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"...it's not where you live... but how you live.."

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BOARD MOTIONS:

No motions were passed at the February 18, 2007 board meeting.

MANAGER'S NOTES:

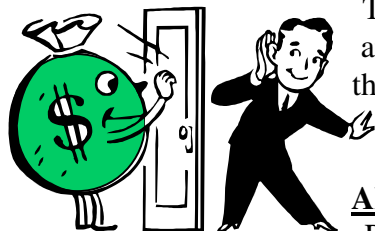
I am happy to report that we have all survived the "almost" blizzard of 2008!

What a weekend! The weather forecasters finally hit the target with their forecasts. The snow started Friday, increased in intensity on Saturday and finally ended Sunday morning. The Camp Ground is not the ideal place to plow and push 15 inches of snow. Plowing is not the problem. Where to put the snow is monumental! Our streets are so narrow and nearly every unoccupied space is used for parking. When the maintenance staff plows, they try to turn the blade so that parking spaces are not plowed in but sometimes this is impossible.

During this storm, we encountered problems, which I wanted to relate to you. On Saturday morning, the clutch went out of our 4-wheel drive truck, thus we could not plow snow or spread salt. After numerous attempts, a contractor was finally located to plow for us Saturday afternoon and again Sunday. His time was limited so we were not able to plow the streets as wide as we normally do, nor many of the parking areas. We are thankful that someone was able to help us out. Nearly 2 ½ tons of salt were spread during this storm.

Speaking of the maintenance staff, I want to publicly take this opportunity to thank Don Cordle and Terry Mettler for their efforts dealing with the snow and working out in these adverse conditions. Many long, hard, cold hours were worked to keep the streets open and the residents safe. If you happen to see Don and Terry, please join me in thanking them for their efforts. THANK YOU DON AND TERRY!!

TAX TIP FOR SENIOR'S "How to Claim a Rebate Check"



There are Senior taxpayers who really have made very little income from Social Security and did not file a tax return due to insufficient income. All Senior taxpayers who are in that situation, should be encouraged to FILE A TAX RETURN for 2007 despite not requiring to file! The reason is that by at least filing these returns, they would be eligible to claim \$300 to \$600 tax rebate.

All Seniors should promptly file their 2007 tax returns so they may receive their Tax Rebate Checks. It will only be paid to those eligible - *if you file*.

CARDS FOR SALE:

The Hilltop Women have a card rack in the office with beautiful cards for sale. They have sold quite a few cards and everyone enjoys them. The cards are the same as you find in the stores. If you haven't looked at the selection stop by

the office and check them out - you can't beat the price - while supporting a Camp Ground project.

DAVIS AUDITORIUM PROJECT UPDATE:

We are getting EXCITED!!! The preservation work on the Davis Auditorium is getting started. We are taking bids on repairing the southeast corner. This requires pouring a new foundation, jacking up the column and repairing the wall. This work should be done sometime this spring. So tell all your friends that have been asking about the progress of the auditorium project that it is well underway. THANKS for your continued support.
The Davis Auditorium Preservation Committee



GROUNDS CLEANUP:

Now that spring has arrived, everyone can spend time outside and clean up around your cottages. Yard debris should be piled near the street and, if you will notify the office, arrangements will be made to remove it. Along those same lines, please **do not** clean out ravines where water runs freely to lower areas. Removal of leaves and other plant material in the ravines will lead to erosion problems and, once it starts, it is difficult to stop. Questions should be directed to the Camp Ground Office.

PARKING FOR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:

As everyone knows, there are no assigned parking spaces. Parking at the Camp Ground is a common problem and courtesy and common sense must prevail. Residents deal with this situation on a daily basis but when you have guests, it is your responsibility to advise them where to park properly and legally. If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Ground Office.

RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF SITE:

On March 19, 2008 Lancaster Camp Ground was contacted by the Lancaster Chapter of the American Red Cross. Our Activity Building and Units 1 and 2 were used as shelters for the victims of the floods in Fairfield County. Approximately two years ago, the Camp Ground contacted the Red Cross and volunteered the use of our facilities as shelters. This was the first time the Camp Ground participated and it was a very rewarding experience. The Red Cross Officials asked that all association members be thanked for the use of their buildings.

THANK YOU TO JOE DAVIS (398 – 4th Street):

This summer you will see park benches around the grounds that are new to us. These have been donated by Joe Davis' employer. The benches were going to be destroyed and Joe immediately thought of the Camp Ground. I am sure we can put these benches to good use. Thank you Joe.

OLD APPLIANCE/WATER HEATER REMOVAL:

If you have an old appliance or water heater that need to be removed, please contact the office and, for a small fee, the maintenance staff will remove it. We then hold onto these items and eventually a contractor is called in and takes the appliances to a recycling unit.

