

LONI BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Editor - Allan P. Cantor

1. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Following the Annual Meeting of the Association, the Directors have elected the following Officers for the ensuing year:

President	Allan P. Cantor
Vice-President and Membership Coordinator	Alan Miller
Secretary-Treasurer	Debbie Bissett
Recording Secretary	Glen Brooks

2. PRIZE DONATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND BARBECUE

A very successful community barbecue was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. One of the highlights of the barbecue was a draw for prizes, and the Association is very pleased and gratified by the cooperation it received from the following business enterprises who contributed the following prizes:

Eddie's Gravel Supply Ltd.	5 yards of crushed rock
Baldwinson Handi-Mart	Case of drinks
Country Resort By Carlson	\$25.00 gift certificate
Chudd's Chrysler	Case of drinks
Adi's Video	2 free videos
Giesbrecht & Sons G.M. Dealer	Oil and grease
Pharmasave	Childrens' toys
H.P. Tergessen & Sons	T-shirt
Tip Top Foods	Apron
Gimli Theatre	6 theatre passes
Wayne's TomBoy Store	\$10.00 gift certificate
Gimli Drive Inn	2 Greek salads
Chicken Chef	2 pizzas
K & C Enterprises Ltd.	A thermos
Jimmy's Café	\$30.00 gift certificate

We would urge the Members of the Association to show their appreciation for these contributors by appropriately patronizing their establishments.

3. BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Bert Minuk and Dorothy Goldberg have organized the beautification program and contest involving garbage cans and landscaping. There are two programs: a contest for the most well-decorated garbage area; and a contest for the nicest landscaped property. A judge for these events has been engaged who, we understand, is a well-recognized landscape gardener from Sandy Hook. As the signs on the bridge to Loni Beach briefly announced, the contests were to be judged by August 14, 1993. However, bearing in mind the lateness of the announcement and the general intention to allow further time for the residents to prepare themselves, the Directors have concluded that the contests should be judged on the weekend of August 22, 1993, and the winners will be announced by suitable poster on the Loni Beach Bridge. Although the time to prepare for this contest may be brief, we are sure that the ingenuity of the residents of Loni Beach will rise to the occasion.

4. THE GIMLI PARADE FLOAT

Your Association was pleased to sponsor a float in the Annual Gimli Parade, and we are very pleased to report that the Loni Beach Float won first prize in the float contest. Our thanks to Glen Brooks who organized, designed, staffed and supervised the building of the float, ably assisted by Glen Pollard and other relatives and friends.

5. MEMBERSHIPS

As at August 6, 1993, your Association had 77 paid-up members out of a maximum of approximately 200. We have kept the membership dues at a nominal annual fee of \$15.00 so as to ensure that membership is easily accessible to all. To carry out our program, and to appropriately represent the concerns and desires of the residents of this area, we need your support in numbers, and we urge you to become a member of the Association if you have not already done so. Debbie Bissett, at 30 Loni Avenue (phone 642 4446), will be happy to receive your membership and assist you in completing the Membership Application form, or you can approach any member of the Executive or Board of Directors. Please help us to help you.

6. BEACH IMPROVEMENT

At the last Annual Meeting, Alan Miller outlined his proposals to request assistance from the Municipality to restore the public beach area between Government Ditch and Comber Street by the construction of the groin at Government Ditch. Further to this matter, we presented to the Municipal Council our proposal for this groin which we proposed as a demonstration project requiring minimal funding from the Municipality, but which would hold the possibility of producing measurable results which would assist in restoring beach area. This proposal was presented to Council by Alan Miller and Art Kilgour on behalf of our Association on Monday, August 9, 1993, and we await with anticipation the favourable review of Council.

7. ROAD AND DRAINAGE CONDITIONS

The condition of the roads and ditches in Loni Beach continue to be of concern and continue to fall short of what one would expect if good housekeeping was of primary concern. Your Officers have received numerous complaints concerning the dusty road conditions, the potholes in the road, cars being splashed with tar and drainage ditches not being properly attended to and groomed. One cannot be impressed by the level of expertise demonstrated by the Public Works Department of the Municipality in handling these matters. We draw to your attention that Council has delegated the Loni Beach area to be the responsibility of Councillor Kevin Chudd and, of course, Councillor Isabel Peterson lives in the area and was an active member of our Association and should be sympathetic to our cause. If you have complaints concerning these matters, we think it important that you express these complaints to Councillors Chudd and Peterson as, in our view, it would appear that we must continue to impress upon the Council that we consider the housekeeping level at which the roads and drainage of this area are kept is inadequate and ought to be improved.

8. NOTICES

There have been a number of complaints that we did not mail out the Notice of our Annual Meeting. We apologize for this oversight. We fully intend to mail Notices of the next Annual Meeting in the Spring to all members of the Association and, again, we would urge you to complete your membership so that you will be on the mailing list for the next Annual Meeting.

9. EDITORIAL

The capricious manner by which the roads and ditches of Loni Beach are attended to by the Municipality leads one to believe that there seems to be an absence of forethought or planning in the operations of the Public Works Department of the R.M. If oiling, grading and gravelling of the roads was scheduled, surely common courtesy would dictate appropriate notice to the residents so that they would have the time to take appropriate action to remove vehicles so that they do not interfere with or are harmed by the process. One is left with the view that these items are attended to on a "catch as catch can" basis without any scheduling. How else can you explain the trimming of ditches and the leaving of the cuttings to rot, except that no planning or forethought goes into these projects. Perhaps it is time for the Councillors to review the management of public works by the Municipality. Perhaps Council should seriously consider changing that management so that public works could be better organized and scheduled.