



The Echo

March 2016

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Vice President's Report

The staff did an excellent job with the kitchen fire at the Lodge Feb. 2. Amy and staff got people out safely. Gerard first used a hand extinguisher and then activated the fire suppression system on the hood before getting to safety. That may have saved the Lodge from total destruction.

Paul Heimberger was quickly on the scene and took charge of protecting PCs and other equipment in the office from possible water damage. The entire Management Committee, Maintenance staff, Randy and Brenda arrived and immediately began to plan for dealing with the damage and maintaining service to members. A "well done and big thank you" to all.

The ceiling in the kitchen was burned so firefighters tore it out. Kitchen equipment did not appear to be damaged, but our insurance covers transporting it to a site where it was cleaned and tested. Insurance also covered clean-up of the smoke residue and the grease that came through the Great Room ceiling. Our insurance deductible is \$1,000.

The Lion side of March can still bring winter storms. Please remember that Maintenance has 38 miles of roads to clear and it takes a couple of passes to clear them. We have two large trucks and a smaller one that does the plowing. During bad weather, the Maintenance staff is on call 24/7.

Gravel is put down during plowing but new snow can cover it up. That is what recently hap-

pened at the Borah Hill gate. Members should call the office or Security if an area needs additional treatment. Maintenance will plow and gravel the area used for parking by members getting mail at the Borah Hill gate. Remember, we get much better service in HAH than people living on side roads in Lancaster or Columbus. Thanks to our Maintenance staff for doing a great job!

The topic that is getting a lot of discussion these days is the Dam Repair Financing Assessment. Like the old telephone game, things that get passed from person to person get confused. There have been some incorrect postings on social media.

The 66 2/3 Club has compiled an excellent FAQ sheet that accurately answers your questions. If you haven't been to one of the informational meetings, be sure to view the video on the HAH Website. Get the facts and then vote. Absentee ballot requests began February 25 and continue through March 16 and need to be returned to the office by April 8 or brought to the Special Membership Meeting.

If you do not request an Absentee Ballot, come to the Special Membership Meeting on April 10 at 1:30 p.m. to cast your vote. Every vote counts!

Greg Ptacin
Vice President

Let's Can Cancer

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TO ALL WHO DONATE ALUMINUM CANS – we raised over \$500 last year for the American Cancer Society AND this was matched by very gracious members to bring our total to over \$1000. Thank you for your continued support.



Unfortunately, we continue to have a problem -- The amount of tin cans is greatly increasing and GLASS is being found in the bags.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE TIN OR GLASS. We get nothing from the tin cans or the glass AND the glass could cause injury to the person processing at the recycling center because we are telling them we have aluminum cans.

PLEASE – PLEASE – PLEASE – ONLY ALUMINUM CANS – that's all we can accept.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Brenda Eveland
Relay for Life



SAVE THE DATE



The Social Committee's **COMMUNITY AUCTION**
Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.

"One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure"
More info will be coming your way!

Like us on Facebook at "HAH Social Committee"

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**Our Annual Organizational Meeting is scheduled for
March 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Lodge Dining Room.**

All current members encouraged to attend as we gear up for Spring and start planning! Can you believe Spring is less than a month away?! Warthman Drilling, Inc. will soon begin drilling our new well when the load limits are released and a schedule can be set. This is going to be an exciting season! If you are interested in joining us, we welcome you to come to the meeting. If you would like any information in the meantime, please feel free to email Wendy Williams, Chairperson, at hahgardencommittee@gmail.com with any questions.

We do have a few open plots available on a first come, first serve basis when an HAH Organic Garden Rules agreement is signed, so come on down!

