

#### **Reflections** 50th Annual Meeting Edition

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#### Hello Neighbors,

It's spring, and activity is picking up at Lakewood Shores. Our seasonal residents are returning, boats are on the lake, fishing lines have been cast, and our parks and beaches are getting in shape for summer. Another sign of spring for the POA is preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual LSPOA Meeting. This year's meeting will take place at 1:30pm Saturday, June 17, at the POA Pavilion (4848 Brookwood Trail).

I, as well as the rest of the Board and Executive Director Tonia Brenk, look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. There are a couple of issues on the ballot to be voted on at the meeting:

- Dues restructuring POA member Terry Bush circulated a petition to have "Proposal A" from last year's ballot put to vote again. The "Bush Proposal" will give previously consolidated lot owners a reduced fee for up to three undeveloped lots which are contiguous with a homestead lot. The Board agreed to allow the Members to vote on it with the caveat that the new proposal would be altered to ensure that the 2024 budgeting needs were met. Details can be found later in this newsletter. In accordance with POA Articles and Bylaws, a simple majority vote (one vote more than 50 percent of all valid ballots cast) is required to determine the result of the vote.
- Lakewood Shores Diner's Club proposal to amend POA Articles of Incorporation to provide for the creation of the Lakewood Shores Diner's Club (LSDC), that would allow non-POA residents to "purchase" a LSDC membership which would provide the LSDC associate access to dine at the Beach Club and participate certain Beach Club activities. The BOD will set the fee and number of LSDC memberships available each year. The expectation is that LSDC will increase the patronage of the Beach Club and reduce the burden on POA members' fees on covering the Beach Club expenses. If the proposed amendment is voted in by the membership, the BOD will make a determination to offer LSDC memberships for the second half of 2023 (at a pro-rated rate) or begin annual LSDC memberships to start in January 2024. It is important to note that LSDC associates WILL NOT be given voting privileges or the ability to be voted to the BOD or serve on any POA/BOD committees. In accordance with POA Articles and Bylaws, a two-thirds majority of all valid ballots cast is required to accept an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.

Regardless of individual opinions or preferences, the BOD feels these two issues are important to the continued viability and growth of our POA and should be presented to the POA membership to decide if they should be approved. Further details and information on both proposals are included in this newsletter. After reading the details of the proposals, feel free to reach out to me, or any other Board member, with any questions.

Remember, in order to vote on the proposals on the ballot, you must be present at the Annual Meeting June 17. As with every Annual Meeting members will be given time to speak to their fellow members. I've heard of examples of members changing how they voted after hearing comments from their neighbors, so please don't cast your votes until hearing the comments/opinions of other members at the meeting.

There are also two Board positions to be filled by membership vote. Five candidates have stepped forward for consideration to join the Board. All five candidates will have time to speak to the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting. Names and bios of the candidates are also included in this newsletter.

This is YOUR POA, and attending the Annual Meeting and casting your vote is your chance to let your voice be heard. I hope to see you there.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer in this gorgeous area, and that you participate in the fantastic activities scheduled at Lakewood Shores.

Best Regards, Jim Martin, President, LSPOA Board of Directors

#### 50th Lakewood Shores POA Annual Meeting

Location: Lakewood Shores Pavilion

#### Date & Time: June 17th, 1:30pm

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to conduct the business of the Corporation while respecting the various viewpoints of all members. Robert's Rule of Order will prevail in so far as they do not conflict with our Articles of Organization and By-Laws.

Our Nomination Committee received 5 nominations and all 5 accepted the nomination. They are listed below. During our Annual Meeting, we will be voting to fill two (2) positions. <u>(Write in candidates will NOT be accepted).</u>

Each membership is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of lots owned providing said membership is in good standing. Written proxies will not be accepted. For the purpose of an election of members of the Board of Directors, only one absentee ballot may be procured by a property owner in good standing from the business office of the Corporation. Absentee Ballots are to be mailed to the member upon request and must be returned at least ten (10) days before the day of the election.

