

Spring 2005
Newsletter



Cherry Home Annual Meeting

The Cherry Home Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 9:00 AM at the clubhouse.

The agenda will consist of the following:

Election of three board members, review of the past year's budget, presentation and adoption of the 2005 annual budget, committee reports, update of the encroachment issues, and other business that members would like to bring before the members.

The social committee will furnish beverages. Please bring a breakfast treat to share, i.e.; rolls, donuts, coffee cake or fruit.

Please plan to attend to vote, express your opinions and ideas.

President's Corner

david schmidtke

Winter is over and Spring is having a wonderful beginning. In spite of all our snow the lake level seems to continue low. Words of thanks are in order to some of our members that have worked hard on our behalf. Helen Shiley has decided not to run for the CHA board again. And I want to thank her for being such a great, hard working, friendly and helpful asset for the board. We will miss her for sure.

Lynn Livingston has done a very nice job creating and updating the CHA website.

Kristine Irvine has succeeded (reported elsewhere) in getting a sensible speed limit set by the police and road commission in CHA. This association has been working on this issue for decades.

Congratulations and thanks to Kristine.

Your board has looked at ideas to renovate the clubhouse with nothing close to a plan yet. A lot of member input will be sought before we go much further. We spent a significant amount of time and worry about the encroachment issue (reported elsewhere). With the discussion in the Northport village about the waste treatment system many questions arose about CHA and our potential interest in their system or a similar activity. I created a CHA waste treatment inventory from County Health Department records and will have that available at the annual meeting and on the web site.



*Sunflowers
Grow a plant and feed the birds.*

Most of our social and other activities require volunteer from CHA membership. Such volunteerism keeps our costs down and helps provide an interesting variety of activities for members and friends. Please help by volunteering.

Cherry Home Association Web Site *lynn livingston*

Our web site is up and running and getting a fair amount of hits! We can now offer any member a free, personal email account with any user id you choose, such as real.name@cherryhomeshores.com, sailorguy@cherryhomeshores.com, or

flowerlover@cherryhomeshores.com. You can choose any id you want. Free worldwide web mail is also included. All you need is internet access.

We also have set up an email list serve for members. This works by sending an email to everyone who is subscribed to the list, so you don't have to remember all their emails. Other groups, both business and non-profit have used the list serve function effectively. It is a great way to discuss issues and pass on information easily. To subscribe, just send an email to webmaster@cherryhomeshores.com with subject "subscribe".

We've posted a few pictures on the web site for folks to enjoy. If you have a picture you'd like to share, just contact the webmaster. We welcome any comments you may have on improving the web site, and don't forget that FREE personal email account.

For more information, call Lynn at 1-586-795-1678

Surveys and Encroachments

CHA Board of Directors



Leelanau County is becoming well known for our fine wines.

Late in 2003 the CHA board of directors contracted to survey both the South and Central Parks. Results of these surveys were formalized in 2004.

South Park was essentially free of encroachments by our members or our neighbor to the South. Posts were installed to identify the boundaries.

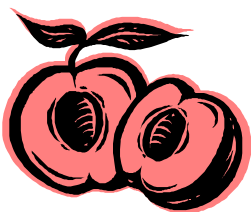
Central Park had encroachments by owners on the CHA park area. A previous owner of the Willett's property had constructed a sea wall during the high water period. A portion of this wall had been built on CHA property. The CHA board of directors handled this by having our attorney draft a conditional lease for that portion of our property. It stated that the sea wall could remain on the park property until it had deteriorated to the point where it needed to be replaced. At such time it would be reconstructed entirely on the Willett property at the expense of the Willetts. This was agreed and signed by both the board and the Willetts.

Lot # 94 is almost the center of Central Park. To the North of lot # 94 the Pepellashis have engaged in a number of encroachments of CHA park property as itemized below.

- ? A portion of their vegetable garden extends onto CHA property park.
- ? A triangular portion of the park in front of their home and deck is being used by them as part of their lawn.
- ? They constructed a fire pit on the park land.
- ? They installed a bell and stand on the park land.
- ? They installed an irrigation system on the park property and their property including a pipe from the bay, a pump and electrical supply system.
- ? Various plantings along the south side of their property are on association property.

Attempts by the CHA Board of Directors to achieve a settlement with the Pepellashis through the association attorney has been unsuccessful. The Pepellashis have since hired an attorney and communications have been made through him. In order to protect the CHA rights to that property, a complaint was filed with the circuit court on March 11, 2005 in which we asked the court to entirely eliminate the Pepellashi's trespass on our property. This board action was supported by seven of the nine board members.