Gardening is an investment of time and labor but the rewards are priceless – fresh, wholesome herbs, fruits and vegetables, healthy exercise, fresh air and sunshine (soak in some Vitamin D!), stress relief, and good friends to work with... All fabulous reasons to dig in! Growing organically starts with building healthy soil with compost. The beneficial microbes help your plants to thrive, creating more flavor and nutrition! You can start small and grow what you like to eat. Learning how to plant flowers with your vegetables attracts important pollinators and insect eaters so your harvest will be bountiful. Come join us, you'll be glad you did!

The Annual Garden Arts & Crafts Fest is coming on July 16, 2016!

In just 5 months, our very own HAH Artists and Crafters will be presenting their unique items for sale to our wonderful community. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Jan Ptacin at 740.569.9080 or jptacin45@gmail.com

**HIDE-A-WAY HILLS CLUB
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016
IN THE LODGE DINING ROOM**

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

Please have your membership card with you for identification.

CALL TO ORDER AT 1:30 P.M.

Ballot Box will be opened following the general meeting.

CLOSE BALLOT BOX AT 3:30 P.M.

In accordance with the Hide-A-Way Hills Club Code of Regulations:

Voting members must be current on assessments through March 2016 and
road assessment must be paid through 2015.

Members may request absentee ballots beginning February 25, 2016 (45 days prior to the meeting)
and ending March 16, 2016 (25 days prior to the meeting).

Such request must be submitted in writing – See suggested form below.

Marked absentee ballots must be returned to the Hide-A-Way Hills Club Office in the
provided envelope before 4:30 p.m. April 8, 2016.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM
FOR THE HIDE-A-WAY HILLS CLUB
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 10, 2016**

Requests may be received at the Club Office
from February 25, 2016 through March 16, 2016.

Early requests will be mailed back to member.

Assessment accounts must be paid through March 2016 and road assessment must be
paid through 2015 before absentee ballots will be issued.

I, _____ of Lot # _____ hereby request absentee ballots
for the April 10, 2016 Special Membership Meeting.

Member Signature

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: Received in HAH Office on _____ by _____.

BALLOT ISSUE FOR THE HIDE-A-WAY HILLS CLUB
APRIL 10, 2016
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Hide-A-Way Hills Club Board of Trustees is asking for approval of the following proposed amendment to the Code of Regulations:

HAH Code of Regulations – Article II, Section 4. Dues and Assessments

The Membership of Hide-A-Way Hills Club, Inc. authorizes a one-time Special Assessment of not more than \$3,950 (Three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars) applied equally to each member account for costs associated with the repair of the Lake of the Four Seasons dam and related improvements.

This Special Assessment is contingent upon (i), the execution of a construction contract(s) with a construction firm(s) selected via competitive bid satisfactory to the Board of Trustees, to complete the dam repair and related improvements for a total cost not to exceed \$2,812,199 (Two million eight hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and ninety nine dollars), and, (ii) execution of financing upon terms and conditions satisfactory to the Board of Trustees.

The Membership of Hide-A-Way Hills Club, Inc. further stipulates that this Special Assessment may be paid in a lump sum by cash or check by May 2, 2016; or, at the option of each member, over an extended period of up to five years in up to 60 equal monthly payments, provided the additional incremental cost of financing, at an interest rate not to exceed 5% per annum, is added to the above Special Assessment amount; and that if a credit or debit card is used for payment of this Special Assessment, an additional fee of 2.5% will be added for each such payment.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article II, Section 4.I of the Code of Regulations, which requires a special assessment to be included in the computation of the New Member Initiation Fee, this special assessment shall be excluded for such computation, and Article II, Section 4.I is hereby amended accordingly.

In administering this special assessment, the Board shall permit the assumption by a purchaser of the unpaid balance of this assessment pursuant to a payment plan in existence at the time of such purchase.

All sums paid pursuant to this Special Assessment shall be placed in a segregated account.

