



# Summer Oaks Condominium Association

## Newsletter - Spring, 2011

### SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Spring Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011. We will meet at 9:00 AM in the area between Building #1 and Building #3. Bring any hand tools you may want to use - shovels, rakes, hand trimmers, etc. Jerry Hoff and Mike Alessi will lead this effort; please contact one of them if you have any suggestions for work to be done.

We will again enjoy a potluck lunch following the morning's activities; brats will be provided by SOCA. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and to catch up with folks we haven't seen over the long, cold, and snowy winter.

The rain date is Sunday, May 29.

### PIER REGISTRATION

The State of Wisconsin recently enacted a law affecting the number of piers that may be placed in Wisconsin public waters, including Lake Wisconsin. Owners of condo units at Summer Oaks are impacted by the new law which requires that piers be registered with the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The SOCA Board of Directors first learned of this law at the August 2010 SOCA Board of Directors meeting.

The law allows certain piers to be grandfathered if an application to register the pier is filed with the WDNR by April 1, 2011. In order to register a pier using the grandfather clause, the pier must have been placed in the water prior to February, 2004. SOCA has 31 piers that satisfy this requirement. Since we have 65 units at Summer Oaks, we need 33 piers (2 boat slips per pier) to satisfy the need of all units. Through our attorney, SOCA informed the WDNR that the original 1987 SOCA plat registration identified enough planned pier spaces to accommodate the 33 piers. Based on these discussions with WDNR, we are confident that we have a good chance of being granted permits for all 33 pier spaces.

On Tuesday, March 22, 2011, SOCA submitted an application to the WDNR to grandfather 33 pier spaces based upon 31 piers that were installed prior to February 2004 and 2 more piers that were specified as part of the original plat registration.

This has been a tedious and difficult process for all of SOCA. It was the topic of much discussion at SOCA Board of Director meetings and our 2010 annual membership meeting. We wanted and needed to get it right the first time. I believe that this has been accomplished through hard work done by the Board and positive communication between the Board and the membership. I personally appreciate the groundwork that Jerry Hoff laid last year. I also appreciate the positive communication received from SOCA members giving ideas for the application process and for help and support from members of the Board.

In our last communication with the WDNR on March 28, 2011, Edge Consulting Engineers inquired if our application had been received. The response was that they were backlogged and suggested that we should contact them again in about a month. It seems that the process will take some time, but the Board will continue to keep in touch with the WDNR to monitor the status of our application.

## PIER INSTALLATION

It is clear that we will not hear from the WDNR until late in April regarding the status of our pier grandfathering application. Consequently, SOCA piers were installed in mid-April. Piers identified by owners on the pier install/remove forms have been installed.

## WINTER TREE TRIMMING

All tree trimming requests from owners received by Kris were completed; each owner's specific request has been invoiced to the owner. Tree trimming included lake sides of buildings 1, 8, & 9. There was a large limb growing into the roof of unit 57 and this has been rectified. Trees that potentially could cause a lift/boat issue were removed from the banks of buildings 8 & 9. Limbs hanging over the decks and roof of building #1 were removed from the lake side. Kris also had the tree trimmers thin the area by the stairway to the cove and the banks by building #1 to ensure there were no limbs hanging over the walkway to the piers.

## SWIMMING POOL

Chris Hanson, the manager of the SOCA swimming pool, has provided the following information regarding owner and guest use of the pool:

The pool will be open beginning on Memorial Day weekend and close on September 25, 2011. The pool hours are 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.

It is important to understand basic safety is the primary concern for our residents and guests as they use our pool. All who use the pool should be aware of the following issues that arose last year and do what is necessary to avoid similar occurrences this year:

- Patrons brought glass bottles into the pool area. Please plan ahead and buy aluminum or plastic containers.
- Unattended young children were in the pool area – this is unsafe since we have no lifeguard, and it is contrary to SOCA policy.
- Diving into the pool is not allowed. Last year there were several close calls with people almost hitting their heads on the walls and floor of the pool.

In addition to safety, there are other issues that pool patrons should be made aware:

- Use of body oils has been clogging the sand filters; these filters are expensive to refill. Please consider this when using the SOCA pool.
- Remember that every pool patron has a responsibility for insuring that SOCA doesn't incur a liability that could ruin it for everyone. If pool patrons would each encourage and practice "common sense" self policing (not nitpicky rule enforcement), we can continue to have a nice recreational facility for everyone.

If people have issues with other pool patrons that could escalate, please call me and I will deal with it - my cell number is posted at the pool.

Have fun and have a great summer!

***Chris Hanson***



## CITIZENS FOR A SAFE WATER AROUND BADGER

I am including a hyperlink to the *Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger* (CSWAB) website promoting citizen awareness concerning the Badger Army Ammunition Plant toxic chemical cleanup as it relates to the area water supply:

<http://www.cswab.com/cswabbaap.html>

It serves as a starting point for learning about the problem, for activities that CSWAB is involved in to promote safe water, what residents of the area can do to learn more about the problem, and what can be done to help.

The stated goal of CSWAB is: "to build a sustainable future which will preserve, and where possible, restore the integrity of natural systems - including soils, water, air, and biological diversity."

Here's hoping we all have  
a happy and healthy Summer  
and enjoy the pleasures of the Lake  
Wisconsin  
and Baraboo Bluffs area!

*Verlyn Erickson*

