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Vice-President's Report

- Andy Sarkisian

How much do we really appreciate what we have?

In today's hectic pace, we often forget to take inventory of our blessings. Often, something tragic triggers our thinking. If we are fortunate, a friend or relative helps us see things from a different perspective.

Such was the case of the August 3rd Detroit News Home Style article about our beloved Lake Sherwood. This article nailed it. It helped us to see that we have the best of "Up North" living and primary residence living. We can enjoy our homes and neighbors, and still get away from the rat race without spending hours on I-75 or US 23. *(See reprint of Detroit News Article on pages 46-47 this issue)*

Our many thanks are owed to the **Mechigians** and **Nordstroms** for being such gracious ambassadors for our community. We also owe many thanks to **Martha & Jerry Klemmer** and **Linda & Harry Tucker** for setting up the conditions that helped encourage the Detroit News to find the greatness in our community.

How many times have you heard friends, co-workers and relatives say, "someday we are going to buy a home in Lake Sherwood" or "I wish we could live in Lake Sherwood". If we truly listen to their inner message, they are telling us that we have something very special. Let's cherish what we have, enjoy it and have fun making it better still.

Summer Highlights

Another summer is drawing to a close, so let's take a moment to reflect on the highlights. Aside from some rumored sightings of the Stanley Cup, we had another great Fourth of July. The weather was perfect, we had more participation in the boat parade, and we still have the best fireworks grand finale that I have ever seen...anywhere!

Over the past three years or so, we have also had a growing "exchange" in water balloons. Water balloon fights can be great fun with the right and willing participants. However, we do need separation between the water balloon fights and the boat parade as greater respect is owed to the fragility of the decorations and occasional use of high tech equipment. There were also a lot of people swimming to retrieve unbroken water balloons. Please be mindful of safety as the Fourth of July always has an extraordinarily large volume of boating traffic. We really want to hear from you about creative ideas for improving safety in the boat parade and if desired, semi-sanctioned water fights.

In addition to our yearly garage sale, goose round-up and perennial exchange, we have our first graduates from the tennis lessons held in Kendall Park. These lessons were planned and coordinated by **Mary Connelly** and taught by **Lisa Antonishek**. It is great to see the transformation in Kendall Park to another venue for socialization.

Let us also remember the sailing, uh... cruising, uh... driving of a rare Amphicar. All I can say is that Lake Sherwood neighbors certainly know how to share their unique experiences. Many thanks to **Denise & Lyle Tyler** for bringing the Amphicar to our waters.

As of this newsletter deadline, the annual Island Party was this weekend and the annual Couples' Golf Outing is just one week away. Both of these events are tremendous opportunities for socializing and having fun before the end of the summer

season. These events are a labor of love for the volunteers who make it happen. I'll let you in on a little secret. If you wait one month to ask **June Sennick** and **Terri Belono** (Island Party leaders) or **Chris & Craig Lundin, Dawn & Brad Hynes & Trisha & Bill Crafts** (Golf Outing leaders) about their experiences, they'll tell you they had as much or more fun planning and setting up their events than the event itself. Why? Because Lake Sherwood volunteers know how to have fun and enjoy sharing that fun.

School started and the school buses are passing through our streets again. Please be mindful of pedestrian and motorist safety.

Windham Housing Development Next to Winewood

Speaking of things passing through our streets, there is a proposal to develop some of the land just East of Winewood (the far eastern border of Lake Sherwood). We all need to be diligent in reminding the truck drivers to restrict themselves to a singular route in/out of the construction entrance at the intersection of Ravinewood and Winewood.

Our voices and issues will also be best heard at the Township meetings if we attend in high numbers.

Issues include cost sharing for tapping into the existing services (sewage and water lines), construction bond for road repair, signage for restricted construction traffic, etc.

Board Changes

As of this newsletter deadline, the Nominating Committee of the Board is still seeking candidates for consideration to fill the position of President and Area #11 Representative. Candidates will be presented at the Sept. 19 Board meeting.

Please contact **Hugh Rhorer** (684-6715), **Jim Rogers** (684-6601), **Marcel Musci** (684-6042) **Jerry Klemmer** (685-8204) or myself – **Andy Sarkisian** (684-5179) if you are interested in leading and working with a wonderful group of passionate Board members and Committee volunteers.

Andy Sarkisian
Vice-President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, September 23rd

7:30 PM

Oak Valley Middle School

LAKE SHERWOOD TO GET NEW NEIGHBORS;

WINDHAM DEVELOPMENT, INC. GIVES RESIDENTS AN OVERVIEW

A new subdivision is being planned for the area East of Winewood with entrances off Commerce Road as well as one off Winewood Drive. On July 18th Windham Development Team presented an overview of the proposed development to Lake Sherwood Area 8 and Area 9 residents. The presentation included a question and answer session. The main concern is the new subdivision's rear entrance that will enter from Ravinewood at Winewood. This means that construction and future residents traffic will travel across Winewood or Ravinewood to enter that part of the new subdivision that has 29 homes. Because of a wetland in the middle of the new subdivision, there is no way to create an access road to the rear property except off of Ravinewood. Questions ranged from construction traffic tearing up Winewood to new homes tapping into a sewer line. (Oakland County and State of Michigan shared the cost of Winewood sewer trunk, however "ownership" of the sewer reverts to the township) Pat Borders, Area 8 Rep., has been researching township and county rules, and so far, has not seen any illegal action on the part of the developer. "Just having a developer come in and talk to residents prior to construction is practically unprecedented" Borders said "We are fortunate to have a developer who would do that and give us a contact person for issues. Hopefully this will make for a less painful construction period in the next six months to a year."

The new subdivision will not be part of LSA or have any lake privileges. At the August LSA board meeting an ad hoc committee was created to monitor Windham's construction effect on our community as well as our lake. The four members selected for this committee are Pat Borders, Area Rep 8, Chris Lundin, Area Rep 9, Glenn Short, Community Affairs and Commerce Township liaison, and Jim Boggs, Water Quality. Pat Borders is the committee head (Manager).

Please send questions to the LSA ad hoc Winewood Committee (Pat Borders) and they will be forwarded to William E. Phillips, 6022 West Maple Road, Suite 415, West Bloomfield, MI 48322, (1-248-737-0692, ext. 303).

- article by Linda Tucker

Bulletin Board

BUSINESS SERVICE:

Emergency Day Care: Sick child? Will care for your child at your home. Call Martha at 685 8204.

Mary Kay: If you need any Mary Kay products, please call **Vicky Schei**, an independent Mary Kay Representative @ 684-2503

Pet sitting: Pet sitting in my home. References. Call Cathy 685-0147

Nanny" turned "Mommie" seeks employment. I have 10+ yrs experience in childcare and excellent references. I used to work in the Bloomfield area, but would prefer to stay in our neighborhood since I have a little boy. Your home or mine. Please call Aimee at 676-2019

Child Care: In my home, before & after school care. Country Oaks grade school students. Professional, experienced, loving care. References available—flexible hours. Call Linda Prihoda at 685-8559.

FOR SALE:

Dining Room Set: Thomasville/ Queen Anne, solid Cherry Dining Room Table (2 pedestals, 2 extensions), six chairs and Buffet. Asking \$950. Please call Judy or Tom at 684-4141.

Supra Ski Boat: 1998 Supra Comp 325 HP, 275 hours. Beautiful condition, 4 blade prop, depth finder, heater system, 6 CD changer/radio. Upgraded carpet, cover and trailer included. \$20,500.00, negotiable. Call Phil Lenius 684-9750

Sea Nymph: Sea Nymph deep V 70hp Mariner - excellent condition \$3,500 685-1316.

Minivan: 1993 Ford Aerostar - extended minivan 4,0 litre, electronic all wheel drive. 113,00 miles (original owner) No rust, very clean, runs great. Asking \$3,300.00. Call Paul or Sue 685-9736

Sailboat: 27 foot sailboat "Buckaneer 270" with trailer, dock box, equipment loaded. VHF radio, depth finder, frig, 12V + 120V, 2 batteries, swim ladder, 10 HP, Chrys. Motor. Sails-main, storm jib, 150% roller furling geno. Must see! GLS boat club. (313) 563-5376.

