Budding Out

Summer will be here in no time, so we’d like to bring you up to date with the news from over the winter—and make you aware of events coming up.

Locally, Vermilion Township’s Free Dump Day is coming up **May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**.

First up on our summer agenda, is getting the beach and grounds cleaned up. See the article below about the planned **Heidelberg Beach Family Reunion** over the weekend of **May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**.

Please also see the article on **Property Maintenance and Beautification** to read about the latest improvements and be aware of where to take your yard waste.

Finally, make special note of our last article regarding the new Community Calendar on our re-designed Web site. We hope it will be a useful tool for everyone this season.

_Best wishes,_
_Jane & John_

Free Dump Day at Vermilion Township

Make note that if you have some major spring cleaning plans, Vermilion’s Free Dump Day is coming up on May 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. See online Community Calendar for details.

2018 Heidelberg Beach Family Reunion Saturday & Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

The Board of Trustees is trying a new idea. A reunion gathering will be held May 19-20<sup>th</sup>, which is the weekend before Memorial Day.

The hope is that our members will reunite and catchup from being apart over the winter—share some work—share some food—share some planning for the season—get our cottages in shape—all ahead of Memorial Day weekend when most families gather for their own time together.

9:00 AM: Coffee and Donuts will be served at the Pavilion to launch the beach work.

The beach cleanup is being reinstated as a group activity. The official work time will be from 9 AM to 12 PM on Saturday. Since the presumption is most people will be around throughout the weekend, if the weather is inclement, the beach cleanup can be done in between the raindrops.

Carol Dunkle, Dean Smith, and the Foote family will lead this event—Aaron Hamilton and Scott Welch will also have supporting roles in the organization and work planning.

1:00 PM: Community lunchtime potluck at the Pavilion.

If the weather is not pleasant on Saturday at 1 PM, the potluck will be moved to Sunday at 1 PM. The Social Committee is also looking for a volunteer cottage to have as a backup plan if weather is bad on both days.

3:00 PM: The first Board Meeting of the season.

The Building Committee will also be meeting, and possibly the CCWW—contact the respective chairs for information.

Potluck Backup Plan

For the upcoming **Heidelberg Beach Reunion Weekend**, the Social Committee has planned a community potluck lunch. It is scheduled for 1 PM on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Pavilion.

If rain or temperature are issues on Saturday, the backup plan is to move the potluck to 1 PM on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Pavilion.

If neither of those days looks to be suitable for holding an outdoor lunch, they are looking for someone to volunteer their cottage for an indoor event. If you are willing to open your doors to the community, please contact Jan Peer or Barb Tereshko.
Property Maintenance and Beautification

Dean Smith worked hard in the fall cleaning up the east end of the promenade. He brought his tractor equipment from his farm and cleared lots of undergrowth. He also spent time on the beach bank making that easier to maintain. He also took the shuffleboard court benches back to his workshop to refinish them.

The east end of the promenade has been seeded. As a result, we will no longer maintain a compost or yard waste pile there.

As the warmer weather approaches and people start to tinker with their outside yard work, we wanted to review the current options for dumping your yard waste at Heidelberg Beach.

What you can do is:

• Use the burn pile on the beach, located east of the east pier.
• Or, have your yard waste collected at your cottage.

We have an opportunity this summer season to have yard waste picked up that is in lawn bags (the brown, biodegradable bags you can buy at hardware stores).

This is a free trial program, and it is completely optional to participate.

On Mondays starting in April and continuing through September, a guy will drive around the neighborhood and pick up any bags that are staged by the side of the road. You can also have a neat pile of sticks or limbs, if they don’t fit in the bag.

The Board is considering and discussing what our long-term plan for managing yard waste will be, but for this summer, we offer these options.

Thanks again to Dean Smith and the Foote Family who have put in so much time to the maintenance and beautification of Heidelberg Beach!

Need help getting ready for Summertime?

Mary Border (10 Pennsylvania) is available if you need help getting your cottage opened up and spruced up this spring. She can help with any cleaning, yard work, shopping, or organizational projects that you may have.

Note that we list Mary, and other references for service providers that have been recommended by your neighbors, on our Web Site at Recommended Service Providers.

See the Heidelberg Beach Membership Directory for Mary’s contact information.

Cottages (Still) for Sale

• Valerie & Mike Murray are offering their cottage at 8 Pennsylvania for sale. Asking price is $250,000. Please contact Valerie at (440) 336-1073 for details and further information.
• Roger Nehls is offering his cottage at 76 Indiana for sale. Asking price is $375,000. To see the listing, go to the Howard Hanna Web Site or contact Tom O’Dougherty at 216-978-7878.

