

LONI BEACH PROGRESS*

Fall 2005-Summer 2006

***The sporadically published Newsletter of the Loni Beach Residents' Association.....**

Despite the rampant rumours, The LBRA does exist. HOWEVER, it also appears we may fold this year. Our membership number is down and no-one seems particularly anxious to join the Board of Directors.

This will be my (Salin Guttormsson) final plea... please consider volunteering for the Board: the time commitment is not great and I, personally, believe an Association is needed - just look at what we were able to do this Spring when the "Condos" issue arose.

ABOUT THE LBRA

The LBRA was incorporated in 1992, as a non-profit organization and our Mission Statement is:

"As a team, we are committed to being a voice for our growing Community and a liaison to the Rural Municipality of Gimli"

By the terms of our Constitution, seven (7) Directors are required for the Executive Board and the ONLY qualification is to be a registered property owner. The Board consists of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other "Special Officer" positions as may be determined.

There is nothing mandated as to the specific roles/duties of the Board members, however, traditionally, the onerous tasks are:

- The President writes the "Progress" newsletter and is the

contact person with the RM.

- The Vice-President is the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners' (MACO) representative.
- The Secretary keeps the minutes of the Executive Board and of the Annual General Meetings.
- The Treasurer keeps track of our millions.

In the past, "Special Officer" designations have included:

- Special Events (such as the parade float, Trash or Treasure)
- Roads and Signs
- Environmental Concerns
- Membership (organizing the drive/member gifts)

So.... please....if you can spare a few hours or so over the next year, let me know ! (Winnipeg: 475-3177/Loni Beach: 642-3492)

and onto the news.....

Last Year, the Board saw Anne Loewen, Don Cobb, Jeff Kerr and Larry Weber retire and the new slate became:

- Me (presumably as Past President, but no-one took on the role of President, so I just sort of carried on...)
- Ted Wyman: Secretary (and Ted is retiring this year)
- Grant Zipursky: Treasurer
- Robbie Waldman: Roads and Signs Officer
- Gary Bunio: Beach Ownership/Use Issue Officer
- Jude Guzzi: Parade Float Person (and who is looking for help....)
- Lisa Squair and Jeff Modjeski: At Large

Please feel free to contact any Board member with your concerns or comments.

This Year, at the Annual Meeting (Sunday, July 23, 10:00 am at New Horizons) the tentative agenda is:

Introduction and "President's" Report: Me
Treasurer's Report: Grant
Beach Ownership/Use Report: Gary
New Business
i) Will the Association Continue ?
ii) Other matters
Elections
Adjournment

Invitations have been extended to Mayor Chudd, Mayoralty Candidate Tammy Axelsson, Councillor Danny Luprypra (who is assigned to look after Loni Beach's interests), Peter Bjornson, MLA (who has said he will try to attend) and to The Spectator.

If you have any matters for "New Business" or any matters for MLA Bjornson, drop me a line.....

Notice of our Meeting has been put on the RM of Gimli's website (under "Public Notices"), there are few signs around and I have put an ad on Gimli Cable Channel 6 (which goes to support "YOU Inc." - Youth Opportunities Unlimited, a community based, non-profit organization for North Eastern Interlake Communities.)

The Channel 6 Ad is also publicizing **TRASH OR TREASURE** , which is to be held over the entire weekend of July 21-23 (Friday to Sunday). Hopefully, everyone knows what to do for this highly anticipated and popular event, but just in case, here is a reminder:

TRASH OR TREASURE PROCEDURE

- STEP ONE: place ANYTHING you no longer want (and we mean anything, except real garbage) out in front of your place (curbside) ...this could be dishes, clothes, furniture, toys, whatever, even old sinks, water heaters, scrap lumber;
- STEP TWO: wander around and scoop your treasure from someone else's trash; (The right attitude is: "I don't know what this is, but I am sure I can use it for something someday") and,
- STEP THREE: gloat to family and friends about what you found !!

We have asked the RM to come around to pick-up the leftovers and "normal" garbage and recycling collection day is Tuesday, July 25.

