Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Residents

October 2017

Welcome! Glad you're here!

I LOVE MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

• KLINK DEREK H & ROBERTS JENNIFER N 3151 SHORELINE DR 2/21/2017
• WINFREE BENJAMIN M & SUSAN M 5955 WINDWARD CT 3/14/2017
• KRAMER DAVID J & KATHRYN M 2829 BIG SUR DR 4/11/2017
• FERRELL LESLIE TODD & NIKOL LUCILLE 5555 KETCH ST 4/13/2017
• SCOTT KEVIN PATRICK & VIRGINIA KATHLEEN 6200 STORM HAVEN CT 4/25/2017
• BURANINTU DANAI & NONTHORN 3220 STONY CREEK CT 5/16/2017
• STRAYER DENNIS K & SALLY ELAINE 2969 ATOLL DR 6/21/2017
• MCGUIRE DARON S & KARIN M 5881 LEWARD CT 6/27/2017
• BRATCHER STEPHEN M & ERIN C 2638 BAYSHORE CT 7/14/2017
• ROBERTSON BRIAN S & ALIANDRA M 2899 SEAWAY CT 7/14/2017
• HEBERT EMILIE 5727 ROCKY SHORE DR 7/6/2017
• PORFELI ERIK J & DENISE R 5923 ROCKY SHORE DR 8/9/2017

More inside!
Dear Residents,

As current President of The Shores Home Owners Association, I would like to introduce myself and provide you with updates on a few items the Board has addressed. Until recently, I have been serving the HOA as Vice President. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen commitments, our former President (Jeremy Johnston) made the decision to resign in August. The Board would like to recognize and thank Jeremy for his service as President of the Home Owners Association.

I am extremely honored and humbled to be elected as the President of the HOA. Like you, I want to see our neighborhood thrive and be an example of how a vibrant community should be while striving to be progressive and a best practice. I hope to stay true to the history and character that has made The Shores a wonderful place to raise a family or spoil your grandchildren.

As previously mentioned, when the new Board took office last November, there were some key issues the association had to address and I want to provide brief updates relative to our progress. Before doing so, I first want to thank and commend the current Board for their service. Being a member of the Board is a voluntary position and it often comes with criticism, thankless hours, undue stress and very little gratitude. Being able to serve the community you live in is one of the greatest joys you can have, and this Board approaches their service with passion and a sense of doing what they feel is right.

One of the first and most significant items the new Board addressed was the decision to hire a 3rd party management company (EMS) to oversee our financials, general accounting, annual dues and general resident questions/concerns. While we had the best interest of the HOA in mind, we have had some issues and bad experiences with EMS. The most significant, in my opinion, was the confusion caused by EMS with inaccurate information provided while attempting to collect our annual dues. I can assure you that the Board worked extremely hard to correct this issue as quickly as possible. At this time, the Board is currently reviewing all options as it relates to our partnership with EMS and possible alternatives as we approach 2018.

Another important item that the Board has investigated this year is the upgrade and replacement of our neighborhood street and traffic signs. This has been an ongoing discussion and one that started with last year’s Board members. I am sure that many of you recognize the condition of these signs/posts especially those placed on your property. Earlier this year, the Board received estimates to completely replace and install new posts and signs. However, while making inquiries with Orange Twp prior to moving forward, we were informed of several code requirements that significantly increased the cost of the project pushing it beyond our allocated budget.

While disappointed that we were unable to move forward with the project, the Board recently approved the cost to have all of the existing signposts stained. A huge thank you to one of our residents, Bud Abraham, for approaching the Board with the idea and volunteering his time to do this work! Based upon the progress so far, the street/sign posts look significantly better. A reminder that while there has been some confusion this year on annual HOA fee amounts and due dates, if you’ve failed to submit payment, I would ask that you make every effort to get this corrected as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that a portion of the HOA dues are used for maintaining the public areas of the neighborhood, including the main entrances off of Old State and Lewis Center roads. The Board has made and will continue to make investments in these entrances in an effort to enhance the attractiveness of our neighborhood and all of our property values. Help keep our finances solid and our community vibrant!

In moving forward, it is this Board’s intention to not only be the most transparent
Upcoming Events

1. **Trick – or – Treat**
   - **Tuesday – October 31**
   - **6PM - 8PM**

   - In the event of inclement weather, Trick or Treat will remain the same and parents are encouraged to use judgment in allowing children to participate.

2. **Annual Meeting**
   - **Saturday – November 4**
   - *9:00 am*
   - *Orange Library Meeting Room*

   *Agenda on website*
   - **7171 Gooding Blvd.**
   - **Delaware, OH 43015**

3. **Lights Contest**
   - **December 2017**
   - See website for more details

Proxy Vote:
If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, but want your voice heard, please send in a proxy appointment. The signed proxy needs to be received by the board prior to the annual meeting date, which is on 11/4/2017. The proxy is available at www.theshoreshoa.org under the annual Dues/Meeting tab.
Important Information to Remember:

- Pick up after your pet
- **Speed Limit is 25 mph.**
- Boats, trailers, and commercial vehicles should not be parked in your driveway for more than 48 hours.
- The architectural review committee must approve all new decks, fences, and additions to your home.
- Uncontained mulch piles are not permitted.
- No more than 2 dogs & 2 cats are permitted per property.
- Parking is only allowed on certain sides of the street. Please be aware of this for yourself, your guests, and service contractors.
- All fencing must be split rail unless it surrounds a pool in which case ornamental wrought iron is acceptable.

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**TRICK OR TREAT FOR CANS**

The Olentangy High School Service Club is holding its Annual Trick or Treat for Cans Sat. Nov. 4 from 9:00am-12:00pm. They will be collecting non-perishable foods to be donated to People in Need of Delaware. The week prior to Nov. 4, they will place orange flyers on mailboxes to notify residents of the upcoming collection.