk, was instrumental in getting new signs for our development to remind drivers to slow down, and the Board appreciates his help. I can’t stress enough how important it is to drive with caution and adhere to the speed limits for the safety of all our residents! I am very grateful for all the input and help from our past and present Committee Leaders and volunteers; it takes dedication and commitment to keep a neighborhood like ours running smoothly. Every little bit of help is appreciated, so please get involved so that we can continue to make Country Lakes Estates a fun and safe place to live. If you’d like to be added to my email list for Community news and updates, send me your name and email address. Stay in touch and I hope to see you at the pool!

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THE BOARD WISHES TO THANK THESE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER TIME & EFFORTS:

Gaye Niederst, Terri Kmieck, Marianne Pilat, Melanie Hauer, Christina Kovalchik, Patti Zoeller, Tammy Finn, Marisa Matta, Kelly Devine, Debi Rachek, Tanya Verderber, Anna Heinz, Norm & Verna Phillips, Elena Golsch, Kathy Derbin, Rosemary Perl, Paul Haffenden, George Pilat, Greg Budzilo, Doug Sokolowski, Gregg Jacobsen, & all our dependable Street & Condo Captains!

PLEASE NOTE & SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION:

Acme Fresh Market Bakery, Parma
 Giant Eagle Bakery, Parma
 G& I Professional Maintenance, Broadview Hts.
 Krispy Kreme Donuts, Middleburg Hts.
 Romeo’s Pizza, Broadview Hts.



BOARD NEWS & REPORTS

As we go into our third year as a Board, we are extremely satisfied with our progress. Our biggest challenge from day one was the collapsing lake wall, which we were determined to resolve as inexpensively as possible. G & I Professional Maintenance Company was able to remove the wall for **\$7488.00**, a substantially lower cost than all the other bids we received. Since we cut costs in many areas of the budget over the last two years, the funds were available without having to charge homeowners an assessment. In addition, we have also:

- **Cut Expenses & Saved Reserves**
- **Completed Lake Spillway Project & Replaced Fountain**
- **Replaced Entranceway Lighting**
- **Upgraded Pool Area Amenities & Redecorated Pool Restrooms**
- **Increased Community Activities**
- **Beautiful Area with Flowers, Plants, & Holiday Decorations**
- **Added Parking Stalls in Recreation Center Lot**

We renewed our contracts with Reserve Realty Mgt, Kaman & Cusimano, G & I Professional Maintenance, and Xtreme Lawn care. We decided to change pool management companies, and have contracted with Hastings Water Works for the 2010 pool season. It is with sadness that we say “goodbye” to two of our former Board members, Nic Roberto and Kathy Yates. We wish them both the best of luck and thank them for their past service. We welcome new Board member, Miriam Keresman, and look forward to working with her.

DID YOU KNOW?
 As your elected Board In 2007, we devised a “Mission Statement” and “Guiding Principles” which we continue to follow when making decisions for the Association... “Our mission as Board Members of CLCA is to provide the leadership and direction necessary to improve the quality of life for all our residents. Our goal is to create harmony and a strong sense of community throughout the neighborhood. We will take fiscal responsibility and strive to maintain or increase property values within the Association.” Our Guiding Principles are: Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, and Communication.

TREASURER’S NOTE: Annual Fees of \$325.00 (per home and unit owner) were due March 31, 2010. As of this printing, approximately 80% of all dues have been collected. Thank you to all owners who made their payments on time. Reminder letters have been mailed to those with outstanding balances. Contact Reserve Realty Management Company at (330) 467-0828 if you have any billing concerns or to make payment arrangements.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

STREET CAPTAINS:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>HOMES</u>
Countryside	Cathy Eben	34
Lakeview	Jackie Strnad	8
Scenicview	Patti Kornowski	30
Somerset	Bill Henning	6
Sunview	Melanie Hauer	8
Northwood	Lori Rader	10
Countryview	Fran Radefeld	38
Crystalwood	Jan Mayer	18
Timberwood	Elena Golsch	<u>13</u>
		165 Total

STREET CAPTAIN LEADER:
Sue Ditzig (440) 237-4747

STREET & CONDO CAPTAINS COMMITTEE

Captains are your representatives for each individual street or building. You should contact them if you have any questions, concerns, or news that you would like relayed to your Board or any of the Committees. They have been helpful in saving our Association expenses by periodically delivering Community news directly to your door. A few more Captains are still needed, so contact the Street or Condo Captain Leader if you are able to volunteer.

