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DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Doubletree Newsletter

Introducing your Doubletree POA Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the Doubletree Lake Estates Property Owners Association Newsletter.

Your newsletter will contain useful and valuable information from month to month. Articles and information will be presented

by the developer, staff, Property Owners Association and special guests.

Those wishing to add to the Newsletter or wish to make suggestions or comments may do so by emailing Terry Pingel at tpingel@doubletreelake.net.

The Doubletree Lake Estates monthly newsletter will be available at www.doubletreelake.net on a planned monthly basis.

Enjoy!!



Greetings from the POA President

Greetings Doubletree Property Owners!!

It is that time of the year again when each of us resolve to improve ourselves in one fashion or another - eat less, kick a habit, live better.

It's no different for the POA staff at Doubletree. Our resolution is to continue the good things, repair the not-so-good, and proceed forward with a positive outlook and a degree of service that will enable us to earn your confidence for years to come.

We have many goals for the coming year. To name just a few, we have designated one park and will continue to seek appropriate locations for more. To much of your delight, we will also achieve an improved security division. In addition, we will be giving the entrances of Doubletree a much needed "facelift".

It is clear the residents of Doubletree desire a renewed enthusiasm. It is our pledge to do all things possible to create, build, and maintain that enthusiasm as we continue to grow as Northwest Indiana's premier community.

Randy Minas
POA President

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- February 7 Beautification Committee Meeting - Picasso's @ 6pm
- February 12 Lake Committee (members) Meeting - Picasso's @ 6pm
- February 14 Security Committee Meeting - Picasso's @ 6pm
- February 28 POA Grievance Committee Meeting - Picasso's @ 6:30pm (if necessary)



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Messages from the Staff:

Special Messages from the Staff

By POA Manager Ron Johnson

2007 has come to a close. In all, many things have been accomplished at Doubletree this past year. In a time of transition it is difficult to proceed at the pace many would have liked to see. But Doubletree's staff and the POA have truly given their best to make some positive changes.

Of these changes, conducting regular POA meetings has allowed the residents to voice their opinions and ideas for the future. This has proven beneficial for all. Constructive comments and suggestions are welcome and enables us to continue our pursuit for a productive future. We have also organized several committees such as the Architectural Review Committee, Beautification Committee, and Lake Committee, which is showing positive results making the lake a safer and more enjoyable place to relax. Watch for DNR boating classes which are coming soon, too.

With a tremendous work effort by Doubletree, the new force main & lift station are nearing completion. This was a huge undertaking in performance, physical labor, and cost, which will allow the community to continue growing. The road repairs on Doubletree Drive North were completed at the end of the year (just hours before our first snow storm). Along with that, construction of new community phases has continued.

With all this growth we have implemented 24-hour gate and security staffing. Many security enhancements are forthcoming to keep your community as safe as possible.

We have been working hard to pull together and hope you see the positive results. Rome wasn't built in a day, but we anticipate productive changes and improvements going forward as we work hand-in-hand with the residents of Doubletree Lake Estates.

POA Committee Notes:

Reports from the POA Committees

Subdivision Beautification Committee: Committee Leader Terry Pingel

The Doubletree Subdivision Beautification Committee meets once a month. Last month we announced the first ever "Yards of the Month". The Conder's at 10474 Snead Street and the Demeter's at 10657 Erie Street took honors for the most festive and pleasing homes decorated for the holidays. Both were presented with a special gift. One even made the Winfield American newspaper. There were also many honorable mentions that are listed at www.doubletreelake.net/poa. The Committee also selected a new committee leader, resident Carla Susson. In coming weeks the committee will help with the enhancements of Doubletree's entrances and implementation of parks. To join the Doubletree Subdivision Beautification Committee call the Doubletree office.

Security Committee: Committee Leader Margie McCarthy

Doubletree Security consist of about 15 dispatchers and patrol officers. Only two are considered "on duty" at any given time. Our dispatcher's responsibilities are to greet residents and visitors, dispatch officers, monitor security cameras, and much more. Officers patrol both Doubletree East and West throughout the day and evening. Both operate 24 hours/day. Recently, there have been several enhancements to our security department with more to come. The Chief's post will be more "hands on" with a recent move to the guard house. Also, police officers will be conducting regular training with the security staff. Each have or will receive CPR and first responder training. The Security Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month and its main objective is to review, discuss, and implement security measures to better serve the community.

Lake Committee: Committee Leader Lou Rinaldo

The Lake Committee consists of both lakefront and off-lake residents. Our primary concern of the committee is the safety of the residents and their guests. Areas of focus include boating, fishing, and swimming. The committee will be working with the DNR with ideas of sectioning lake for different activities. The committee will also be investigating improving access to the lake with a new docking system and the possibility of temporary parking for those launching boats. A study will be conducted regarding hours of use for different types of boating. Boater safety classes will also be examined. The committee will also study controlling the species of fish within the lake and their populations. Meetings open to residents will be held quarterly.