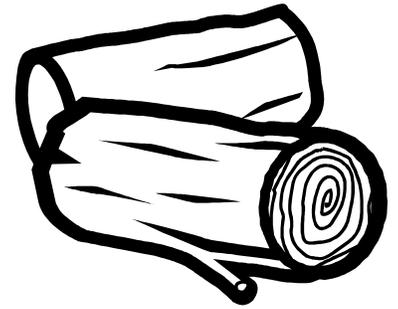


# ***CEDAR LOG***

**JULY 2015**

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## **BOARD MEETINGS**

AUGUST 15TH

SEPTEMBER 19TH

## **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

## **AND ELECTION**

SEPTEMBER 5TH

## **Calling on Lot Owners**

Anyone interested in running for the Board of Directors, should submit their intention into the office no later than 12(midnight) on July 31, 2015.

# **WELCOME**

Pete & Lisa Alexander Lot 270  
Bryce & Jessica Updegraff Lot 267  
Marvella O'Dell Lot 327  
Mark Dunn Lot 349



From the Desk of  
the Park Manager

Good Morning,

To start, 4th of July went very well. No reports of major vandalism. Security patrolled until around 3:00 a.m. The main issue was children under the age of 14 running throughout the park. Parents were notified of the Rules and Regulations, but problems continued. I'm asking the Board to implement stiffer recourse than what is currently noted in the By-Laws.

We are currently placing new backflow preventers on your water supply spigot. Only the spigot that is hooked to your unit is the one getting the backflow preventer. Once in place, do not remove or alter in any way. If there is an issue, please contact me. Do not attempt to fix it yourself. A few spigots have been broken due to lot owners over-tightening. So please, let us do the work.

In regards to lots being mowed, since last season the amount of lots that the park mows has increased considerably. we are doing our best to keep up with it, but when weather doesn't cooperate, it's difficult to make up the time. We usually try for Wednesday and Thursday to concentrate mainly on mowing, so please be patient with us.

We are also placing new storm drain covers on the drains. Two have been done and one more will be started next week.

Ray Warner has joined the Cedar Shores work force. He has replaced George Laughter. Ray has worked for Cedar Shores before and has the knowledge of a working park.

Thank you.



## From the desk of the Office Manager

Good Morning,

First, I've been getting payments towards the 2016 Maintenance Fees. Please remember to write a separate check if paying your electric and maintenance fees at the same time. At this point, the maintenance fees are going into a separate account and by writing a separate check, it makes it easier on the bookkeeping end of it.

The credit card machine is up and running. We are taking Visa, Mastercard and Discover. There will be a 3% convenience fee passed on to you if you choose to pay your electric or maintenance fee using your credit card. Another option for those of you that are lucky enough to go South for the winter, if you choose to pay your maintenance fee with your credit card, you can call the office and I can manually key in the numbers. Your credit card information is NOT kept on record at the office.

Electric meters will be read during the week of the 20th. The statements will be sent out by the end of the week. For those of you that have asked, I don't have a specific date to read the meters. I try to read them the third week of the month, weather permitting. Again, if you want to know what your reading was, please stop by the office during regular business hours and I will be happy to give those numbers to you.

Just as an FYL..... Wally and I get emails regarding severe weather, heat waves, etc. Yesterday, I received an email regarding the excessive heat and

possible severe weather. I have printed that out and posted it on the office door. If you want to take a look at it, please stop by.

I hope everyone has a good weekend and Merry Christmas (in July)!

# Loon's-Loon's-Loon's

We have been in charge of the Loon Nest for the last two years but will not be able to continue with it. We will probably not be in Michigan in the Spring when it needs to go in the water. We will take it out this year but as of 2016, will need someone else to take it over.

Thank you,  
Jim and Nancy Warner Lot 144



**Tracy Spencer (243),  
Rec. Committee**

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**989-666-1628**

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Cedar Shores Volunteers. Without you things could not happen.

Coffee Hosts: Maryjane LeTurneau, Sue LeCronier, Gloria Linzner, Mabel Vatalaro, Dave MacArthur.

Future hosts: Dawn & Bob Snay 7-26, Kay O'Brian 8-2, Chris & Arvella Cross 8-9, John & Linda Silvas 8-16, Lynne & Rich Fiszelli 8-23, Hrdlovich, Wezensky, Armstrong 9-6 (Labor Day Weekend)

Volunteer needed for 8-30

The Where's Wally Fundraiser is going great. He is traveling to many places. Thanks to all who are making this a fun fundraiser and participating. If you are not familiar with this fundraiser you can read the June newsletter to know what he is about.

