

Spring 2006

# CHERRY HOME NEWS



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## President's Corner

By David Schmidtke

Spring already or finally. I guess it depends on your viewpoint. We certainly love the spring flowers in this beautiful county and look forward to the blooming of the fruit trees. Many of the CHA residents escaped part of all of the winter, but quite a few toughed out the snow, cold and slush. A lot of us enjoy the crisp cold and clean new fallen snow. To all welcome and prepare to enjoy our wonderful summer in Great Lake country.

Your association will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. I hope a number of you can attend and give us your input as to what you would like to see accomplished by the association in the short term. Kristine Irvine decided not to run for the CHA board again because of demands on her time. I want to thank her for her service to the association especially in the area of liaison with the County Road Commission and Sheriff's Department. She was instrumental in getting a group put together to look after the parks and trails. Fortunately Kristine has agreed to stay involved with the trails and park efforts as a volunteer.

Some of our goals for this year are to repair the South Park board walk, identify CHA property with readily visible markers and continue a modest social program. The extent of the social program is really determined by interest in attending AND interest in participating in the management of the event.

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We will present the financial results for the fiscal year and planned budget for the 2006/2007 year at the annual meeting. I expect we will want to discuss the possibility of an association fee increase in the near future. Sometime in June we hope to conduct a financial review of the association books for the past couple of years.

The county and township are struggling with a junk ordinance and its enforcement. We have been involved in that to some extent and as many of you know have junk vehicles in the subdivision. It would be great if those persons with such vehicles would take care of the problem themselves before the township gets involved, however if that does not occur we will ask the township to act as best they can.

Since the last newsletter in the autumn Dick Hoeneise (Forest Beach Shores) and George Graham Jr. (Cherrywood Ct.) passed away. Both were long term residents of Cherry Home Shores and will be missed.

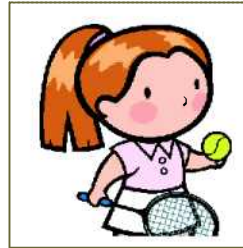
With only two to three newsletters each year it is our intention to have more current news and information available on our web site.

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## Tennis, Anyone?

By Linda VanEmst

For 2006, CHA will sponsor tennis lessons to members and their families at the clubhouse. Steve Larson, a Northport resident who recently moved full-time from Maui, is certified as a Tennis teaching professional through the US Professional Tennis Association. He has enjoyed extensive experience teaching both adults and juniors of all ages and abilities at resorts in Maui and overseas. CHA members must contact Steve directly to schedule individual or group lessons. A schedule board will be maintained at the tennis courts so that anyone can reserve court time. Currently 11am to 6pm M-F appears to be when the courts are most available. Steve is available for telephone calls now. He is already teaching at the Northport Point and the township courts. Steve's fee for individual lessons is \$35/hr and \$20/half hr. Negotiate with him on



*Private, family and group tennis lessons are available.*

group rates. His home phone is 386-5398. Kristine Irvine can be contacted at 386-7347 for related questions. A "message" board will be up this summer at the clubhouse for posting (1) a calendar of activities and clubhouse rentals (2) tennis court reservations and (3) scheduled CHA board meetings.

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## Social News

By Linda VanEmst

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday {8:30 coffee and doughnuts}  
9:00 SPRING CLEAN-UP ...We will focus on the clubhouse and tennis court area. Bring rakes and {Curt} could we use your power blower again?



May 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday (9:00a.m.) Annual Association Meeting: Coffee and orange juice will be provided by the association. Please bring your favorite morning sweet to share. We will start our meeting with updates on our local 911 system. Hugh Cook and Pat Burguard will be there to answer any

questions you may have. We are also going to take names of interested members that would like CPR training.

July 2, Sunday: Wendy and Lee Jacobson have agreed again to host the annual pig roast. Keep an eye on the information board for updates. They will be asking for help with set up, and clean up

Other social events have not been planned at this time. Is there enough interest to have the Harvest Dinner and the Christmas dinner? Attendance at these events has been erratic. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY LINDA VAN EMST (386-7834), otherwise they may not be continued.

