

# Ashley Oaks

Homeowners Newsletter September 2007

## ASHLEY OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### Neighborhood Pool

The neighborhood pool/clubhouse initiative has been shelved. Given the considerable time and expense that would be required to finalize a plan, and the amount of resistance to the project expressed by the residents, the Board has decided to close the issue.

### Clam Bake

This year's Ashley Oaks Clam Bake date is set for Saturday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email Ron Schroth at [rstripe2001@yahoo.com](mailto:rstripe2001@yahoo.com) by Sept 16<sup>th</sup> with your dinner preference for each **adult** attending: 1) Chicken/Clams 2) Steak. Cost will be \$20/per person – same as last year.

### Neighborhood Speed Limits

As you may have noticed, we've occasionally had cars exceeding the speed limit (25 mph) on our neighborhood streets. One would think non-residents would be the majority of the culprits, but in fact you probably cannot help but notice that residents are also guilty of this. Our streets should be safe for our kids to play, without parents having to worry about cars exceeding speed limits at a dangerous pace. During our Neighborhood Watch meeting with the Strongsville Police, we were informed that preventative measures (assisted by the police) are at our disposal, in addition to providing the authorities license plates of resident repeat offenders. Please do not hesitate to inform one of the trustees of any repetitive speed zones, or repeat offenders.

### Streetlights

We are still waiting for the city to install the remaining eight streetlights. The city is in the process of contacting the property owners where the lights are being installed. Hopefully, these lights will soon be installed.

### Neighborhood Volunteers

We are searching for neighborhood volunteers to help with any small jobs around the neighborhood that may come up. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, beautify our development and save the association money. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brian Patterson at (440)846-8154 or [b.m.patterson@juno.com](mailto:b.m.patterson@juno.com).

### AOHOA Approval for Permits

Please remember, before starting any outdoor additions (such as fences, decks and patios) homeowner association approval is required prior to receiving a city permit. Please submit these requests to: AOHOA, PO Box #360293, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. If these requests are not within two weeks of a planned trustee meeting, trustees will hold a special meeting as often as twice a month for the purpose of responding to these requests.

### By-Laws and Covenants

Please contact Linda Wozniak at [whwlmw@roadrunner.com](mailto:whwlmw@roadrunner.com) if anyone needs a CD-ROM copy of our current bi-laws & covenants. Paper copies are no longer available.

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL REQUIRED**

Included in the Association Covenants and Restrictions is a statement about Architectural Control. It is a very important component in the function of a homeowners' association. Its purpose and main function is to maintain the amenities and property values of the association. Keeping this in mind, homeowners are requested to follow these simple steps when making changes in their home. (This would include additions, alterations, decks, or other work that requires a building permit from the City of Strongsville).

Step 1 – File with the Ashley Oaks Trustees the application for construction attached below. Copies of plans/sketches must be submitted with the application form. (These will be returned to you). A response to the application will be issued within two weeks of the receipt of the necessary information.

Step 2 – File with the City of Strongsville for a building permit and inform them that you have made application to the Association.

Step 3 – Association will send written response and return plans. Approval must be received before building permit will be issued.

**STORAGE BUILDINGS, SHEDS, AND TREE HOUSES ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

Application for Review of Construction Plans  
Send to: Ashley Oaks H.O.A., P.O. Box 360293, Strongsville, OH 44136

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sublot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Finish & Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject to: \_\_\_\_\_

Action ( ) Approved ( ) Rejected

Trustees: \_\_\_\_\_

**AOHOA****Revenue & Expenses - 2007**

September 1, 2007

	<u>YTD August</u>				<u>EOY Dec</u>			
	<u>BGT</u>	<u>TY ACT</u>	<u>LY ACT</u>	<u>TY vs LY</u>	<u>BGT</u>	<u>FCST</u>	<u>LY ACT</u>	<u>TY vs LY</u>
<b>Revenue</b>								
Dues	20,500	20,163	20,825	(661)	20,500	20,163	20,825	(661)
Interest Income	445	484	0	484	700	739	0	739
<b>Total Revenue</b>	20,946	20,648	20,825	(177)	21,200	20,902	20,825	78
<b>Expenses</b>								
Block Party	0	0	0	0	250	500	250	250
Insurance	1,051	1,427	1,467	(40)	2,000	1,814	1,855	(41)
Landscaping	8,057	9,009	8,040	968	11,234	13,586	11,211	2,375
Office Supplies	175	18	195	(177)	350	193	195	(2)
Postage & Delivery	327	202	64	138	400	275	121	154
P.O. Box rental	40	0	20	(20)	40	0	20	(20)
Legal Fees	750	0	679	(679)	750	0	679	(679)
Utilities	175	109	153	(43)	300	234	262	(27)
Taxes	2,624	305	0	305	2,624	455	143	313
Land Appraisal	350	0	0	0	350	0	0	0
Maintenance	740	750	0	750	740	750	0	750
Website	47	0	0	0	70	23	0	23
Capital Improvements	0	0	1,320	(1,320)	0	500	1,770	(1,270)
Misc	450	450	8	442	450	450	8	442
Savings Reserve	0	0	0	0	2,050	2,050	2,082	(32)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	14,786	12,270	11,946	324	21,608	20,831	18,596	2,235
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	6,160	8,377	8,879	148	(407)	71	2,228	2,313
Cash Beg of Year		11,490						
Cash YTD		19,868				13,612		

### **Retention Basin**

Please let your children know that the retention basins in the neighborhood are off limits. These areas can be dangerous, so children should not play in or around them. Also, because of new state regulations, the city is requiring us to improve and maintain the retention basins on our common lands. We are currently getting estimates for this project, but we expect the cost to be several thousands of dollars to meet these requirements.

### **Save Money!**

You can reduce the costs of mailing our newsletter and other important information by receiving it electronically. Send Brian Patterson a message with your current e-mail address to [b.m.patterson@juno.com](mailto:b.m.patterson@juno.com) and note this preference.

### **Neighborhood Maintenance**

We recently painted the Gazebo and removed several dead trees. We are also in the process of replacing broken sidewalks and having the fire hydrants painted. If anyone is aware of any maintenance issues, please contact Brian Patterson at (440)846-8154 or send an e-mail to [b.m.patterson@juno.com](mailto:b.m.patterson@juno.com).

### **Entrance Signs**

We are in the process of looking into different sign options for the entrances. The current signs are beginning to deteriorate, and since they are custom signs, they are very expensive to maintain. Please see future newsletters for updates on these signs.

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