The new traveling fundraiser "Royal High-Nass Throne Club" was kicked off. This fundraiser is run the same as the Where's Wally fundraiser is. There have been some great pictures of the fundraisers and their travels posted to the CS Face Book page. Check them out.

4<sup>th</sup> of July was a success again this year. Dan The Band was our entertainment for Friday night. Thanks Dan. Twenty eight lots participated in the yard sales. Great bargains were out there. Hope you had a chance to sell some things as well as get some of the bargains that were to be had. Our karaoke guys Joe and Dave set the mood for the entertainment Saturday evening. The rec hall was filled with kids for bingo winning prizes. Adults had their chance to win some cash playing bingo also. Of course the big hit was the Yumm Yumm Ice Cream Truck. Jacky is scheduled to be at the rec hall for an hour. She had a steady line of people to get ice cream for an hour and a half. I think it is safe to say we love her and her ice cream!!!! Where's Wally was even at the ice cream truck and had his picture taken. He is such a social guy! We had some great misc. raffles of a big oversized red canvas chair and wood won by CS members. If you don't get in on our 50/50 raffles you might want to. The three prizes given out were \$175, \$125 and \$75. That's a little bit of pocket change.

Christmas In July was a lot of fun. I am so sad for everyone who had to miss out on it. We had been telling everyone that we were having special guests. Thanks to Santa and Mrs. Clause (because they have connections you know) we were able to have two very cute baby Reindeer come to visit us at the Christmas In July Event. We were able to pet and feed them. The kids as well as adults enjoyed them. If you would like to see the reindeer they live close to CS. Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farm. Dave and Dan Aldrich 517-749-4866, 2706 E. Stevenson Lake Rd, Clare Mi, 48617. It would be fun to go see all they have to offer.

The kids as well as adults had a lot of fun having lunch with Santa, getting their picture taken and doing crafts. Thanks to all the helped out to make this a special day.

Winners of golf cart decorating contest and lot decorating contest as well as all the raffle prize winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Coffee Hour: We have coffee hour every Sunday at 10 am. We serve donuts, coffee, tea and lemonade for a donation. This is when we do raffle prize winners and 50/50 ticket winners. If you have not had a chance to come join us we would love to have you come check it out. Hope to see you there sometime. Thanks to all who take the time out and join in.

August:

We are trying to put together a euchre tournament in the month of August. Watch for updates posted throughout CS and on the web page as well as FB.

**Propane: Tanks 100 lb.**

**Alpine Propane Co. has gone out of business. If you have them as your supplier, you will need to get a new supplier. Alpine will not be picking up the tanks.**

**However, we have found someone that will dispose of these tanks. Please contact the following if you need these tanks removed.**

**Mike Case, Lot 38  
Ron Smith, Lot 20  
Chris Cross, Lot 265**

**Thank You,  
Safety Committee**



If you want to have an article in the Cedar Log, please forward your information to

Fran Medina at [cslogfran@yahoo.com](mailto:cslogfran@yahoo.com)  
Don't forget to check out the website it has all announcements and notices that are informing owners of conditions, announcements and information, SO, AS  
**ALWAYS..... CHECK  
THE WEBSITE FOR NOTICES  
OFTEN .**



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**Office Hours:**

Summer (April 15th – October 15th)

Saturday: 9-noon

Sunday: 9-noon

Winter (October 15th – April 15th)

Saturday: 10-noon

**Please scroll down to page 5 to see  
letter from Tracy Spencer the rec  
committee chairperson.**

Dear Cedar Shores Members,

I would like to start off with telling you a little about how my husband, Bob, and I became lot owners at Cedar Shores in 2012. We have friends who have been members since the birth of CS. We had heard them talk about going there from time to time. They knew we were looking to get rid of our motorhome for a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. Danny called us one late afternoon on a Sunday while we were school shopping for the kids. He told us there was someone selling a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel at the campground we might be interested in. So we hopped in the car from the mall and drove up to CS. He took us to the trailer to look at it and then they took us around the campground to see everything they had to offer. Then he showed us some other lots and trailers for sale. We had not even thought about owning a lot anywhere before this. It didn't take long for us to know that CS was the place we wanted to be at. He introduced us to members that had a trailer and lot for sale and TA-DA.....we are now owners at Cedar Shores Campground.