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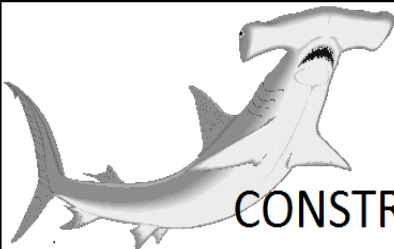
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Reader's Forum
 Hide-A-Way Hills Echo
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Lakefront lot and multiple-lot owners (the minority) should bear a larger burden of the dam assessment than the rest of the owners (the majority).

I posit that the resulting property devaluations, if the dam goes unrepaired, is substantially more for lakefront property than non-lakefront property. Therefore, the amount of the assessment for lakefront property should be greater than non-lakefront property.

Lakefront lot owners enjoy the convenience, prestige and enhanced property valuation during good times while paying the same fees as the rest of us. Therefore, it is only logical that they bear a larger financial burden during the bad times. An easy way to do this (as one example) is to use the average county tax valuation of lakefront versus non-lakefront properties to derive a ratio. Then each lot owner should pay one dam assessment for his lot based on that ratio. If the average lakefront property is \$200,000 and the average non-lakefront property is \$100,000, then each lakefront property owner is assessed two times as much as each non-lakefront property owner.

Using similar logic, if an individual (or organization) has more than one lot, that individual should pay more than one dam assessment. If all lots are expected to lose, say \$10,000, in value if the dam is not repaired, then someone who owns ten lots, should pay ten assessments (c. \$39,000) to prevent losing \$100,000. These multiple lot owners, have enjoyed the voting power associated with having many lots in the club and should bear the negative effects of owning multiple lots on their own. I think it would be fair to say the dam costs should be allocated to lot owners the same way assessments are: one full assessment for an improved lot and 2/3rds of an assessment for an unimproved lot.

You cannot convince me that lakefront or multiple lot owners (the minority) have the same level of risk to mitigate as do normal owners (the majority). Both are attempts of the minority to get the majority to help pay to mitigate their risks. They both enjoyed the benefits of their investments during the good times and should not expect the minority to bail them out during the bad.

I urge a NO Vote on the issue and let the dam levels stay where they are unless the costs of the dam repair are apportioned fairly.

Herman Belcher
 1236 Zuni Lane

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the end of the fourth paragraph, the correct information is 1/3 assessment for a non-adjacent, unimproved lot.



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BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE H-A-H BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hide-A-Way Hills Board of Trustees Election, August 21, 2016
ANY member in good standing is eligible to run for election

**Resume Form is in this Echo. Also Available at
the Club Office or from a Nominating Committee Member**

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 16, 2016

**Even if you are just thinking about it...Please Contact
a Committee Member & Discuss the Details!!**

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Hide-A-Way Hills Club Board of Trustees Candidate Resume

This completed form must be turned into the HAH Office by May 16, 2016

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ YEARS AS A HAH MEMBER: _____

FULL TIME MEMBER? *(Circle One)* Yes/No

Current/previous occupation: _____ Education: _____

Committees served on in HAH: _____

Do you have any experience similar to this position? *(Please describe)* _____

Do you have any financial or personnel management background? *(Please describe)* _____

What would you like to accomplish in HAH during your three-year term? _____

How would your experience and/or training be beneficial to the members of HAH? _____

Are you willing to make decisions which are in the best interest of HAH but which may not be popular with all members? Please explain. _____

Do you have any regular commitments that would preclude you from attending the monthly Board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month and the Annual Meeting on the 3rd Sunday afternoon in August? *(Circle one)* Yes/NO

Any other comments or statements you would like to make? _____

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In 2011, Hide-A-Way Hills celebrated its 50th Anniversary. There was a boat parade, concerts, an art show which included memorabilia of HAH, golf scramble, open houses at the garden and barn, bingo and card party to name a few - a ten day celebration. We researched, remembered and honored our history – and we placed a time capsule in the front entrance at the Lodge to be opened in another 50 years. We marveled at the foresight and caring of those who came before us – and stood in gratitude as the benefactors of their commitment to and love of Hide-A-Way Hills.

