SMOKE SIGNALS

The Newsletter of the Shawnee Hills Property Owners Association • March/April 2016

It's almost time for Spring Showers to arrive and fill our lake to start the boating season. Unfortunately, sometimes we have received more rain than normal, and lake level can rise above normal levels causing minor flooding. Lakefront homes should make sure that all dock and shoreline items are stored safely to make sure they do not float away in case of high water conditions.

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Tidbits From The Editor

Getting Ready For Spring!

By the time you read this, we will have passed the March 1st date for closing the lake valve, and thus we will be refilling Shawnee Lake to its normal summer pool level. Of course, IF there is still heavy ice on the lake, the valve will remain closed. This is to prevent excessive damage to docks, seawalls, boathouses, etc. But after March 1st, as soon as the lake is free of heavy ice, the valve is closed for the year. Get ready for spring, neighbors!

With SMOKE SIGNALS reduced to only 6 issues this year, it might be helpful to mention a few tidbits of information.

First, Nick Bottorff has announced that there will NOT be a Vendor Fair and/or Quilt Show this year.

On April 30th the annual Jim Redway Fishing Tournament will be held from 7 am to 11 am.

Boat stickers will be hunter green in color this year, and we are returning to the 2-sticker-per-boat system, with stickers required on both sides of each watercraft. Stickers will be available for the first time on April 3rd, one hour before, and one hour after the SHPOA Annual Meeting. After that, you can buy stickers on 3 successive Saturdays: April 9th, April 16th, and April 23rd, from 10am to 1pm each day, and on Monday evening, April 25th, from 5pm to 8pm. Bonus day this year, will be Saturday May 14th, from 10am to 1pm. Be sure to get your stickers at these times, as afterwards stickers are only available one hour before our monthly board meetings. Exceptions are made for any member who has just bought a new boat.

A Safe Boating Class will be offered in our community on May 14th. Anyone born after on or after January 1, 1982 is required by law to pass an Ohio Safe Boating Course, and this includes Shawnee Lake…including members and residents. The course is fun, easy, informative, and just might save someone's life someday. Call trustee Matt Simpson to get signed up. 937-675-9054.

There will be a hot dog stand at the beach this year on Memorial Day.

An older sail boat has washed up on someone's shore, and can be claimed by the owner by contacting SHPOA clerk Janet Barker, at 937-902-6194 Monday through Friday, from 10am to 2pm. If not claimed soon, it will be disposed of.

Remember that you need a building permit for any house, garage, shed, dock, boathouse, etc. Avoid fines or other penalties by contacting trustee Tim Ryan before building. 937-239-1184.

HELP WANTED: We need some gatekeepers and lifeguards for our beach. Contact Karen Ragland at 937-675-6731, or Nick Bottorff at 937-266-5640.

The cost of our annual 4th of July fireworks has increased this year. Please help us keep this wonderful tradition alive in our community, by making any donation you can afford. Thanks!

Smoke Signals Deadlines for 2016 Advertisers, Club News & Events

Last December the SHPOA board made the decision to change the format of monthly Smoke Signals to a bimonthly format. There has been some confusion from many who are submitting so this list below will hopefully help in future planning to compile your information for Smoke Signals publication.

Smoke Signals	Due Date
May/June	April 1st
July/August	June 1st
Sept/Oct	August 1st
Nov/Dec	October 1st
Jan/Feb	December 1st

Please e-mail newsletter@shawneelake.org with any additional questions about this and other Smoke Signals submissions.

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 3rd!

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the ***Shawnee Hills Property Owners' Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 3rd, at 2 pm***. This is your best opportunity of the year to meet your neighbors and your elected trustees, and to find the "state of the community" information that we all need. Come prepared to ask any questions that you may have, and to enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors.

Boat stickers will be available for the first time this year one hour before the meeting, and one hour after the meeting. Stickers will not be offered while the meeting is in progress. After the meeting, all boats on Shawnee Lake will be required to display the new 2016 stickers.

Lake Valve To Close March 1st!

