

**THE LANCASTER CAMP MEETING & CHURCH  
ASSEMBLY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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

# *The Camp Ground News*

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## **BOARD MOTIONS:**

No motions were passed at the July 21, 2008 board meeting.

## **MANAGER'S NOTES:**

Well, another annual association meeting has come and gone. Thank you to all of you that took the time to attend. The meeting overall was a good one, productive and relatively short. This is a business meeting held annually to conduct the business of your association.

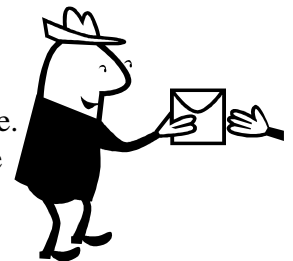


Before the annual meeting started, I was talking to a cottage owner about the Camp Ground and I was surprised to find out that they did not know much about the "business" part of the organization. They suggested I pass the information on to all of you. Lancaster Camp Meeting & Church Assembly Association, Inc., is the corporate name for the Camp Ground and we do business as (dba) Lancaster Camp Ground. When people think of the Camp Ground, they think of a Church Camp but it is so much more. In addition to being a religious organization, the Camp Ground is a residential community and a non-profit corporation. It is incorporated through the State of Ohio, has a federal tax identification number, and also has an accountant, a payroll company, and an attorney. One of the surprising facts about the Camp Ground operation is that the operating budget for 2008 is over \$500,000.00. Yes, over one-half million dollars! Along with an operation of this size come responsibilities, obligations and liabilities.

I wanted to mention one final item this month. When the maintenance staff is out on the grounds, they have specific work assignments. On occasion, residents ask them to do various tasks. These interruptions slow our work and often prevent us from completing it. If you have something that requires the services of the maintenance staff, please contact the office and we will issue a work order. The work order helps us track assignments and also gives the maintenance staff a reminder, on paper, that a certain task needs to be done. When the office receives your request, it will be prioritized and completed accordingly.

## **MAILBOXES – WE NEED MAILBOXES - PLEASE HELP**

The Camp Ground Office is in need of mailboxes for new residents/cottage owners. If you currently have a mailbox and are not using it **or can do without it**, please contact the office. Another consideration would be if you are willing to share a mailbox with someone, please advise the office. If we are unable to obtain additional mailboxes, it will be necessary to purchase them and they are very expensive.



## **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 questions, contact the Office.

### **EMERGENCY WATER PROBLEMS:**

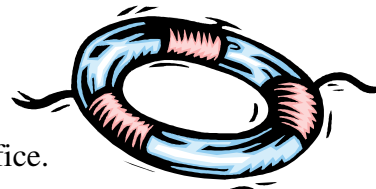
If you encounter a water problem, such as a water line break, when the office is closed and the maintenance staff is off duty, please contact the following personnel for assistance: Greg White; Tom Doan; or Bobbi Kutasy. The maintenance personnel cannot make repairs inside your cottage but they can turn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

### **POOL & MAPLE LEAF HOURS: SEASON END**

The Pool & Maple Leaf are open **3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Monday ~ Friday

Saturday Noon - 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 7 p.m.

Residents \$2.25, Non-Residents \$3.25 Bulk Tickets are available in the office.



### **AUDITORIUM PAINT PROJECT**

The lower half of the auditorium needs painted. Betty Sevy is heading up this "project of love" with donations already covering painting the first side, and we would like to open this to all Camp-Grounders and their family and friends. A LOT OF PAINT WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED - please prayerfully consider this - - - financial contributions may be sent to Lancaster Camp Ground, Attention Auditorium Paint, 2151 W. Fair Ave., Lanc. 43130. Make checks payable to Lancaster Camp Ground and put "Auditorium Paint" on the memo line.

We realize that some work still needs done on the inside of the auditorium when more funds become available, and we cannot open our doors yet, BUT what a boost it would bring to our spirits to see the auditorium all spruced up on the outside as residents, tours & guests walk or ride around the grounds.

The **Fresh Vegetable Vendor** that was here on Tuesdays - are **done** for the season.

They would like to thank all who bought produce from them this year.

### **THANK YOU TOM DOAN**

On behalf of members of the association and the Camp Ground staff, I would like to thank Tom Doan for his dedication and service as President of the Board of Trustees. Tom has served six years and, according to the constitution, must now step aside for one year before running for the board again. THANK YOU TOM!

### **MAPLE LEAF VOLUNTEERS**

I would like to say thank you and express my appreciation to all of our 2008 Maple Leaf Volunteers!! The season has gone extremely well and thanks to our volunteers the Maple Leaf was able to be opened . . . we couldn't have done it without you. You all have been a blessing to me personally and to the Camp Ground as a whole. THANK YOU!!!!

Laura Burgett

### **SATILLITE DISHES**

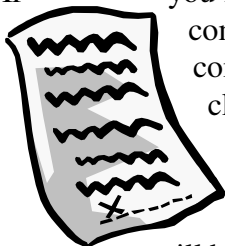
Remember the dish has to be attached to the cottage. Not on a pole or tree per the Camp Ground Rules.

### **COMPLAINTS – DO THE PAPERWORK**

If you have a complaint or problem that requires action by the manager or the board of trustees, please complete the complaint form and provide it to the office. Use of this form can be for any type complaint or problem. Examples would be things such as trees needing attention, buildings needing cleaned/painted, employee performance/problems, problems with your neighbor, etc. These forms will increase our efficiency and provide information for future reference. Complaints and/or problems should not be addressed directly with any Camp Ground employee other than the manager. A copy of the form is included in this newsletter. It should be noted that no action

will be taken on unsigned complaint forms. It is important that we know the originator of the complaint form in case there

are questions. If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Ground Office.