The CHA board of directors estimate conclusion of this complaint will take about one year and may cost \$10,000.00 for court and lawyer fees, and possibly more if it goes to trial, according to our attorney. Of course it is not possible to predict the outcome of the complaint. Any questions should be directed to a CHA board member.



*Fruits are the livelihood
Of many of our
Community neighbors.*

Health and Safety kristine irvine

25 m.p.h. speed limit is now Official and enforceable... ..

In October 2004 the Leelanau County Road Commission determined the Cherry Home is a residential area and set the speed limit at 25 m.p.h. as a platted subdivision.

The Leelanau County Sheriff's office has been notified and tickets will be written.

It is recommended that we inform members that a fine for 5 m.p.h. over the limit is \$100.00.

Please drive safely and protect our most precious assets Our Children.

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The CHA social committee chairperson, Jann Parsons, reports that she will have a meeting of the social committee in June to plan the yearly social calendar. As we usually start the activities in September/October the information will be available in the Fall newsletter.

.In 2004 the board formulated a homeowners letter and a "Guideline for Renters" notice to be posted in the facility being rented. It covers the topics of occupancy, fire, fireworks, dogs, nuisance, boats and watercraft, safety and the use of common areas. These will be available at the annual meeting. Or you may request that a copy be mailed to you by contacting a CHA board member.

Our annual clean up day for Cherry Home has been set for Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 AM. In the past few years very few people have turned out to help with this vital task. If we do not have enough willing volunteers to do the job, in the future all of these jobs will need to be "hired help". When this happens it will be paid from your treasury. We clean the inside of the clubhouse, blow the leaves, clean the tennis courts, put up volleyball nets and various tasks. With plenty of help inside and outside, tasks can be accomplished efficiently and with the feeling of comradeship and pride in our community. Please come, enjoy a donut/coffee and pitch in... ..

CHA Annual 4th of July Week-end Pig Roast

Is it proper to say our "pig is up in the air"?

The Social Committee along with the board of Directors has set the time for the pig roast:

Saturday, July 2 at 4:00 P.M.

At this time we need someone, or a group of people, who will act as chairpersons for this event. If we cannot find someone the event will be cancelled by notice on the kiosk. Please contact Jann Parsons 386-7933 or Helen Shiley 386-9152 for more information..

This year's event will also include a 50/50 raffle so bring along a little 'chump-change' you could win up to \$100.00 according to participation.

There will be a fee to offset the cost of the tents and chairs. The fee will remain the same as last year. \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children under 12, and Children under 5 years old will be free.

It will be a pot luck, bring your own plates, silverware, glasses and your own beverage. You may bring guests with you but please increase the amount of food you bring in proportion to the number of guests you bring.

Each passing dish will be shared by all.

Last year we ran a little short on food so please prepare accordingly.

Turkeys will be roasted and served as a second food option.

The Pig Roast has been our most popular social event

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So please help by volunteering for this event. Besides chairpersons, we need help with set up before the event and tear down afterwards.

Cherry Home Association
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Notice of CHA Annual Meeting Saturday May 28th,

CHERRYHOMESHORES.COM
CATCH US ON THE WEB...

Welcome to all new members.

If you have not received your welcome letter and owners packet, please call Helen @ 231-386-9152.

We welcome your fresh ideas and your participation in the organization.

Attend the Annual Meeting, meet your Association officers and members.

You may return your ballot by enclosed envelope or in person at the Annual Meeting.

Bits and Pieces

helen shiley



*This is the original
Cherry Home Association
Logo*

CHA has an architectural Committee that helps new owners/builders understand the deed restrictions of Cherry Home Subdivision. These people are also well versed in the local zoning ordinances. If you are planning to build please submit your plans to them. One important restriction to bear in mind is the "DO NOT CLEAR CUT" you lot in preparing to build. Trees are to be preserved to maintain the aesthetically natural surrounding that brought you to this locale.

Household garbage pick up is scheduled on Monday of each week. The association now has an agreement with Kalchik Waste to charge a \$10.00 roadside clean up fee to anyone who leaves the garbage at the roadside and it is pilfered by stray animals. Please heed the request to put the garbage in hard sided containers with a bungee cord holding the lid to eliminate the trash problems. When the holiday falls on a Monday the pick up will be on Tuesday.— — —

CHA elections are mandated by our By-Laws which state the board shall consist of nine members. Three of which are elected each year to ensure continuity of the board. It has been my pleasure to serve the past three years. It has been a learning experience for me to see the dedication of the people who serve in this *voluntary capacity*. To learn the real workings of your community sign up to run for the board next year. You will gain new respect and insight into *your association...* ...

2005 directories will be available at the Annual Meeting.