Per the By-laws Article XIV: Section 9: Water will be raised by closing the valve on or after March 1st., depending on whether or not damaging ice remains in the lake. Please be prepared for the rising waters and secure all lake side items

It's not too early to be thinking about a summer job for next year. We need certified lifeguards for the beach. Without lifeguards our beach cannot open! This year the Red cross will be blending the training by offering part on-line and part in the water. For classes and further information contact www.RedCross.org or 1-800-733-2767

https://udayton.edu/studev/health_wellness/campusrec/aquatics/certifications/lg-course.php

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Important Message From The SHPOA Board

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Shawnee Hills Property Owners Association
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7 January 2016

The Trustees have formed a Community Development Committee comprised of Mike Kelley, Matt Simpson and Jim Dichito to explore the possibility of selling some of the land owned by SHPOA around the lake. For example Shawnee Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) owns land off of Jasper Road (soccer field), land on Quarry Road, a lot on Blackfoot Trail, and the Smith House. The Committee's task is to recommend to the Board of Trustees whether some of this land should be sold. The idea behind selling some of the property owned by SHPOA is to make needed improvements for the SHPOA Beach Complex. The purpose of this letter is to inform you, as members of the Association, of this Committee and to solicit your input on this matter.

One of the ways to raise funds in order to make needed improvements at our beach complex would be to sell property owned by the Association.

Deciding how to use these funds from the sale of property would be an important aspect of this venture as well. A list of projects would be developed such as, the community building, beach area, walking trail, etc.

The Development Committee is interested in your feedback on whether you think it would be a good idea. Please contact one the Committee members by email and voice your opinion or attend a Board Meeting. Your opinions matter!

Thank you,

Community Development Committee

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The Shawnee Lake

Book Club

MARCH BOOK CLUB MEETING

Mon., March 14, 1:00 pm at Bentino's Restaurant

Orphan Train

by Christina Baker Kline

Reserved Copies of title are available at Jamestown Library

APRIL BOOK CLUB MEETING

Mon., April 11, 1:00 pm at Bentino's Restaurant

Leaving Time

by Jodi Picoult

Reserved Copies of title are available at Jamestown Library

Shawnee Lake Club Information

PLEASE join us for our **MARCH, APRIL & MAY** activities!
All lake residents and guests are welcome!

MARCH 10 - Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 10 at noon the regular monthly meeting will be at the home of Sara McIntyre, 3945 N. Lakeshore Drive. Everyone is invited to a light lunch at noon with Sara McIntyre and Cristy Graves serving as hostesses. Following lunch there will be a "Card Making Workshop" with Eileen Corbett & Margaret Johnston as instructors. Those who wish to participate in the workshop need to RSVP by March 4th and instructions for materials to bring will be sent to each person who registers

RSVP by Friday, March 4th to Judy Hobbs: hobbslake@woh.rr.com.

APRIL 14 - Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 14 is the regular monthly meeting. Carpools will leave from the main entrance at 10:40. Sarah Preston has made arrangements for attendees to have lunch in Xenia at 11 a.m. followed by a tour and program on "Phenology" at the Xenia Station, 105 Miami Avenue. For more info on this interesting topic, contact Sarah at 675-3729 or by e-mail: sp1209@hotmail.com

RSVP by April 8th to Judy Hobbs: hobbslake@woh.rr.com'

APRIL 28 - Spring Work Day

Thursday, April 28 at 9 a.m., volunteers are welcomed to meet at the Community Building for the annual SPRING WORK DAY. Landscaped areas at the entrances and the Comm. Bldg. will be cleared of winter debris and prepared for May plantings. Bring gloves & gardening tools– the more volunteers who help, the faster the tasks will be completed. Those who are interested will go to a local restaurant for lunch after the work session.

MAY 7 - Plant Sale and Pancake Breakfast

Please mark your calendars to save the date for the Garden Club's annual ***PLANT SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST*** *(rain or shine)* on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Max Powers Community Bldg. Treat mothers to breakfast and then shop for Mother's Day gifts and a wide variety of healthy plants for your yards/gardens.

BREAKFAST will be available that includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee -- $5 per adult, $2.50 for ages 3 to 12 and children under age 3 are free.

The ***PLANT SALE*** will include many hanging baskets, perennials, colorful annuals, herbs, vegetable plants and more. Proceeds from the sale will be used for beautifying the lake community. For more info, call 675-2304 or 675-6364.

Fit & Firm CLUB

How to Overcome Top 5 Fitness Barriers

When this newsletter is read it hopefully will be warmer days with spring right around the corner. For those of us who prefer warmer weather to exercise the warmer weather should eliminate one of our excuses for not exercising.

Listed are 5 common excuses folks use to avoid exercises one being the weather. We will talk about the other reasons for not sticking to an exercise program.

Most of us complain of not having enough time. In our very busy lives this has become very true. But how sad we make time several times a day to eat but never to exercise. Keep the mind set that every time you eat make time for a 10 minute activity to follow, even if it's a short walk. Great way to squeeze in exercise through out the day. Those 10 minute activities build up quickly to that 30 or 40 minute workout. And sweating isn't always necessary for an effective exercise program. If you are busy with children and their activities you can exercise too while they are at practices. Great way to sneak in a 30 minute walk.

