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PRESIDENTS CORNER

I hope the Holiday Season found you and your family with the best of everything happening in your life and looking forward to a prosperous and even better 1992.

Projects on the Lakewood Board of Directors agenda for 1992 will include the following:

Removal and or repair of the boat ramp,
Adding extension to pier, Additional clean up & lawn care for north section of lakefront & Survey of the entire lakefront property.

We have a proposal for professional landscaping of the beach area for approximately \$5,000. We also got an estimate for a lakefront building at about \$60.00 per square foot. This would make a 1200 sq ft building cost about \$72,000 and would of course require a special meeting and special assessment from property owners. An alternative could be to put up a smaller storage type building for storing our pier and future maintenance equipment. Perhaps the best place to start this year would be with some landscaping and plan toward a building in the near future.

To be sure of getting input from a majority of homeowners, a survey is included in this News Letter for your comments and suggestions. Please respond as quickly as possible so that your views can be taken into account in planning this coming summers progress.

There will be election for one board position at the May Annual meeting. Any member who wants to enter this election should notify the board before March 1 so that your name may be placed on the proxies when they are mailed. Of course, nominations may be taken from the floor at the meeting also.

The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.

MARK TWAIN

The annual property owners dues will be increased by 10% for the coming year to \$33.00. This is permitted in our by-laws and will be needed for extra ground maintenance now that we do have title to the North half of lakefront.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

MIKE TEMPLETON, Pres.

SECY/TREASURERS REPORT

We are pleased to report that only a small number of property owners have not yet paid their 1991 dues. If you are 1 of these or if you have a lien on your lot from previous years, please contact me at address on back of this newsletter. We also have corrected most of the addresses so that only 1 or 2 are being returned for wrong address. If you're address is not correct on the label of this letter or if you know of any owner not getting his mail at correct address, PLEASE help us to get up to date so that you all know what is going on. This is our only way to keep you up to date. Please look for the annual meeting information with proxy in March. If you have not received anything from us by April 15 - please call and let us know.

Our finances are a bit low right now, but we do have all bills paid up to date. (The main drain was back taxes and assessments against the Lakefront North Section and Road.) We now have deed to these additional 2 parcels and all taxes are up to date. We will have to pay 1991 R E tax on them this spring and after that the R E tax will be pro-rated equally to all lot owners just as the South section has been for the past couple of years. The pier has been taken out and stored and we have hired Tom Walsh for maintenance of the lakefront area. We are hoping to start a program of lakefront improvements this summer.

DANUTE KREBS

ELECTION NOTICE

There will be an election for 1 board member at the May 2, 1992 annual meeting. The incumbent, George Robinson will be on the ballot. Any other member who wishes his or her name on the proxies to be sent out in March must notify the board in writing at address on back of this newsletter.

If we have a member with access to a computer and desk top publishing software who would be interested in handling publication of our newsletter, please let us know. If you just have an item to contribute once in a while, that too will be appreciated. When a publication like this is written by the same person over an extended period, it tends to become a bit stale unless there is variety contributed by several people.

The other thing we feel would benefit all members is some committees working on various things to come up with ideas and plans for improvement. The only committee we now have is a landscaping committee. Another discussed has been a R E Tax study group. One other we might think about is a Lakefront Park planning committee.

We did at one point have a committee of one who was looking into ways to give away the lakefront, but I don't feel that very many members were interested in that one and I have heard no more about it. The lakefront access was and is an important part of our Lakewood ownership to most of us. Now that we are free to start making it into what we want it to be, it is even more attractive. It can be a Lakewood Community social and recreational focal point in years to come.

Another thing to keep in mind is that we will from time to time need to contract for some types of services. If you have certain skills which would likely be needed at some point, be sure to let us know. When we do contract for something, we would be glad to give a member first chance at it. If we do not know your skills and availability, we have no way to even give you consideration. So far our main need has been for lakefront clean up and maintenance, but we may need other type services in the future. Keep it in mind. Also keep in mind your right as an owner to advertise FREE in this newsletter a service, product or misc item you may wish to sell. Up to 6 lines-1 column are available at no charge and larger space is available for nominal cost.

The older we grow, the greater becomes our wonder at how much ignorance one can contain without bursting one's clothes.

BITS AND FILLERS

What does one do when you come down to the point of being finished with things you think need to be said and still have half a page to fill. I was raised back in the depression, so I find it difficult to waste things (even space). This would never have been a problem for a man like Ben Franklin. He could always just slip in a few items from his almanac. Also a man like Plato would always have a profound bit of philosophy to put in. And we all know that a man like Solomon would have half a page of wisdom on the tip of his tongue, pen or computer. When this happens to me, it always reminds me of when we were kids at home with food being scarce and we were not permitted to waste it. It always seemed a problem to get the biscuits and gravy to come out even.

I guess I could tell you about the 29 lb northern caught through the ice from Friendship Lake a few weeks back, but those who care may already know since it was in the local paper. It was reported to have a twin up there still at large. I wonder how many new holes in the ice that report generated.

Have you ever noticed how much shorter the years become as you grow older. The time between New Years Day and Christmas now seems shorter than the time between Christmas and New Years did when I was a kid. I'm sure back then that Christmas Eve was longer than the month of December is now. It seems there is some sort of injustice in the years going so fast at the same time you start to realize how few you have left. Ah well - I guess twas always thus, and it's just perception. The importance of time is not nearly so much the quantity - as - the quality of how we use it.

Maybe some time I can try what I did many years ago while doing a newsletter for The Society of Automotive Testers. We were having a lot of trouble getting other chapters to send even the minimal information about their programs or activities. I used one full page for just 7 words: "WHAT WE DON'T KNOW, WE CAN'T PRINT." I now send to you this same message, so if you do not want to see space filled with my idle meandering, send me some interesting and valuable tid-bits to fit in when ever there is room.

In asking for contributions to the newsletter, I would be remiss if I did not thank those who have contributed in the past. I do appreciate your past help and ask for more in the future. Keep in mind that when something is written, the writer usually benefits as much as those who read it (sometimes more).