

Lake Doster Homeowner's Association Newsletter

September 2006



A Good Time Was Had By All

Lake Doster said goodbye to summer in style! The end of summer pig roast was a huge success. Many thanks to Dawn Sherman and her volunteers for all the hard work that went into this event. Thanks for attending everyone!



Calendar of Events:

- The next LDHA Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7:30 at the Clubhouse.**
- **LDHA Volunteer Task Force meeting, Oct. 10 6:45 at the Clubhouse. All interested LDHA members are welcome to attend.**
- **Newcomers Party Sat. November 18, 7:30pm. Details in next month's newsletter.**
- **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: dfortune@chartermi.net**
- **LDHA Directory: Carole Kellogg at 664-6420.**

Lake Effects

Newcomers Party Scheduled

The most fun event of the year is just around the corner. Please mark November 18, 7:30 on your calendars, because you won't want to miss the Lake Doster Newcomers Party. Food & Entertainment will be provided. Cash Bar (no open bar). Beth Raich and Lisa Torres have kindly volunteered their time to organize this event. Please contact them if you would like to help with this event.

Important

Aquila Gas Company is now Michigan **Gas Utilities**. The emergency number is **1-800-401-6451**. Customer Service can be reached at 1-800-401-6420. www.michiganutilities.com

Neighborhood Safety Tips

These simple steps will improve neighborhood safety.

- It's getting dark earlier. Pedestrians please use reflective clothing or a blinking light.
- When walking or bike riding in a group, please stay together and on the same side of the street.
- Leaving home five minutes early will give you the time to drive at the proper speed limit: 25 mph.
- Bike helmets save lives.

Children's Christmas Party

Hard to believe but it's time to start preparing for this very special Lake Doster tradition. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Johanna Hoelscher at 685-8112 or jasonandjo71@aol.com.

Missing Something?

The following items were left at the dam following the pig roast: Large purple plastic tumbler, Large black Teflon serving spoon, Medium white plastic serving spoon, 2 Qt. glass casserole dish with glass lid, Green floral dinner plate, Large, round clear plastic serving tray with color squares, Strathmore Charcoal tinted sheets tablet from Green's Artist's Supply (complete with hand drawn Ice Squirrel and Manyei on two inside pages) If you belong to any of these items, please call Dawn Sherman at 664-4533.

Welcome new neighbors:

WHEATLEY, Rick and Dee
136 Country Club

TRUITT, Perry and Manda
270 Fairway Court
664-3240
Charley 4/03
Gage 2/06

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LDHA Meeting Minutes (9/11/06)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

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

Treasurer's Report-Dave Hurwitz:

\$12,417.61	8/14/06 Previous Balance
Deposits:	
\$300.00	Dues Received
\$795.17	9/3 Party
\$1,095.17	Total
Payments:	
\$47.46	July Newsletter postage
\$49.80	August Newsletter Postage
\$118.55	August Newsletter Printing
\$39.00	Membership Reminder Stamps
\$171.16	Beer/Ice/Deposit for 9/3 Party
\$75.00	Portajohn for 9/3 Party
\$10.78	Cups for 9/3 Party
\$511.72	Total
\$13,001.06	8/14/06 Balance

- o The 2006-2007 Conceptual Budget was discussed and approved.

Secretary's Report

- o Nothing to report.

Maintenance Report

- o The water skiing residents will bring in the buoys and swimming ropes.
- o \$150.00 was dispersed to Ray Dertz for landscaping materials
- o Discussion on whether the entry walls should be painted.
- o Need for more attractive landscaping plants at entrance discussed.

Membership/Newcomer's Report - Marilyn Brainerd

- o 332 of 414 residents have joined the Homeowners Association. This is the best membership LDHA has experienced. Thanks everybody for joining.

Social Report

- o End of summer party was well attended.
- o Details of Newcomers' Party discussed
- o Volunteers needed for Children's' Christmas Party

Safety Report - Hal Ford

- o If you have any questions or concerns regarding safety issues in the Lake Doster Neighborhood please call Hal Ford at 685-5146
- o Safety tips were discussed and are printed in the Lake Effects section

Local Government – Casey Jones

- A county wide storm warning system is nearly complete. Thanks Casey, for the hard work you have put into this project.
- Gun Plain residents received notice of an assessment for normal maintenance of the Doster drain. This one-time assessment will be less than \$10 per residence.

Old Business

Pathway Project: Gun Plain Township has agreed to contribute to this project.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30

Your LDHA Board

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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 any questions.

The first task force meeting was held on September 11. Here are some of the items that were discussed:

- It is recognized that any volunteer organization spends a lot of time retraining new officers. In an attempt to lessen this time and to provide potential officers with pertinent information regarding various positions, a Resource Guide will be created. This will contain the welcome package distributed to new residents, the neighborhood e-mail list, a copy of parliamentary procedure, detailed job descriptions for LDHA Board positions and detailed descriptions of what is involved for each Lake Doster function.
- A neighborhood informational survey is being drafted and will be mailed to residents. The results of this survey will help pinpoint neighborhood needs and desires. The findings will be reported to residents at a social event.
- New residents will receive information regarding Lake Doster volunteerism. Opportunities to become involved will be made available.
- Possibility of social functions being organized by street was discussed.
- While LDHA needs are printed in the monthly newsletter, personal phone calls remain a more effective way to find volunteers.
- Opportunities to volunteer will be enclosed in the annual LDHA dues statement.
- Volunteer positions could be broken down into more manageable sizes. Details of positions would be made available to the neighborhood in the newsletter and the web site.

Love Notes

The tennis season is coming to a close but be sure to take a look at the newly surfaced Lake Doster tennis courts. Whether you play tennis or not, the courts are a valuable asset to our neighborhood. But we're hoping you'll play! If you are interested in more information regarding membership, leagues or lessons, please call Laurie Krahn, 685-6342 or Karen Urban, 685-6291.

For Sale/Wanted

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 also 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. 18' Fishing Boat – 1984 SeaNymph

40 hp Mercury engine with trolling motor and fish finder. \$3,800 or best offer. Call Rich: 664-5299

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

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.

Need a better view? Tree Trimming by Lake Doster Resident. Reasonable prices. Call Rich for a free estimate@ 664-5299. ~~Chain Sharpening for \$2.50 Each~~

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.

Work Wanted—Yard work, odd jobs, animal sitting and walking, etc. Call Tom Richmond at 664-3277.

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 and delivery of printing to any Lake Doster resident's home or business. Get \$25 off your first new order over \$150. Call today for more info 962-5500.

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

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.