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Philip Johnson: (Incumbent)** I am currently an active member of the Board of Directors. My term ends in June 2023. I would very much like the opportunity to serve another term to continue some of the work that is in process with the current Board.

**Personal:** My wife and I have been homeowners in Oscoda since 1993. We purchased our first home in Lakewood Shores in 2013. We love the Oscoda area and are very involved in numerous community events. I have a degree in accounting and was a small business owner for 30+ years. I believe my relationship management and financial management skills can contribute to the many other skills of our existing Board members.

**Lakewood Shores:** Architectural Committee - since joining the Board of Directors, I have led this Committee and have done my best to respond quickly to all the questions and requests of our members. I have also worked toward updating our Architectural policies and procedures to be more in line with the newer building materials that are now available.

**Cedar Lake: Docks**: I worked with local vendors on pricing, which enabled the POA to bring in 6 more docks in 2022. In 2023 6 more docks were added with much hard work and skill, from Jay - our maintenance supervisor.

**AICLA (Alcona Iosco Cedar Lake Association)**: I am an active member of this organization and strive to stay apprised of anything that affects our LSPOA members directly. I am currently following discussions on funding that could be available through this organization for allocation to Cedar Lake improvements.

**Beach Club:** Since the Beach Club re-opened in March 2022, I have enjoyed volunteering for everything from hosting special events to washing dishes during normal restaurant hours. Most recently, I have become involved in inventory control, waste reduction and cost containment. I believe our Beach Club is a valued amenity for our community and we are positioned to make it more successful now that we have a reliable staff in place and a year of history to improve upon.

**My Commitment:** I believe we have a Board of Directors in place that truly care about the LSPOA. They work tirelessly to enhance the amenities that are available to us and retain the value of our community. I enjoy working with these individuals and would very much appreciate the opportunity to work with them for another term. While serving on this Board, I am committed to representing the members of the LSPOA as fairly and objectively as possible.

**Susan Shuryan: (Interim)** Hello, I am Susan Shuryan and I would like to volunteer my time to serve on the Lakewood Shores POA Board of Directors. Currently, I'm serving as an interim director, and I am an active participant in the Finance Committee. I was born and raised in Wyandotte, but my grandparents lived in Oscoda, so I have been visiting this area since I was young. My husband and I bought a home on Cedar Lake in 1999 and became association members in 2016. We built great memories with our three children in this beautiful community over the past 24 years, so it was an easy decision to make this our retirement home.

I have been a licensed CPA since 1985 and worked in public accounting as an auditor and tax consultant for several years. I began working at a non-profit organization as their CFO in 2002 and in 2009 became the Director.

My position involved overseeing the day-to-day operations, preparing budgets and financial reports, drafting sub-contractor agreements, actively participating in workgroups, and presenting at Board of Directors meetings. I recently stepped down as Director and I am currently working remotely part-time as the agency's Controller. My family and I have for many years enjoyed the benefits that Lakewood Shores POA members are offered- beautifully maintained beaches, tennis courts, game room, and the Beach Club restaurant. Since my husband and I moved here full-time, we have been involved in many of

the activities the POA offers, and we have met many welcoming friends. I understand that there is a lot of hard work and time involved by the Lakewood Shores mem-bers to keep this association operating and I appreciate the fantastic work the current board has done to increase interest and participation in events that will not only benefit the POA but will bring our community members together.

If elected to the board, I will be a positive voice of communication with members; I will work collaboratively with other board members and be an active participant in any committees assigned; I will use my background and experience to help maintain the fiscal solvency of the association and support decisions that are in the best interest of the members as a whole and that will promote future success of the association.

**Jennifer Lueck:** I moved to Oscoda thirty-eight (38) years ago when my father was stationed at Wurtsmith AFB. I graduated from Oscoda Area High School (1987), attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, and upon that graduation (1991) returned to this wonderful community to build a life. I have raised three children, all graduates of Oscoda High School, and two of which have returned after completing college and are working as business owners/accountants in Oscoda. I had the good fortune to move to Lakewood Shores in 2018. I previously was a lot owner and have enjoyed the amenities that Lakewood Shores has to offer for many years, but I believe actually living in the community provides an entirely different experience.