Today, as we sit at this cross roads and debate what could have – should have – might have been done in regard to the LOFS dam, let us also give consideration to what those celebrating the next 50 year anniversary will see and say when they look back at this, at our time.

What will we do to ensure that those who come after us will celebrate us - or curse us? What forward thinking steps did we take to shore up (pun intended) another 50 years of the Hide-A-Way Hills lifestyle? None of us has a crystal ball, and at times it's a challenge just to make good decisions for TODAY but, to give consideration to the long view, is time well spent.

Do we want to be the generation of Hide-A-Way Hills' dwellers who lost the lake? Do we want to be the place in our history, where the story line begins, "...and then they didn't fix the dam and lost our lake....before that time, we had a lake where people boated, swam, fished....they said it was the 4th cleanest lake in all of Ohio....the first 50 Year Anniversary even had a boat parade with a boat decoration contest.....people from very young children to people in their 80's floated on the lake and as they drove by each other they said, "Try to relax, will ya! It was a joke, and they all laughed, and relaxed. In those days, the lake was the center piece of HAH."

And so, whether you are or have been a boater, a floater or if you've even seen the lake. Whether you believe in our current leadership or you have other ideas. Whether you have the money in a cookie jar or will have to make deep adjustments in your daily life to scrape it together – I ask you to consider all that has been done by individuals who came before us. Think about all they left us, and how much we love and enjoy this amazing slice of heaven. And, I ask you to consider what we, this current generation have been asked to do, what piece of history has fallen into our laps. How do we want our actions to be remembered at the next 50 year anniversary celebration? What are we willing to do for our children and grandchildren?

Bridget Durham
Lot 841



Riley Arnold, June 1, 2013
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HIDE-A-WAY HILLS CLUB**Income/Expense Report December 2015**

	December 2015	December 2014	Change	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	Change
HAH All Accounts						
Income	\$ 207,164.80	\$ 231,057.24	\$ (23,892.44)	\$ 2,431,056.08	\$ 2,457,490.27	\$ (26,434.19)
Expense	\$ 203,178.48	\$ 280,326.52	\$ (77,148.04)	\$ 2,641,509.48	\$ 2,721,503.20	\$ (79,993.72)
Profit	\$ 3,986.32	\$ (49,269.28)	\$ 53,255.60	\$ (210,453.40)	\$ (264,012.93)	\$ 53,559.53
Lodge						
Income	\$ 38,265.88	\$ 39,242.42	\$ (976.54)	\$ 346,201.56	\$ 360,673.08	\$ (14,471.52)
Expense	\$ 56,741.26	\$ 61,485.41	\$ (4,744.15)	\$ 413,645.80	\$ 487,879.32	\$ (74,233.52)
Profit	\$ (18,475.38)	\$ (22,242.99)	\$ 3,767.61	\$ (67,444.24)	\$ (127,206.24)	\$ 59,762.00
Clubhouse						
Income	\$ 8,469.24	\$ 9,650.66	\$ (1,181.42)	\$ 143,161.50	\$ 152,793.04	\$ (9,631.54)
Expense	\$ 12,799.42	\$ 12,092.00	\$ 707.42	\$ 152,789.27	\$ 152,100.10	\$ 689.17
Profit	\$ (4,330.18)	\$ (2,441.34)	\$ (1,888.84)	\$ (9,627.77)	\$ 692.94	\$ (10,320.71)

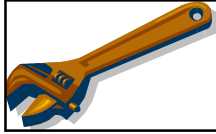
HIDE-A-WAY HILLS CLUB**Income/Expense Report January 2016**