CONDO CAPTAINS:

<u>BUILDING*</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
8591	Kay Iglesias
8605	Jeff Engstrom
8607	Laurie Malone
8609	Miriam Keresman
8611	Carole Hradek
8613	Doris Kubinski
8615	Lidija Balciunas
8619	Milt Walker
8633	Peggy Arnosk
8655	Lois Schnacke
8663	William Kaplar
8665	Cindy Tripoulas
8671	Greg Budzilo
8677	Bernie Masseria

CONDO CAPTAIN LEADER:
Laurie Malone (440) 877-9553

*Captains needed for buildings not listed

SOCIAL / SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Let's get the party started! Mark your calendar for our "Summer Kick-Off Pool Party" on Friday, June 11. Good food and refreshments will be provided during lunch hours for a nominal donation. Please join us and get reacquainted with all your neighbors in a fun and festive atmosphere! This Committee is now being led by Christina Kovalchik (husband, Bill), who has been a CLCA resident for 17 years and has volunteered at many of our functions. As Committee Leader, Christina is going to try something different

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SUNSHINE LEADER: Melanie Hauer
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this year... she would like residents to contact her with new ideas for fun Community parties and events which they would be willing to run, and then she will help them organize the function and get volunteers. This way, we can try new things for all age groups, from children to adults. **Please call or email Christina with any ideas or to volunteer your help.** Let's keep the fun going for everyone in Country Lakes! Back by popular demand is "Pizza Wednesday at the Pool", beginning

June 16. This year, **Romeo's Pizza** of Broadview Heights will be on site selling their award-winning pizza at reduced prices during lunch hours every Wednesday (weather-permitting). You can enjoy your pizza poolside or pick one up to take home. Signs will be posted to remind everyone on days when pizza is available. With the hope of having greater participation by waiting a few years, we will not be having a Book Exchange or Community Garage Sale this year. Check with City Hall if you would like to have your own sale. Sunshine Leader, **Melanie Hauer**, is the lady to contact if you know of any residents who should be sent a Congratulatory, Sympathy, or Get-Well card... her contact info is listed.

REC CENTER/ BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

We welcome Terri Kmieck (husband, Jack) as our new Rec Center & Beautification Committee Leader. Terri and her family have resided in Country Lakes for 15 years, and have been very involved in our Community for many of those years. Terri has held Board positions in the past, has been our Lake Task Force and Beautification Committee Leader since 2008, and is also our unofficial "Sign-Maker", as she is quite the graphic artist! She has worked closely with the current Board and with the former Committee Leader, Gaye Niederst, for the past few years, so she is very familiar with the Rec Center duties. Terri has also been a Board liaison with our city Engineer to help our Association comply with all the recent mandates issued on our Lake property. She is such a valuable asset to our Community! Use of the Rec Center has increased since lowering the party rental rates several years ago. As a reminder, rates are as follows: **Weekdays, Monday through Thursday: \$25.00 (until 4:00p.m.) and \$50.00 (after 6:00 p.m.).**

Fridays, Weekends, & Holidays: \$100.00 Payment is requested upon reserving a rental date and a refundable Security Deposit is required when picking up the keys. Copies of the Rental Agreement and Rules are available and can be downloaded from our website. Also Vending installed two great vending machines at the Rec Center and pool area late last summer, to replace our former Concession Stand. The machines are stocked full of various beverages and snacks at fair and reasonable prices, and proceeds go toward Community events and functions. Call our Committee Leader, Terri, if you're interested in renting the Rec Center or to join and be part of this important Committee!

COMMITTEE LEADER:
Terri Kmieck
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POOL NEWS

The pool opens **Saturday, May 29** and will be open weekends and holidays until summer vacation starts on June 11. Gold wristbands will be required for admittance to the pool and will be issued at our Rec Center. Bring your Pool Pass Application, along with a valid driver's license, during one of the designated times listed below to pick up your wristbands. Make sure that your annual fee is paid and that your account is current, or there may be a delay in receiving your wristbands. Hastings Water Works, our new pool management company, will offer swim lessons this summer; details coming soon. **WRISTBAND PICK-UP:**

Wednesday, May 19: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 20: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 27: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*POOL QUESTIONS, CALL MARIE: (440) 915-1412