Car & Truck Shop Manuals & Part Catalogs: The manuals cover years 1949 through 1985. A few examples of Shop Manuals & Catalogs are: 1964 Thunderbird, 1967 Ford & Mercury, 1967 Cougar, Fairlane, Falcon, Mercury & Mustang. 1968 Ford & Mercury, 1969 Ford Car & Truck, Peterson Big Book of Auto Repairs 1980 & back. 1960-1965 Corvair Owners Handbook of Maintenance & Repair. Several others to choose from. Prices vary. 685-1772.

Car Parts For Sale: Many new Model "A" Ford Parts. Also 1935 Ford Transmission & Carburetor. Brand new 1959 Ford Tail light lens. New Ford V8 37/38 & Standard 39 headlight lens (2). 685-1772.

FOUND:

Silver Watch: A Silver Watch (either a woman's watch or a child's watch) was found on the Driftwood A lot beach. Contact Jack or Pat Canfield at 685-8371.

Car Keys: Set of GM car keys found on Driftwood Drive near A-lot on 4th of July evening. If anyone has lost set of keys - call 684 1783.

Knee Board: Found a knee board floating in main lake on about August 8. Please be able to identify by brand or color. 685-3547.

Inflatable raft/tube: Colorful inflatable large raft/tube – red/white/blue and yellow. Can be used to tow behind boat. Call 685-0534.

Tube: A yellow and red DQ Extreme double person riding tube was found. Call 684 2151.

FREE:

Cyclone Fencing: Cyclone fencing that would be good for a dog pen or other use. It is brand new- we used it around our pool when they were remodeling our deck for about 2 weeks. It has two gates, all the posts and connectors, and of course the fencing itself (not sure how many feet).

LOST:

Umbrella: Beach umbrella. watermelon design... if found please call 685 9578.

Paddle Boat: One-man-paddle boat floated away. It is yellow plastic and has our home phone number on it. If anyone finds it, please ask that they contact us at 676-9966

Wanted:

Boat Hoist Wanted: 4000 lb capacity boat hoist wanted: please call John or Nicki @ 685-8783

Board Positions Open President & Area 11 Representative

The LSA Board has a couple of very large shoes to fill with openings for both the President and Area #11 Representative (Wildwood River area). **Hugh Rhorer** stepped down as President in late July, and **Karl Nordstrom** stepped down as Area #11 Representative in mid August. The Board and the entire Association are greatly appreciative of their service, leadership, contributions and insights.

Now it is your turn. Do you get excited about resolving issues in a collaborative environment, getting closer to a group of similarly caring board members, and helping to set the character of Lake Sherwood? If so, please contact a Nominating Committee member to put your name in the hat before September 6th. Persons wishing to be considered for Area #11 Representative must reside in Area 11.

The Nominating Committee consists of **Marcel Musci** (684-6042), **Hugh Rhorer** (684-6715), **Jim Rogers** (684-6601), **Jerry Klemmer** (685-8204) and **Andy Sarkisian** (684-5179). The Nominating Committee will summarize and present recommendations at the September 19 Board meeting. The Board will select a President and Area #11 Representative to serve until the next Association elections at the January 2003 Annual Membership meeting. One of the considerations of the Nominating Committee will be the candidate's intent to also run for election in January.

Attention "empty nesters", retirees or recently unemployed neighbors...

Country Oaks Elementary School on Duck Lake Road at Commerce Road is seeking substitute recess/lunch monitors for an on-call basis throughout the school year. This paid position would require monitoring the lunch room and assisting students with cafeteria needs, as well as escorting students to the playground and monitoring the playground. This assignment is just under two hours per day. Reminisce your childhood with hopscotch, monkey bar climbing, soccer and more! Call Gloria at 685-0631 for more information.

Also needed are volunteers (an unpaid position) with the kindergarten ABC Club. Assist a student on a one to one program utilizing creative approaches to helping young students better learn their alphabet. This program is an additional measure to help those students struggling with their alphabet. Although the teacher is the primary source for learning the alphabet, many students need additional help and lack the assistance at home. Teaching skills not necessary. A gentle listener, a warm smile and dedication is all that is needed. You will be rewarded with the tender smile of a precious kindergartener! Call Gloria at 685-0631 for more information.

Lake Sherwood Entranceways

Thanks to our volunteers who planted the flowers and watered them during this hot summer. The volunteers have to bring the water to the entrance to keep the flowers looking good and they weed the area.

Many Thanks to:

Cathy Brush—Driftwood

Karen Pancioli—Starwood

Kathy Hartman—Surfwood

Karen Geck—Oakwood

Patricia Borders—Winewood

Community News:

BIRTHS

Hayden Broadright: **Doug** and **Gail Broadright** of Driftwood Drive along with their daughter **Allyson** welcomed **Hayden James Broadright** to their home. Hayden was born on June 26th. He weighed in at 8 lbs 1/2 oz 20 1/2 inches tall. All are doing well!

Congratulations

Prateep and **Andrea Ghose** of 5050 Winewood Lane, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary and traveled to Philadelphia to visit their son, John, who will begin law school at the University of Pennsylvania this month.

A 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan, **John Ghose** has been teaching high school English literature and creative writing at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C. for the past three years.

Dr. Daniel & Penny Shanahan of Inverrary Drive were recently married. They honeymooned in Vegas and stayed at the Mirage. Saw some great shows. The picture is from a gondola ride Dan & Penny did at the new Venetian Hotel with "Mario" as their driver. They came home "even" from the gambling!! No money lost!! (More on the Shanahans under New Neighbors)

New Neighbors

Dan & Penny Shanahan 5290 Inverrary (formerly Paroodian Home) 684-1190

Just returning from their honeymoon are new Lake Sherwood homeowners **Dr. Daniel** and **Penny Shanahan** of Inverrary Lane. The Shanahans may look familiar to many Lake Sherwood residents with their affiliation as band members of the band Mr. Moody, the LSA Island Party select band for last year as well as this year. They also perform at Pontiac's Arts Beats & Eats, weddings, etc. to name a few. Dr. Shanahan is a local podiatrist and operates a practice in Commerce Township (coincidentally he recognizes many of his patients are LSA residents). Penny is a third-grade elementary teacher at Mary Helen Guest in Walled Lake. On selecting Lake Sherwood as their home, the couple proudly exclaims, "So many of our friends live here and we were familiar to the peaceful, fun atmosphere. We are so excited to have found such a wonderful house in a great neighborhood."

John & Cindy Finzel 2977 Ravinewood Drive (Formerly Kaufman Home)676-0147

Cindy and John moved from Livonia. They already have relatives & friends living in Lake Sherwood. Cindy is in sales for a Pharmaceutical Company and John owns the John Adams Landscape Company in Livonia. They are expecting their first child shortly. John has a 15 year old son, Adam. Golf and almost anything outside are the Finzel's interest.

Kim and Chuck Elkins 3371 Tiquewood Circle

The Elkins and their sons Chip, Jerry and Chris moved from White Lake. Chuck is an Audio Engineer for Ford Motor Company and Kim holds a Masters degree in Special Education. While Chip and Jerry attend college, Chris attends middle school. Together the family enjoys boating, swimming, sports, camping and musical activities. The Elkins were pleased to find Lake Sherwood to be a friendly and welcoming area in which to raise a family.

John & Susan Walsh 3571 Trentwood Drive (Formerly Lincoln Home) 684-7042

The Walsh family just moved from 4511 Driftwood to Trentwood to be on the water. John works for Visteon and Susan works part time for the State Appellate Defender Office. Their 3 children are Kenny (10), Dylan (8), and Anneliese (4). The family enjoys boating, tubing, fishing and water-skiing and you can find them out on the lake most nights. The Walsh family are also very active at Orchard Lake Presbyterian Community Church where John and Susan sing in several choirs. John also plays lead guitar in the church's contemporary worship band. Kenny and Dylan play hockey and baseball and Anna loves ballet and tap. The family also loves to travel, but its always great to come home to Lake Sherwood.