	January 2016	January 2015	Change	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	Change
HAH All Accounts						
Income	\$ 182,306.26	\$ 167,038.19	\$ 15,268.07	\$ 182,306.26	\$ 167,038.19	\$ 15,268.07
Expense	\$ 150,973.26	\$ 143,431.54	\$ 7,541.72	\$ 150,973.26	\$ 143,431.54	\$ 7,541.72
Profit	\$ 31,333.00	\$ 23,606.65	\$ 7,726.35	\$ 31,333.00	\$ 23,606.65	\$ 7,726.35
Lodge						
Income	\$ 17,112.09	\$ 17,018.99	\$ 93.10	\$ 17,112.09	\$ 17,018.99	\$ 93.10
Expense	\$ 30,276.67	\$ 26,518.24	\$ 3,758.43	\$ 30,276.67	\$ 26,518.24	\$ 3,758.43
Profit	\$ (13,164.58)	\$ (9,499.25)	\$ (3,665.33)	\$ (13,164.58)	\$ (9,499.25)	\$ (3,665.33)
Clubhouse						
Income	\$ 11,954.21	\$ 10,467.71	\$ 1,486.50	\$ 11,954.21	\$ 10,467.71	\$ 1,486.50
Expense	\$ 12,630.02	\$ 10,594.88	\$ 2,035.14	\$ 12,630.02	\$ 10,594.88	\$ 2,035.14
Profit	\$ (675.81)	\$ (127.17)	\$ (548.64)	\$ (675.81)	\$ (127.17)	\$ (548.64)

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- ⇒ If it floats it must be registered.
- ⇒ Incomplete forms and requests will not be processed.
- ⇒ No calls will be made to members of incomplete forms so fill it out completely, accurately and legibly.
- ⇒ If you were assigned a club-issued dock last year, and want to be eligible to keep the same dock, your **Registration Form** and **updated Proof of Insurance** MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CLUB OFFICE BY NOON, APRIL 13, 2016.
- ⇒ There will be **no exceptions.**
- ⇒ Due to the dam repairs, there is no pontoon launch date at this time.

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(Note: Elizabeth is the daughter of HAH members, Joe and Nancy Hunsberger. This article appeared in *The Dispatch* on Tuesday, February 16, 2016)

Joe Blundo **Commentary: Artist's** **53 animal portraits in** **52 weeks**



Newly divorced, Elizabeth Ellis needed something to lift her spirits.

"I was in a really bad place, and I needed to get out of my head and do something for somebody who was in a worse place than I was," she said.

So, at the beginning of 2015, she set out to paint 52 watercolor portraits — one a week — of animals awaiting adoption at shelters nationwide.

Ellis painted Butternut, a rabbit from California whose relocating family couldn't keep her. She captured the charms of Prince Charming, an abandoned dog in a Texas rescue shelter; and the dignity of Flip, a diabetic cat in Munster, Ind.



At the end of the year, her project — "Year of 52 Rescues" — contained 53 portraits ("I'm better at art than I am at math," she said) and had helped several animals find homes.

The works are being displayed through Feb. 21 at Dreaming Tree Galleries, 3968 Broadway, Grove City.

Afterward, they will move to the Lodge in Hide-A-Way Hills (www.hideawayhillslodge.com) near Bremen, Ohio.

"I think it's wonderful what she's doing," said Stephanie

Anderson of the Humane Society in Munster. "It not only puts a spotlight on adoption nationally, but it helps these specific animals get a little extra attention." The portrait of Moto, a blind dog at the Munster shelter, helped him get adopted, Anderson said. Flip remains in need of a family.

Ellis has painted since childhood. She studied art at Kent State University and is pursuing a degree in health-information management from Columbus State Community College. She works as a legal assistant.

She was tempted to adopt some of the animals herself. "I have a (rescue) dog of my own, and my partner now also has a dog," said Ellis, 32, of Reynoldsburg. "We're good with two right now."

She found her subjects by emailing rescue shelters wherever she found them, asking for photos of pets needing homes. Her portraits include a chinchilla in Alabama, a ferret in New York and a pig in Pennsylvania.

Her project eventually reached as far as Australia, with her picture of a one-legged parrot.

