

# Beachwood News

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## **A Note from our President**

Another Beachwood summer has come to a close. The weather, while rainy at times, was mostly pleasant and warm this summer. We can all give thanks to our staff for their hard work and dedication, but more importantly we need to thank our members and their families for their contributions this spring and summer.

Todd Losey and Dave Zee did an incredible job this season, transforming the room next to the manager's office into a multi-purpose room. We also sectioned off part of the vending room and made a swim office/ storage area. They spent many hours at special projects making the facilities more up to date and just plain nicer. Thank you guys for doing a great job. Todd also implemented a swimming lesson program that became very popular with all that attended.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the Annual Membership Meeting this November 8th. Many issues have been discussed at recent board meetings that require membership input. Various topics include:

- 1) Making the 3 meter board safer.
- 2) Potential Major pool renovations.
- 3) Lawsuit against BWRA by one of our members.
- 4) Election of 5 board members.

We have had much discussion about adding 25 more families to our membership. The pool is under utilized and, with the addition of families, it would help offset the rising utilities and maintenance costs that we incur. You will be given a chance to vote on this issue.

Special thanks to our going board members: Diane Johnson, Chris Walsh, and Jay Pulte. Thank you so much for your never ending devotion and support to the people and facilities of Beachwood. We will miss you all.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the board should contact me or any board member. While board members are not paid for the long hours they serve or the expenses they incur, they do receive a waiver of guest fees during the season they serve and a waiver of membership dues for the season following completion of a year's service. The waiver of membership dues expires this November, and if it is not approved to be added to our by-laws, it will not be available for next year.

We had an incredible season, thanks to everyone for their continued support and encouragement. Have a great fall and winter. See you next spring! Please continue to watch the great changes in our Website, and come to our annual meeting!

Glenn Ruther

248-614-9287

### Vice President's Report

Thanks to all who volunteered in the Spring Clean Up. Although the day was wet and cool, we had a strong showing of members (20) & even non members and the club looked fantastic. Free coffee and donuts were served and great fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Volunteering for Spring Clean-up is a great way to meet new members and expand your social circle. You are not obligated to stay the whole day so even a minimum two hour block would be greatly appreciated.

Some parents brought their older children to help out so their 2 hour block was like having four hours. Every volunteer was used and Beachwood's beauty was greatly enhanced by the end of the day.

A special thank you to Melinda Keating for your ongoing upkeep and maintenance throughout spring and summer. Beachwood looked especially great for A Finals by replacing most of the plants the day before.

Thanks you members for allowing me to serve on the Board at Beachwood in my first year.

Sincerely,  
Tighe Keating

### Membership Report

Twenty-eight families joined us as new members of Beachwood in 2006. They are:

Larry and Kitt Alexander	Don and Sallie Amalfitano
Jeff and Kelly Angus	John and Kim Beshara
Tony and Ann Bonfiglio	Toby and Julie Buechner
Michael and Debra Burns	Garen and Kelly Demiryman
Scott and Lisa Eicher	Scott Farrar and Kym Worth
Rob and Renee Freeman	Michael and Amanda Grecky
Mike and Ann Hailer	Thomas and JoAnn Hermes
Fritz and Jojo Klingler	Tim and Sue Martin
Dan and Jane McCarty	Kevin and Beth McIntyre
Steve and Alae Meram	Richard Mergel and Kathleen Jardine
Patrick Brady and Cathy Moore	Tom and Margot Moran
Craig and Karen Mulhinch	Tom and Jan Peronis
Marc and Susan Radecky	Jim and LouAnn Tompkins
Tod and Carolyn Vanderhoof	Patrick White and Amy Clark

Our waiting list is currently 200 families. Forty-four families from the waiting list joined us as August Affiliates.

If you know someone interested in joining, please direct them to our website for an application. [www.beachwoodrec.org](http://www.beachwoodrec.org) Questions, call me.

Diane Johnson, Membership

248-641-8278

## Swim Team News



The swim team continued to make improvements this season. We changed and updated many things to make it easier for the swimmers and the parents to communicate so that the swimmers could work on enjoying the swim season. Take a look @ the BRAND NEW web site to see what we did all summer! All the drifts & individual results can be found on the swim team page.

The season ended with Beachwood finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the league for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, we truly were just 2 swims away from finishing in the top 3, but the place we finish isn't as important as the individual success that ALL of our swimmers achieved, by dropping time, becoming better swimmers, & most of all having a lot of fun with the new friendships that were made.

One of our goals this year was to grow the team thru the younger age groups, and by the end of the year our numbers in 10 & under were very strong. Thank You to all the swimmers for all the hard work that you put in (especially the teenage swimmers) it is a very large commitment to swim all summer, you should be proud of yourselves for staying with it!