Obituary

Louis Rosberg 5/20/29- 6/17/02

Louis Rosberg leaves behind: His wife **Francine**
son's - **Steven & Aaron Rosberg, Stuart Leve**
daughters - **Marla Rosberg & Lisa Leve & Linda Rosberg** Grandchildren **Zach, Alex & Mitchell Leve Emily & Jacob**
Rosberg and many any adoring friends & relatives.

On May 20, 1929, the world became a better place. How do I know this? It's the day my father Louis Rosberg was born. My dad Lou was always a joker. You would know this if you ever had the pleasure to meet him. Anyone, adult or child would be amazed by his "disappearing " coin trick, and would ask him to do it again so you could try to figure it out, but as a tease he wouldn't do it! Born and raised in Detroit the second of four children. My dad had a love of art, photography, and gardening. If you ever come to my house, you'll see some of his early art work hanging on my walls. On May 3.1953 he married the love of his life, my Mom Francine. They had 49 beautiful years together, and raised four children, me being the baby.

As a young family we lived in Southfield for many years. After a bit of begging we got them to move out this way. Little did I know they would move 3 blocks away from me! This turned out to be a great move. He had the opportunity to see his 3 grandson's Zach, Alex & Mitchell often. We had a tradition of having Sunday brunch. All of us kids and grandchildren would meet there and feast. It was always a fun time for all. This is one tradition we'll all miss. We keep his seat at the head of the table empty, but in our hearts he's still there with us. Daddy, I miss you.....

Lisa & Stuart Leve

Featured Neighbor - Larry Yurek

Larry and Julie Yurek and their family moved to Lake Sherwood about 20 years ago. Shortly after Larry moved here, he replaced **Dick Tillotson** as head of the Maintenance Committee. Larry and his sons cut the grass at the A-lots and on the islands using Dick's boat to transport the lawn equipment. Later Murray's landscaping was the first company hired to cut the lawns at Lake Sherwood but Murray's did not want to tackle cutting the islands. Brien's lawn service was willing to cut the islands and was hired. An old pontoon was purchased by the association for use by the maintenance committee and lawn crews. Brien's has been maintaining Lake Sherwood lawns ever since.

When Larry was in charge of maintenance, a 5-year plan was developed. The 5-year plan included putting seawalls around Higgins, Remo, Ski, and Castaway Islands. In fact Higgins Island was widened some twenty feet with the seawall project. Beaches were built on Ski and Remo Island. Fire pits were constructed and docks were put on the islands. Beaches were also built on the Driftwood and Ravinewood East and West A-lots. The beach on the Ravinewood West A-lot has since been replaced with boat slips.

The boat ramp facility that you use today to launch your boat was also part of the 5-year project. The ramp area was improved by widening with a new asphalt apron that allowed for easier maneuverability of boat launching thus eliminating the use of Soest's driveway for backing in purposes. A rolling gate and lock were installed. The willows in this area were also trimmed. Larry did the work himself and fell out of the tree with the saw running. Fortunately he did not hurt himself.

Also included in the 5-year plan was the installation of camouflaging landscaping around the well pump on the North side, the construction plans for a new culvert under Commerce Road, and the deeding of the Ford Road right of way to Lake Sherwood.

After 10 years, Larry stepped down from the Maintenance Committee to concentrate his energies to his new business,

“Tool Works” located on 2221 Highland Road just West of Duck Lake road. Larry stated that if he was still on the Maintenance Committee he would like to see a covered pavilion built on Higgin’s Island. This would offer LSA residents a shady place for picnicking and socializing. Larry said he enjoyed his work on the committee and a lot was accomplished with the teamwork of his fellow board members.

Larry has not only devoted his time to Lake Sherwood but has a whole list of other community activities he has volunteered to serve:

Other community associations

Larry has had over the years include; Candidate for City Council (Sterling Heights); Township Trustee, Veterans Memorial Chairman; President Sterling Heights PTA; President, Sterling Heights Homeowners Assoc.; Vice President, Lions Club; President, Lukemia Foundation; President-Ferndale Business Association and Ferndale Downtown Development Authority Director.

Present memberships include; Lakes & Streams, Watershed Commission, Highland Business Association, National Street Rod Association, Good Guys Classic Legends Car Club and proud member of AARP.

Government & Special Advisor - Glenn Short

Police & Fire Millage

Commerce Township will reintroduce several millage proposals. A 2.5 Millage for Police and Fire was rejected by 33 votes in the primary elections. The Township is now under a great deal of pressure to come up with some proposals that will meet voter’s approval in the regular elections. If no millage is passed the township will lose millage funding for 5 police officers as the previous 10 year millage has expired. The original millage in 1992 for police which recently expired started at 0.7 mils. Over the past ten years this was reduced to about .4 mils. As the population and tax base grew, the millage was automatically lowered, in part because it specified the number of officers to be paid for (additional funds could not be collected). The township has about half the number of officers per capita than thought to be required.

Police and Fire Millage proposals will be separated. There will likely be one choice to simply renew the recently expired millage for police (without increasing the number of police officers) and an additional millage proposal to increase from that level to add five additional officers. Currently the Fire department is funded out of the general fund (not through a millage). Fire trucks will become out of date over the next ten years and additional equipment is needed. Also the Township would like to staff the fire stations around the clock with at least one or two full time employees. The exact amount of millage or number of proposals to be offered has not yet been agreed upon.

Tom Zoner, Commerce Township Supervisor said, “The townships total tax income does not come close to paying for Police and Fire services. State revenue-sharing currently provides for the majority of these services. With the State’s current deficit situation there has been a move to push local services funding back to local governments.” However, an August 14 vote by both the State Senate and House overturned Gov. Engler’s veto of \$845 million for police and fire protection, garbage pickup and other local services. So for now cities and townships will continue to receive funds. Even so, state lawmakers and budget analyzers interviewed by the Detroit News indicated that should 3 ballot proposals in November pass, there may be some pressure once again to reduce revenue sharing to cities and townships. Those ballot proposals are: (1) Funds from tobacco settlements would be earmarked for health care, (2) Guaranteeing binding arbitration in state government contracts, and (3) Allowing judges to prescribe treatment for drug offenders. The cost of these

proposals ranges from \$200 million of \$1 billion, which add to an already projected deficit of \$1 billion. Should those ballot proposals pass then it is thought to be likely that revenue-sharing cuts would be revisited after November.

Library Millage

A Library Millage renewal on the ballot is to pay for adjacent community agreements for allowing Commerce Township residents to use their library. Renewal would not add any new tax.

City Water a NO for Lake Sherwood

The **water Special Assessment District (SAD) proposal was voted down** for Ledgewood, Tiquewood and Ravinewood after a public hearing Monday August 12 at the Commerce Township Board of Trustees meeting. 37 Lake Sherwood residents from these streets made public comments and 36 letters from to the township were taken into account.

There were several reasons people gave as to why they opposed Detroit water. Tom Zoner to had a statement as to the process of Special Assessment Districts at the beginning of the meeting. The Engineer explained the costs. give their statements. BUT, Tom Zoner said he would not allow repeats of reasons, if someone had nothing to add then they simply gave their name, address and the Opposed or For statement. Even so, almost everyone had a new reason or comment.

City Water a NO for Lake Sherwood

The original petition process goes by land area, not property owner. So if your lot is twice as big as someone next door – you would have twice the power in saying yeas or no. The original petition had 54% of the land area (which would have been just over 50% or about 51% of the number of people in the Assessment petition area. The assessment petition area was Ledgewood, Ravinewood, Tiquewood and all the courts and circles that go with them. Only those who lived in that area were allowed to speak as to for or against.