Treasurer’s Term Expiring in 2018

Under our By-Laws, the Treasurer is limited to 9 consecutive years of service. If a suitable replacement cannot be found, he or she may continue to be appointed on an annual basis.

Dick Castele’s 9-year tenure is reached this summer. If anyone would like to volunteer for this appointment, please contact Dick Castele or Jane Chidester.

Septic Tanks Cleaned & Inspected

Two cautionary notes from the recent tank cleaning:

• No baby wipes or sanitary wipes are ever septic tank safe even if the packaging says they are. Wipes of any kind do not dissolve, and they end up clogging the tanks and pipes. Several instances of this problem were found.
• Wipes and other anti-bacterial products (like hand soap, bleach, etc.) work against the bacterial processes necessary to break down solids in a septic tank. The more anti-bacterial products that enter the system, the less capable or efficient the system is.

Since we probably have many years ahead of us before we can install a sanitary sewer system, if you do not have an easy, ground level access to your tank, please consider adding the necessary riser(s). Particularly because this is now a necessary annual event, it is a lot of work for our volunteer(s) and the cleaning company to excavate everyone’s tank lids.

New Addresses

• Claudia & Jeff Springer (52 Kentucky) have made their big move from Miami to Austin. Austin will now be their winter escape, with the added benefit of being near their daughter and her family!

8200 Southwest Parkway, Unit 302
Austin, TX 78735

• Jim Schneider (24 W. Virginia) is now living a mile down the road from Heidelberg Beach at Kingston of Vermilion. He’d love to have visitors—apartment 135!

c/o Kingston Residence of Vermilion
6010 West Lake Road, #135
Vermilion, OH 44089

• Will Ossman (99 Ohio) has also made a move to a new community in Strongsville. He hopes to make it out for some day visits to Heidelberg Beach this summer.

c/o Vitalia 21452 Royalton Road, #106
Strongsville, OH 44149

Results of the Infrastructure Assessment Selection

13 cottages chose an accelerated installment
16 cottages chose the standard installment
19 cottages chose the delayed installment

In just over 3 years we’ll have collected our target of $500,000, and then can begin the detailed design. At that time, the Board will set up open community meetings with the engineer, contractors willing to consult, and anyone and everyone in the community that can share experience and expertise, to begin the decision-making process.

Winter News from our Family

• Mary Border’s (10 Pennsylvania) daughter Vonnie, along with Vonnie’s husband Tony, are the proud parents of a son, Birch Harutoki Gonzalez. He was born Saturday morning, November 4, 2017 at just over 7 pounds, 19 inches long.

In Japanese, birch means strong, and harutoki means son. Aside from honoring dad Tony’s ancestry in the naming, Tony is in the landscaping business and loves trees!

Birch joins older sister Penny. Birch is also noteworthy in that he is the first boy(!) born in generations on the Lydia Foote side of the family tree.

• Ken Stone’s (56 Kentucky) daughter, Beth Bodnar, passed away on November 21st after a long illness. No memorial services will be held. Our deepest sympathy to Ken, his daughter Molly Richeson, and the entire Stone family.

• Heidelberg Beach’s next-door neighbor to the east, Ken Brown, died on February 1st. There has been no news concerning the disposition of the property.

• Congratulations to Chris & Jeff Belmont (64 Kentucky) on the birth of Peyton Rae Belmont, daughter of their son Andy and his wife Jasmine. Peyton was born on September 19th in Virginia. Dad Andy is in the US Navy and stationed in Norfolk.

Chris & Jeff are blessed with all three of their children happily married, and now a total of 4 grandchildren—2 boys and 2 girls. As Chris & Jeff said, “what a joy they are!”

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• Maxwell Charles Specht was born on December 14th, 2017 to Linda Lackey's (98 Ohio) son Ben and his wife Candice in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Linda and David got to meet the new arrival on Christmas Day! Congratulations to all.

• The Becks (58 Kentucky) and the Hendersons (62 Kentucky) met for dinner in Daytona Beach and celebrated not being in the cold weather!

• Mary Border (10 Pennsylvania) entered three paintings at the Art Show that opened at Ritter Library on Friday, April 13th. The show is sponsored by the Vermilion Arts Guild. Mary won First Place in the Mixed Media category for her painting “Sea Turtle.” She also won Second Place in the Acrylic category for her painting “Seagulls Resting.” You can see the Art Show and Mary’s work through May 9th at Ritter.