I have worked (and continue to do so) as a Court Administrator/Magistrate for our local courts since 1996. I bring extensive experience in fiscal/budget/grant management and reporting, policy and procedure development, legislative research, and union negotiations/ human resource management. I am also a licensed real estate agent with Heritage House Realty Oscoda/AuSable. I have sat on numerous volunteer boards over the past thirty years, including American Businesswomen's Association, Huron East Knothole Little League, AYSO/Oscoda, Courthouse Security committee, Michigan Court Managers Association, Oscoda United Methodist Administrative Council, Oscoda United Methodist Church Staff Parish Relations Committee, Wells Scholarship Committee, Oscoda United Methodist Church Finance Committee, Oscoda Colts Football Committee, Oscoda Bowling Association, Alcona County Child Death Review, local Judicial Council Committee and have volunteered in various capacities at Oscoda Area Schools.

I believe as a board member there are some explicit responsibilities. Those include safeguarding the value of our beautiful community, solving problems as they arise, representing the best interests of the residents of Lakewood Shores, and importantly, responding appropriately to all residents' concerns with equity and open-mindedness. I think my experience, both volunteer and professional, would provide a beneficial perspective. Please consider this letter as my request to be added to the ballot for consideration for the Lakewood Shores Board of Directors.

**Tina Holobaugh:** Lakewood Shores has been a special part of my life for as long as I can recall. My parents have been POA members since buying property in Lakewood in the early 70's. They built a home in 1978 and our family has enjoyed all the great things that LWS has to offer and made many happy memories through the years. Luckily, when I met my hus-band, Mike, he quickly grew to love LWS and the Oscoda area too. We haven't quite gotten to the point where we can be full timers, but definitely look forward to that day. I am fortunate however, to have flexibility with my job that would allow me to fulfill the commitment needed to hold a position on the LWS Board. I worked in the automotive industry for many years in various administrative roles, purchasing and in auto-body design. For nearly 15 years, I have been employed by a defense contractor and currently work in their Advanced Products and Technology organization. Some of my responsibili-ties include procuring engineering material for vehicle electronics, supply chain coordination, supplier interactions and reconciling monthly expenditures.

I believe we have lost some of the camaraderie within our association. I'm hopeful for the opportunity to serve on the board and be part of a team that well represents the entire membership. LWS has always had a great sense of community and we need to gain back the mutual trust that is needed for our POA to be successful.

<u>**Tony Dawson:**</u> I have resided at 4487 Woodlawn Drive since 2002. I am a local Building Inspector that has worked for several adjoining counties, and I am involved in many local interest groups. I am an involved parent at the local High School and the extracurricular activities with the local youth programs. I have been a builder for most of my life and have been a part of different developments in the area over the years. My commitment to this community is extensive and im-portant to my family and me. The future development of Lakewood Shores is something that I would like to be a part of. I humbly ask that my name be added to the ballot for consideration to join the Lakewood Shores Board.

#### 2024 LSPOA Membership Fee Proposal

The Bush Proposal complies with Article VI, Section 2 that each lot must be assessed a fee.

Article VI, Section 2 Fees. *The Board of Directors shall have the duty to assess and collect from each Member annual membership fees and special assessments (any exceptions must be recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors) for each lot or building site the member owns.* 

To be approved the proposal will need to gain more than half of the votes counted. If the proposal does not attain more than half of the vote, then it fails. In the case that the proposal fails to pass, we will then revert to our current fee structure. Each lot will be assessed \$390 for a developed lot and \$230 for an undeveloped lot as the membership approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Article VI, Section 2 Fees: Annual membership fees shall not be changed without prior notice (as provided in Section 1.6 of the By-Laws) and the approval vote of a majority of the eligible members of the Corporation physically present and voting at a properly called meeting.