Only one person on Tiquewood signed the petition, yet since the entire assessment area was specified they would all be included whether they liked it or not. Many of the people were not home when the petition was passed around. Many showed up and said NO.

Some felt the original petition stated a lower cost than the final numbers showed. I actually did not think the petition itself had a number. The persons carrying the petition can and likely did give a number. That number was \$7100 – which would have been the cost to run the water line. Actually until the project is bid the township can not of course know the final number, they can guess. It actually came out very close to that – was \$7051 on average as the total project cost was \$684,018.26 for 97 lots. What was not mentioned was all the fees to actually connect once the water line is installed.

Add to the \$7051
Commerce Township permit fee of \$35
Oakland County Permits (includes meter) \$1000
Capital Charges \$1800
Total \$10,814.78
You can pay over 10 years, current interest 4.6% + 0.5% or \$5.1%

Then you must run your own water line – which could be another \$1000 (depends on your own contractor)

So even if you paid up front your cost would be \$11,814.78 .. if you made payments you are over \$13,000

First complaint was the capital charges were only \$800 when the petition went around. The answer was the capital charges pay to maintain the water system infrastructure and now reflect the actual current cost (was raised in June 2002).

Second complaint was a fellow who did not want to give up his property – since there will be fire hydrants – he would have had to give up 20 feet of road frontage as an easement. (need 10 feet either side)

Third was one of the people on Tiquewood – as explained

Fourth was a complaint that some of the original signatures were falsified. Also that 8 of the home owners who had signed yes have moved and now the new residents do not want the water (some had been told when they bought the home that they had already paid – was not true).

Fifth was that if you were a person who was happy with well water, having water available and if you had not hooked up actually brought your property value down (they had spoken to an assessor). But if no one else has water you do not lose property value.

Sixth was – 911 makes having city water unsafe

Seventh was City of Detroit water is unreliable as could be seen this past year. No water when a main breaks, can't water lawns, etc. Answer was that once you hook up you can not also use well water internally. (You can use to water your lawn, wash the car, etc.)

Those for the water said it was because of the poor quality of the well water in some areas. This resulted in some saying they had put in reverse osmosis and paid a lot for their system so they didn't want to hook up to city water and didn't feel they should have to pay for it (they would have had only the \$7053 portion if they did not hook up)

Others asked questions about their trees, lawns, plants. Answer was that the contract had to restore to original condition and would take extensive videos.

One person asked if his sewage rate would go up on a metered in – metered out basis. Answer was no – but it could be considered later. So at this time there would be no additional sewage cost. Tom did comment to me that if you had septic you likely would have to consider that at 38 to 60 pounds of city water pressure you would have a greater load on the septic system as you would use more water than at 20 to 30 pound pressure from a well.

Another person said he found his insurance rate would not go down because of the fire hydrants as apparently having the hydrants along Commerce Road was enough.

One person said they were told that there was arsenic in well water, then said they had tested and it was well below the amount that could cause harm. But another person said their chlorides were way to high – something like 10 times the suggested level and that they would have to add reverse osmosis to get rid of that.

One person commented he could buy a lot of salt in the next 10 years for \$12,000 – then commented on people in Green Lake having \$300/month water bills.

Another person with a similar comment that he could replace his system a couple of times for that cost.

Most just said NO, and I think 2 or 3 said they were for city water (of which one did not live in the assessment district)

In the end, they seemed to take into account those who had originally said yes and who now said no .. that reduced the number of area below the 50% required. The Township said that they would defeat the resolution – and did. Then said their engineering costs were \$45,000 and that maybe next time they would ask Lake Sherwood for that up front in a bond before doing another water project survey. It boiled down to a majority not wanting the water – as simple as that.

The residents of the assessment area were told they could do another petition, the drawings were complete and would not have to be redone. They could for example exclude Tiquewood where so many did not want the water. But looking at the addresses I wrote down – there were more people saying no from Ledgewood and Ravinewood.

Patricia A. Borders

Area 8 Representative

THESE ARTICLES ARE IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS I REPRESENT IN AREA 8

DOG OWNERS

Thanks to all of you who have started scooping up and putting your dog on a leash. Everyone appreciates it. I've received numerous calls (not just from Area 8) acknowledging your efforts.

Please remember LSA has many residents (big and small) that are very scared of dogs and cats.

Again, "THANKS " to all of you who are trying to be a considerate neighbor.

ROAD COMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY (RCOC)

The roads in LS range in age from 30-40-50+ years old. By the RCOC standards, they are well on their way to deterioration. If any "street" is interested in resurfacing, that "street" must take up a petition. A 51% "yes" vote is required to get the individual street resurfaced. If 51% vote "yes", the petition is given to RCOC, they come out, assess repair needed, and based on deterioration, each homeowner receives a "special assessment" based on their actual road footage.

The tentative new development (East of Winewood) would use Winewood as an access road for the rear development of their project. Since Winewood is 30+ years old, RCOC suggests we film the road before and after completion of the new development. This is the same suggestion that Windham Development made. RCOC does not pursue developers on old road damage, only new roads (2-4 years old.)

WEST NILE VIRUS

I personally found a dead crow in my backyard (Ravinewood Dr. E.) on July 10, 2002. I called the State of Michigan hot line and Oakland County Health Department. I was told to put the bird in DOUBLE plastic bags and use a plastic bag or disposable gloves to do this. Then put the bird out for garbage pickup.

Currently the state is only testing ONE bird per County. Oakland has tested positive for West Nile Virus.

These agencies need to be notified about the dead birds because they are trying to track the mosquitoes.

Infants, young children and seniors (60+) are most affected if bitten. The virus could lead to serious brain swelling possibly causing death.

Please call and report any dead birds. Empty any containers that may have water in them. You can reach the Oakland

County Health Division's Environmental Health Services Unit at 1-877-377-3641

YIELD SIGNS

Yield signs mean the CROSSROAD has the right-of-way. As you approach a Yield sign be prepared to stop. The on-coming traffic DOES NOT have to stop.

The intersection of Ledgewood and Ravinewood is an accident waiting to happen AGAIN. Drivers are not stopping or even slowing down as they approach the intersection. Ravinewood has the right-of-way.

Please slow down and be prepared to stop at any Yield sign anywhere.

THE GRAVEL PIT

I met with the manager of the Gravel pit on July 21, 2002. The "Pit" property runs along the tree line on Tree Line road, down Ledgewood (one home), Stumpwood and Ravinewood Dr. E. The property line then comes up to the end of Winewood Lane where it dead-ends and continues on a fairly straight path backing up to Glen Lore golf course on Sleeth road. It then continues around Sleeth road as its boundary to the tree line.

The life expectancy of the "Pit" is another 5-10 years (however I was told this 19 years ago when I moved into LS).

The "Pit" is trying to be a "Good Neighbor", however they need our help. Young children on two wheel and four wheel motorized vehicles are riding back into the "Pit" while they are in operation. The operators of the earthmovers and gravel trucks can not see a pickup truck at times from their cabs – let alone a smaller vehicle. Someone is going to get seriously injured or worse.

The "Pit" is continuously being vandalized i.e.:

1-vehicle windows smashed out

2-fire extinguishers being opened & spray painted

3-computer equipment broken into and destroyed

4-fires are being started

Over the years some of the vandals have been caught and prosecuted, however this unfortunately is a continuing problem. A security firm has been hired to patrol after hours and on weekends.

Lets keep everyone safe and out of the "Pit".

SPECIAL THANKS

I want to personally thank **Pat** and **Steve Buck** for letting me use their water and electricity to maintain the flowers and

shrubs in the Winewood entrance.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

Editor's Note: And Thank YOU **Pat Borders**, for making sure the Winewood entranceway was kept watered during this hot summer.

Sewer Cost Breakdown

Whenever sewers go into a new area the cost is shared by:

Lake Sherwood residences

Commerce Township

State of Michigan

In the end "OWNERSHIP" reverts to Commerce Township in my example. Therefore, Commerce Township has the right to allow a developer to hook into a "main sewer connector" (at the intersection of Winewood and Ravinewood Dr. E,) if it is accessible to a "new" development.

