

# OFL REPORTER

UNITING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARED INFORMATION

## OLD FARM LAKE ELECTION 2000

### COME ALL

The Annual Meeting of Old Farm Lake unit owners will be held on Monday, November 13, 2000, 7:30 p.m., in the Chappaqua Public Library.

Five unit owners serving two-year terms will be elected to the Board of Directors. Present members of the Board of Directors who will not seek new terms include: George Gorman, Phase One; Evon Mauriello, Phase One; Brian Hartman, Phase Two. The seats presently occupied by Bob Fisher from Phase Two and Bob Brown from Phase Three are also up for election. Information will be mailed to all unit owners explaining how they can become members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors should be comprised of unit owners who are willing and have the time to work long and hard for the benefit of our Community. Directors should have leadership qualities and the willingness to chair committees, head-up projects, provide hands-on initiatives, undertake research and development, and take on an active role in helping to solve Old Farm Lake community problems.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Bienvenu! Greetings! Give a big OFL welcome to the following individuals who just moved into

our Happy Apple Valley:

- Teresa Mamone: 91 Farm Lake Crescent
- Joyce & Jeremy Glantz: 53 Rambling Brook Road
- Harold Wankel: 132 Bayberry Close
- Earvin Liang: 139 Deer Run
- Tracey Lipman: 73 Pond View Lane
- Jillian & David Miller: 101 Rambling Brook Road
- Jennifer Smythe: 140 Deer Run

### **YOUR OLD FARM LAKE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- President George Gorman, 22 Waters Edge, 238-5092, Phase 1
- Vice President Robert Fisher, 75 Pond View Lane, 238-1362/1360, Phase 2
- Treasurer Brian Hartman, 79 Further Ln. 238-9691, Phase 2
- Secretary Evon Mauriello, One Franklin Ave., White Plains, NY 10601, 949-8300, Phase 1
- Director Robert Brown, 151 Birchwood Close, 238-1858, Phase 3
- Director Howard Sklar, 145 Deer Run, 238-4624, Phase 3
- Director Dick Strauss, 10 Deer Run, 238-4912, Phase 1
- Director Dr. Larry Pauline, 65 Pond View Ln, 238-9477, Phase 2
- Director Jean Sheff, 123 Stone Bridge Sq. 238-6618, Phase 2

### ASSESSMENT

Yes, unit owners, there will be an assessment! However, it is being held in abeyance because additional time is needed to obtain bids on various projects; to follow through on the class action recovery application that OFL is filing in an effort to obtain settlement funds as a result of the past utilization of Masonite siding on Phase III; to bypass winter weather conditions not conducive to major outdoor improvement projects. The new Board may wish to begin the new assessment in January 2001 to acquire funds to launch Spring projects.

### *ADVISORIES*

Recently, your Board of Directors voted upon and passed the following Advisories:

△ The OFL Board of Directors created an Advisory Construction Committee, not to exceed nine in number and open to three unit owners from each Phase. All members of the Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Board and will be charged to work with, provide options for, advise and recommend to the Board positive direction regarding future community construction projects. To join, phone Barbara Groden at 948-5800.

△ Subject to the Board's discretion, no work with respect to the

resolution of the Phase Three siding issue shall be performed until the Board has received the Advisory Construction Committee's final recommendations and has rendered a decision thereon.

### **WHICH PHASE AM I IN?**

UNITS # 1-57 PHASE I  
UNITS # 58-137 PHASE II  
UNITS # 138-177 PHASE III

### **\* HALLOWEEN \***

Three New Castle law enforcement officers have been retained to keep order at OFL on the evening of October 31 from 4-9 p.m.. Non-residents will not be allowed to drive their autos into OFL and must park them on Old Farm Road. Illuminate your front outdoor light if you welcome trick-or-treaters. Note the display at Unit #64.

### **WHITE BIRCHES**

As you pass through our Old Farm Lake community you will surely note that one of the highlights of our plant life are our white birch trees. When was the last time you thought of a tree in terms of its bark? It's the most often overlooked feature of a tree, but in some it's an outstanding asset. And it can add to the look of the tree year-round. Bark character, in fact, is the most interesting aspect of the white birch. It's an interest that is present all the time but more noticeable when the tree is without its leaves.

We have a problem at Old Farm Lake! Our white birches are being infested by Bronze Birch Borers and as a result a number of them died and had to be cut down this past summer.

Bronze Birch Borers pierce the tree with needle like mouthparts, suck out the juices and lay their

eggs inside the tree which becomes a nourishing host for larvae. Loss of sap and the damage caused by piercing the tree cells do not create holes in the leaves but causes them to discolor, often in the form of speckles. Borers also cause damage by weakening the structure supporting the tree and by preventing fluids from moving between roots and leaves. Another major consequence of these insects is the spread of organisms causing diseases in birches. Bronze Birch Borers persistently kill white bark birch trees! They are a problem we can not ignore.

In the Spring of 2001, to reduce problems caused by these wood-boring insects, OFL will undertake a vigorous birch spraying program matched with an initiative of planting minute systemic pellets around the trees. When dissolved by rain, the remedy will be ingested and the trees juices will kill the borers from the inside. These actions are safe for humans/pets.

### **DO YOU GAZEBO?**

Matthew Cope visiting from Santa Monica, CA had a novel idea. This past summer he chose our gazebo as the spot to propose to Kendra Portlock, 126 Stone Bridge Square. Kendra accepted and the nuptials will take place in California on December 16th. Congrats!!!!

### **LICHENS ANYONE?**

Have you been wondering and possibly worrying about the green leaf-shaped organisms growing on the bark of a number of our non-birch trees at Old Farm Lake? Not to worry! Our tree experts tell us they are lichens.

A lichen is a combination of two (or more) organisms: a fungus and

an algae. This symbiosis creates an entirely new organism we call a lichen. Contrary to popular belief, lichens are not mosses. Lichens are very delicate organisms that require precise environments to survive. The highest priority for lichen survival is top notch air quality. Seldom are they found in cities, where the pollution usually kills them.

While lichens are not harmful to humans, wildlife or other living entities and we would not recommend their use by you:

- ◇ Some lichens are used as a supplementary food for humans. In the Middle East lichens are sometimes used to make a type of nutritious bread.
- ◇ Many lichens have been used in teas.

### **PLEASE!!!**

The dog doo problem at OFL is reaching outrageous proportions. We are afraid of the organisms being spread. Pet owners must dispose of the waste - no excuses please.

### **You're Invited!**

Get involved! Become a voice at OFL! Do you think we should have a particular committee that will enhance the quality of life at Old Farm Lake? Do you think we should have a Social Committee to initiate cocktail parties, dinners, outings, trips, etc.? How about a Community Liaison Committee to work with town officials, the police and fire departments to bring on-site programs to OFL? Other committees? Get in touch with your Phase representative on the Board of Directors

The OFL Reporter is published by The Board of Directors of OFL. Residents who wish to report any items should send them in writing, including name, unit number and phone number to Dr. Larry Pauline, 65 Pond View Lane.