As you all know the swim program is very large undertaking and without the help of our countless parent volunteers there is no way to have had such a successful season. **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped us. GREAT JOB!

For all of the members that are unaware of what the swim team is all about, other than closing the pool 3 nights of the year for our meets & taking away the hottest weekend of the year to run the A finals meet, **Thank You** for allowing us to do so. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row the Swim program was run under a balanced budget and in fact with a little bit of help from corporate America we were able to raise enough money to fund and pay for many of the clubs improvements. Without the A finals @ our club every year we could not continue to contribute to the upgrading of our club, and keep the high level of coaching we are so fortunate to have.

The swim program never stops, but this year will evolve to a even better level of service, **Brian and Ellen Perham** will be taking on the roll of Swim Team Representatives they will be working during the off season to plan for next year so keep an eye on your E-mail box for information on the coming season and the many volunteer opportunities that we need to fill for next year. Have a great off-season; we hope that as many swimmers as possible stay wet all winter long! If any body needs information on how to keep your competitive edge this winter feel free to contact me at [jpulte@idealcontracting.com](mailto:jpulte@idealcontracting.com) for swimming information.

Jay Pulte

### **Tennis Report**

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve on the board as your tennis representative these last 7 years. I have really enjoyed watching the junior players grow and develop their game. An added bonus was working with all the adult players and families that have supported and contributed so much time and effort to the program. Beachwood Tennis has over 100 families that play regularly on the courts, the junior program has 160 players and we have a dedicated staff that is willing to serve us and help our games grow. Please take advantage of these beautiful courts and wonderful facility. In the next year, in order to create added revenue for the program, some changes may need to be made and fundraisers added. I am forming a committee to address any changes we may consider in the program. Please call or email me with your email address if you are interested. Remember, this program belongs to Beachwood members and it is up to us to guide and implement it in the direction we want it to go. The next tennis representative will need your input and suggestions. I will be stepping down in November and I encourage everyone to attend the board meeting and be an active member in voting or running for an open board position. The success of the Club is a result of its generous volunteers.

Thank you again, and as always, I will see you on the courts! Chris Walsh  
Tennislady2624@yahoo.com

### **Facilities Report**

As the summer comes to a close, “Winterizing” Beachwood becomes the task at hand for the next month. We had a great summer – I don’t think the pool and facilities have been in better shape. I must thank our Managers Todd and Dave for the exceptional work they did to improve and maintain our facilities. They truly went above and beyond. If you took a nice hot shower this past summer you owe a big Thank You to Dave Kozlowki. Dave completely reworked all of the shower plumbing in the men’s and women’s showers. He took on this huge task just prior to the pool opening and had some VERY late nights of plumbing to get it done for us. Many Thanks go out to Dave.

One of the comments we hear during the year is that we do not have enough umbrellas on the pool deck. We will remedy this situation in the spring. We will also look at putting in a large foam mat under the high dive to provide added safety and security for high divers. This spring we will be looking at replacing our grills with two new ones.

This past spring our nightmare continued with the painted lane lines. This coming spring we will need to take some extra “chemical” steps to remove the oxidation on the PVC lane lines to get the paint to “bite”. The pool liner does not have much life left in it. We will be looking at a large capital expenditure in the next 2-3 years to have it replaced.

If you know of something that needs to be repaired, fixed or upgraded, PLEASE bring it to my attention. Please write me an email at [dmclean@wideopenwest.com](mailto:dmclean@wideopenwest.com). I will start putting a list together of everything that must be done prior to Labor Day. If you want something on this list let me know what it is and I will get it taken care of.

Don McLean

## Social Report

Wow! I can't believe fall is here already. Time does fly when you are having fun. I was just starting to get the hang of this social position and the season ended. A great big thank you to all who have helped, hosted, cooked, hauled, cleaned, decorated and sweated to make summer 2006 fabulous.

**May 21-Staff Appreciation Dinner:** The Beachwood Board got to know the newly certified lifeguards over dinner. Thank you to the **Ruther Family** for opening their home at the last moment. Our lifeguards had just finished 2 days of training at Beachwood and were half frozen so we moved dinner to a warmer location than the pavilion. Thank you **Chris Walsh, Diane Johnson & Sheri Ruther** for contributing their culinary talents!

**June 6-Ladies Luncheon:** This year shopping was added to this annual event. Thank you **Beth Ledford, Cindy Lanzen, Lynn McLean, Melinda Keating, Sheri Ruther, Ellen Perham and Kelly Burke!**

**June 27-Tween Party:** **Laurie Sanback** and **Kristen Labadie** hosted this popular event. The theme was sports and 131 plus tweens danced, played games and chowed down! Thank you **Laurie Sanback, Kristen Labadie, Tammy Bouzide, Merrilee Jones, Lisa Sully, Anne Rice, Jennifer Elinski and Maureen Pickard!** You gals hit a homerun!!!