## The Unfolding of Cherry Homes Association by Its Members

By Kristine M. Irvine

There is a history to Cherry Home Association, a history that needs to be told and now seems like a good time. New residents and old residents, weekend residents and year-round residents are unable to gather, causing gaps in the story of how we have developed. You are going to be filled in as much as possible by those whom I have interviewed. I encourage you to pass it on to anyone who spends a summer or a lifetime here because all of us have enjoyed the efforts made by certain residents mentioned in this article. Many of these residents are still with us but a few have passed on. Please extend a "thank you" to these volunteers or their family members the next time you see them!

Cherry Home Association was developed by a company named American Central. In June 1968 Resort Properties Inc. in Grand Rapids mailed an organizational outline of Cherry Homes Association to property owners. The profile established CHA as a non-profit corporation with a board of directors made up of members in good standing and appointed by residents. These directors have the general power to carry on the affairs of the Association as set forth in the by-laws (already established). A list of nominees and their profiles were included. Max Hammer, Charles Block, Hubert Miller and Charles Davis were the first board members and Wanda Pomery was appointed treasurer. The first annual meeting was held in August 1968 at Northport High School gym. A member who was an attorney was elected legal counsel. The 1969 annual meeting initiated ten different committees: seven people stepped up to Planning and Clubhouse; seven for Parks and Recreational Development; four to Trailer and Parking Area, four on the Central Water Study; five on Budget and Accounting; seven on Boating Area; five on Maintenance and Policing; five on Building

Permits and Inspection; six on Nominating Committee; and one on Legal Counsel. Some of the committees functioned into the late 70s under active board members such as (Al) Shiley, Taylor, Hansen and Denham. Currently we have a nine person board of directors and a Parks and Trails committee (est. 2005).



The clubhouse and grounds were established at the beginning. In the late 1960s the board hired Ed Morton, and a crew of men he brought up from Grand Rapids, to build the clubhouse. Since then, the inside has been paneled, carpeted, and installed with heat and A/C; the outside has been re-roofed and painted. In the early years, the back door of the clubhouse was kept unlocked for people to use the bathrooms, yet repeatedly members didn't clean up after themselves and this caused the initial concern to keep it locked. In 1977, the board created the \$100 club in order to raise money to build the tennis court. Any member who chose to contribute \$100 would have six years of dues covered, allowing the board to raise \$11,000 for the project. In the mid-80's Don Beaudry and Al Kohler then worked on making a lawn. Calhoun Excavating was hired to level out the ground and lay dirt. Four or five pieces of old playground equipment were removed and one new "combination" piece was installed. Permanent benches, bike rack, picnic tables, and a chain-linked fence around the tennis court have been added, each installation overseen by Don Beaudry. Don has continued to maintain the buildings, courts and lawn. Recently, Wendie Jacobson saw to the installation of the irrigation system, and with Lee, had new picnic benches made.

When the subdivision was developed the roads and their maintenance were assigned to the Leelanau County Road Commission. For the first

12 years, the subdivision had dirt/gravel roads. In July 1980, a special assessment was made in order to contribute to the costs for having the roads triple seal coated. Our share was \$26,750.

The property used to create the walking trails had originally been divided by American Central. There were two sections for green space and two parcels platted for lots. The trails consume two green spaces (a little more than 10 acres each) and the one of the parcels at 28.5 acres. In the late 70s the board had heard from a local realtor that AC wished to sell these two parcels. Parcel B was purchased by the board and Parcel A was purchased by the resident that adjoined the property. The actual trail system began over ten years ago and were developed in two stages. The first stage started at the Knollwood access and extended to the Beaudry's. Kal Excavating was hired to clear and scrape a trail and then remove the debris. Don Ramsdell and Jim Gentel were significant in installing the PVC culverts, helping where the wetlands affect the trail. Jim Gentel and Jim Wiser continued the trail north, following the path of least resistance since they lacked excavating equipment. Garrett Rogers was hired to help for a couple days. In 2001 Jim and Jim built and installed the bridge. Jim Wiser mows the entryways, Jim Gentel laid the woodchips, and Don Beaudry had the entry signs made. *Currently Jim Gentel, Doug Crilly and Scott Crilly will help to keep trails clear of fallen trees. Please contact them if a tree is down. Kristine Irvine can be contacted if there are other issues regarding the trail.*

