

# The Thunderbird

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## Presidents Report

Spring is here. Everyone will be working on their yards and flower beds.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped last year. I hope we can count on you for this year and also more of the membership. Those who helped last year saved the Lake a lot of money and are very much appreciated.

The Annual Membership Meeting is May 16, 2010.

Come to the meeting and meet more of your lake friends. Please try and come. We need all the support we can get from the Membership to make Lake Seneca a place to spend your summer.

Election of new Trustees is at the Annual May Membership Meeting. Please think about running for the Board and please cast your vote.

Janice Bilton

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## Vice Presidents Report/Legal

We continue to work hard at the collection process.

James Donze

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## Treasurers Report

The dam payment for June is secure; LSOPA has the funds in the dam savings to cover this payment. The March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to February 28, 2010 fiscal year is complete. Due to all the hard work of the volunteers, employees, and trustees, LSPOA, Inc. ended up with a profit. A Financial State of the business and a review of the past fiscal year will be presented and communicated at the May membership meeting. Please plan to attend.

Lynn Elston

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## Office Report

The office staff is busy sending out invoices, renting dock space, collecting dues, and all the other many things as always. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Will be open Saturday 9:00 a.m. till noon starting the first Saturday in June.

Lynn Elston

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## Maintenance Report/Secretary

Spring is almost here and as always there is a lot of work to be done around the lake. The roads are in pretty bad shape. As soon as the ground dries out, we will be working on them. Hopefully the snow is done as we took the plows off both trucks. We will be getting a load of cold patch shortly. We also will be putting the lake barge in to assist with the buoys and docks along with getting the dredge in.

We will need all the volunteers we can get for the summer chores. Please sign up at the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thank you for your help in keeping our lake looking beautiful.

Ron Parke

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## Security and Crane

No Report.

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## Buildings and Grounds

We have 2 new homes under construction at this time. A third will be started in April or May which is more than has been done in a while. This is great for the Lake community.

Contained in the news letter is a copy of the complaint form and policy for complaints. If you have a problem use the form so it can be addressed in a timely manner. There is a guide to what projects require a building permit from the LSPOA and /or Williams County. As far as the county goes, if it's on the list but the cost of the project is less than \$2000.00 a permit may still be required but the county provides this at no charge. Please contact the office or the Buildings and Grounds Trustee for further details.

Next on the list is security of the Lake. There are many ways to address this issue. Do nothing, leave the boat ramp unlocked and opened to anyone who wants to use the lake, ect. Do we buy a new lock and issue a key to each member in good standing. Or maybe we should electrify the gates that use an I.D. card or FOB similar to what you lock and unlock your car with. Costs range from \$2500.00 to 15,000.00 or more. A new lock with assess tumbler had to be bought because the other one was bad. The combination will be changed periodically thru out the year. You as a member will have to call the office, Mark Shenkel or Ron Parke for the combination. Only members in good standing will have access to the combination. What do you as members of this lake community want to see?

Remember a boat that has been in another body of water could be contaminated with Zebra Mussels. Our lake is clean so far, but won't stay that way for long if non-members continue to have access.

Send written replies to the LSPOA office. No phone calls please.

Last but not least I have been collecting estimates on projects and services for this year or next. The question remains, how much can the community afford? Here's the list;

- 1-New roof on Lodge-steel or shingles
- 2-Revitalize the tennis court
- 3-Replacement of basketball board and hoops-( 1 pole and board already broken)
- 4-Spray for bugs/mosquitoes
- 5-Do we do dust down or not?
- 6-The store and restaurant is closed indefinitely. Do we rent porta-potties and how many? Do we get handicap or regular? Or do we go across the street and use the rest rooms at the lodge?

What do we actually need? What can the community afford? These questions and more are what we need answers to.

The budget is very tight. I would personally like to again thank the volunteers for all of their help in the past year plus those that are already hard at work for the 2010 year. You are appreciated!

### For Convenience:

Look for the Amish wagon with their baked goodies and dairy products every other Saturday.

Also watch for the Schwans driver who will be in the area once a month.

Mark Shenkel

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### Lake & Dam & Waste Water

No Report

Dave Deubner

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**A Friendly Reminder – The Annual Membership Meeting of 2010 will be Sunday, May 16th at 1:30 pm at the Arrowhead Lodge. Please plan to attend. We will be electing new Trustees.**

### Beautification Report

I know everyone is happy with our spring-like weather. Just seeing all the kids outside riding their bikes brings a smile to my face. The beautiful robins are back and enjoying all the worms in my yard. I am sure that some of you are already in your yards raking all those leaves that blew in your yard this winter. I noticed that my spring flowers are making an appearance and have given them a little food to help them have better blooms.

