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Welcome to Loni Beach!

You will have noticed our new welcome sign. It advises that there is no access to Pelican Beach (except, of course, for pedestrians and cyclists). Yes, we know some weirdoes are driving across the public reserve between Loni Beach and Pelican Beach, but we intend to put a stop to that!

Membership

If we want a strong, effective voice in the affairs of Loni Beach we need you. Please become a member. We want to reach out to every resident and need some volunteers to call on a few neighbors and encourage them to join. Please see the article to the right entitled "Volunteers Needed" for more information. The membership fee is \$15.00 and it includes a Loni Beach beach bag to match our T-shirts and caps.

Summer Student

For a few years we have discussed hiring a summer student to help with the beautification and environmental improvements. This year it will be done. *Career Start*, a Department of Education youth employment program has confirmed a grant, and the R.M. has agreed to assist this pilot project with funding and the loan of equipment until we can obtain our own. An application has been filed with the Manitoba Community Services Council for the purchase of some equipment. All we need to do is increase our membership, participate in the funding and provide our student with some supervision. It is a great way to help a student, make some improvements, and demonstrate our confidence in our youth.

Annexation/Amalgamation

Officially, no one has asked the taxpayers of Loni Beach how they feel about this subject; it is required by the Municipal Act that those most affected must be consulted. In any case, your board has followed the direction of the motion passed at our 1998 Annual Meeting by informing the authorities, including the Manitoba Municipal Board, the Premier, the Minister, the M.L.A., Reeve Chudd and Mayor Barlow, that our association unanimously approved a resolution which rejected any annexation proposal by the Town of Gimli. The communication stressed that...

- The R.M. generously supported many services and programs in the town
- That all property owners paid full educational taxes
- That residents in the R.M. supported the strong economy of the town by patronizing its commercial and business facilities.

(Note: The Town of Gimli has the largest business assessment of any town in Manitoba of comparable size).

Further to the amalgamation/annexation subject, your board had two representatives attend a workshop with representatives from 12 property owners' associations from all areas of the R.M. This group sent its resolution to all the authorities, rejecting the Town of Gimli's annexation proposal.

(Note: It is our hope that you see the importance of joining our Loni Beach Residents Association and attending the Annual Meeting. Please see the notice near the bottom for details of this meeting).

Derelicts - "They're gone!"

At least the ones on Lake Avenue, and the cottage and old garage are gone as well! The R.M. of Gimli gave final reading to its derelict by-law and our director, Joan Guttormson, showed her determination and persistence by seeing that the by-law was enacted. A warm thanks goes out to Joan; everyone will be grateful to see that area cleaned up.

Volunteers Needed

As mentioned previously, we need some volunteers to call on a few neighbors and encourage them to join our Residents Association. Please give us a call if you can assist us in this membership drive.

Board members you can call:

• Jim Bright	96 Loni Avenue	642-7153
• Wilf Cook	31 8 th Street	642-7221
• Art Kilgour	Lot 9 Lake Avenue	642-5144
• Al Miller	122 Lake Avenue	642-5318
• Jim Robertson	30 Loni Avenue	642-4446

Loni Beach Residents Association

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.
New Horizons Hall

Please plan to attend. All Residents are welcome!

Thanks to Andrew Robertson for publishing the newsletter with very short notice and to Jim Bright for his delivery service to all residents.