

Lake Doster Homeowner's Association Newsletter

October 2006



Calendar of Events:

- The next LDHA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 at the Clubhouse.
- LDHA Volunteer Task Force meeting Nov. 14 6:45 @ Clubhouse. All interested LDHA members are welcome.
- Newcomers Party Sat. November 18, 7:30pm.
- Childrens Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 10, 2-3:30 @ clubhouse
- Boat numbers - Call Dave Hurwitz at 664-5364.
- Recycling: 2nd Wed. of each month, Gun Plain Township only.
- LDHA Website: www.lakedoster.org
- Webmaster e-mail: fortuned@chartermi.net
- LDHA Directory: Carole Kellogg at 664-6420.

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Newcomers Party Coming Up!

Don't miss the best party of the year! The Newcomers Party is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 at 7:30. Food, pop and entertainment will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Please join us in this opportunity to welcome our new friends to our wonderful neighborhood! If you would like to help with this event, please contact Beth Raich or Lisa Torres.



Lake Effects

Childrens Christmas Party

This very special Lake Doster tradition has been set for Sunday, December 10. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Johanna Hoelscher at 685-8112 or email her at jasonandjo71@aol.com.

Please note: The next LDHA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 at the Clubhouse. The Volunteer Task Force will meet at 6:45.

Correction

Michigan Gas Utilities Customer Service number is 1.800.401.6402. The emergency number is 1-800-401-6451. www.michiganutilities.com

911 For Seniors, For Children, For a Safer Community

Allegan County Dispatch recognizes that it is not always clear when it is appropriate to dial 911. Here are some examples of when you DO and when you DON'T dial 911.

DO

- It's the middle of the night and noises are coming from your garage.
- Your neighbor is away and someone has backed a truck up to their house.
- You see a downed power line.
- You smell smoke, gas, etc. even if you don't know where it is coming from.
- You're babysitting and think the baby may have swallowed something.

DON'T

- For a permit to burn brush.
- To find out when the parade begins.
- To find out if Officer Smith is on duty.
- To inquire about road conditions.
- To ask for any phone number.
- To report a power outage.
- To report that there is a bat, squirrel or other animal in your house.

Please remember, **if you are in doubt, call 911.** All non-emergencies may be directed to Allegan County Central Dispatch at 1.888.354.0576. Barry County Sheriff: 948.4800.

Halloween Safety Tips.

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know



LDHA Meeting Minutes (10/11/06)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Board Members present: Dave Fortune, Dave Hurwitz, Hal Ford, Marilyn Brainerd, Ed Giffels, Johanna Hoelscher and Cat Below.

Board Members absent:

Treasurer's Report-Dave Hurwitz:

\$13,001.06	9/14/06 Previous Balance
Deposits:	
\$120.00	Dues Received
\$120.00	Total
Disbursements:	
\$688.44	Caterer-End of Summer party
\$48.46	September Newsletter Postage
\$118.51	September Newsletter Printing
\$50.10	Ink Cartridge-Carole Kellogg
\$10.35	Newsletter Supplies-Deanna Gavalis
\$24.00	Copies for Newcomers Packet-Marilyn Brainerd
\$1,091.84	Total
\$12,029.22	10/10/06 Balance

Secretary's Report – Cat Below

- o The newsletter will be reformatted on Adobe products. A redesign of the LDHA Newsletter was discussed. Printing costs for various formats will be requested from our printer.

Maintenance & Safety Report – Hal Ford

- o Bent street sign posts on Golfview are, or have been, replaced.
- o Placing two deer crossing signs was discussed. Deer are frequently seen at the power lines near the entrance and at the Golfview, S. Lk. Doster Dr. junction.
- o The Development Company has placed no hunting tape in several areas around our neighborhood. Please be aware of local hunting restrictions and please respect private property.
- o Please report all road obstructions to the Sheriff as soon as possible.
- o Halloween safety was discussed. Please see Lake Effects section for more information.

Membership/Newcomer's Report - Marilyn Brainerd

- o Two newcomers packets were delivered this month
- o Personal invitations to Newcomers Party will be delivered to all new residents.
- o If you have a new neighbor, please contact Marilyn at 664-3388 so she can welcome them.

Social Report

- o Details for Newcomers' Party discussed
- o Details for Children's' Christmas Party were discussed.

Local Government – Casey Jones

- o Allegan County Dispatch distributed a Press Release intended to help people know when it is appropriate to call 911. Please see the details in the Lake Effects column.
- o The county wide storm warning system is nearly complete. Thanks Casey, for the hard work you have put into this project.

Old Business

Pathway Project: The grant for this project is ready to be submitted by the Barry County Road Commission.

New Business

- o Local Real Estate Offices have been contacted and have agreed to remove open house signs at Lake Doster entrances as soon as the open house is finished. The entrance area is private property and permission has not been granted for any long term signage. Please help keep our entrance beautiful.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30

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Volunteer Task Force

A task force has been established to recruit a corps of Lake Doster volunteers. Meetings will take place at 6:45 before the LDHA Board meeting. If you like to help with this project, please come to the meeting. Call any Board member if you have questions.

The second task force meeting was held on October 11.

- Dave Fortune and Dave Hurwitz will continue to compile and edit information for the LDHA Board Member Resource Guide. This Guide will clarify board positions and their duties and describe the details of each LDHA activity.
- The bulk of the meeting was spent reviewing the draft informational survey. Once completed this survey will be made available to the neighborhood. The results will help pinpoint neighborhood needs and desires. The findings will be reported to residents at a social event. We are very excited about this opportunity to learn more about our neighborhood. Please help us with your participation when the survey is available. Thank you!