If you find exercise boring as many do choose activities that you like. Exercise with friends, neighbors or coworkers. It will help you be more accountable to your commitment to stick with an exercise program.

Some of us are self conscious about how we look when we exercise. If the truth be known some who are watching you while exercising are saying to themselves "I wish I had the courage to do what they are doing and not care about what others think". If you are that uncomfortable to work out in front of others pick what you may think your favorite equipment may be and workout in your home.

Another big excuse I'm too tired. Yes most of us are tired by the end of a long day. But remember without exercise you will have no energy. You will find over time you will become less tired as you exercise and you will want to continue as your energy levels increase.

Finally a lot of folks feel they are too lazy to exercise. You need to set realistic expectations for yourself. If your goals are too high you may give up without trying. Start with a walk around the block. Don't give up if you feel worn out. Take another walk around the block the next day and keep that up until you no longer feel worn out. And that will happen. Plan activities during the times of day that you tend to feel more energetic or not quite so lazy. Schedule exercise as you would schedule an appointment. Block off times for physical activity and make sure your friends and family are aware of your commitment. Ask for their encouragement and support.

(Article taken in part from MayoClinicNews.com)

Hoping to see more of you out there walking with the days becoming longer and warmer. Our classes continue to meet at the Baptist Church on Jasper Rd. on Mondays and Wednesday at 8;30 A.M. For further information you can contact Susan at 675-2189 or Tina at 675-2093.

Jim Redway Memorial Bass Tournament

Biggest Bass Wins *(Largemouth or Smallmouth)*

April 30 from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm

Registration at the Boat Ramp on Ute Trail

- *$20 entry fee per person*
- *Biggest Fish wins half of pot and other half goes to SHPOA for upkeep and maintenance of Redway Memorials.*
- *Boats must have a working live well to participate.*

Please contact Matt Jones with any questions. 937-689-5819

Other Upcoming 2016 Events

- **May 28, 29, and 30** – Hot Dog Stand at the Beach
- **May Memorial Day Weekend** – Beach Volleyball Tournament
- **June 12** – Kids Katch
- **July 30** – Lake Festival
- **September 3, 4, and 5** – Hot Dog Stand at the Beach
- **September Labor Day Weekend** – Beach Volleyball Tournament

Like Shawnee Hills Property Owners Association on Facebook for details!

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 LAKE VALVE CLOSES	2	3	4	5
6	7 SHPOA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	8	9 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM Core Strength -7:00 PM	10 GARDEN CLUB MEETING - NOON	11 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	12
Daylight Savings Begins 13	14 Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	15	16 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM Core Strength -7:00 PM	17	18 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	19
First Day of Spring 20	21 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	22	23 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM Core Strength -7:00 PM	24	Good Friday 25 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	26
Easter 27	28 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	29	30 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM Core Strength -7:00 PM	31		

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April 1st is the deadline for all MAY/JUNE SMOKE SIGNALS Submissions		April Fool's Day 1	2
3 Boat Stickers 1pm-2pm also 1-hour after meeting SHPOA ANNUAL MEETING 2:00 PM	4 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	5	6 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM Core Strength -7:00 PM	7	8 Fit and Firm - 8:30 AM	9 Boat Stickers 10am-1pm
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NEW JASPER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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New Jasper / Shawnee Hills Community Annual

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

##########at Shawnee Lake

Easter Sunday, March 27 – 7 a.m

….regardless of weather the service will be held outside!!

For over 36 years New Jasper United Methodist Church has had the honor of providing this service to our community at Shawnee Lake with our beautiful lake as a backdrop. The service is very **INFORMAL**….most stand, some bring their lawn chairs and, **again this year**, we have a low power FM transmitter to allow you to **listen from your car radio on 107.3 FM.**

What better way to celebrate Easter and the Risen Christ as you watch the sun rise over beautiful Shawnee Lake.

Following the Sunrise Service, New Jasper United Methodist Church will be hosting their ***PANCAKE BREAKFAST*** as well. **All are welcome**. The church is located at **3060 Jasper Road in New Jasper**. Just enter in the **side door (east side)** and go **downstairs** to our basement social room.

The breakfast is free, but love offerings are accepted.

Remember….***EVERYONE is WELCOME!! BRING A FRIEND!!***

Call Carolyn 937-620-8912 or Steve 937-848-7387 for more info.