We became members late in the season so were only able to come up two times before the water was shut off for the season. We were so excited for spring to arrive so we could be new campers. We certainly enjoyed our new camping life. We made new friends and learned more about the campground. I also learned that they needed a Rec. Committee Chairperson. It had been a long time since I was in charge of a committee so I debated back and forth. I remember very well how such a volunteer position can have its highs and lows. So after debating back and forth I decided without even having been at CS for a full summer season to Jump in both feet. So TA-DA....fast forward and I am now the Rec. Committee Chair person going on my third year.

It has been a dream of mine for over a year since I became the CS Recreation Committee Chairperson to raise enough money through our fundraisers to erect a new piece of playground equipment. We are fortunate that we have had quite a few lots sold and many of them have families with children. Cedar Shores is growing by leaps and bounds. We had 63 children in attendance at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coffee hour alone. The playground was at its fullest I have seen it with kids playing everywhere.

I strongly feel that we need to accommodate this growth and provide an appropriate and safe play area for the children. I think that if the kids have a safe, fun place to play that they are less likely to be out and about doing things that maybe they should not. It also sends a positive message to people who may be looking at CS to purchase a lot that we care about our kids and the families that are becoming members.

The wooden structure that is currently there has served its purpose and from my understanding been at CS for many years. Wally, as well as other members have done their best to maintain the structure as a safe piece of play equipment for the kids. It has gotten to the point where the structure is becoming deteriorated beyond being repaired many more times. So we are faced with a decision where it is more than just a dream but a necessity to be able to move forward with this project.

I would like to give credit where credit is due to someone. When I took over the position of Rec. Chair there was a nice amount of money in our checking. It is through the hard work and effort of the previous Rec. Chair Joyce Keller. This made it possible to maintain and replace things as well as do some projects. So far we have replaced a portion of the decking at the boat launch, added boards to make the railings along the walk way to the big beach more secure, replaced safety life rings at both beaches, replace the baby swing at the little beach, purchase prizes for various events and activities that are held and do Christmas In July for the kids as well as some other things. Credit also goes to all the members of CS who participate in all the raffles, 50/50 and fundraisers that we do. It is because you participate in these that we are able to do what we have done already.

We have been looking at the playground units that could be a great replacement piece. There are 4 different pieces under consideration. One is on the low end of cost, two are middle of the road and one is just a little higher. I also want to share that all four of the pieces considered are at a 50 % reduction from the company. For example a \$10,000.00 would cost \$5,000.00, a \$20,000.00 would cost \$10,000. These units are just like the

ones that you see at schools in the playgrounds. It will outlast a wooden by many, many years. We have enough in the budget to do the low end unit and still maintain a comfortable balance in the checking. But I think one of the two that are in the middle cost range would really be perfect for the playground. So the unit will cost around the \$10,000.00 range. I originally thought we would have one more year of saving with fundraisers to work with but the deterioration of the wooden structure is just becoming too unsafe.

So that brings me to the purpose of this special letter. Yes, I am asking for your help. I originally was trying to rack my brain how we could raise a little more money quickly. My first thought was if I could get 200 of the 378 lot owners to donate \$25 dollars each we would have the extra \$5,000.00 need to advance to the middle of the road unit and still maintain a safe balance in the checking. I had been asking some of the members what they thought about this idea. All said they thought it was a good idea and would probably work. So that was my plan.

The word must have gotten around and we have been blessed with a generous donation and a challenge along with it. I was so emotionally taken by the generosity of this donation that I could not explain it very well during the coffee hour after I learned of it without crying.

So here is the challenge:

A person who wishes to remain anonymous has made a donation to the new playground equipment of \$2,500.00, yes I said \$2,500.00. Along with this donation the person has asked that there be a challenge to the rest of the members of CS to match this \$2,500.00 donation. On the day that I announced this at the coffee hour we raised \$170.00. NOW I received a message from Sandy in the office that we have received another anonymous donation in the amount of \$500.00. So that means we have already raised \$670.00 of the \$2,500.00 leaving only \$1,830.00 of the \$5,000.00 total. I am so emotional about how good and generous our members of CS are that I can hardly keep from crying as I write this letter. And yes, I don't even care if you all want to call me a cry baby. Ha-Ha.

I know that it seems that every time we turn around we are being asked for a donation for some cause. I understand that some just cannot help with a financial donation and that is ok. Maybe you can help when we need volunteers when we need to erect the unit. But to those that can spare even \$5 to this project it is really appreciated. Besides the large donations some have been able to help with a more than the \$25 asked so every penny will all help to reach that \$2,500.00 challenge. I will be posting in the rec. hall on the bulletin board and in the office how much is raised towards the goal to keep everyone updated. Please spread the word to others about the challenge. Thank You for taking the time to read this long letter.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

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