I know this is not what we want to hear folks. The bottom line is we DID pay our portion for the sewers, however the sewers do upgrade our area property values. That, fellow residents, is the price we pay for living in Michigan and Michigan costs are far from being the highest in the USA.

Larceny in Lake Sherwood

Two vehicles parked adjacent to a house on Inverrary Lane were burglarized in the early morning hours of Wednesday, August 14, 2002. The burglary occurred between midnight and 1:30 am and involved two unlocked vehicles. The items reported missing from the two cars were an installed car CD player, a Discman head set, over 200 CDs, and a small amount of cash. The value of the stolen items totaled several thousand dollars. A police report was filed with the Oakland County Sheriff Dept. that night. A cash reward is being offered upon return of the stolen items. Please call (248) 684-4578 to report any details.

Burglary of vehicles has been reported in the Lake Sherwood subdivision several times this summer, however no connection has been made between the separate robberies that have occurred in the past few months. It is advised to lock vehicles that are parked outside, especially if there is valuable equipment inside the car. If you have any additional information regarding this case, please contact Officer Champion with the Oakland County Sheriff Dept. (248) 624-0715.

Acts of Kindness:

Wonderful Neighbors!

We'll still be grateful to our neighbors for many months to come. I want to brag about Rob & Julia Kondoff and Joyce & John Siller (also Joe & Pat Werner who are not part of our Association). We have been working on an addition to our house since April, including a new garage. This means that we have absolutely no storage space and can't park our cars in the driveway (location of dumpster and many nails!). Our neighbors have very graciously allowed us to park in their driveways, stored some of our stuff in their garage, put up with the noise and mess, and John Siller even cleaned some bird mess off of our cars! I can't tell you how blessed we feel!

Laura Olesko

CHEERS for **Gloria Hughes** who got us a delivery of new sand at the Driftwood Alot. It sure is nice! We appreciate her effort as well as the folks who spent a morning spreading it. Thanks everybody!

Linda Gepper

Fourth of July

Thanks to all the homeowners who decorated in the red, white and blue for the fourth of July. It was heartwarming to see the patriotic displays around the lake.

Thanks also to **Martha Mortier** for chairing the fireworks. It was a wonderful display.

Thanks to **Sharon Sarkisian** who organized the boat parade again this year.

Thanks to the homeowners on the main lake who shot off fireworks before the "main event" It was a nice pre "game" show.

Martha Klemmer, Editor

SOUND OFF:

Resignation Letter from Karl Nordstrom

(Area 11 Representative)

I was on the Lake Sherwood Board for one and a half years until my recent resignation. During my tenure as the board representative for Area 11, I very much enjoyed helping the LSA residents in my neighborhood and trying to do my best for the Association as a whole. This was a fun job and I will miss it.

Unfortunately, I felt a need to resign due to the direction that a portion of the board and committee chairpersons were taking. That direction, in my humble opinion, was to spend more and more time on power struggles, personality conflicts, and politics. These actions eventually led to the resignation of our Association president and the dismissal of one of our committee chairs who was an incredibly hard worker. Granted, the people who caused these problems have done an

amazing amount of good for our Association over the years as they have volunteered untold hours of their personal time for Association projects. Those efforts, however, do not give them the right to treat other volunteers on the Board or committees with disrespect and contempt. Fortunately, I was not on the receiving end of this but I did witness it first hand on numerous occasions at many Board meetings and was quite disturbed by it. I won't get into what my version of events are but will simply say that since we are all volunteers, we should all be treated with respect and hopefully appreciation - an idea that a few people brushed aside despite numerous reminders.

I would like to make it very clear that my disagreement was with a small minority of the Board members and committee chairpersons. Others on the Board and the various committees have been doing a great job without the politics and personal attacks. I would urge you to speak with your Area Representative and any other board or committee members you know to suggest that they work hard to keep the entire Board focused on what its purpose is - which is to act of the best interests of the Association (and that does not include causing dissention or treating people poorly).

Karl Nordstrom

Resignation letter from LSA President—Hugh Rhorer

Lake Sherwood Board Members & Lake Sherwood Association Members

Dear Members:

Last night (July 18th Board meeting) I was appalled at the over-whelming decision of the board in not reaffirming a section of the bylaws. The bylaws are the foundation of our homeowners association. The bylaws are what created the board. The bylaws provide all of the residents the assurance that the board will act in accordance with the wishes of the residents. The board in refusing to enforce the bylaws has set itself above not only the membership, but also the legal basis for the formation of the Association rendering decisions by the board unenforceable and meaningless.

As board members, each one of you should be ashamed of the stance you took last night. Placing your personal feelings above not only what is right, but also what is legal. Each of you should take time to reflect on your actions of last night and seriously consider whether you are on the board to serve the membership as a whole or to fill some ego or power need that you may have.

I am sure that you have spent many hours in telling your children that telling the truth is the right thing to do no matter what the consequences. That doing the right thing is more important than doing what is self-serving. How then can you sit on an elected board of directors and vote not to do the right thing. How can you go home and face your children or even yourself in the mirror.

In my tenure as President, I have always tried to do the best things for the entire membership. Believe me there are many times when it would have been much easier to do the popular thing or take the easy way out. In a world that measures the success of a CEO by how well the stock performed and not by his/her integrity, I must be a dinosaur. My sense of integrity, honesty, and belief that doing the right thing is a measure of not only a person's character, but also their value as a contributor to society gives me no choice. I cannot be a part of an organization that refuses to carry out its responsibilities as described in the bylaws. I cannot be a part of an organization that ignores the tenets that they agreed to when elected to the board by the residents. Therefore, as of 5:00 pm today, I resign as President of the Lake Sherwood Association.

I caution the residents, closely observe your elected board. They have lost their way and only you can get them back on track. Demand that they follow the bylaws. Attend the membership meetings. Know the bylaws that govern you and the board. Demand that the board act to do the right things.

Regretfully,

Lake Sherwood Association

Communication to the General Membership from the LSA Board

On the previous page, is a letter from Hugh Rhorer announcing his resignation as President of our Association. Below is additional information from the Lake Sherwood Association Board regarding the event that triggered his resignation.

Background and "Chairman" Title Controversy

1) Our Association is run by unpaid volunteers. Some of the volunteers are elected by the membership (e.g., President, V.P., Area Representatives, etc.) and are referred to as "Board members". Other volunteers are not in elected positions but rather graciously volunteer to be appointed to participate in one or more of our numerous committees (e.g., water safety, property maintenance, water quality, etc.). A list of all volunteers can be found on the Internet at <http://www.mlswa.org/lake-sherwood-611/>.

2) While all volunteers are deeply appreciated, those who head up our committees are especially held in high regard due to the tremendous amount of their personal time they allocate to our Association. As would seem natural, a person who heads up a committee would normally be referred to as the "chairman" (perhaps more appropriately "chairperson"). The controversy being discussed centers around whether the "chairman" title can legally be used for volunteers who are not elected board members. While the title of a person heading up a committee may seem to be an exceptionally picky issue to cause such a debate, the Board always needs to act in the best interests of the Association, and sometimes that means different things to different Board members.

Unfinished Business Regarding Committee Head Titles

3) At the May 30, Board meeting, Lake Sherwood's legal advisor told the Board that the title of "chairman" had a specific connotation under laws that govern non-profit organizations such as our homeowner's association and thus, the title of chairman should not be used for people who head up committees that are not elected members of the board. There was discussion about using other titles but that topic was not followed through and no vote was taken.

4) Privately, the President gave instructions to the Corresponding Secretary to remove the "chairman" title from our association newsletter for any non-elected volunteers who head up committees. The Corresponding Secretary modified the Association Newsletter to more clearly identify the elected directors who oversee the committees but did not remove the chairman titles from non-elected committee heads as her recollection of the May 30th Board discussion, the Board minutes, separate communication with the Board's legal advisor, and the unfinished nature of the topic did not suggest an urgent need for eliminating the committee head title.