DIRECTIONS to Sunrise Service at BOAT RAMP/SPILLWAY:

New Jasper Road to Shawnee Trail (turn at Shawnee Hills Sign)….then right at 1st street which is North Lakeshore….then right again on 1st street which is Ute Trail to boat ramp area which is on your left.

From Jamestown enter north side of Shawnee Lake on Shawnee Trail off of Quarry Road. Stay on Shawnee Trail until you reach Ute Trail (close to Jasper Road). Turn left onto Ute, cross over North Lakeshore until you reach boat ramp area on left.

Please note these dates also….**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**, March 25 – 7 pm; **EASTER EGG HUNT**, Saturday, March 26 – 10 am…..Both at New Jasper United Methodist Church….**ALL ARE WELCOMED!**

Plant Sale & Pancake Breakfast

SATURDAY MAY 7

(Rain or Shine)

Max Powers Community Building • Beach Trail, Shawnee Lake

Breakfast

Serving Time: 8:00 -11:00 AM

Pancakes • Scrambled Eggs

Fresh Fruit • Sausage • Juice • Coffee

$5.00 (per adult) • $2.50 *(ages 3-12)*

FREE *(under age 3)*

Treat Mom to breakfast on this Mother's Day weekend!

Plant Sale

Serving Time: 8:00 -11:00 AM

LOTS of healthy plants!

The PLANT SALE will include many hanging baskets, perennials, colorful annuals, herbs, vegetable plants and more.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for beautifying the lake community.

Call 675-6364 or 675-2304 for more info

Visit Shawnee Lake's web site: www.shawneelake.org

Lake Operations & Patrol

2016 WATERCRAFT STICKER SALES

Shawnee Hills is a private community requiring registration of all watercraft. All watercraft must display the property owner's lot number *(not less than 3" high)* and 2016 Lake Shawnee registration stickers on both sides and in the middle of the watercraft.

Watercraft stickers will be sold one hour prior to and one hour following the Annual Meeting. The 2016 SHPOA Annual Meeting will be held at the Max Powers Community Building on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 pm. It will be a combined monthly board meeting and annual meeting so please attend. This is an opportunity to meet your Board of Trustees and neighbors, so please make every effort to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Watercraft sticker dates:

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting you can purchase watercraft stickers at the Max Powers Community Building on the following dates:

Sunday..... April 3rd, *(One hour before and after Annual Meeting)*
Saturday ..... April 9th, 16th & 23rd *(10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)*
Monday ..... April 25th *(Evening 5:00 – 8:00 PM)*
Saturday ..... May 14th *(Extra STICKER DAY & Safe Boating Class)*

NOTE: Sticker sales will ONLY be available on these dates above and at each monthly board meeting unless new boat has been purchased.

Please bring proof of ownership *(title, bill of sale, etc.)*, your 2016 membership card, and a completed Shawnee Lake Boating Rules and Regulations Questionnaire *(test)*. All titles must be solely in the property owner's name before watercraft stickers will be issued.

Reminder – No watercraft will operate on Lake Shawnee unless an eligible member is on board. All watercraft operating on Lake Shawnee will comply with State requirements for lights and other safety equipment as set forth by the ODNR Division of Watercraft - Laws *(Ohio Required Safety Equipment) (SHPOA By-law Article 14, Section 12)*. We look forward to a safe and fun 2016 on the lake.

REQUIRED PLACEMENT OF SHPOA BOAT STICKERS

SHPOA TRAILER STICKER MUST BE PLACED ON THE TONGUE OF THE TRAILER ON THE LEFT SIDE.

SHPOA STICKERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE MIDDLE OF EACH SIDE OF THE WATERCRAFT IN THE BEST VISIBLE LOCATION.

Shawnee Lake Fishing Limits:

Members of Shawnee Hills Property Owners Association, Inc. and their guests may fish in Lake Shawnee. Guests must be in the company of a Shawnee Hills Property Owners association, Inc. member. All catch limits must be obeyed and are per person, per day. The following rules will apply for size and limit per fish, per day:

2 – Sunshine (striped) Bass (16" min.)
3 – Trout *(12" min.)*
3 – Large Mouth or Small Mouth Bass (12" min.)
2 – Walleye *(16" min.)*

(No limit on other species.)

2015 Christmas Lights

A special thanks goes out to ***Garrett Sagraves*** for resurrecting this event and ***Lindsay Slone*** for taking the photographs featuring some of the wonderful homes in our association.

Christmas lights in a March/April Issue?

The contest was held after the Jan/Feb issue deadline so this is the first issue we could include these images from the event. Please see page 2 for a full explaination and future deadline dates.

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