# **Association Dues**

Association dues must be paid by July 13th, 2013. The association dues help to maintain a safe and enjoyable Great Lakes Shores community. Yard waste pickup, lawn, beach and bluff, seawall and jetty maintenance, clubhouse maintenance and utility bills along with property taxes and insurance coverage are just a few of the many things that the association dues pay for.

It is essential to the well-being of Great Lakes Shores, Inc. that all property owners maintain current payment of their association dues. The Meisner Law Group has been retained as legal counsel to represent Great Lakes Shores, Inc. in the collection of delinguent dues. The by-laws and statute under which Great Lakes Shores, Inc. operates provides that Great Lakes Shores, Inc. can file suit and add to the delinguent dues amount a late fee, actual attorney fees and court costs. Often times the attorney fees exceed the delinquent dues amount and in effect grossly increase the amount of the judgment. Additionally, once a lien has been registered on the delinquent property, Great Lakes Shores Inc. has authorized the Meisner Law Group to foreclose on the lien and to proceed in the collection process of the awarded judgment. Great Lakes Shores Inc., is reluctant to commence legal action against any of its members. When the unpaid balance has persisted for some time, notwithstanding previous notices in regard to this matter, the failure to pay these assessments leaves it no alternative.

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## President's Letter

The Great Lakes Beach Property Owners Association was formed in 1929. In 1931, Warren and Devereaux Smadbeck donated and deeded the clubhouse and its adjoining property to the association. In 1936 the name of the association was changed to Great Lakes Shores and on December 9th, 1936 Great Lakes Shores was incorporated as a non-profit corporation established to manage the business and general affairs of the Great Lakes Shores community. Great Lakes Shores is made up of 454 lots and 342 homes. At the end of each street there is access to the beach and Lake Huron for the use of homeowners and their guests. Benches are placed along the bluff overlooking Lake Huron.

The Board of Great Lakes Shores, Inc. is comprised of ten trustees. The board of trustees is chosen by a general election that is held annually pursuant to the by-laws of the corporation. Each trustee is elected to a two year term. Five trustee positions are up for election each year. Officers of the board are chosen by a vote of the board members. Nominations for trustees will be accepted until the close of the July 13th Annual Meeting. Elections will be held at the GLS clubhouse on July 27th.

The board is always open to all suggestions and opinions to improve upon the quality and safety within Great Lakes Shores. Your attendance and participation at the General Membership meetings plays a vital role in this process. Please consider volunteering a little of your time to one of the many projects or committees that have been established.

Dave Falzon, President

# **Important Dates**

#### **Meeting Dates:**

June 8<sup>th</sup> - General Membership Meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> - Annual Meeting August 31<sup>st</sup> - General Membership Meeting

The meetings are held at the GLS clubhouse located at 7168 Baker Rd.

General Membership Meetings start at 11:00 am. The Board of Trustee Meetings are held at 9:00 am the day of the General Membership Meetings and are open to the general membership.

#### **Election of Trustees - July 27th**

Your board of Trustees are elected by the membership and serve a two year term. If you are interested in serving on the GLS Board, you must be an owner of land within the jurisdiction of the corporation and you must make known your interest by July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A resident may be nominated if: 1) present at a meeting (6/8 or 6/13) or written acceptance has been presented to the Secretary. Pursuant to the By-laws a person may self-nominate.

# Annual BBQ - July 27th

Come join in the fun and meet your neighbors at the 2nd annual BBQ and Pot Luck on July 27th from 12:30 to 3:00. The event features hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, and all the summer picnic fixings supplied by GLS. Feel free to bring a dish to pass. We had over 75 people attend last year. Fun was had by all!

### Yard Waste - 5/13 - 10/31

Yard waste pick up will be on Tuesdays, starting May 13<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. You must use compost bags or clearly marked yard waste containers.

# Trash Pick Up

Trash will continue to be picked up on Mondays. Unacceptable items are liquid wastes, hazardous chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, large car parts or batteries, gas cans, empty drums, rocks, dirt, concrete, railroad ties or stumps. Waste Management will pick up one large item per week including sofas, chairs, mattress sets or large appliances.

#### **SLOW DOWN DRIVERS**

Please slow down when operating a motorized vehicle within the Great Lakes Shores subdivision. All roads in Great Lakes Shores are county roads and are under the jurisdiction of all Worth Township, Sanilac County and State of Michigan traffic laws and ordinances. In order to drive any type of motorized vehicle on any road within the Great Lakes Shores subdivision, a driver must possess a valid Michigan driver's license. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the beach or bluff at any time. Young drivers in particular, who often drive too fast in overloaded golf carts, need to be aware of the potential dangers of operating a vehicle unsafely. Everyone who operates a motorized vehicle within Great Lakes Shores needs to promote safe driving habits.

# Parkways, Cliff, and Bluff

No one is allowed to trim, cut, or dislodge any shrubs, trees, or grass from the parkways, cliff, or bluff area within the corporation limits of Great Lakes Shores. No one other than the GLS Board is permitted to hire or subcontract any type of work to be performed on association property. No dumping or disposal of anything over the bluff is permitted by anyone. If there is an issue that requires attention, please let a member of the GLS Board know.

And as a reminder, please help keep our beaches beautiful by picking up your cigarette butts and throwing your trash in the proper receptacles. This includes spent fireworks!

#### **Board of Trustees**

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#### Pets on the Beach

We all enjoy our family pets, but we need to remind you that dogs are not allowed on the beach until after dusk.

Please pickup after any "accidents" your dog may have on the beach.