Motion for Censure of the Corresponding Secretary

The President was not satisfied with the Corresponding Secretary's action and submitted the following motion at the 7/18/2002 Board meeting.

Motion by the President:

That the board re-affirm the by-laws with respect to the description of the duties of the Corresponding Secretary.

Reasoning

After the clarification of the formation of committees and the recommendation of the legal advisor that board members should be the chairperson of all committees, the President requested that the Corresponding Secretary remove the title of Chairman from the newsletter for all of the committee members that were not board members. The Corresponding Secretary refused to do so and requested that the board vote on the matter.

According to the by-laws Article 6.01 d...It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to prepare and distribute Association correspondence as directed by the Directors and Officers, administer the absentee ballot process, distribute the Newsletter to non-resident members and perform such other tasks as may be directed by the President.

Pursuant to this by-law, the Corresponding Secretary is to distribute Association correspondence (Newsletter) as directed by the ... Officers (in this case the President) and perform such other tasks as may be directed by the President (in this case make a change to the Newsletter).

The depiction of committee members as chairpersons is not only misleading it directly conflicts with the legal basis for the formation of the Association. The request to have the Official Publication of the Association accurately reflect the position of committee members is not unreasonable, is based on the legal entity that the Association is, and is within the duties of a Chief Executive Officer (the President).

The Chief Executive Officer is defined as, the highest-ranking executive in a company or organization, responsible for carrying out the policies of the board of directors on a day-to-day basis.

MOTION DEFEATED

6) The President's motion was defeated by a majority vote of the Board. The Board debated both the by-laws and the Association's long standing appreciation of its volunteer committee leaders. The Board majority did not feel that it was necessary to re-affirm the existing by-laws since the matter of committee leadership title was not resolved.

If you wish to express your views on this issue, please feel free to speak with your Area Representative or other Board members.

Committee titles notwithstanding, our association and Board has numerous challenges and pending decisions, such as:

How do we protect our interests in face of the proposed new development near the quarry?

What can we do to improve the timeliness of gaining a DEQ permit for weed control?

How do we assure our neighbors that they'll receive appropriate notice of proposed changes in "assets" near their homes (trees in commons areas, road improvements, signs, etc.)?

What is the plan to finish the Ledgewood bridge beautification project?

What should we do about the water balloon fights during the 4th of July boat parade?

What values and policies do we need as an Association to help members feel more connected to our community and want to participate?

How do we really want to run this Association and what by-law changes are needed to align with an updated operating model?

We regret Hugh's departure as he has provided many years of dedicated service to our Association. Thank you Hugh!

Goose Round Up

Thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their valuable sleep time on Saturday morning to help round up the geese. We captured approximately 31 geese and I only know of one who got away. The DNR requires that we let 10% go, so we have at least 4 geese still on the lake. If that's the extent of them, that should help substantially. They will be back by fall. They are like homing pigeons, and some will come back. However, a couple months without them messing up the lake will be nice.

See you next year!

Shelley Fiore

Island Use Permits

Forms are available to print from the LSA web page: _____

<http://www.lake-sherwood.org> or contact

Gloria Hughes 685 0631 or Jay Server 684 2576.

Detroit News Reporters Visit Lake Sherwood

The Detroit News Oakland Section wanted to become more familiar with the Oakland County area. Through Commerce Township officials they were able to contact our association and ask if they could meet with Lake Sherwood Representatives. On June 20th **Harry** and **Linda Tucker** and **Martha Klemmer** met with seven Detroit News reporters at the boat ramp for an afternoon cruise and the news reporters' favorite assignment for the week. What's not to like about a wonderful cruise on a beautiful lake! Some of the questions asked were as follows:

Does the lake freeze over? Yes Do you go ice fishing and ice skating? Yes

Is the lake always this quiet? No, this is Thursday morning and the lake is usually quiet during weekdays. Is it a lot busier on the weekends? Yes, extremely busy.....that's when we cruise the canals where it is quiet and no wake.

Does the lake have a sandy bottom? Not really, there's some sand, but this is a man-made lake and it has mostly a dirt bottom.

Do you treat the lake? Yes, we have to treat the lake to keep control of the weeds. However, the lake is treated on a "as needed" basis. Our limnologist will treat some areas of the lake more than others depending on the weed growth, so the lake doesn't get more treatment than it needs.

What are your issues on the lake? We really don't have any.

(after showing Higgins island & mentioning the overnight camping) **Can I get a permit to have a party on the island? Only if you live here. What if I have a friend on the lake? Yes, then your friend would sponsor you. How much is the fee for the permit? It's free.**

(2nd time asked) **What are some of the issues you get? Most issues happen because a residents is uninformed about things. We at Lake Sherwood have better than average communication to our residents....through our newsletter (which I showed them a copy), through our website, and through our recording secretary's email announcement. So we just don't get a large number of issues that maybe another association would have.**

How much are the homes? I'm not a real estate agent, but you can get this information through public record.

How much are your dues? \$285 For the whole year? Yes. Isn't this really low? Yes, we have a lot of volunteers and we work very hard at keeping our fees low.

(3rd time asked) **Don't you have any issues with the lake?** *Let me give you an example of an issue. T*

The islands were becoming more popular and people started using them more. It became an problem when someone planned an outing on the island only to find other residents had the same plans for the space. To resolve the issue, a committee now issues permits for extended use. That way no one's party plans are ruined.

Well then, what is the drawback from living on the lake? *Having two front yards to decorate.*

Which side of the house is the front yard? *Both, but mostly I classify them as street side or lake side.*

What is the best thing about lake living? *I think Lake Sherwood is like retirement, you don't know how good it is until you get there!*

Do you have any issues with Commerce Township? *No*

Do you have a problem with Lake Sherwood being known as an old farm community? *No, I'll enjoy our lakehowever, I know population will progress. If the "farm community" is the term others use, that's fine with me, I like rolling hills, natural areas and curvy roads.*

Do you have a problem with Tom Zoner? *No*

Do you sample your lake for pollutants? *Yes, 5 samples in April and another 5 samples in August, and a report is compiled by Dr. Fusilier. **Do you have a problem with e-colie?** *No, we tested in the past and found level of 4ppm which is 1/100th of state maximum.**

Are there rules about maintaining your property? *Yes, building restrictions in the deeds such as 40% brick, etc.*

Why is everyone taking such good care of their property here? *It would seem to me it is community pride. We have a very active association and many volunteers.*

What do you think of the proposed corridors? *I don't know all four by name, but I don't think the one through Milford will work because of the village, the one through Wixom I think would destroy Proud Lake area. I think the extension of M-5 is the best solution, but general road improvement is the best answer. Car and truck manufacturers work hard at keeping vehicles quiet and meeting federal standards, but when a truck is pulling a trailer full of loose lawnmowers over bumpy road, that's where the noise pollutions increases. So we need good quality existing roads.*

What's the fishing like? *It's the best. The Fishing chairman belongs to three fishing clubs around the state and has a passion for this sport. The lake naturally have a variety of fish species and we also introduce predatory fish, pike or walleye, depending on the best price, to keep small fish population in check. **Where's the best place to fish?** *Off the end of almost any homeowner's dock.**

- article by Linda Tucker

Because of this interview, the Detroit News asked to visit 2 homes in Lake Sherwood —see next story:

Two Lake Sherwood homes -

Karl & Nancy Nordstrom

and

Ruth & Bob (Saks) Mechigian

were featured in the August 3rd Homestyle Magazine.

The following is a partial reprint of that article.