Also, Mary will again be hosting several Open Houses at her Heidelberg Beach Cottage Art Studio over the summer season. The first ones will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day Weekend, 2-4 PM. See the Community Calendar for full details—and for future date postings.

Note too that Mary has a Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/MaryBordersArt) with information and photos of her work. This page is currently being improved, so check back often to see additional art samples. Her talents range from beach scenes, to cottages, to pets. She can paint anything from a photo!
Cathy & Jack (John Patrick, II) Corrigan (89 Michigan), are thrilled to announce the birth of John Patrick Corrigan IV, to their son John (Patrick, III), and his wife Nora. Little “Jack” is Cathy & Jack’s first grandson, and was born on Friday, February 9th, weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces, and was 18 ½” long. He joins his two older sisters, and is cousin to Grace, Colette, and Evelyn Welch (Katie & Scott Welch’s girls, 79 Indiana).

We wish the whole Corrigan family congratulations and look forward to seeing all of these happy little faces this summer!

Ellen Nolan, daughter of the Tereshkos (45 W. Virginia), shares a heartwarming story of the adventures she and her kids, Nora and Bobby, and their friends, had these last few months:

“Roger Nehls (76 Indiana) was kind enough to share a wealth of books that belonged to his wife, Rosalie, with the Heidelberg community a few years ago. We took several boxes of children’s books and have slowly distributed them to Little Free Libraries in the region. Here are pictures of our adventures. Not only did we enjoy Rosalie’s books, but now so are tons of kids in Ohio. (Ironically not pictured is Heidelberg Beach’s Little Free Library—we did share books there!) Thank you, Roger, for this gift! We look forward to hunting for more.

Love, the Nolans”

Congratulations to Jennifer Sullivan and David Rohrbaugh (30 W. Virginia) on becoming grandparents to their first girl grandbaby! Jennifer and David’s daughter Katie gave birth on March 28th to Olive Marian Rohrbaugh-Berry, weighing in at 8 pounds of love. Olive is expected to meet older cousin Charlie, son of Jennifer and David’s son Ben, this summer.

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Web Site gets Fresh Look & New Features

John Macko has given our Web Site a much-needed renovation—we hope you like it!

Our goals were a fresh look, easier navigation (less “clicking” around), more intuitive organization, bringing important information to the forefront, and some cool new features and tools. Behind the scenes, this re-programming has also made it much easier for the Web Master (currently John, of course) to update the site.

Any feedback you have is most welcome and appreciated! As you browse around, here are a few points worth noting:

- There is only one “News” page now, and it will include all types of news. You’ll see there is a posted date on the headline, so you can easily see what is newly added.

- At the top of all Web Pages in the upper right corner is a quick peak at upcoming events on the calendar—shown in the image in a red box. There is also an easy link directly to the full Community Calendar. (See more on that in the last bullet point!)

- So that we can include email and phone hyperlinks in the Membership Directory and Contact pages that include members’ personal data, we’ve added a security challenge question to protect our data from Web bots. If you allow cookies on your computer, you will only have to respond the challenge question once every 60 days.

- You’ll notice we are working on adding headshot photos of members to the directory. Please review your entry to make sure all your information is correct. If you would like, please email us a photo that we can use for your entry. John can resize and/or crop the photo as necessary. Next spring or summer it will be time to print a new hardcopy directory, and it would be great to have photos and all the data correct. If there is a picture we included that you don’t like—please send us a replacement!

- A completely new Community Calendar interaction was made. We hope it will become a really useful tool for keeping informed about both Heidelberg Beach and the local North Coast area.

As a few people have noticed, we wanted to confirm that John was indeed inspired by the spirit of our dear Harry Bratton in his programming effort for the new Community Calendar. It was, in fact, in honor of Harry that John started adding local area events, in addition to our own community’s events. John even named the software module that he coded for the calendar, “The Electronic Harry Bratton.” 😊

Here are a few tips about how the calendar interaction works:

- Heidelberg Beach events are distinguished from local area events by enclosing beach events in a solid blue box (see blue arrow), and no color for local events (see green arrow).

- When you hover over (mouse over) an entry, it will become highlighted with a “beach glass” (teal) color, indicating there is information associated with the post. This is shown with the brown arrow.

- If you left-click on the entry, the expanded information will pop up, as shown with the black arrow.

- “Holidays” are marked in a blue outline box, see red arrow.