



Guthrie Lakes LYRICS

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Coming EFPOA Election: Why Not Run?

This communication is our official "call for nominations" for the coming election to fill three, 3-year EFPOA Board positions. This "call" must occur before April 19th this year. Because the next Board meeting isn't until May 4th, this is the last Lyric distributed before this deadline. All Board positions are for three years.

Current Board members include Fred Novack, Chris Dorsten, Tony Esson, Matt Mogle, Brian Wilson and Polly Buchanan. Board members "retiring" this July include Max Grider (Thanks for serving, Max!), George Lienerth (who finished the term of Dennis Schulte who had to resign due to health issues), and Ron LeBourdais (who finished the term of Al Gamicchia who passed away last Fall).

Do consider running for the Board this year and begin drafting a 200-word resume that states why you would like to be on the Board, share your background and what experience and expertise you would bring to the Board. Resumes should be sent to EFPOA Elections Committee, PO Box 40, Waters, MI 49797 and be postmarked by Friday, May 24th, 2013.

EFPOA Lots for Sale - Make an Offer!

<u>LOT #</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Contact</u>
033	\$2500	Dan Edwards - dansedwards@yahoo.com Home: 989.635.7724 Cell: 586.482.0263
130	\$1530	EFPOA (Val or Bob Holman: 989.732.1942)
175	Make an Offer!	EFPOA (Val or Bob Holman: 989.732.1942)
183	\$2800	Bill Schmidt - 586.215.9482
283	Make an Offer!	EFPOA (Val or Bob Holman: 989.732.1942)
533	Make an Offer!	EFPOA (Val or Bob Holman: 989.732.1942)

Information about other lots or homes for sale in Guthrie Lakes listed with area realtors is available at the Club House.

From the President



By Max Grider

I hope everyone is having a great Winter. Our part of northern lower Michigan has provided a decent year for the snowmobilers, better than last year at least. Yvonne and I have enjoyed some great hikes on the trails that the snowmobilers have blazed through the surrounding woods.

I enjoy all four seasons but am personally glad that Spring is less than six weeks away (on the calendar anyway). The minus-15 degree temperature we registered a few days ago has me yearning for warmer days! Days featuring boats and bicycles. Days featuring picnic baskets and coolers filled with ice-cold refreshments. Days when the sun rises early and sets late. Days reading a book and grabbing a little sun or shade, depending on the time of day, while reclined on our deck overlooking the north channel.

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Finances and Capital Improvements

The Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by Board Director George Lienerth, met on February 4th and came up with a sensible list of improvements for the clubhouse. With a little luck, one or two of them may be completed in time for EFPOA's Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 6th. The board is still weighing options on how to pay for the much-needed and overdue projects.

One of the most pressing needs is a remake of the clubhouse's interior. The carpet is in especially sad shape. We've contracted with commercial carpet cleaning companies, but the stains are so imbedded that no amount of cleaning makes a difference. The managers expect bids on new flooring alternatives to be completed this week. In addition, the main-floor furniture is extremely dated. It has held up fairly well but definitely has a 20th century feel to it.

The lower level that walks out to the pool is a real eyesore. Worse than its appearance is its energy inefficiency. It is literally an energy sieve and needs to be updated to reduce consumption. Those improvements will pay for themselves over time in lower propane and electricity usage.

We understand that not all association members use the clubhouse. For those who don't, we wish you did! However, the condition of the clubhouse has a bearing on all our property values, whether or not we use the amenities. A showcase clubhouse is a natural draw to outsiders who are considering our community as a place to live. A rundown clubhouse has the reverse effect.

Board Elections

Elections are just a few months away. Each year, EFPOA owners elect three directors prior to the annual meeting. I announced at the February 2nd board meeting that I won't seek re-election. It's been both a privilege and a challenge to serve you this past three years. I'm confident that someone more capable than I will step forward to lead EFPOA.

After nominations are closed, the board may hold a "Meet the Candidates Day" at the clubhouse. It's not exactly a tradition but it has been done before. Keep your eye out for an announcement in an upcoming edition of *The Lyric* or for a notice on the EFPOA.com website.

[From the President...Continued.](#)

War Games

Range 40 this Winter has been fairly quiet. We've seen some low flying planes and there's been occasional shelling, but nothing too disruptive. A couple of weeks ago, I spoke to a civilian who works for the Air National Guard. He said there's a "big event" planned for this Summer, bigger even than last year's. As soon as we have a definitive date, we'll post it on the website.

Please keep in mind that the leaders of Camp Grayling are only the caretakers of Range 40. The "action" comes out of Alpena and we haven't yet succeeded in developing the kind of dialogue with Alpena that we've enjoyed with Camp Grayling's leadership.

The week of the war games might be a good time for you to explore other areas of Michigan. Yvonne and I plan to check out several spots in the U.P. that week.

Natural Gas

Board Director Ron LeBourdais, who chairs the Natural Gas Committee, reported in February that the gas company completed its feasibility study of our community. The company concluded that the population isn't dense enough to pay for the infrastructure need to service our community.

Dumpster

Please remember that the dumpster located at the clubhouse is for the use of weekenders. On too many occasions, year-around residents are using it rather than putting their trash out at the curb. The dumpster winds up over filled and then folks start putting trash on the ground next to the dumpster. The cost of a larger dumpster is considerable. Please do your part to keep our costs down. Set your trash out by the curb.