**July 4-Beachwood** is the place to be on this holiday! Thank you Troy firefighters **Tim Dalglish and Dave Basile** for leading the bike parade. We sold 327 lunch tickets this year. Thank you top chefs, **Don McLean, Mike Hailer, Eric Kimmel, Dan DiCosmo, Phil LaBelle and Terry Stuart.** Thank you for selling tickets, **Laurie and David Sanback.** Thank you kitchen helpers, **Amy Loeffler, Margie Hessen, Kathy Forgrave, Sheri Ruther, Quinn Kolar, Gloria Wise, Mary Kafarski, Lindsey Ruther and Ann Hailer.** Thank you for organizing and running games, **Perham Family, Abowd Family and Sanback Family.** Thank you to our **lifeguards** for running the other games. Thank you to the **Fryoff Family** for helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Thank you God for good weather!

**July 15-Euchre night:** Hosted by **Maureen and Steve Olson and Cathy and Lee Gearig.** 52 people played euchre in very warm tropical weather. This is the largest turnout for cards in Beachwood history! Well done **Olson and Gearig Families!** Thank you! This evening was a "Big Splash."

**July 19-Kiddie Party:** Hosted by **Ann Marie McAuliffe and Sharon McManus.** 76 kids had a wonderful time! Beachwood members **Janet and M'Arch McCarty** of Imagine Theatre provided entertainment. Thank you **Ann Marie McAuliffe, Sharon and Joe McManus, Mary Kafarski, Cheryl Mullen, Karen Wylie, Sue Pienta, Maureen Olson, Margie Hessen, Kristine Renke, Lynne Barrett, Lisa Sully, Kristie Koslowski and Amy Scott.**

**August 1-Teen Party:** Beachwood had not had a teen party since 1997 because of lack of attendance. Forest Hills swim club had only 30 attend previous teen parties.

**Jenny Kaugher,** Forest Hills social chair and I decided to experiment and invite both club's teens to a dance and party. It worked! 117 teens showed up and had a fun time. Thank you Forest Hills for hosting. Thank you Jenny Kaugher!

**August 25-Movie Night:** This was a first time event at Beachwood. 160 people enjoyed dinner and a movie. Thank you **Gloria Wise, Sandy Abowd, Alex Wise, David Kolar & Quinn Kolar.**

I apologize if I have forgotten to recognize anyone who had contributed or volunteered this year. Any omission was accidental. I am truly grateful for everyone's help. Thank you **Todd Losey, Dave Z and staff** for another wonderful summer! Thank you **Kolar Family** for supporting and sharing your mom! I am always looking for input and help for next year. So stay in touch! Everyone have a healthy, happy and prosperous winter!

Nancy Kolar  
nhkolar@comcast.net

Dear Beachwood Members,

Enclosed you will find a ballot for you to vote on two amendments to the current Beachwood by-laws. If you are unable to attend the November 9, 2006 annual meeting, *please* take the time to sign, vote and return this ballot. Envelopes must be post-marked by November 9, 2006. There is only one vote per family unit. The amendments are:

Article VII Section 1. The Association will increase our membership by 25 families. The Association shall consist of no more than 425 family units, each consisting of the permanent members of one household.

Explanation: Beachwood is facing 2 major costs in the next few years. The pool liner will need to be replaced and the tennis courts will need resurfacing. The Board feels that increasing our membership by 25 families will lessen the financial burden on the membership. Tracking the use of the club has shown that increasing our membership by 25 families should not impact our current membership's use of the facilities.

Article V Section 1. (d) Elect from the Board of Directors a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Beachwood Board members shall have yearly dues waived for each year that they hold a Beachwood Board position after one year of service on the Board. If for some reason a Board member does not complete their term, their dues will be prorated on a monthly basis starting November 1 and they will be obligated to pay that amount back to Beachwood Recreation Association. Board members upon election to the board shall have guest fees waived during their service on the board.

Explanation: We would like to encourage all members to serve at some time on the Beachwood Board. By providing this benefit, we feel it will motivate more members to get involved. Most swim and tennis clubs within the area have this benefit for their board members.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Beachwood Board members. We will be happy to help you!

Sincerely,

2006 Beachwood Board of Directors

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**Beachwood Recreation Association Ballot**

INDICATE VOTE WITH X.

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YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the above ballot to:**  
Beachwood Recreation Association  
P.O. Box 542  
Troy, MI 48099

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Join us for our Annual Meeting on  
Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
7:00 PM at the Troy Community Center  
Room 302