NOTE: After the event, if you have any "larger metal" items you want to get rid of, contact Jack Feschuk, Superintendent of Public Works (642-6688) - he tells me this is how the RM gets "coffee money"...

memberships.....

By a separate e-mail, I will be sending around Membership Application forms (unless, in the next hour or so, I figure out how to do this as an attachment). The fee this year will remain at \$10.00 PER PERSON (not per property) and ANYBODY over 18 may join.... Please copy and circulate the Application to anyone you think might be interested.

Unfortunately, we lost two members recently...

- **Mavis Yarwood** of 20 9th Avenue on November 16, 2005 and
- **Kris Guttormsson** of 11 Howell on November 30, 2005 (see: www.passagesmb.com for the full obituary)

There will not be any member gift this year... but at the AGM, we will have a few door prizes, including a very special copy of "**Secrets Found in Gimli**", a 'metaphysical murder mystery', by former Loni Beacher, Diane Alexander.

Miscellaneous.....

- **Dorothy Goldberg's** Annual Yard Improvement and Garbage Receptacle Beautification Contest will likely take place sometime in late July. Last year, Judges **Glen Brooks** and **Marv Kass** awarded "Most Improved Yard" to **Pam and Glenn Pollard** of 70 North Lake and Honourable Mentions went to 65 North Lake (**Eric Sigurdson**) and 48 Loni (**Belindalee Marentette and Rod Naugler**). **Halla and Stefan Bertrand** won the "Most Decorated Garbage Receptacle" at 97 North Lake, while the **Klassen/Mawhinney/O'Neill** gang at 27 Vaughan received an Honourable Mention.
- Is your name on the **Voter's List** ? As I know all too well, the RM records are never up-to-date, so if you are not sure your name is on the list or if there are address or other corrections required, you have until **September 19, 2006** to make the changes at the Municipal Office (62-2nd Avenue, 9 am-5 pm). Questions may be directed to Georgia Clarkson, Senior Election Official at 642-6650.
- The "Caboose" is down.....finally.
The 40 K signs are up.....finally.

- Many might recall that we used to have a **Loni Beach Directory** and many have asked what happened to it.... Although the Executive does maintain a Directory (of sorts), we apparently cannot circulate it, due to some rather vague threats of breaching The Privacy Act. However, (and assuming the LBRA will continue) through the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners, we have the opportunity of creating our own **website**. Might there be anyone out there interested in tackling this project ?
- On the topic of tackling projects, for some years now, we have been trying to get someone to undertake writing a **history** of Loni Beach....if anyone has any thoughts as to how this might be accomplished, please let us know.
- In the future (and again, if there is one for the LBRA), we thought that a **calendar** might be an appropriate member gift. We would need photos, preferably tasteful ones, so don't toss any out any possibilities with your Trash or Treasure items.
- Also, don't toss out any CPR related items.... The 103 year old Matlock Station has just been moved to 300 Railway Street in Ponemah and refurbished as a **Museum** - and it is looking for artifacts from the day-tripper journeys to Whytewold, Matlock and Ponemah, which ended in the early '60s. Contact John Morris of The Friends of Dunnottar....
- Residents of Loni Beach were "accused" earlier this Spring, during the Hearings for "The Bungled-ohs at Loni Beach", of not caring for the state of Lake Winnipeg. The LBRA, however, was the first cottage association to join **The Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium** and in fact, our financial contribution to it last year exceeded that from the RM of Gimli....!! (so there)

more to come.....

At the time of writing, I am awaiting certain responses and hopefully, I will be able to provide an update at the **Annual General Meeting** on July 23, to the following:

- whether there will be buoys installed this year along the Loni Beach "coastline";
- whether the RM will consider "beautifying" its Tennis Courts in some fashion, perhaps with planters;
- what happened to the proposed "Sid Trepel Memorial Park" idea; and
- what the plan is (or perhaps, the better question is, if there is one) for the condition of our roads.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ASSOCIATION
SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP
COME TO THE MEETING
ON JULY 23**

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