**Office Hours** Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ~ closed 12 - 12:30 for Lunch

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

Historical Committee Mtg.	Tuesday	August 26	6:00 p.m.	Creighton Corner
Square Dance	Friday	August 29	7:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Concert by Ron Stebelton	Saturday	August 30	7:00 p.m.	Temple
Last Sunday Service	Sunday	August 31	10:30 a.m.	Temple
Labor Day Potluck	Monday	September 1	NOON	Activity Bldg
Board Meeting (Organizational)	Wednesday	September 3	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Monthly Gospel Sing	Friday	September 5	7:00 p.m.	Activity Bldg
Program Committee	Monday	September 8	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Personnel Committee	Tuesday	September 9	1:00 p.m.	Office
Finance Committee	Thursday	September 11	9:00 a.m.	Office
Grounds Committee	Friday	September 12	1:00 p.m.	Office
Board Meeting	Monday	September 15	6:00 p.m.	Unit 1
Season End Potluck	Tuesday	September 16	6:00 p.m.	RV Fire Ring
Yard Sale Day	Saturday	September 20	9 - 3 p.m.	Activity & Shelters

*Note: you can see the on-line calendar anytime 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	Doyle Garrett
Stephanie Hastings	Mitch McClave	Virginia Pletcher	Bill Graybill
Leonard Dougherty	Norma Jane Yeager	Dick Webb	Cary Capps



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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Thank you to all who purchased flowers for the Church altar this year. Out of 14 wks only 2 were not covered. It was a beautiful way to show pride in our services and give not only to God but to each other.

**POTLUCK:**

There will be 2 Potlucks in September! One on Monday, Sept. 1st which is Labor Day it will be hosted by Dot Fowler. The second one will be Tuesday, September 16 at the RV Camp Fire to celebrate the end of the season with friends.

We are still in need of a Host *or* hosts for the October 14th Potluck so if you are able, contact the office and sign up.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS:**

This month on 8/26 at 6 p.m. County Fair Committee. September tentative meeting date Monday 9/8 6 p.m. Unit 1 before Program Mtg. We need volunteers for the booth at the Lanc. Fair in October, let us know when you can help.

**CRAFT FAIR:**

The auditorium fundraising committee is pleased to announce a very successful August 9 craft fair. Our first year was a good start and our June 2009 fair promises to be bigger and better. The 2009 Craft Fair will be a two-day event on June 13 and 14 . . . mark your calendar! A BIG THANK YOU to those who donated their time, money, food, supported the vendors with purchases or just browsed with a smile for everyone!

**MOSQUITO FOGGING:**

The mosquito fogging schedule is as follows, weather permitting. Signs will be posted around the grounds. Fogging takes place at dusk on Wed., **SEPT. 3 and 24, 2008**. If the need arises, we will schedule additional treatments.

*Thank You! To whoever left the nice Birdhouse in my tree. I really appreciate it!*  
Angela Hill

## ODE TO BEN

Eight years ago, it doesn't seem that long you came with saw and hammer  
to fix a cottage and proudly bring it to it's present glamour

your expertise was evident right from the start, but we learned real quick  
that conversation Ben, was not your shtick

Education was your goal, along with a little antiquing  
throw in all that scouting, then add some historical speaking



Your schedule was full, parents never knew if you were coming or going  
for you held to that saying "Silence is Golden"

But if we asked a favor you smiled that smile and helped, if you were able  
Remember quiet, compliant Ben is your label

Then along came Uncle Sam and said, "Ben you're just the man,  
please come an use your intelligence, to perhaps one day save our precious land."

The papers were signed, then came the hard part  
revealing to the family without breaking any heart (That includes Duffy)

Today we proudly salute you for this honorable undertaking  
and send you off with heartfelt prayers, many hugs and a great deal of handshaking

Stay true to your faith, never waiver. Christ is always near  
With Him on your side there is nothing to fear

One last thing . . . in the future, if the commander yells  
"Hey Doane, we need the enemies position"  
Forget the silence Ben, please turn around and tell him.



Poem by Karen Tribul in honor of Ben Doane entering the Army.

Our prayers and best wishes are with him and his family.

## **THIS YEARS PROGRAMS**

well this is the last month of the summer programs....we had excellent attendance at some events and very low attendance at others....we have had a lot of (outside the camp ground ) folks that have joined us this year. Really not sure what brought them into campground, whether it was advertising or word of mouth but have had many...

As most of you know I am stepping off the board this year, as my term is up and to be honest withdrawing my name from the running this year was a decision that I did not make without thinking long and hard.. As I have shown over the last year my goal for this campground is a community working together to make these grounds a beacon light that welcomes one and all to these grounds ...young and old...

As most of you know chairing a committee is a job that does have constant complaints and criticism that comes with the occasional thank-you.. I realized this when taking the chair committee.. What I did not realize was the great commitment and extended time it would take in addition to all the other volunteer work here on the grounds that would not only take me away from home, but from work....resulting in the dreaded burn-out...

Burn-out...it has happened to many on these grounds home folk..some re-bound and continue to volunteer occasionally and others just retreat and fade into the landscape of the campground.....I still contend, even after this commitment is done at the end of this month that the only way for us to survive as a campground family is for all of us to take a deep breath and breath back into the campground our efforts and energy...if we all did this..what a difference it would make...every family and organization has the same issues as us,,a few do the work for many...243 homeowners on these grounds....approximate volunteers 60 or so.... Only 69 came out for our annual meeting...it is a sign of the times....let's make the Lancaster camp ground different...make a difference!!!!!!

See you at the next event!!! Barbara Holycross, program chair