**Only Members in "good standing" can vote.** "Member in Good Standing": A Member who has paid their dues for the current and any past years and/or has not been banned by the Board of Directors for failure to comply with LSPOA Rules and Regulations.

Bylaws 1.3 Voting Rights: *Each membership is entitled to one vote* regardless of the number of lots owned providing said membership is in good standing. Written proxies will not be accepted.

A "Previously Consolidated Homeowner" is defined as a Member who signed a Lot Consolidation Policy with LSPOA prior to the rescinding of the policy in September 2021.

This proposal is offered because those homeowners previously consolidated did so in good faith and believed that the now rescinded Consolidation Policy was in compliance with our Articles and Bylaws.

Any previously consolidated homeowner who has not paid their 2023 Membership fees and any associated charges by July 31, 2023, would not qualify for the abatement of fees offered by the Bush Proposal in 2024.

In order to meet budget requirements for 2024 if membership passes the Bush Proposal, the fee for undeveloped lot owners would be increased to \$270 annually per lot.

Should this proposal be voted in by Membership, it will not be retroactive for 2023 maintenance fees. The proposal would begin with the 2024 invoicing.

#### **Bush Proposal Description**

- This proposal is named "The Bush Proposal" due to the actions taken by LSPOA Member Terry Bush who spent many hours gathering signatures for a petition to bring relief to those Members who had previously signed a policy to reduce fees on lots they may otherwise not have purchased. The Board of Directors reviewed the petition and voted to give it a favorable recommendation and bring a version to the Membership for vote.
- In order to satisfy Article VI, Section 2 each previously consolidated homeowner would be charged a fee of \$50 per contiguous lot (up to three contiguous undeveloped lots attached to a developed lot as previously stated in the rescinded policy).
- At such time as the previously consolidated homeowner sells, splits or transfers their property to another, the new owner would no longer be eligible for the fee abatement and would be charged the current undeveloped lot fee for each additional lot and the current developed lot fee the developed lot.
- In order to meet budget requirements for 2024 if membership passes the Bush Proposal, the fee for undeveloped lot owners would be increased to \$270 annually per lot. There would be no increase in the developed lot fee of \$390. If the Bush Proposal is not passed by membership the 2024 fees will remain at the current rate of \$390 for developed lots and \$230 for each undeveloped lot.
- In future years, the fee abatement rate of \$50 per previously consolidated undeveloped lot **would** be subject to dues increases voted in by Membership.
- The Bush Proposal is a dues structure proposal. It is not a contract. It will be subject to change when a new proposal for increases and/or structuring of Membership fees is voted in by Membership.

2024 Developed Lot (w/Home)					
	2024 Developed Lot (w/Home)	First Contig- uous Lot	Second Contiguous Lot	Third Con- tiguous Lot	Total 2024 Lot Fees
Previously Consolidat- ed Homeowners	390.00	50.00			440.00
			50.00	50.00	490.00
				50.00	540.00
New Homeowner of Previously Consolidat-					
ed Lots	390.00	270.00			660.00
			270.00	270.00	930.00 1200.00
				270.00	1200.00
All Other Homes	390.00				390.00
All Other Undevel- oped Lots	270.00				270.00

## Lakewood Shores Diner's Club (LSDC) Proposal

The Lakewood Shores Board of Director's primary goal has been to manage our Association's finances responsibly, maintain and up-grade our facilities/amenities and refresh our image while embracing our history and keeping current with our times.

Re-opening the Beach Club in March of 2022 was an exciting and yet difficult task. The Board took a front seat in the planning, preparing and ultimately the operations of this huge undertaking. It was their sincere goal to try to bring down the negative apportionment that has plagued the Beach Club for decades.

While the re-opened Beach Club has brought much enjoyment to Membership in 2022, the apportionment was true to form. Excluding start-up expenses and assets purchased, there was an approximate 80,000 loss in 2022. It is realized that the post-pandemic environment was not conducive to opening a restaurant in up north Michigan due to extreme wage increases, unprecedented fluctuation in food costs and the fear of social gatherings. But the fact remains that the Beach Club amenity has experienced a significant loss since its first year. In 1975, the Board budgeted for (20,000). In 2023 that is equivalent to approximately (120,000). In the years 2007 - 2019, the average arrears was (262,000).