Our first meeting of the year was two weeks ago and we worked on getting all the flowerbeds assigned to people. Here are a few names of your neighbors that are helping keep our lake beautiful. Linda and Courtney Earhart are taking care of the area around the GTE area. Janice and Dave Bilton are caregivers of the "S". Dorothy and Henry Huner are keepers of the tree trio. Nancy Elston makes Lumbee Lane so pretty. When you see these people at work, stop and give them a hand. We will be having a Lake Seneca clean up date in April. We will post the exact time on the information

boards. Remember that if everyone helps clean the areas near your home, the trash gets picked up and we all benefit.

Our lodge needs some more work. Therefore, the Beautification Committee has in mind a fundraiser that will help us make some money. Will let everyone know our exact game plan as soon as final plans are made. It will involve prize money as well as prizes, but you can only win if you purchase a ticket.

I found this article on how to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your home and thought it might be helpful. Hummingbirds usually feed on red, red-orange, orange or pink tubular flowers that are nectar-rich. Some flowers that attract hummingbirds are bee balm, columbine, coral-bells, fuchsia, honeysuckle vine, nasturtiums, petunias, and trumpet vine. Hummingbird feeders are used to supplement nectar feeding, but you must be careful. Mix the sugar water (1 part sugar to 4 parts water) without using red food dye. Make sure you wash the feeders at least once a week and more often if the temperature is high. Space the feeders around the house to help prevent males from fighting. Flowers provide nectar for adult butterflies, and other host plants provide food for developing caterpillars. Some flowers that attract adult butterflies are bee balm, butterfly bush, cardinal flowers, cornflowers, daisies, goldenrod, honeysuckle, lilac, marigolds, phlox, yarrow and zinnias. Some plants for caterpillars are carrots, dill, cherry, mustards, oaks and willows. A birdbath can provide water for hummingbirds and butterflies. It should have less than 3 inches of water; pebbles or rocks above the waterline will provide a perch. I hope you enjoy all the beauty that Lake Seneca provide for us. Happy Spring!

Linda DeShetler

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### Recreation Report

Watch for flyers for the summer events. We are in need of volunteers to help with these events. Please call the office if you are willing to help. If we do not get more help, we will have to dissolve the committee. Thank you!

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### NOMINEES RUNNING FOR THE BOARD

**The nominating committee will be sending out a ballot at the proper time. Your account must be paid in full in order to receive a ballot to vote. Please take the time to support the member of your choice by voting in this election. Thank You.**

Lynn Elston  
766 Seneca Dr  
Montpelier, OH 43543

After much deliberation I have decided to be a candidate for the LSPOA Board again. I have been impressed by the many dedicated and caring members who give so much of themselves to make Lake Seneca such a desirable place to live and be apart of. I will continue to work with all the Members and Trustees that spend so much of their time and resources to make Lake Seneca the best it can be. I believe that it is in everyone's best interest to work as a team to make sure that Lake Seneca is and will remain a highly desirable Lake Community. I firmly believe that the Lake Seneca Community has a Golden opportunity to enhance our situation and give us all Great Pride in what we are about. "A Lake Community that is Proud and Caring." Nancy and I are proud to be apart of a team of so many dedicated members and volunteers that give. Thank you for your consideration.

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James E. Donze  
10627 Blosser Rd  
Mark Center, Ohio 43536  
(419) 658-2438

Once again I am expressing my interest in serving on the LSPOA Board. I have served on the Board since May 2008.

My family and I purchased 272 Seneca Drive 7 years ago and have become very fond of the Lake Seneca Community. While I am not a year round resident at the lake, I live less than 30 minutes away and have years of experience in local government which I think would be very beneficial to Lake Seneca. I've served as a township trustee in Farmer Township, Defiance County for 11 years. As such, I've worked

extensively on issues such as road repair, construction and budgeting. I've also served on several other boards including the Farm Service Agency County Committee and a COOP Board of Directors for 15 years. In addition to my public service, I manage my own farming operation and grain bin sales business.

My wife, Tylene, our three daughters and their families frequent our lake home throughout the year. As I stated earlier, we love the community and I've been pleased to see improvements made at the lake in the time that we've been there. However, I am aware that LSPOA has many challenges ahead. I believe that my experience would provide important, educated and innovative ideas in addressing some of these challenges.