Welcome New Neighbors:

GROSSMAN, Bud and Lucy
357 Shangri La Cr.

CRAMPTON, Tim
BELLUCCI, Madeleine
239 Golfview

Love Notes

The nets are down and the outdoor tennis season is over at Lake Doster. But...that doesn't mean the Tennis Association isn't hard at work planning next year's activities. Please let us know if you are interested in playing in one of our leagues, or would be interested in adult or childrens lessons. If you would like more information regarding the Lake Doster Tennis Association, please call Laurie Krahn, 685-6342 or Karen Urban, 685-6291.



For Sale/Wanted

Going away for the winter? Enjoy peace of mind while away and upon return. Protect your home with security and maintenance checks. Call Hal Ford at 685-5146 for a personalized plan

Florida Rental Beautiful 2B/2Ba condo overlooking golf course. Only 5 miles from Anne Marie Beaches. 3 month min. no smokers/pets \$1550/mo. Call 685-5188

Award winning graphic design. Freelance designer will help you personalize your invitations and stationery or buff up your small business. Let my creativity work for you. Call Cat Below 664-5705.

For Sale: wood (light brown) bedroom set including corner desk with glass top, dresser with mirror and double bed frame with headboard in excellent condition (mattress and box spring included). \$300. Please call Brian at 269-760-6331.

Doster area office: Part time and flexible hours. Number and computer skills. Please call Monty Wilson: 664-4226

For Sale: Tanning Bed, 30 bulb Tan America with CD Player built in. Great for home or business. \$2500 OBO Call 664-4030.

Work Wanted. Dependable KVCC student will mow, weed and clean up your yard or lakefront. Please call Walter at 664-5310.

Longaberger Baskets & Pottery: Beautiful baskets, kitchen accessories, spices & food. Call to schedule a catalogue party or receive a catalogue. Johanna Hoelscher 685-8112.

Plainwell Store Away: Special storage unit prices for Lake Doster residents. Call Ben at 929-1830.

Creative Memories: Scrapbook supplies conveniently located in your neighborhood. Home-based business offers personal shopping, crops and home demonstrations. Call for new catalog, crop dates, personal shopping appointment, or home demonstration. Call Sharon at 664-4883 or email: bnsschmidt@worldnet.att.net Memory keeping at its best!

Piano & Voice Lessons, Janet Richards, 275A Fairway Ct., 664-5380, jrich19@aol.com

For Sale: Silk arrangements for all occasions: oriental, nautical, etc: centerpieces and gift items. Call Mary Jane at 685-8287.

Neighborhood Handyman available (landscaping, tile work, shelving, etc.). Call Chuck Gregory on Horseshoe Court at 685-5032 or cell phone #501-7706.

Printex: Doster residents, Jim and Marlene Berry, offer free pickup & delivery of printing to any Lake Doster resident's home or business. \$25 off your first new order over \$150. Call today 962-5500.

Missing Something?

If you are still missing items from the end of summer party, it's very likely that Dawn Sherman is holding them for you. Please call her at 664-4533 to retrieve them.

Neighborhood Services

Baby Sitters:

Emily Burley (4/2/90)**	664-6969
Rosie Cool (04/12/91)	664-3613
Helen Dolley (1/13/93)**	664-5658
Ariel Gray (10/27/89)**	664-5195
Michael Haas (7/26/92)	664-5417
Jordan Hoelscher (12/8/94)*	685-8112
Juliah Hoelscher (12/8/94) *	685-8112
Jordan & Julia are also Red Cross Certified	
Catey Koch (9/23/93)*	664-6096
Abby Murray (3/14/88)	664-6643
Sarah Myles	664-3059
Alexa Sheets (4/23/93)	664-5810
Jenna Sheets (5/10/90)	664-5810
Branden Stewart (10/11/88)	664-3613
Sarah Skocelas (5/25/89)* *	664-4181
Katy Whited (5/10/90)	664-5500
* Bronson Safe Sitter Certified	
**Red Cross Certified	

Pet Sitting:

Erin Cool (1/21/88)	664-3613
Rosie Cool (04/12/91)	664-3613
Helen Dolley (1/13/93)	664-5658
Ariel Gray (10/27/89)	685-5195
Gena Haas (9/1/90)	664-5417
Jordan Hoelscher (12/8/94)	685-8112
Juliah Hoelscher (12/8/94)	685-8112
Katie Reed (12/4/95)	685-8027
Alexa Sheets (4/23/93)	664-5810
Jenna Sheets (5/10/90)	664-5810
Sarah Skocelas (5/15/89)	664-4181
Abby Murray (3/14/88)	664-6643
Zach Saar (6/22/93)	664-4778
Branden Stewart (10/11/88)	664-3613
Tom Richmond	664-3277

Yard Work:

Michael Haas (7/26/92)	664-5417
Zach Saar (6/22/93)	664-4778
Tom Richmond	664-3277

Advertisements and personal notices should be submitted to Cat Below at cab246@charter.net by the second Wednesday of the month. Anyone submitting an ad or notice must be a member of LDHA. Include your name, address, phone number and birthday (children only). Please be brief—two or three lines. Unless you specify otherwise, ads or notices will run for two months.