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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE HOT TOPIC: WATER!

It seems we can't talk about water enough lately. First, there was the rumor that our neighborhood well water is contaminated and unsafe for drinking. I would like to emphasize the word "rumor". Then, we had a spring fish-kill at the neighborhood pond.

I'd like to address each of these issues.

WELL WATER: After much discussion and research, I have discovered that there is no record of any current or previous well water contamination in our neighborhood. In fact, there is no record of any contamination anywhere in Genoa Township. This information comes from the Livingston County Health Department Environmental Division.

If you have concerns about the safety of your well water, please contact Mark Doyle at the LCHD, 517-546-9858. There are many levels of testing available ranging in price from \$10.00 to several hundred. It is possible to test for virtually any type of contamination. Mr. Doyle would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding water testing.

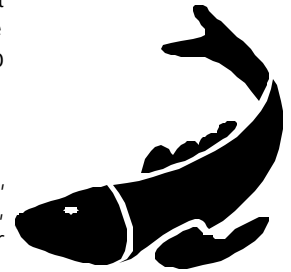
SPRING FISH KILL: After several phone calls to the DNR and a visit to the neighborhood pond by the LCHD, it was determined that the pond suffered the same occurrence as many other ponds and small lakes in the state.

A combination of natural events caused the fish kill at our pond. The entire state has been experiencing drought like conditions since last fall. The below record snowfall this winter only worsened the already dry conditions. This caused the

pond to become very shallow. Probably less than three feet deep when it froze. These drought like conditions, coupled with the quick change in temperature this spring, caused the fish to die.

It is quite likely that many of them were already dead due to the pond freezing, most likely, all the way to the bottom. When this happens, the fish, frogs, turtles and other hibernating wildlife, don't have enough

oxygen to survive the winter. Even if they did have enough unfrozen water to survive the winter, the extremely quick warm-up is enough in and of itself to cause a fish kill.



The day that Jim Frances, (the DNR District Biologist), returned my phone call, I was the twelfth call he had responded to that morning for fish-kill reports. If you would like to speak to him yourself, you can reach him at 734-953-1539. He would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter.

GOOD NEWS: Our Mountainview paid membership dues is nearly at 100%! Out of the 45 neighborhood homeowners we have seven unpaid memberships! Out of these seven, two are unreachable, they are out of the country. Thank you for your show of support. All your neighbors appreciate it.

BOAT REMINDER: It has been brought to my attention that there are still boats being stored in the neighborhood. If your boat isn't in your garage, you are in violation of the deed restrictions and need to move your boat(s) to off-site storage or into your garage.

CONSTRUCTION REMINDER: If you're contemplating a spring or summer home improvement project, great! Please remember



SPEED LIMIT

In case you've forgotten, (it seems a few of us have), the speed limit in the sub is 25 mph. We have lots of little people in the neighborhood walking, playing and riding bikes. To make things even more challenging, we have several blind spots and curves. So, please slow down! Thanks.

SLOW DOWN!

to contact a member of the Architectural Control Committee prior to the start of construction as required by the deed restrictions.

With warm weather approaching, out of respect for the rules and your neighbors, please keep the following excerpt from the deed restrictions in mind.

This excerpt from the AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS FOR "MOUNTAIN VIEW SUBDIVISION" clearly covers both of the aforementioned issues:

Page 3 - Paragraph 11

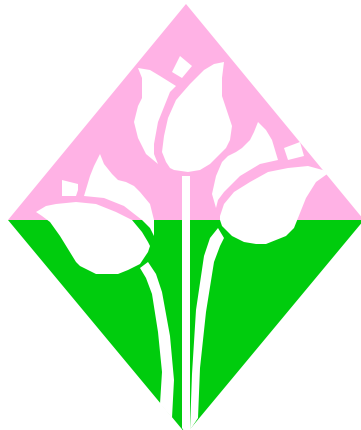
...Boats shall be stored within enclosed garages unless otherwise permitted by the Architectural Control Committee. No outbuildings shall be constructed without the approval of the Architectural Control Committee.

If you have any questions about this, or any other deed restriction, please contact a member of the Architectural Control Committee. Their phone numbers are on page one of this newsletter.

Please call me if you have any neighborhood questions, ideas or concerns. I enjoy hearing from you.

THINK SPRING!

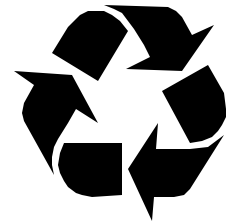
Trish Petrat



SPRING MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- Check downspouts and eaves-troughs
- Clean and lubricate sliding patio doors
- Clean and uncover A/C units
- Check roof and attic for leaks to repair
- Check to be sure the ground slopes away from house
- Remove and repair storm windows
- Repair and install screens
- Vacuum vents and undersides of refrigerators, washers & dryers
- Clean sink drains
- Rake grass-pick up winter yard debris

**EARTH DAY IS
APRIL 21st**



REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

Do it all year...If you don't you're just throwing it all away!

Also, if you have Styrofoam peanuts from packages you've received, don't throw them out. Call Trish Petrat. She'll likely be able to recycle them for you.

Keeping in line with the recycle issue, don't throw away old clothing, (unless it's really gross!). Call Sara Thomas to add your address to the list for the Purple Heart neighborhood spring pick-up.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

It has been suggested that we hold a Mountainview Neighborhood Garage Sale. Anyone interested in managing this, please call Trish Petrat.

A MOUNTAINVIEW WELCOME



Welcome to our newest Mountainview family on Grand Circle. They are Steve & MaryAnn Essenmacher and their children Katelyn (5th grade) and Bryan (kindergarten). Please feel free to add this information

to your directory.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

With spring-clean up just around the corner, please remember to dispose of yard waste properly.

In the past, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, that yard waste was being dumped on Lot #5 and in the neighborhood park. (Check the map in your neighborhood directory for the location of these properties.) Please do not dump in either of these locations. Contact the Genoa Township Hall at 227-5225 for yard waste disposal options

SPEED LIMIT and DOGS STILL AN ISSUE

Warm weather will bring all of us outside soon. That includes the younger set. They'll be riding bikes, playing ball, skate boarding and roller blading all around the neighborhood.

In case you've forgotten, (it seems a few of us have), the speed limit in the sub is 25 mph. To make things even more challenging, we have several blind spots and curves. (cont. pg. 4)

This is also a good time to once again remind everyone with dogs, that we have a township leash ordinance. There are still several dogs that are not leashed and are not restrained by an invisible fence system. This is dangerous for your neighbors and for the dog.

So, slow down and if you don't have a leash for your dog, get one!



MZ LAWN CARE



Anyone interested in lawn maintenance for this summer should contact Mike Zahler while he still has some openings. He has had several years of experience mowing and edging yards for T & R Properties and several of your neighbors. Call for an estimate today.



NEED A COPY?

If you don't have a copy of the Mountain View Deed Restrictions or Association by-laws, contact your Secretary/Treasurer - Sara Thomas at 229-7634. She'll get a copy to you as soon as possible.