I hope that you will consider me for service on the LSPOA Board once again.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

1982 to Present: Donze Farm and Sales - Grain Bin Sales and Service - Mark Center, Ohio  
1972 to Present: Donze Farm and Sales - Grain Farmer - Mark Center, Ohio  
1968 to 1972: United States Air Force - Aircraft Radio Repairman/ Vietnam Veteran - Hill Air Force Base, Utah

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1997 to Present: Farmer Township Trustee - Farmer, Ohio  
1982 to 1997: Defiance Landmark COOP - Board of Directors - Defiance, Ohio  
1992 to 1996: Farm Services Agency - County Committee member - Defiance, Ohio  
1975 to Present: Farmer Township Fire Dept. - Farmer, Ohio

**EDUCATION**

Fariview High School – Sherwood, Ohio

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Roger A. Pontious  
229 Gorham St  
Morenci, MI 49256

I was born May 10, 1959 (50 yrs. Old), in Hudson Michigan. I've lived in Morenci Michigan all my life. I graduated from Morenci High School in 1977 and College Davenport in 1995. I served 20 years in the US Army and Michigan Army National Guard, retiring in 1998.

I married Teresa Ann Huff in September 18, 1982. We have one child, Steven Allen who is in college at Ohio Tech in Cleveland, Ohio. We were married for 26 years when Teresa was killed in a press accident at Kamco Inc. in West Unity on March 10, 2009.

I have been a mechanic all my life. Attended Lenawee Votec Center, Farm Power Mechanic's. Factory Schools - Mercury Marine, Yamaha Snowmobiles, Honda Motorcycles. GM Tech Center in Warren Michigan, Chrysler Tech Center.

I am currently an Ironworker for Local #55 in Toledo. I have worked on Marine engines for the past two years at Lake Seneca. I own one lot at Lake Seneca and I enjoy fishing, motorcycling and snowmobiling.

I would appreciate your vote as I have some ideas I would like to share with the community. Thank you.

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William (Bill) Mapes  
185 Seneca Drive  
Montpelier, OH 43543

My wife, daughter and I have lived here at Lake Seneca for 15 years. I have been retired from Sauder's Woodworking for 2 ½ years.

I would appreciate your vote for a position on the Board so I can share some of my ideas. Thank you.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

Membership Amendment to change By-Laws at May 2010 Membership meeting.

Per By-Law: **Article 10 (1)** Membership By-Laws

**Proposed Amendment:** Change Quarterly Membership meetings back to Annual Membership meeting as in May 2003 Revised By-Laws

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Membership Amendment to change By-Laws at May 2010 Membership meeting.

Per By-Law: **Article 10 (1)** and **Article 11 (4.4)**

Membership By-Laws

**Proposed Amendment:** Add: Special Assessment for Capital Improvements to be used for Roads, Bridges, Culverts and Ditches only. This assessment will be for seven years at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per Membership, due annually August first and effective August 1, 2010.

This will be By-Law **Article 11 (A1.1b)** if passed.

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**With Sympathy**

To Gary and Anna Mossburg on the loss of Gary’s father.

To Roger Pontious on the loss of his Mother Elaine Pontious of Wauseon and Mother-in-Law Shirley Hall from Morenci Michigan

To Sean Wildrick & Kevin Barber on the loss of their Mother Dani.

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**Get Well**

Julaine Ely  
Don Bowen

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**Welcome New Members**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
Gretchen Alemdar	971
Andrew Roth	1441, 1342
Joseph & Mary Smith	893, 894, 1032
Federal National Mortgage Assoc.	295

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**Congratulations**

To Lori and Dan Poynter on the birth of a Grandson, and Ron and Marge Parke on the birth of a Great Grandson, Carter Montalvo on Feb 4, 2010

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**Lots For Sale**

Lot #257 \$5,000 Call Lavon Joice 419.485.4856

Lots# 1025, 1026, 1027: \$2500.00 each.  
Call 313-292-8259 Russell Porter

Lot # 846 – North side of Pawnee Trail Price: Best Offer. Contact Richard & Marilyn Johnson 772.463.7616 or E-Mail: [Rjohn15837@aol.com](mailto:Rjohn15837@aol.com)

Lots #1177 & 1178 – Price \$3,000 each or \$5,500 for both. Lot #1250 – Price \$3,500. Lot #1260 – Price \$3,000 & Lot #1261 – Price \$3,750 or both lots – Price \$6,500. Contact Joe Nebel @ 708.841.1774

Lot #1396 – South side; P-50 to Lumbee Lane, same side as tower. Lot is narrow at front and wide in back. Asking \$3,500 or best offer. Contact Annabelle Bowsher @ 419-657-6692

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**Everyone is invited to “Monday Morning Coffee” at the lodge at 9:00 A.M. See you there!**

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**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

**If you want a copy of the minutes of the Board Meetings, please stop by the office and pick up a; copy or check our website at: lakeseneca.org**



**Happy Spring To All!!**



**LAKE SENECA MEMBERS WISH TO THANK**  
**THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR**  
**ARMED FORCES. MAY GOD BLESS YOU &**  
**KEEP YOU SAFE FROM HARM**

**CHILD CARE SERVICE:**

Tiffany Eustace 419.485.8738

Located at corner of 576 & 20

**Jennifer Heiney** 419.551.2889

346 Seneca Drive

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**WATERCRAFT CLASSES**

Mark your calendars for classes on **May 1, 2010** at Arrowhead Lodge. The hours for these classes are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. \$5.00 Fee. These classes are for anyone born on or after January 1, 1982.

