

OFL REPORTER

UNITING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARED INFORMATION

Constant Old Farm Lake Beautification

Aqua Azure

You've heard of the Blue Grotto and the Blue Mountains, right? Have you recently heard of the blue lake and blue pond of OFL? During the month of May, both water bodies on our property received an application of Aqua Shade™ which introduces a blue fluorescence to the H₂O. The shade hinders light rays from reaching the bottom of each waterway and restrains the growth of algae and fresh water plants. This product will not harm fish, birds, turtles, geese, swans, wildlife, or humans.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bienvenu! Greetings! Give a big OFL welcome to the following individuals who just moved into our Happy Apple Valley:

- ☛ Erica Miller - 99 Rambling Brook Road
- ☛ Lillian DeLorenzo - 162 Birchwood Close
- ☛ Ronald Peters - 121 Stonebridge Square

TENNIS COURT NEWS

- Sign-up sheets for weekends through Labor Day are now posted.
- New benches have been purchased and are court side.

• Tennis courts will soon be re-surfaced.

• Tennis court rules have been posted to avoid conflicts or problems. Kindly consult them at the sign-up board.

YOUR OLD FARM LAKE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President George Gorman, 22 Waters Edge, 238-5092
- Vice President Robert Fisher, 75 Pond View Lane, 238-1362/1360
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- Director Dick Strauss, 10 Deer Run, 238-4912
- Director Dr. Larry Pauline, 65 Pond View Lane, 238-9477
- Director Jean Sheff, 123 Stone Bridge Square, 238-6618

Notices of meetings are posted on the bulletin board at the Club House.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 30, 2000 our reserve account had approximately \$139,000 - an increase of \$30,000 from December

31, 1999. We are depositing \$5,000 per month into the reserve account in order to achieve our short-term goal of three months common charges or approximately \$169,000. Our long-term goal amount is \$338,000 - equal to six months common charges. The long-term goal amount is more appropriate for our Association and will enable us to have greater flexibility in the future when unexpected repairs are needed.

In regards to the special assessment and unit owners informational meeting, both are coming. Our original timetable of May/June has been revised to this Autumn, which will allow us time to finish gathering information necessary to develop a detailed action plan, obtain estimates from contractors and determine the amount of the special assessment.

GROUND'S REPORT

- Spring clean-up was successfully accomplished and for the first time in a number of years lawn areas were thatched to remove dead grass.
- All beds were weeded, edged mulched; crabgrass preventive was applied to the lawns.
- Two broadleaf weed killers we were using at OFL, were replaced with Environmental Protection Agency suggested alternatives: Benefin (Benfluralin) and Dacthal (DCPA).
- A number of dead trees, shrubs, bushes and other plantings were removed and in

most cases replaced.

- Trees have been trimmed and fertilized.
- Flowers have been planted at select locations throughout the complex.

NOW HEAR THIS!

+Some of us are still feeding the geese! This action will further imprint into them where to nest and raise their young next year. Then, we will have another problem: what to do when inundated with geese. Further, feeding bread, crackers, popcorn, etc. to these birds is not nutritious for them.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE.

+ Our lake and pond are well stocked with different species of fish and are approved for fishing from the shores. Many of the specimens in our fish culture are tiny creatures fighting to stay alive. If caught, it would be downright upright for people to throw the fish they catch back so they can live to fight another day.

+ During the dogdays of summer the plants and shrubs on your immediate property will love you if you give them a drink every so often. Watering your established plants once a week will greatly increase their chance of survival and their general good health.

+ OFL residents who hear loud, jackhammer-like sounds from the direction of their chimneys, usually in bursts of 3-4 seconds and usually early in the a.m., are hearing chimney swifts. The birds perch on tops of chimneys and peck on metal surfaces there. The pecking sounds are amplified as they reverberate down the chimney.

BUILDINGS REPORT

As you may have already noticed, there has been plenty of activity at OFL. Here are a few highlights of what has been accomplished so far this year:

- ◇ Several chimneys have been rebuilt.
- ◇ Selected siding and the tower window of the Clubhouse have been replaced.
- ◇ The exterior of the Clubhouse and the pool woodwork have been painted.
- ◇ A new recumbent bike and a new interlocking rubber floor have been installed in the Exercise Room..
- ◇ We have contracted with a painting company to paint and waterproof the decks.

What you have not seen is all the work being done behind the scenes by your Board of Directors, our engineer and the Buildings Committee.

Together, with the help of our professional engineer, we have prepared a detailed analysis of the work needed at OFL. Our current objective is to put together an action plan, with detailed specifications prepared by our engineer and to obtain estimates from reliable contractors. The final step is to present our findings to you at an informational meeting this Autumn. It is our pleasure to work for the benefit of our residents.

POOL REPORT

Our beautiful pool has been repainted and a new pump has been installed to assure that the filtering process provides us with clean water and safeguards the health of swimmers. An appropriate number of Red Cross Certified life guards have been retained

by the Association to oversee the greater pool area. An orientation session was held with the guards to inform them of our performance expectations.

You're Invited!

Get involved! Become a voice at OFL! Your Board of Directors will soon be making a number of important decisions which will have a substantial impact upon the quality of life in your condo complex. We would like to create a listing of volunteers who would be willing to act in advisory capacities to various committees. We would like to call upon some of you to act as a "sounding board" to learn what you think about certain proposals we have before us. For example: How would you feel if we painted the wooden barriers within our complex **WHITE?**

THE FINAL WORD

Have you seen the mother goose strutting around our complex with thirteen goslings?
Have you noticed how many of our proud mothers at OFL have babies?
It must be the air at OFL!

The OFL Reporter is published by The Board of Directors of OFL. Residents who wish to report any honors, achievements, births, awards, anniversaries and other accomplishments, should send their achievements, in writing, including name, unit number and phone number to: Dr. Larry Pauline, 65 Pond View Lane.