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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

FALL 2004 BALLOT ISSUES

Those of you who attended the Fall 2004 Annual Meeting may recall that a vote was taken to amend the deed restrictions to prohibit above-ground pools.

Since a quorum was not present at the meeting, paper ballots were sent to those who were unable to attend in order to conclude the business of the meeting.

The swimming pool amendment passed with 30-Yes votes and 1-No vote. The task of writing the actual deed restriction will now be handled by an attorney. When finalized, you will all receive a copy for your records.

Several other issues were put to a vote at

the meeting and then by paper ballot. Here are the results:

Treasurer's Rept's - 30-Yes votes/1-No reply
CD Renewal - 30-Yes votes/1-No reply
MVI A Party Fund - 27-Yes votes/4-No votes
Keep Board of Dir. - 30-Yes votes/1-No reply

Friendly reminders...Sheds and fences are prohibited by the deed restrictions and...

If you're contemplating a home improvement project, great! Please don't forget to contact a member of the Architectural Control Committee prior to the start of construction as required by the deed restrictions. Remember to allow ample time for appointments and the review of your plans. The ACC has 30 days to review and respond.



See you around the neighborhood.
Have a great spring and summer!

Trish Petrat

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET - Did you know...

that pet waste contains bacteria that makes our lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities?

If your pet defecates in your neighbors yard or in the street while on a walk, please pick up after your pet. Do your part to keep our yards and neighborhood clean. No one enjoys animal waste in their yard! But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets.

Pet waste contains bacteria that is harmful to our water. Leaving it on the sidewalk, street or in the yard means that harmful bacteria is washed into storm drains and roadside ditches that flows directly into our lakes, rivers and groundwater untreated.



SO WHAT CAN YOU DO? SIMPLE.

Whether you are in your yard or on a walk, dispose of your pet's waste properly in the trash or toilet to prevent it from entering storm drains and roadside ditches.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET...AND KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD & WATER CLEAN.

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KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING GREAT!

BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE: If your boat, trailer, camper, etc., isn't in your garage, you are in violation of the deed restrictions and need to move it to off-site storage or into your garage. For clarification of this restriction, please see Page 3 - Paragraph 11 of the Mountain View Deed Restrictions.

GARBAGE CAN REMINDER: A few homes in the neighborhood have their garbage cans stored so they are visible from the street. Per the deed restrictions, garbage cans are to be stored out of site until pick-up day. Thanks for taking care of this. Please see Page 4 - Paragraph 15 of the Mountain View Deed Restrictions for details.

NO DUMPING, PLEASE! - Spring-clean up time is here. Please remember to dispose of yard waste properly. It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, that yard waste has been 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. You can dispose of yard waste on Sat. April 23 and May 21, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Genoa Twp. Hall. Only yard waste is accepted - small brush, twigs, leaves, grass, etc. No cost.

SEPTIC TANK REMINDER: Don't forget to have your septic tank cleaned out about every 3 years, or less if you have a larger household of people. Average cost is \$150 to \$250 for a 1500-gallon tank. It takes about 20 minutes - assuming they can access your tank lid fairly easily and don't have to do a lot of digging to find it. The two main reasons to be diligent about this is: 1) It preserves your drain field integrity. Once a drain field is damaged from clogging and backing up, the cost involved to dig a new drain field starts at about \$7000. Makes the cleaning cost seem pretty reasonable comparatively! 2) This subdivision and 90% of all homes in Livingston County are dependent on groundwater for drinking and household usage. We are pulling water up from aquifers that are fairly extensive below us. Drain fields and poorly maintained septic tanks are a serious threat to water quality. It is vital that we do our best to protect it. A few reputable septic tank companies:

- Howell Sanitary - 517-546-2978
- Lashbrook Septic Service - 517-546-2268
- Campbell Septic Service - 810-231-1144

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY: Saturday, May 21, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 70 Catrell St., Howell (Recycle Livingston site located north of Grand River, between National St. and Chilson Rd. - behind the Dollar General store.) You can dispose of computers, televisions, etc. For questions, call Genoa Twp. at 227-5225 or visit www.genoa.org

