



Guthrie Lakes LYRIC

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EFPOA Board of Directors Election

There are three 3-year Board positions to fill this election year. Are you the candidate EFPOA is looking for? If so, draft your resume of no more than 200 words, highlighting your background and the expertise you can bring to the Board. Send it to the Elections Committee, PO Box 40, Waters, MI, 49797, postmarked by May 24, 2013.

Ballots will be mailed June 4, 2013; they must be returned and postmarked by Sat. June 29, 2013. Only members in "good standing" (dues paid) by May 24, 2013 are entitled to cast a vote. Those who own multiple lots will receive a ballot for each lot in one envelop. Ballots are numbered for security and verification purposes only and do not represent lot numbers, addresses or are they used to track votes. You can vote for up to 3 candidates per ballot. Any ballot with more than 3 votes or writing of any kind, other than the check-box, will invalidate the ballot.

The official announcement of the 3 new Board members will occur at the Annual Board Meeting, Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 10:00 am. Do consider running for a Board position. And make sure you vote and come to the Annual meeting! This is your association and we need your input and ideas!

Summer Hours begin Friday May 24th

Club House Hours: Monday through Thurs. 9 AM to 9 PM
Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 11 PM
Sunday 9 AM to 7 PM

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Boat House Hours: Thurs. through Sun. 9 AM to 9 PM. Those wishing to check out boating equipment on Mon-Tues-Wed can stop at the Club House and see the manager on duty.

NEED A SEASONAL JOB?

Check out open positions here in Guthrie Lakes.
Apply in person at clubhouse or submit your resume online to
efpoa@efpoa.com.

From the President



End of the Line

By Max Grider

Most of you know from the *Lyric* or from hearing the general scuttlebutt that I have decided not to run for another term on the board. The reasons for this decision are multiple; here are the top five.

"I've been proud to serve with every person on this board. Each has made a significant contribution to our association."

1. **Priorities** - It's time for me to reinvest the time and energy I've put into running EFPOA into operating my business. I'm passionate about what I do, how my products and services change the lives of families and small businesses, how I offer them hope when they often feel they are trapped in a hopeless situation. My business is my calling and my ministry, and it will now receive the time and energy it deserves from me.
2. **Wear and Tear** - During the three years I served as your president, I buried my Dad; I also contracted the same disease that killed him. I survived despite a high morbidity rate. Three of my loved ones have also battled cancer over the past three years and my Mom is still in treatment. Frankly, the stress and strain of dealing with the scourge of cancer in my family has taken a toll.
3. **Lost Friendships** - I've lost friends in the course of carrying out my duties, including one person I used to characterize as my "best pal" in EFPOA. I don't like losing friends. True friends are hard enough to find. True friends I want to keep. For those of you who fall into the category of my lost friends, I want you to know I still care about you. And I pray that friendships can be restored.
4. **When I took over as president**, the EFPOA community had a reputation that one property owner described as "socially toxic." In other words, a lot of bickering, infighting, and finger pointing go on here in our lovely association. That, I suppose, is not unique to EFPOA.

We have 685 properties. That probably means we have close to 1300 adults and several hundred kids with a stake here. I believe it was President Lincoln who said, "You can please all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you can't please all the people all of the time." President Lincoln was an optimist. My experience is, if you are lucky, "You can please some of the people some of the time." I have tried to be an agent for harmony in EFPOA.

On occasions, I've had limited success. Ultimately, though, as I leave office, EFPOA is pretty much the same community as when I entered the political scene - divided, contentious, unforgiving, bitter, and angry. This is NOT an indictment of the association as a whole. It's merely proof of the proverb that "A few bad apples spoil the whole barrel." I'm not judging who is right or who is wrong. I'm merely noting that if we all focused on our blessings rather than on someone else's shortcomings (or if we decided to work on our own faults before we started working on someone else's!), EFPOA would be a better place to live.

If you'd like to meet a person who is part of the problem in our community, I suggest you pick up a very small mirror and place it in front of your face. Yes, we are ALL part of the problem:

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- Some, because we are never happy with the way things are and believe it's our duty to force things back to the "good old days" or move things forward to the "latest and
- Some, because we find it's easier to just allow the bullies to rule the playground. So we hide away our families in our homes and ignore the problem.
- Others, because we find it's just easier to go along than stand up for common decency and civility.