DOG OWNERS – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE:



Complaints continue to come into the Camp Ground office regarding dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. Please refer to the Camp Ground Rules, Pet Rules Section, rule #8: "All droppings must be picked up when walking a pet. This includes the yard around the pet owner's cottage. The community green refuse cans are not to be used for disposal of droppings." **Droppings should be collected by the pet owners immediately.** If the situation is reported to the manager, addressed with the pet owner, and not corrected, the rule violation procedure will be initiated. In addition, trash collection and access to the area around the cottage may be suspended.

TRUSTEES NEEDED:

It is that time of year again. As we prepare for the annual association meeting in July, we begin our search for nominees for the office of Lancaster Camp Ground Trustee and Trustee-Elect. If you are interested in the future of the Camp Ground, interested in making a difference and would like to be involved in the decision process, you may want to consider becoming a trustee. If you are interested, please **complete the form at the end of the newsletter**

and return it to the Camp Ground Office by the date indicated.

Winter Office Hours - 1/2 Day Wednesdays ends
Hours will be Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. as of April 2, 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: *Cut this out and put it on your fridge!!*

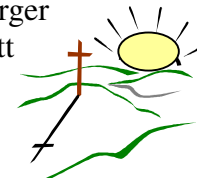
Gospel Sing	Friday	April 4	7:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Dinner/Dance \$10 tickets	Saturday	April 12	6:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Program Committee	Monday	April 14	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Personnel Committee	Tuesday	April 15	1:00 p.m.	Office
Monthly Potluck	Tuesday	April 15	6:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Finance Committee	Thursday	April 17	9:00 a.m.	Office
Long Range Planning Comm.	Thursday	April 17	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Grounds Committee	Friday	April 18	1:00 p.m.	Office
Board Meeting	Monday	April 21	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1

Note: you can see the on-line calendar at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/lcgsecretary>

PRAYER LIST: (Please notify the office when someone on this list has had their prayers answered)

Rosemary Garrison	Mac Cottrill	Art Newland	Ruth Ernsberger
Bill Graybill	Mitch McClave	Virginia Pletcher	Doyle Garrett
Leonard Dougherty	Norma Jane Yeager	Dick Webb	

Should you Pray for the sick? Read James 5:14-16



ALTAR FLOWERS:

The sign up sheet is now in the office for you to sign up to purchase Altar Flowers for the Sunday Morning Services. All you do is sign up which week you would like to sponsor, pay \$30 to the office and let us know who or what you are doing it in honor or celebration of. We will call and order the flowers and put your dedication in the bulletin.

POTLUCKS:

Just so you know - We need hosts for this years Potlucks. Barbara Holycross will host the April 8th potluck and the Bishops will host for us on May 26th for the Memorial Day one. BUT - after that no one has signed up! We cancelled the potluck in March because no one had signed up. If you can be a host stop by the office and sign up for a months you want. If you are not sure what you need to do just ask the office. It's soooo easy, but we need YOU.

THIS SUMMER THERE WILL BE SEVERAL NEW ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY:

Horseshoes, Shuffle Board, Pickle ball, Euchre, Line Dancing, Corn Hole, Tennis, Croquette, Hillbilly Golf, Chair Volleyball

There is something for everyone AND their families. Watch for more information in future newsletters. IF YOU are interested in being in charge (Chairperson) of any activity, please step forward.

Jim Morgan, Program Chair

SUMMER YARD SALES:

Just so you can mark your calendars ahead of time. This years Yard Sales will be **May 3** and September 20, 2008. Tables are \$10 each, sign up in the office if you are interested in participating.

FLAG POLE PROJECT:



The flag pole project has started and we are one fourth(1/4) of the way to achieving our goal. Please consider a monetary gift so that we can have our dedication on Memorial Day. The flag poles will added to the West end of the Activity Building, in the grassy area. Two drawings have been submitted for the LCG Flag. You still have time to enter your idea. Send it to or take it to the Office.

Jim Morgan, Project Chair. (Submitted by Jim Morgan -long range and grounds committees)

Reservations for spaces accepted on a first come, first served basis.
Spaces are 8'x8'.

No money will be refunded after July 1, 2008 for cancellation

All spaces are open-air.

You will need to provide your "shelter" and tables.

A donation of an item for our silent auction would be greatly appreciated and also helps promote your products and location.

A good bazaar turnout depends on customers. The Lancaster Camp Ground will be advertising in the newspaper, on the radio, and at other craft shows. If you would like to take flyers to place on your table at other craft shows to promote your participation in our event please contact our office at (740) 653-2119.

Any ideas and suggestions you have are very welcome! Please let us know what we can do to make this Fair your favorite and most profitable event of the year.