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP -- In the summer in Michigan, everyone seems to retreat to a cottage up north near the water. It may be that you own a cottage or -- via six degrees of separation -- know someone who does and you snare a weekend invite. Sure, it may take four to five hours to drive to the cottage, but once there it's heaven ... until you have to drive back in bumper-to-bumper traffic to Metro Detroit Sunday evening with thousands of other working stiffs. Is there a better way to enjoy Michigan's water wonderland? The answer is absolutely yes, say homeowners who live year-round along Lake Sherwood and its canals in Commerce Township. "We purposely built a home near the water in 1997 so we wouldn't have to drive four hours to a vacation cottage," says Nancy Nordstrom, who lives with her husband, Karl, and their three children in a 4,900-square-foot house on a Lake Sherwood canal. "My idea of a vacation is staying home."

The **Nordstroms** -- she's in sales, he's an investment adviser -- work not far from their home, but some Lake Sherwood residents commute 30 minutes or more to their jobs and then home again to a tranquil lake setting, which is still a far cry from a four-hour drive. There are 11,073 lakes in Michigan, according to Cindy Snyder of Travel Michigan in Lansing, and 223,000 seasonal homes (from rustic cabins in the woods to mansions overlooking the Great Lakes). But in recent years, the trend has been to build a vacation home from scratch near water as a permanent residence, or substantially renovate an existing cottage, or tear down a quaint lakefront dwelling and build a new home on the site. "What's unique about Lake Sherwood is that it was never a cottage-y community," says Karl Nordstrom. "It was developed as a true subdivision that takes advantage of the water."

The Nordstroms' three-level home, in fact, looks Grosse Pointe traditional from the road. Inside, the color scheme is quite traditional -- hunter green and burgundy. But the open floor plan and spacious, glass-enclosed, four-season Florida sun room that overlooks the canal is pure lake country ambience.

Karl Nordstrom designed the house and hired an architect to tweak the plans. Nancy Nordstrom designed the kitchen (green Corian counters, island with cooktop), did the decorating (lush emerald green sectional, kid-proof family room furniture) and designed the landscaping (boulders galore, 80-plus flats of impatiens). The couple have 120 feet of lakefront and about a half acre of property. "I may do a fair amount of driving during the day, but once I hit Duck Lake Road and Sleeth, I'm peaceful because I'm nearly home," says Nancy Nordstrom, who appreciates her friendly neighbors and the local Huron school system.

Bob (Saks) **Mechigian** (of Bob Saks Motor Mall in Farmington Hills) and his wife, Ruth, built their contemporary home on Lake Sherwood 21 years ago. The palatial estate sits on a peninsula and is surrounded on three sides by water. "Bill Weaver of Fenton designed the house -- he designed three on the lake," says Ruth Mechigian, who has a flair for decorating. "It's a wonderful house for entertaining." That's an understatement. With a lower level featuring an aluminum ceiling, spa, bar and Yamaha grand piano; decks on three sides of the house with at least eight sitting areas; and indoor pool, this home could easily accommodate 200 guests and surely has, time and again.

"We have three sons, and when they were growing up, there was often a houseful," recalls Mechigian, have lived in Lake Sherwood for 37 years. This house is their second home in Lake Sherwood and it is furnished in a soft, modern fashion with comfortable white sofas, white carpeting and an ivory marble foyer. A spiral staircase winds up to the master bedroom, which has skylights and a loft. The two-story living room is accented by a stone fireplace wall and a wood ceiling. (There's also a round, brick fireplace in the kitchen.) The dining room table easily sits 10. Decorative painting

throughout is by Mirage of Fenton.

The Mechigians' grounds were recently featured on the Milford Garden Club Tour. The landscaping includes a 10-foot-high waterfall, a pond and a lavish collection of perennials and annuals. Throughout the gardens there are whimsical touches (garden fairies, plastic snakes, a Buddha, ceramic frogs, a stone crocodile) that delight young and old. (The Mechigians have seven grandchildren who love to visit, and no wonder.) Although the Mechigians own a condominium in Sarasota, Fla., their Lake Sherwood house will always be home. They have no intention of ever selling or down-sizing or, for that matter, altering the house. "Florida is nice, but I can't wait to get back to the lake," says Mechigian. "I just seem to do more things when I'm in Michigan.

"The Lake Sherwood Association is responsible for much of that activity. The group has a monthly newsletter that's an inch thick. Every year, residents take part in a host of events from potluck dinners, boat parades, fireworks and golf outings to an art in the park show, garage sale, perennial exchange, winter carnival, Easter egg hunt and goose round-up. "We're a close-knit group," says Karl Nordstrom. "If someone accidentally leaves a pair of sunglasses at a store, the e-mails start popping up until the owner is notified." Is there a down side to living on a lake year-round? "You mean other than the mortgage payment?" asks Nancy Nordstrom, playfully. "I can't think of any."

To see a reprint of the whole article and pictures in color on the web go to: <http://detnews.com/2002/homelife/0208/03/e18-552498.htm> or click on the Lake Sherwood Web page.

Ledgewood A-Lot Beach:

Some of you may have noticed that the beach at the Ledgewood A-Lot has recently re-appeared. This was not magic. It was the result the combined efforts of the Lake Sherwood Grounds & Improvement Committee and a group of hard-working volunteers from among the Ledgewood A-Lot slip users. The Grounds & Improvement Committee paid for two loads of beach sand (6 yards each) to be delivered to the A-Lot, and the slip users contributed their time and muscle power to spread the sand on June 29th and, again, on August 3rd. The volunteers also trimmed trees and cleaned up trash, weeds and pine cones from the ground at the A-lot and in the water around the docks – 26 bags full on June 29th and 16 more bags full on August 3rd. Everyone who has enjoyed the new, improved Ledgewood A-Lot and beach this summer should be sure to thank the following folks for making it possible: **Bob and Dawn Morse, Mike and Lori Papler, Paul Graham, Chuck Elkins, Paul Weber, Myles Richard, Brian Hedman and Bob Houtschilt**. Great job everyone! We look forward to seeing more of you helping out when we do this, again, next spring.

Rick and Kathy Sawicki

Flying South for warmer climate this winter??

Don't forget your Lake Sherwood Dues. Many residents were caught at the boat ramp this Spring with unpaid dues.

Dues are due by April 30th, and are considered late with charges added if not received by May 30th. You are responsible for paying your dues whether you receive a bill or not. We try to make sure everyone receives a letter, but if the letter does not reach your out of town address, you are still responsible for paying the dues.

Dues are currently \$285/yr. However, check in February for current rate. Contact the Treasurer - **Carol Gosse** at (248) 676-2131.

Dues can be sent to:

Lake Sherwood Association

PO Box 63 Milford, Mi 48381 – or

Dues can be paid directly to the guard at the boat ramp.

If you want a copy of the LSA **Newsletter**, while away, contact **Martha Klemmer** with your temporary address [click here](#) or 248-685 8204.

Lake Committees - Linda Tucker, Director

Volunteer Needed for Weed Control Manager

July 1st, Michigan finally decided to say goodbye to a seasonably cold spring and hello to warmer weather. Since then, activities around the lake have been active. Hope everyone has been enjoying our summer.

We continue to resolve issues on committee heads and what their roles are in the Association. As we learn about the legal side to running an Association we find that changes are needed. It's been a difficult process, but I feel we are gaining knowledge and are close to resolving these issues. Most recently, the committee head titles have been changed from "chairman" to "manager" since the Board was advised that chairman is used for positions that are elected, not appointed.

One important committee head we are still looking for is a new weed control 'manager'. Our challenge is to stay ahead of new DEQ requirements as well as to solve problems on keeping nuisance aquatic weed growth from our lake. We have volunteers that are interested in being on the committee, but we need someone who is willing to manage the team. Please volunteer.

Dr. Fusilier Takes Summer Sampling

On August 8th Dr. Fusilier, our consulting Limnologist, was requested to take an additional water sampling in the back canal along Winewood. This sampling was needed in order to identify any effect that the new subdivision being built on the East side of Winewood might have on our lake. The test results will be compared to the results of another sampling taken next year at this same location to see if any significant changes have occurred in the lake water quality.