In 2002 Jim Wiser and Jim Gentel built and laid the South Park 400' walkway. Tom Hunt dedicated a year to obtaining permits. Ed Arnfield used his professional knowledge and experience to map out the native vegetation. In 2003 Jim Gentel built and installed the two benches and landing at the end of the walkway. A picnic table was installed. Last year we had the first clean up and weeding of the walkway. *This June we will have a volunteer day dedicated to re-cabling the walkway*

*and replacing warped boards. Help is needed! Contact Kevin Savage, Kristine Irvine or Dave Schmidtke.*

In 1994 the three CHA beach access walkways were surveyed and marked with posts. Last summer these were marked with entry signs. *Garth Barrett and Lynn Livingston have volunteered to maintain them.*

In 2004 and 2005 boundary posts were installed in Central Park. Over the past two years, Dave Schmidtke has worked to eradicate poison ivy. A picnic table has been installed. The surrounding neighbors have been keeping the entry lot mowed. *Making the park user friendly is a current project. Please contact the board if you are interested in being involved.*

Jim Wiser has always taken care of North Park, and is responsible for installing and maintaining all of the original picnic tables. Doc Hammer and a few helpers built and installed the marquee sign in 1991.

The subdivision entrance sign was created and built around 1991 by Darin Irvine. He also cleared the ground and hauled in dirt, sand, rocks and cement to set the sign. Later, Lee and Wendie Jacobson added a lower level with grass and rocks and landscaped further around the sign, while Jim Gentel keeps it mowed. Recently, Consumer Powers and a local electrician were hired to install the light.

Thank you to these individuals and to everyone else who has donated his or her time from Spring Cleaning to Harvest Dinners and the Annual Pig Roast!! Keep it going! As always, please respect it, use it, and maintain it, as it is shared property by each member of CHA.

Darin Irvine, Wendie and Lee Jacobson, Jan Morton, Jim Gentel, Don Beaudry, and Bill Denham were interviewed for this article by Kristine Irvine. If you have information to add or correct, please feel free to contact me at 386-7347. Thank you!

## Parks and Trails - Get Involved!

A new Parks and Trails Volunteer Committee (PTC) was formed last summer. Current volunteers on the PTC are Doug Crilly, Scott Crilly, Garth Barrett, Betty Heitman, Ruth Bombaugh, Lynn Livingston, and Helen Shiley. The group met several times last year cleared and marked the three beach walkways and posted a new sign indicating the end of CHA property where the trail veers off into private property along the ridge. The group will work to help keep the trails clear of fallen trees

and debris, maintain the beach walkways and work to continue to improve the parks as needed. A major project this summer is to re-cable the boardwalk to South Park. We need more volunteers to help improve the quality of life for all CHA members and guests. Watch for meeting dates on our web site and on the CHA notice board as you enter the subdivision. Please contact Kristine Irvine at 386-7347 if you want to get involved.



### Building or Improving?

Are you planning on building a new home or expanding your existing one? If so, you need to submit the plans to the Architectural Committee for review and approval in accordanced with the Deed Restrictions, Article Vi, section 1. The requirements also covers storage buildings, sheds and fences.



You can view the entire Deed Restrictions at our web site. You can contact the architectural committee by email at [architect@cherryhomeshores.com](mailto:architect@cherryhomeshores.com) or call someone on the CHA Board of Directors.

## Hazardous Waste Recycling

May 20, 9 am - 3 pm

Leelanau County is holding a special day for hazardous waste collection and electronic recycling on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place in Suttons Bay at the Suttons Bay School parking lot at 310 Elm St.

**Household hazardous waste** is anything in your home labeled *toxic, flammable, reactive, corrosive, or radioactive*. This includes oil paint, stains, batteries, cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent light tubes, and automotive fluids.

**Electronic waste**, or e-waste, includes unused computers, televisions, printers, cell phones, and other electronics, which often contain hazardous materials like lead and mercury. It also contains valuable materials like precious metals, glass, and plastic that should be recycled.

To participate, you must make an appointment. There is a fee of \$10 for HHW or E-waste or \$20 for both.

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