Look forward to seeing you soon. For further information, please contact Marjorie Roe



Sorry.....it just didn't happen....

The march potluck was not hosted this month...no one signed up...I will be hosting the April potluck...there is not a whole lot involved ...just make a pot of coffee/and punch and make sure all things are cleared away at end of dinner ...a program is optional...decor is optional.

If you haven't taken the time to come to the monthly potluck, please mark your calendar for the second Tuesday in April...warm weather is upon us and it would be great to see everyone come out and join us over a great dinner...just bring your favorite covered dish or if you can't cook or bake bring a consumable, your own place setting and join in the fun...

This years program schedule is complete and will go to print soon...please look for it in the office in April...this years activities will be a turn around time for the campground filled with fun, fellowship, and full time activity that all ages can come out and enjoy!!!!

We hope to see you this summer!!!! Get away from the tube and lube those joints and your mind in a healthy safe environment..... That we are privileged to live in....Till next month...

Barbara Holycross program director

WATER SYSTEM INSTALLATION WRAP-UP:

The installation of the water system is down to completing a "punch list" of known items needing attention. As soon as possible, please take a look at the area around your cottage and, if you see anything such as places where the ground has settled from trenching for the water system, please contact the office. We will maintain a list and work with the contractor to resolve these situations. We do not have a great amount of time so it would be beneficial to look at your area as soon as practical.

EMERGENCY WATER PROBLEMS:

If you encounter a water problem, such as a water line break, when the office is closed and the maintenance staff is off duty, please contact the following personnel for assistance: Greg White ; Tom Doan ; or Bobbi Kutasy. The maintenance personnel cannot make repairs inside your cottage but they can turn the water off outside to prevent as much damage as possible.

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LANCASTER CAMP GROUND

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

FOR BENEFIT OF PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC DAVIS AUDITORIUM

Saturday, JULY 12, 2008 *9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Lancaster Camp Ground
2151 W Fair Avenue
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
(740) 653-2119

Vendors may arrive after 7 a.m.
Parking assistance available

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of spaces 8'x8' _____ x \$25.00 per space Plus 10% of gross sales from your booth after sale

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Description of Art items/ Crafts you plan to display: _____

Please make check payable to **Fairfield County Foundation**

(Memo line - LCG Preservation Fund) and return to: Arts & Craft Fair

c/o Marjorie Roe

40 Wagnalls Drive

Lithopolis, OH 43136

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Opportunity awaits! The Nomination Committee invites interested cottage owners to consider running for "Board of Trustees". Eligibility requirements as stated in the Lancaster Camp Ground Constitution are:

Section A. Eligibility and Representation

Candidates for election to the Board of Trustees:

1. shall meet the general requirements for membership in the Association for a minimum of two years immediately prior to being elected;
2. shall not be eligible to hold office while in the employment of the Camp Ground;
3. shall have the background and expertise necessary to effectively contribute to the essential role of the Board in governing the Camp Ground in an ethical and prudent manner and have the independence to do so; and
4. shall have the ability to fulfill their important role in reflecting and effectively communicating the voice of the Association in the ongoing cooperation between the Camp Ground and the West Ohio Conference in regard to the annual review of the covenant agreement and the mission of the Camp Ground.

Being a Board Member is a chance to represent one's neighbors, their concerns and help form Camp Ground policy. If interested, please fill out the form below and submit it in a **sealed envelope** to either Norma Norris or the Camp Ground office.

Please respond . . . BY MAY 1, 2008

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NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____ Cottage #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

I am interested in being a candidate for the Board of Trustees,

Please sign _____

RESPOND BY TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2008

Thank You!

Tired of Junk Mail???

The post office said you can request to be taken off of some of the mailings by doing the following:

1. Write a note that says "***Please remove my name from the junk mail list***" Put ***your name and address*** on the note, so they have the information in front of them.

2. ***Mail*** your request to: **Mail Preference Service**
Direct Marketing Association
PO Box 9008
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008



This should take care of a lot of the junk mail. Give them a month or so to get it working and you will be much happier picking up your mail and you'll save a tree too! Let us know if it works -

CRAFT FAIR APPLICATION:

If you play golf or know someone that does, it is time to mark your calendars for May 17th for the golf outing to benefit the Auditorium Preservation Fund. It will be held at the Pumpkin Vine Golf club for a day of "not so serious" golf. You don't have to be a pro-golfer to play on this day.

Application forms are included in this newsletter for artists and crafter for the Show to be held here on the Camp Ground on Saturday, August 9th. If you need more for friends, inquire at the office. If you are willing to help with lunch, a bake sale, grounds services for participants, Chinese Auction, games, entertainment or parking assistance please get in touch with me. - Marjorie Roe