

The Cobblestone Courier

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Lake Huxley Update

Over the past several years the Homeowners Association and some residents south of Hedley Road have had to deal with issues surrounding Lake Huxley. This was the only lake still under ownership of the Developer. In December of 2007, a special meeting of the Association members was held to approve an agreement to turn over the ownership of the lake. The Developer had sold the 25th addition (previous proposed site for Wal-Mart) to Corky Joyner. Meetings were held where residents provided input as to the use of the property and negotiated a \$26,600 contribution to the Association for pond improvements (Aeration), a more conducive use of the property rather than a "Big Box" retailer and a fair share annual maintenance fee from the commercial lot owners. The Association would like to personally thank the efforts of Bob Derber, Todd Turner and others for their tireless efforts.

Annual Neighborhood Summer Picnic 2007

Many neighborhood residents enjoyed the Annual Summer Neighborhood Picnic which was held on Saturday, September 15, 2007 on Kipling. Cobblestone Residents enjoyed the warm summer day. The Association would like to give a special thanks to Kyle Barry and other volunteers who organized the successful event.

Neighborhood Watch Program - The Cobblestone Estates Homeowners Association has established a Neighborhood Watch Program in coordination with Neighborhood Officer Scott Allin of the Springfield Police Department to reduce crime in our neighborhood. We are calling for volunteers to serve as Block Captains. If wish to learn more about the program please contact Tracy Gathard at 217-726-8202 or email at bgathard@yahoo.com. Scott Allin can be reached at Pager 217-527-4441 or email at mpo600@aol.com.

Cobblestone Estates Social Events Planed for 2007

Please visit our Cobblestone Web Page at cobblestonesub.com for news about what's going on in the neighborhood. We would like to thank all the Social Event volunteers for all the time and effort they put into making these events a success.

Cobblestone E-mail Directory - Several times throughout the year, we have announcements, such as hosting a meeting about forming a Neighborhood Watch Program. Since the Newsletter is published annually, we try and distribute information via a broadcast email. If you would like to be included in the Cobblestone E-mail Directory, please contact Susan WaliMohammad at sjwali@insightbb.com or 793-3209.

Bunco - Bunco is played on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Currently there are 8 players. If enough people are interested, we can start another group. Contact Susan WaliMohammad at sjwali@insightbb.com or 793-3209.

Ladies Night Out - If you are interested in getting together at various Springfield restaurants contact Susan WaliMohammad at sjwali@insightbb.com or 793-3209.



Halloween "BOO-ING" - October 15th Through October 31st - Once you receive your treats and a BOO sign, the following directions may vary a little: **Directions:** Enjoy your treats! Keep the BOO sign on your front door. Copy this letter twice and secretly deliver to two neighbors who do not have a BOO sign on their front door. Then watch how far this spreads by Halloween!! And don't forget some nifty treats, like something cute or something sweet. Contact Susan WaliMohammad by October 1st at sjwali@insightbb.com or 793-3209 if you would be willing to be one of the 5 homes needed to start this event. This is a voluntary activity.

Neighborhood Politeness - In a previous newsletter, we politely asked residents not to block sidewalks with portable Basketball hoops and most residents moved the hoops to allow walkers the right of way. Another small issue is for residents to move permanently parked vehicles off the street and into their garage or on their driveway. There are city codes and neighborhood covenants that address these issues, but if residents help in this area, there would be no need for further enforcement. Additionally, recreational vehicles should not be parked in the subdivision. Please help make our neighborhood look less cluttered.

2008 Neighborhood Summer Picnic - The Association is in need of a street that is interested in hosting the 2008 Neighborhood Picnic. The picnic is generally planned for as Saturday in Mid-September. If you are interested in helping contact Andrew Hamilton at 217-546-7525 or email at andrewjhamilton@andrewjhamilton.com.

Neighborhood Garage Sale - The Association plans to hold a neighborhood garage sale again this coming summer. We plan to advertise the event with notices and signs. More to come.

Vendor Selection - Requests for Proposals (RFP) for 2009 interested vendors to submit bids for lawn maintenance, lawn treatment, lake treatment, insurance, legal, accounting and etc. are available on the Association's web page at www.cobblestonesub.com. Vendors will annually be required

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to submit bids by year end for services during the calendar year. Vendors interested in providing a proposal for these services are encouraged to complete the RFP forms and submit them to the Cobblestone President by December 31, of each calendar.

Notice of Annual Meeting - The Cobblestone Estates Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 31, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus, 2200 South Meadowbrook Drive, Springfield, IL 62707. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

Board of Directors - Association members in good standing that wish to run for the Board of Directors are required to complete the "Board of Directors Candidate Form" posted on the Association's web page at www.cobblestonesub.com and submit them to the Cobblestone President at P. O. Box 13112, Springfield IL 62791 or fax to 217-546-7569 by December 31 of each calendar year in order to be placed on the ballot. The Board approved these election rules and the membership was notified of these rules in 2003 which prohibit nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. There are no vacancies on the board with three positions expiring in 2008. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors with a term beginning at the 2009 annual meeting you are required to complete a Board of Directors Candidate Form and fax or mail it to the Association President prior to December 31, 2008. For more information please call 217-546-7525.

Proposed 2008 Annual Budget - On October 29, 2007, the Cobblestone Estates Homeowners Association Board of Directors approved the following budget for Calendar Year 2008: Insurance - \$5,200, Legal - \$7,000, Accounting - \$7,000, Debt Service - \$8,000, Maintenance & Capital Improvements - \$29,310, Office Expense - \$1,500, Capital Reserve - \$5,000. Total - \$63,010 plus a contingency of 10%. Income was budgeted in the amount of expenses. There is an additional Social budget of \$4,000. The annual maintenance fee will be \$100 with a voluntary social fee of \$20. The budget is submitted to the residents of the Association no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting with a vote of approval/disapproval at the annual meeting.

Lake Riprap - Many homeowners with properties on the lake have elected to place a rock barrier on their shoreline to reduce erosion and shallowing of the pond. The Cobblestone Covenants require each homeowner to maintain their property such as lawn care, etc. to the shoreline. The cost of placing rock is the responsibility of the homeowner. The Association has been contacted by vendors to perform this service. If more than one member does it at the same time, a reduced price may be obtained. If interested in getting a quote on the cost of this improvement, a referral can be obtained from Andrew Hamilton at 217-546-7525.



Holiday Celebration - We would like to be able to host a Holiday Celebration this winter with the Association underwriting the event. We need a volunteer to coordinate the event. If interested, please contact Andy Hamilton at 217-546-7525 or email at andrewjhamilton@andrewjhamilton.com.

The Cobblestone Courier is published annually. Look for future issues on our web page. Contact Andy Hamilton at 546-7525 or andrewjhamilton@andrewjhamilton.com if you are interested in serving on the Communications Committee or there is something you would like to include in the Newsletter.

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