

OFL REPORTER

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SPRING AT LAST

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce that Louis Graziano, of Phase Three, was elected to the OFL Board of Directors to replace Steve Semolik who moved to Somers and resigned his seat. Lou is a trial attorney with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Lou states: "My years of representing the Federal Government in court and before community organizations has taught me that a fair and honest portrayal of issues will attract the most support and achieve the best results. There is far too much to do at OFL to permit personal differences to interfere with the agenda of repair and improvement. I will continue to believe that it is the quality of the idea and not the volume of the voice that should prevail."

WORK, WORK

So what's been holding up completion of the Phase Three Cemplank installation project? Your Board has been waiting for Con Ed to reposition some electrical meters at Birchwood Close. However, work crews have begun renovations at our Deer Run building

What's going on at Pond View Lane in Phase Two? The electric saws, piles of primed wood, tools and tar paper all

mean that our three carpenters, are braving the weather to repair and refurbish the siding. The carpenters will keep one step ahead of the work crews which will power wash, prime and paint all of Phase Two under the watchful eyes of Tom DeGurci, our OFL Superintendent.

YOUR OLD FARM LAKE BOARD

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- Director Howard Sklar, 145 Deer Run, 238-4624, Phase 3

WISE WORDS

A word to the wise... Unless they are supervised by adults, children under 10 should not use skateboards and those under 8 should not use scooters, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in new guidelines. Non-motorized scooters have soared in popularity in the last two years, with an accompanying rise in fractures and head injuries. The guidelines for scooters and skateboards are the first issued by the academy, the nation's largest pediatricians' group.

FRUSTRATION

We may be compelled to spend upwards of \$10,000 for enhanced security systems! Vandalism is on the rise at our beautiful condominium complex and it's time to put the community on alert so we can all share the responsibility for keeping OFL a secure and pleasant place to live. It appears that people are: roller blading on and thus defacing the tennis courts; lighting flares in the parking lot risking fire to autos parked there and the clubhouse itself. The net has been torn off the basketball hoop, the tennis area railroad ties have been

spray painted, and our expensive white birch trees near the clubhouse entry have had their bark peeled off by a knife.

In consequence, after considerable deliberation to confront an escalation of vandalism and inappropriate behavior, we have had discussions with the New Castle police who recommend that whenever any resident of OFL witnesses a breach of reasonable conduct, the police should immediately be notified at 238-4422. Furthermore, tapes of people vandalizing our property will be given to the police for action. If all residents work together as a team on this issue, we can greatly improve the quality of life at OFL.

WEB WEAVING

Need to give out driving directions to Old Farm Lake? Would a map of the complex help someone find your unit? Check out the 'About Old Farm Lake' section of our official web site at <http://www.oflca.com/> for these latest additions. So far our web site has been very well received. We'll continue to expand along with your input and suggestions. Do you have an item you can no longer use? Add it to the classifieds. Or, check out the classifieds for something that may be of interest to you. Help us grow our vendor directory; our resident directory. Use our links to stay connected with other local organizations. Peruse through old newsletters and memos.... If you would prefer to receive future mailings from our Managing Agent via email rather than the U.S. Postal Service, please email the Old Farm Lake webmaster at webmaster@oflca.com or

contact Board member Deborah Weiss directly at: **Deborah.Weiss@verizon.net** to be added to our list.

DEER RUN PROGRESS

Director Len Gersten of Phase One reports that the Deer Run refuse area now has new doors, lattice-work and a motion light. In addition, new plastic containers have been installed to dispose of recyclables and newspapers. Dumpsters have also been installed to dispose of household trash bags. Further improvements include the elimination of the visitor's parking space closest to the refuse area. The reason for eliminating the parking space is to keep this area open to allow for the dumpsters to be rolled out and hooked onto the garbage truck for emptying.

It is the Board's hope that these changes will result in a neater rubbish/recycling area which will discourage animals from rummaging in this space.

UGH!

The garbage issue is getting bad again! It's time to issue an appeal once more. Please do not put garbage containing food items out in plastic bags, for they only serve to invite animals to tear them apart and scatter the contents.

REMINDER

◆Please be advised that a \$50 fine will be levied against each homeowner who does not have or use a lid-locking trash can and/or allows garbage to be strewn onto surrounding areas. ◆Please be advised that as the result of an affirmative vote by your Board, the New Castle Police have been granted the authority to arrest anyone utilizing Old Farm Lake

unsupervised recreational facilities (pool, tennis court, platform tennis area, lake, pond and gazebo) and all parking areas after 8:00 p.m. We are trying to avert a catastrophe and sense that some people, not necessarily from Old Farm Lake, may be using our facilities "after hours." Please inform your family.

◆Homeowners with excessive arrears in their financial obligations to the OFLCA will not only be charged a late fee but will also be responsible for paying \$250 attorney fees in conjunction with our attempts to collect the monies.

◆Your OFL Directors have approved, as a summer project, the staining of all wooden traffic barriers at Woods End, Rumbling Brook Rd. and Pond View Lane, as well as the trash bins at Birchwood Close and Deer Run.

IN THE PIPELINE

Lake/pond care! Community-wide T.V. satellite reception? New garage doors? Road repaving! Curb Repair! Pool painting! Security/surveillance cameras? Refurbish/Cemplank/Stain all of Phase Three! An OFL summer Field Day?

ENJOY SPRING

Crocuses and daffodills - oh, the pretty flowers! Coming ere the Springtime, to tell of sunny hours. When the trees are leafless; when the fields are bare; crocuses and daffodills spring up here and there.

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