Annual water quality testing includes (1) a spring water sampling which is sent by Jim Boggs to Doctor Fusilier, (2) weekly Secchi disk readings which is sent by Mark Till to Doctor Fusilier at the end of the season, and (3) an August water sampling, Secchi disk reading, and oxygen metering which is taken by Doctor Fusilier. A final report using all three

sources is then submitted to the Association by Doctor Fusilier.

Lake Treatment “Indefinite Irrigation” Restrictions

If you've had recent posting of “indefinite irrigation”, it's not a typo. It seems as if DEQ wants to relinquish all liability of using lake water for irrigation or they want to discourage residents from using lake water for irrigation altogether. ATI is using the same chemicals that were used last year which had a 3-4 day restriction and now has an “indefinite irrigation”. We need a Weed Control Manager volunteer to investigate why the DEQ requires this new posting policy and report back to our Lake Sherwood riparians. Please volunteer.

Fish Stocking - Dan Devine:

Sustain our Fishery

"Fish on! Get the net!" What every angler loves to say or hear. Lake Sherwood continues to produce many fine fish. But I think it is appropriate to take up some newsletter space and talk about catch and release and the size limits for the various species found in our lake. Why? Because I am seeing or hearing about under-size fish being kept. There is no need for this. Let's make sure that our great fishery remains that way. There are more and more people fishing Lake Sherwood than ever before and we need to put back undersize fish (and plenty of the big ones too) to sustain the added fishing pressure. What I am not saying is that every fish caught should go back. Keeping an occasional walleye, one of the best eating fish there is, is fine. Keeping medium sized bluegill, perch and crappie is fine too. My recommendation however, is to let the bass and pike swim free. They are only fair table fare and are a greater resource on the end of your line than on your plate. The following are the minimum size limits for the primary species in our lake:

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass - 14 ”

Northern Pike - 24”

Walleye -15”

Bluegills, Perch and Crappie - No size limit

Annual Fishing Contest

Keep those entries coming in. The entry form can be found on the LSA website and can be e-mailed ([click here](#)) or mailed to 3370 Tiquewood. If you have questions call me at 248- 685-2971. Do not forget there are both kid and adult categories so everyone is eligible. Guests are eligible too. I have to say seeing those kids faces (and adults) light up when they get a trophy is very enjoyable. Put a smile on your kids face and help them catch a fish and enter it in the contest.

Annual Fish Stocking

We, once again plan on stocking walleyes in our lake this fall. The size and quantity are yet to be determined. I will monitor the price and availability of pike and smallmouth bass to see if once again we will add one or both of these species, as well.

Smallmouth Bass

As some of you are aware, 2 years ago we stocked for the first time smallmouth into Lake Sherwood. They are now of catchable size. Has anyone been catching them? I got my first one, the first week of August. A nice 11" bronzeback that jumped twice. I know of 3 others that have been caught. This info can be helpful in our determination about how well these fish are doing and their growth rates. With the presence of zebra mussels, these fish might really take off. Let me know.

Amphicar visits Lake Sherwood

Lyle & Denise Tyler of Ledgewood Drive bid on a ride in a 1967 Amphicar on Lake Sherwood and won! Local Milford owners and enthusiasts Laurie and Greg Zinkosky offered up a evening ride for auction at a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser dinner. The vehicle arrived at the Lake Sherwood Boat Ramp on Surfwood on July 23rd around 6pm. Last minute flyers and email were sent out by the association which prompted a large crowd to come see the event.

Amphicars were manufactured in Germany in the 60's and remain the only mass produced passenger amphibious vehicles ever made. There were less than 4000 manufactured and perhaps as few as 1000 are left worldwide that currently drive and float.

The vehicle is powered by an English Triumph Spit Fire 1200cc 4 cylinder engine. While in the water, the Amphicar uses the front wheels for steering and is pushed by rear twin nylon props. There is a selectable transmission (similar to a 4 wheel drive transfer case) that allows the driver to switch between land (wheels) and water (props) control. Door seals are a single soft seal compressed by a secondary cam latch. Engine air intake is from the top of the rear back (trunk) and exhaust is from pipe high on back of vehicle.

- article by Linda Tucker

TRANSPORTATION COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

FOR LAKE SHERWOOD RESIDENTS

Steve Weber (Surfwood), with daughter **Melissa**, enjoy a sunny Sunday on the lake in their Sunfish sailboat which has been in the Weber family since 1969.

Larry and **Susan Kennedy** (Ledgewood) have owned their 1965 110 HP Corvair Monza for more than 23 years. Larry is the second owner, however, he restored this show rated vehicle himself. It has two 1BBL carburetors, automatic trans axle, and 85000 original miles.

Brad Kowalski (Stumpwood) races go-karts on the weekends. With a chrome molly chassis, billet hubs and caliper brakes, racing slicks, fully blueprinted engine and 110 octane fuel, he reaches 70 mph every lap at the 1/2 mile road course at East

Lansing's Kart Track. Brad's first two years were run in the Junior Sportsman class; however this year he graduated to the Formula "Y" division and has finished either 1st or 2nd all season. Brad is 2nd for division championship (in points) and does accept new logos for his kart, just call him. Brad is a junior at St. Mary's Preparatory and when he's not racing, he's probably playing baseball.

Norm and Dot Huff (Surfwood) enjoy their 1976 Super Beetle Volkswagen convertible that they've owned for nine years. It is 84HP, has an opposed 4 cylinder air cooled engine, 4-speed

1946 Piper J3-Cub Seaplane

Mike Tamm (Ravinewood) gets a birds eye view of Lake Sherwood every time he takes off in his Piper-Cub air cooled 4 cylinder Continental 90HP engine seaplane. Mike and Lisa (Area 6 Rep) Tamm purchased the seaplane from a previous Lake Sherwood owner, Jerry Trzaskos, so the plane is familiar to many residents.

Part of preflight maintenance is to periodically empty any water that accumulates in the pontoons. There are two seats in the plane, one in front of the other. The plane can be flown from either seat. He turns on the ignition and manually turns the propeller to start the engine. Both Mike and his passenger wear headsets to protect their ears from engine noise and also to communicate with each other during flight. Mike doesn't fly in late afternoon when it's hot because airlift is more difficult in hot weather. When he increases the planes speed for takeoff, he will dip one of the wings to bring the opposite pontoon out of the water to eliminate additional water resistance. As the first pontoon touches back on top of the water he tips the plane to lift the second pontoon. Then it's up and away for a breath-taking view of the lake and surrounding area. First order of business is to check Proud Lake to see if two other yellow seaplanes which reside there are in their parking spots. If the planes are not there, he knows he is sharing the 500 foot altitude airspace with them. On a typical flight, Mike could fly over Wolverine Lake to see the north island of homes, over Walled Lake to see the actual "wall" where the lake goes from very shallow to deep, over Commerce Lake to see both sections of the lake, and over the new Walled Lake Northern High School to see their football field. In the distance, but still identifiable, is downtown Southfield, Silverdome, Milford Proving Grounds, and even downtown Detroit on a clear day.

For further distance travel Mike and Lisa have a Cessna Cardinal 177, which they take on vacations with their son Eric and their daughter Bobbie. But that is a story for a future issue.

- article by **Linda Tucker**

Tennis Classes Get Rave Reviews

From June 17th through August 8th, the Association's new tennis courts at Kendall Park were used by 18 kids and 4 adults for instructional training. Lisa Antonishek provided beginner lessons twice a week for both groups. She was pleased with the interest from so many beginners. Lisa said the community doesn't have a tennis program, and because of the program interest by Lake Sherwood residents, she feels that there is probably an interest from other local communities as well. Lisa would like to provide a tennis program at the two district's high schools where 8 courts for each school are being planned for next year. Lake Sherwood can be proud of their contribution toward the sport of tennis.

Special thanks to **Mary Connelly** for organizing the tennis lesson.

Lake Sherwood Halloween Party

Sunday, October 27th

2:00 p.m. Kendall Park

Games, Prizes, Food, and Costume Parade.

Contact

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Or Monica Moore 685-0736 for more information or to volunteer to help.

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