An apportionment is expected and a reality for all of the LSPOA amenities. However, there are often things we can do to reduce the apportionment for each amenity. Currently, the Beach Club's main problem is lack of consistent patronage. We are limited to a set number of Members and must rely on their availability. Keeping the doors open means keeping the staff present, the food on hand and prepped, the environment welcoming, and the liabilities covered. Cost cutting alone is not the answer. We need strategies to increase revenue. Therefore, the Board of Directors is proposing a Diner's Club membership that would allow for increased patronage of the Beach Club and annual fees. This can only be done with additions to our Articles of Organization. Those amendments are proposed further into this document.

#### What would happen if the amendments were voted in by Membership?

- LSDC would be limited to the first 100 applicants.
- LSDC would have access to the Beach Club and certain Beach Club events **only**. Other amenities would not be offered.
- LSDC fee of \$125 annually. The fee would be allotted to the Beach Club fund.
- Our liquor license is for Members only, and LSDC would fall into that category.
- LSDC would be able to bring guests. Guests would not be able to purchase liquor.

#### What are the benefits?

- Increased profitability-less negative apportionment
- Increased possibility to extend dining options, happy hours, lunches on weekends etc.
- Positive experience could lead to new property owners.

#### What else should I consider when deciding this important matter?

- The Articles of Organization are a tool used by non-profits and corporations to outline their purpose and to set boundaries to adhere to for the good of the future of the entity. They are generally a little gray in areas that may change through the years. To amend is an important decision but often necessary as times change.
- This proposal does not call for an amendment of past sections, but additions to Section 1 of the Articles of Organization.

### Proposed Articles of Incorporation Addition

#### Lakewood Shores Property Association - Articles of Incorporation VI - Section 1

#### No changes proposed Section 1-1.5. Additions 1.6, 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 1.6.3

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP. Any individual, family or group owning or acquiring property in LAKEWOOD SHORES DE-VELOPMENT shall automatically, for the duration of such ownerships, become a member of the Corporation.

Section 1.1 Family membership is defined as recorded owner(s) who is the sole owner of a lot or lots. In addition, unmarried children up to and including age 21 are also entitled to the benefits of membership.

Section 1.2 Individual membership is defined as an individual who is the sole owner of a lot or lots. In addition, his or her unmarried children up to and including age 21 are also entitled to the benefits of membership.

Section 1.3 Children or parents of resident members in good standing, living in the same household, shall be entitled to the benefits of the resident members.

Section 1.4 Children, grandchildren and/or parents not living in the same household with the resident member in good standing may enjoy the benefits of LAKEWOOD SHORES after receiving a guest pass issued by the business office of the corporation. Such pass shall be valid from date of issue through December 31 of the calendar year. The pass shall also carry a notice of possible revocability. In addition, friends and relatives not otherwise qualifying for a regular seasonal guest pass as defined in the preceding may be granted a guest pass under the same qualifications. The temporary guest pass will have a duration of not more than seven days and is renewable at the discretion of the Executive Director. It will carry the same notice of revocability as the seasonal guest pass.

Section 1.5 Group or corporate membership is a membership other than a family or individual membership and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: corporations, partnerships, private associations, trusts and other group ownerships. Said membership shall be limited to one family or individual as defined in Section 1.1 and 1.2 above. Said designation shall be effective for not less than one calendar year.

Section 1.6 Lakewood Shores Diner's Club. Diner's Club Associates are families or individuals who will be afforded privileges to utilize the Beach Club and some Beach Club activities. The Diner's Club privileges and fees will be set annually by the Board of Directors. The Board will limit the number of annual memberships so as to not unduly restrict the enjoyment of the Beach Club and events by full Members.