5. EFPOA doesn't need a "King" - I'm a proponent of term limits for people who hold political office, whether in a small association such as ours or in Washington D.C. Folks who hold office too long tend to become "full of themselves" and vastly overrate their importance. Nobody is indispensable. I certainly am not. That doesn't mean, however, that change should occur for the sake of change or that it can be carried out haphazardly. EFPOA has a solid board in place. I am comfortable that strong leaders will emerge from this board to carry out the work of EFPOA. I've observed boards in the past that had "weak links." This board has none. I've been proud to serve with every person on this board. Each has made a significant contribution to our association. To Directors: Tony Esson, George Lienerth, Brian Wilson, Matthew Mogle and Ron LeBourdais, THANK YOU. You have made a tangible difference. And to my fellow officers: Vice President Fred Novack, Treasurer Chris Dorsten and Secretary Polly Buchanan, I HOLD YOU IN HIGH ESTEEM.

Finally, despite not accomplishing all I'd hoped to accomplish and despite not bringing peace to EFPOA, it has been an honor to serve EFPOA property owners. I wish the very best to the new board that takes office following our Annual Meeting on July 6, 2013. And I wish peace and prosperity to all the citizens of our community. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

Have Big Branches on Your Street?

With some of the rough winter and spring storms we experienced this year, many of the streets in our development have large broken branches and trees lying along the roads.



The Otsego Road Commission is in charge of cleaning up such debris and calling them to report what streets are in need of clean up may get us some attention.

Call the Otsego County Road Commission at 989.826.3218 and report your concerns.

Except for the annual mailed spring election issue, the Lyric will now be sent attached to an e-mail to the 200 residents that have an e-mail address on file with the EFPOA.

If you have already requested a paper copy, you will continue to receive one via USPS.

If you do not have an e-mail on file or have not received an e-mail with a previous Lyric, please send your e-mail address to efpoa@efpoa.com.

This will insure any misread or changed email addresses will be corrected.

By going paperless, we save hundreds of dollars each mailing in postage, paper and ink.

Free & Easy Recycling is Here! Start Collecting!!

Here are the general Otsego County guidelines:

- Rinse and flatten (labels and plastic caps left on are OK)
- Paper clips and staples are OK, no need to remove them

MIXED CONTAINERS (rinsed, labels OK)

- Plastic (ALL numbers 1 through 7, flatten & nested)
- Metal (aluminum, tin foil, steel, tin - cans & lids)
- Glass (clear, green, brown, blue all are OK)
- Milk cartons, juice boxes, paper cups, catalogs

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED ABOVE

- aerosol cans, PROPANE TANKS
- juice pouches or straws
- Styrofoam
- motor oil jugs
- Biodegradable or corn based plastics
- durable dishes, washtubs, buckets, toys
- loose plastic bags (see procedure on right)
- light bulbs, window glass, glass dishes

PAPER, BOXES & BAGS (flattened)

- Food boxes (cereal, crackers, paper towel)
- Cardboard (corrugated)
- Newspapers (dry), phone books, envelopes, paperback books, junk mail
- Office paper, file folders
- Shredded paper (intransparent bags)
- Dry plastic bags (bread, grocery, shrink wrap) (Stuff all plastic bags into one and tie shut.)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED ABOVE

- cereal box liners, packing materials
- pet food bags
- “crunchy” plastic bags like pretzels or chips
- dark or bright copy paper
- construction paper
- “cling” shrink wrap
- NO WET newspapers!
- padded envelopes

KEEP AND POST THIS LIST FOR EASY REFERENCE!!

Bin Locations are open 24/7 - for a map showing exact locations visit:

www.ostegorecycling.org

Our township locations closest to Guthrie Lakes are:

- Central Gaylord location in front of the Discovery Center on Old 27 (931 S. Ostego Ave.)
- South location on Old State ½ mile east of Old 27 across from the Ostego Cemetery north of Waters.

The Gaylord location is open now. The South location is scheduled to be open by the end of May.

A REMINDER: Tin cans are still collected by the youth group at St. Mary's Cathedral School on N. Ostego, just over a block north of 32. A big blue dumpster has easy access and the money is used to fund educational trips for the youth group.

ANOTHER REMINDER: Newspapers can still be put in the Lions Club open semi-trailer, located right beside the new green Central Gaylord recycle bins.