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**PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS**

**(PWC)**

(Jet Skis, Sea Doos, etc.) No person born on or after January 1, 1982 shall operate a power craft unless they have received a certificate of completion of Boat Safety Course.

Also, no person under 16 shall operate a PWC without a certificated supervising person over 18 years of age on board. Life jackets (PFD) are required by all riders and a spotter is needed when towing.

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**BOATING SAFETY TIPS AND REMINDERS**

The boating season has arrived. We've seen many residents out on the lake enjoying their boats and pontoons. Even some brave souls on jet skis and skiing! We would like to remind you of Lake Seneca's rules of the water as well as those of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft

We have many new members and their families now using Lake waters. It is important that all residents know that they are responsible for the actions and activities of their guests. It is for this reason that we hope you share these reminders and tips with them as well. **Your cooperation will be for everyone's enjoyment and safety most of all!**

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE BOATING SEASON!

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**BOAT LIFTS PLACED & REMOVED**  
Stan Atha  
260-316-3321

**BEACH FUN**

**Rule 66.3** "Picnicking and bottles are not allowed on the sandy part of the beach. Children under ten (10) years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Adults with children must be responsible for their children's

conduct and safety. Swimming is restricted to the area bounded by the floats. The use of water toys and similar equipment is left to the judgment of the parents."

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**BOATS ON THE LAKE**

**Rule 66.6** - In respect to fisherman and fellow boaters we ask that you observe the following rule:

"Watercraft must not exceed a speed of 5 MPH where posted. All motorized watercraft must maintain a no-wake speed, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. The size of boats permitted at Lake Seneca is 24 feet for boats and 26 feet for Pontoons. Watercraft is not allowed within fifty (50) feet of the beach and other swimming areas, unless docking. Dangerous or reckless use of watercraft is grounds for denying boating privileges to the offenders. The Association is not responsible for clothing valuables, or any personal injury sustained while in watercraft, on the beach, or in/on the water. Temporary guests are not allowed to put any type of watercraft on Lake Seneca. However, full-time renters, living in dwellings of members who have paid their dues are allowed to put their own watercraft on Lake Seneca waters. Each watercraft must be registered at the Association office, and the renter must obey all boating regulations that apply. The title for each and every watercraft on Lake Seneca must be held by a member in good standing. All watercraft must operate in a counter clockwise pattern. All Ohio Watercraft Laws are enforced on waters of Lake Seneca."

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**BOATERS BEWARE**

In addition to staying fifty (50) feet from the beach and swimming areas, the O.D.N.R. has another tip to suggest. "Boat wake can erode shorelines." They suggest the fifty (50) feet limit from shorelines also!

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**LIFE JACKETS IN WATERCRAFT**

Ohio law REQUIRES life jackets to be worn:

While riding a personal watercraft

While waterskiing or being towed on a similar device for children less than 10 years of age on any vessel less than 18 feet in length.

It is particularly important to wear a life jacket in the following situations:

- **When the boater cannot swim or is a weak swimmer**
- **When boating alone**
- **When the water is dangerously cold (the months of October through May in Ohio)**
- **During rough water/waves and severe weather conditions**
- **When boating at night**
- **In emergency situations**
- **In swift and fast current situations**

**REGARDLESS OF TYPE, ALL LIFE JACKETS MUST MEET THESE U.S. COAST GUARD REQUIREMENTS:**

- Life jackets must have a "U.S. Coast Guard Approved" label with approval number listed.
- Since May of 1995, boats less than 16 feet in length (including canoes and kayaks of any length) must be equipped with wearable PFDs for each person on board.
- Each PFD must be the appropriate size for the person who wears it. Size, weight ranges, and recommended uses are listed on the label.
- All straps, buckles, zippers and stitching on a life jacket must be intact and the fabric should be in good condition.
- Life jackets must be readily accessible to occupants of a boat. They should not be stored in sealed packages or in a locked or closed storage area.

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**WATER SKIING**

**Rule 66.12** "Skiing will be accomplished in a counterclockwise pattern. Skiing is permitted only during the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. No water skiing in posted areas.

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**FISHING**

**Rule 66.13**

"Members may fish at any community dock, from their own property, or from boats. A current Ohio fishing license is required for all persons who must have a license to fish elsewhere in the State of Ohio."

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**2010/2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Any and all Dues payments can be mailed or dropped at the Lake Seneca Office or the Drop Box. We do accept Visa and/or MasterCard with a 3% charge added. Accounts not paid in full by April 1, 2010 are subject to late fees. Please get your Dues in as soon as possible.

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