Respectfully Yours, Max Grider

Neighbors Watching Neighbors

*By Matt Mogle,
Security Committee Chair*

We all value our privacy... but our Security Committee requests that all EFPOA property owners "keep their ears and eyes open" around our neighborhood like a "neighborhood watch" operation. If something seems "strange" or "off" at a neighbor's house, give the Security Committee Chair, Matt a call (906.280.7759) or call Bob Holman (989.732.1942 at the Club House, or 248.790.6206 cell) who is on the Security Committee. They can check it out and make sure all is OK.

Interested in a Part-time Summer job in Guthrie Lakes? See details on Page 4.

Natural Gas Committee Update

by Ron LeBourdais, Gas Committee Chair

Recent communication with Carole Van Damme, Marketing Consultant with DTE Energy out of Petoskey included her summary of their Project Overview of providing natural gas service to the Guthrie Lakes community. Her report indicated that 76,000 feet of gas main would have to be installed to provide natural gas to 302 homeowners coming from Waters east along Marlette Road into our subdivision. The cost would be \$7,297 per homeowner, not a realistic figure for most Guthrie Lakes residents. Thus at this time it would not be cost effective to proceed with such a project; DTE Energy would like to see the cost per homeowner down to around \$3500 per home. To achieve this cost there would have to be 600 homes involved in the project. They will keep our request on file for future consideration.



Want to Work Part-time this Summer for EFPOA?

Seasonal, part-time positions are available with weekends and holidays a must. Open availability preferred. Candidates must be able to perform routine tasks at the Clubhouse and Boathouse as well as assisting with a variety of outdoor and maintenance tasks. Those hired will be cross-trained to work in multiple areas. If interested, contact co-managers Bob or Val Holman at the Clubhouse to fill out an application and leave a resume. You can also submit your resume with references to efpoa@efpoa.com. Applications will be accepted from March 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013 or until all positions are filled.

Lyric Distribution Going Electronic

From this point forward, the Lyric newsletter will be distributed electronically to all those residents that have an email address on record; it will also be posted on the EFPOA website for those who want to read or download a copy. Those who have requested a hard copy be mailed to them will get theirs mailed through the USPS. Electronic distribution saves the association a great deal of postage each year.

Activities Committee Calendar of Events - Feb to July 2013

FEBRUARY	Sat.	23 at 6 pm	Chinese New Year Celebration (cost of food)
MARCH	Sat.	2nd at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast (\$3 adults, \$1 if <7 yrs)
	Sat.	2nd at 12:30	Activities Committee
	Fri.	8th at 5:30 pm	Pizza Night (\$3.50 each, RSVP)
	Tues.	12th at 10 am	Easter Egg Filling (Volunteers Needed!)
	Sat.	30th TBD	Easter Egg Hunt
APRIL	Sat.	6th at 10 am	Pancake Breakfast (\$3 adults, \$1 if <7 yrs)
*Note: President Max Grider will be flipping pancakes for this event!			
MAY	Sat.	4th at 10 am(?)	Pancake Breakfast (AFTER the Board Mtg.) (\$3 adults, \$1 if <7 yrs)
JUNE	Sat	TBA	Pancake Breakfast
JULY	Sat.	6th at 9 am	Current Board Meeting
	Sat.	6th at 10 am	Annual Meeting of residents
	Sat.	6th at 11:30 am	New Board Meeting

Will YOU be in the Next Directory??

An updated EFPOA Directory is published every spring and distributed to residents at the Annual Meeting in early July. Co-manager, Val Holman, has collected many address updates from residents but if you have changed your primary address, phone number or email and have told us, please contact the Club House at 989.732.1942 to report any changes you wish to have in the Directory. You can also send changes to our email address: efpoa@efpoa.com. We want to make sure we send information to you at the right location.

NOTE: Using Internet Explorer as a browser works best when viewing the EFPOA web site.

Maintenance Committee Formed

Sub-Committee of Building and Grounds Committee, Chair George Lienerth

A Maintenance Committee has been formed by the Board and will function as a sub-committee of the Buildings & Grounds Committee. They will make recommendations to the EFPOA Board on needed purchases under the headings of Maintenance, Tools and Equipment, and Capital Improvements. The Club House is over 40 years old, and many of the interior spaces and the grounds around the building are showing the results of frequent use and postponed routine maintenance. The committee members include George Lienerth (Chair), Tony Esson, Ron LeBourdais, Brian Wilson, Polly Buchanan plus Co-Managers Bob and Val Holman. If you have any suggestions for this committee, contact any member of this committee from email or phone information on the front page of this newsletter, or from the EFPOA Directory. New flooring (carpet and tile) is likely to be high on the list as a definite Club House need.

Where is YOUR Trash Can??

After weekly trash pick-up, does your trash can stay out at the curb for days and days? According to the EFPOA Rules and Regulations, "Garbage and rubbish may be left at driveway entrances, but only on the day of pick up...and must be in animal-proof sealed containers." (See pg. 2) Please take your empty cans in, or if you won't be home, ask a neighbor to pull your can back up beside your house after trash pick-up...your neighbors will appreciate it! Removing your empty garbage cans also supports Section XI of the Deeded Restrictions that requires all property owners to maintain their lots in an attractive state.