The HAH Community that We Cherish

Webster defines “community” as a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society. I cannot think of a better example of “community” than our own HAH where all of us wake up each morning with a deep sense of gratitude for the efforts of those before us who envisioned a development that we all now share together.

Now, based on the efforts of mother time, one of our greatest community attributes is in need of repair. OUR Lake of Four Season’s dam needs our help.

In today’s challenging economic times, there is a notion by some that we cannot afford to make these repairs to our dam. The definitive question here is, can we afford not to support one of our greatest community assets?

Better stated, if we as a community eliminated our lake, how would it effect each of us both economically as well as socially?

Economically, speaking as an appraiser and realtor for more than 35 years, the elimination of our lake would have a resounding negative effect as it pertains to our overall property values whether your home is situated on or off of the lake. I can readily support a devaluation of at least 15%-20% in property values if our lake was terminated (based on “like communities” having or not having lakes in the State of Ohio).

There is mention that a worst case assessment of $3,900 might be applicable for all members. So let’s do the math.

*If the current valuation of your HAH home is say, $100,000, the potential loss of fair market value would be between $15,000 and $20,000, whether you live on or away from the lake. The future personal financial loss as well as the community void by not having the Lake of Four Seasons would be a non-reversible economic calamity.*

Socially speaking, ALL OF US at one time or another have enjoyed the numerous benefits of our lake! Whether it be sharing the enthusiasm of our children’s water activities at the beach, the laughter from our visiting friends and family, or just the noted reflection of the moonlight or sunshine we cherish as we hike around our lake. These memories, both now and for the future of our community, are too valuable to be lost by the advent of dissenting vote.

So I kindly suggest, for the benefit of all of us in this incredible community, that we support and embrace this needed repair to OUR dam.

Sincerely,

Bob Sorrell