Section 1.6.1 Diner's Club Associates are not Members as defined by Section 1.1 of the bylaws. They will not have voting rights, will not be obligated to pay special assessments, and will not be able to join the Board of Directors or any committees thereof.

Section 1.6.2 Lakewood Shores Diner's Club Associate is defined as a person who has paid the Diner's Club annual fee. In addition, the spouse, partner, and unmarried children up to and including age 21 living in the same household are also entitled to the benefits of the Diner's Club.

Section 1.6.3 Diner's Club Associate status is for a one-year term only and may be suspended or revoked at any time by the Board of Directors for conduct by the Associate or their guest contrary to the best interests of the Association or its members.

#### Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to un-ring a bell...

- Perhaps you have heard that the POA is audio taping people at the Beach Club and Racquet Club. Absolutely not true. Our security systems are not hooked to audio.
- Perhaps you have heard that we do not have security anymore, or that security has been drastically cut. Absolutely not true, technically, we have more. We have implemented a department called Maintenance, Security, and Member Services (MSM). The department is led by Jay Wells and new and future staff members within the department will be cross trained to carry out security functions as well as light maintenance such as cleaning and lawn work.



#### Be on the lookout!

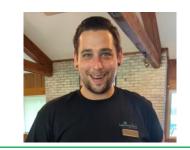
We have had one of our POA signs stolen and an attempt to steal another one. Please help us watch for the "sign bandit". The signs are quite difficult and expensive to replace.

# Welcome New Members

Dale Taylor & Susan Gregg Craig Giff David Thomas Suzanne Omelianoff Phyllis & Bill Laidlaw Scott Dibert Travis & Sherry Rains Kreigmill Land Holdings Scott & Mackenzie House Teresa Vicary Jason Hernden Huckstep Real Estate Holdings Scott Elstone & Amy Bard Avery Augustino Brad Pahl James & Lisa Fluty

## Congratulations!

Beach Club server, **Tyler Migan** for making the Dean's List at Alpena Community College with a perfect GPA of 4.0!





**The LSPOA Marina/Causeway** is open for the season Cedar Lake is a public lake, therefore, the POA would just like to remind members and guests to follow Watercraft Safety Rules and Regulations established by the DNR & County. Cedar Lake also has a volunteer group that has formed the Alcona/Iosco Cedar Lake Association. If you would like more information about Cedar Lake or would like to become involved as a volunteer contact them at: <u>ALCONA - IOSCO CEDAR LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.</u>)

or on Facebook @ Alcona Iosco Cedar Lake Association

There is a dog park located at Sherwood and Lakewood Dr. Right on the water!! It's just one of the several pocket parks located within Lakewood Shores POA





# **BEACH CLUB**



Open Thursday through Saturday 5:00-9:00 pm-*Beginning May 25th* Sunday 9am-1:00pm Reservations accepted but not required. 989-739-2607 Happy Hour on the Deck Coming Soon!

New Summer Menu!

The Beach Club is catering! Services available for Beach Club, Racquet Club & Pavilion rentals. Call the Beach Club for details! 989-739-5360



## LSPOA Community Garden

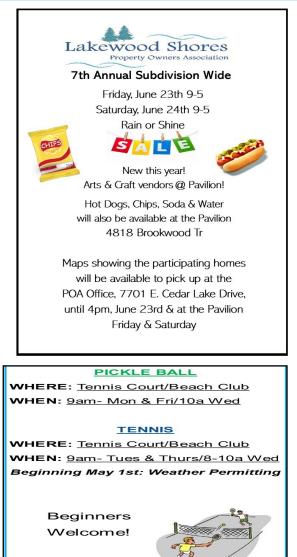
Located on the Pavilion grounds. Plots are still available. Call the office for details!





Hey ladies, time to get your golf on! The 2023 Golf League at Lakewood Shores Golf Resort is starting soon! 9 & 18 holes available! Call the admin office for contact info.





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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board Meetings 5pm @ the Beach Club BOD Meetings are held at least 4 times a year. Please visit the website or call the office for information.

Lakewood Shores Property Owner's Association, Inc. Board of Directors

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