After the portraits leave Hide-A-Way Hills, she intends to mail them to the homes or shelters where the animals live.

Some of their stories made Ellis cry, but the knowledge that the animals had survived to have another chance at a good life left her all the more determined to capture their good qualities in her art.

"I kind of fall in love with every animal that I paint."

Joe Blundo is a Dispatch columnist.

On The Level **Bike Club**

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The aim is to enjoy the trails in a non-competitive atmosphere. Everyone is encouraged to ride at their own pace with no prior experience needed.

We would like to find anyone who may be interested so that we can plan a schedule for the good days to come this spring. There is no better way to enjoy a nice day that a ride on the trail!

No fees - just bring a bike.

Please call/text Karen Pence at 614-563-9980. Or email at kdponce@frontier.com



Patrick and Sue Carter Chenoweth-Foy welcomed their first grandchild on Feb. 17.

Landen William Foy, born to Kyle Gordon Foy and Kendra William Foy, of Philadelphia, PA. was 10 pounds and 22 inches long.

A big FOY BOY!



The members and staff would like to extend their sympathy to Anne Kerregan and Kathy Clevenger upon the passing of Anne's mother Alice Kerregan on January 28, 2016.

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Recycling and Working Out

Two items that got a lot of mentions in the survey the Long Range Planning Committee did last fall were a workout facility and recycling.

A full report on Recycling was on page 19 of the October 2015 Echo and it is on the HAH Website. The bottom line is that as a private community we are not eligible for recycling containers from Fairfield or Hocking County. It is cost prohibitive to do it on our own. Please read the report first, but we are still open to ideas.

Many people wanted a workout facility. We even have people willing to donate equipment. Unfortunately, we do not have a place to site a facility. We do have some options.

About 30 people (men and

women) attend Yoga every Saturday at 10 AM in the Lodge. It's a very basic gentle yoga/stretching practice that focuses on breathing and meditation/relaxation to help everyone relieve stress and learn how to better deal with the events that come up in their daily, crazy lives. If you can breathe, you'll love this class!! The free sessions are led by HAH Member Tracy Oppenheimer.



Every MWF at 9:30 AM a group meets in the Great Room. They exercise to walk-in-place aerobic videos. They don't bounce or dance, nor lay on the floor. No special clothing required just comfortable shoes. A bottle of water is advised. For more information, call Nancy at 569-9517 or Debbie at 740-569-7842



On Thursday at 10:15 AM Deb Kirk does Dance Exercise in the Great Room. Everyone from 6 to 86 can attend. She plays varied music and tempos. There are also two sessions at Emmanuel Lutheran. Contact Deb for information 740-569-0291 or email drkrkar@gmail.com.



Boots & hats not necessary!

Don't forget walking in Area 54 - with or without a dog. Just walking the Disc Golf course is a workout. Or, hike up to Harcum Park to see the beautiful view. Even walking HAH roads provides plenty of hills and views.

Think Spring on March 20!!!



The 66 2/3 Club suggests you vote by Absentee Ballot - life sometimes gets in the way and **EVERY VOTE COUNTS**

Absentee Ballots are available through March 16. Request forms are in the February Echo and online at www.hideawayhillsclub.com. You can also email the office or drop a note off at the office requesting Absentee Ballots.

We need 66 2/3% of our voting members to check "YES" on their ballot to insure financing for the new dam.

Additional Informational Meetings hosted by the 66 2/3 Club:
 Saturday, March 12, Noon - 2 p.m., Clubhouse
 Saturday, March 19, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., Lodge Dining Room
 Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Clubhouse

This ad was paid for by the 66 2/3 Club.



Vote on April 10, 2016

the DAM FAQs

The following FAQs are provided by the 66 2/3 Club and approved by HAH Club Board and the Management Committee

Repair Costs

What will be the total cost of dam repairs to the members? Not to exceed \$2,812,199, or \$3,949.72 per member account.

Will the constructions bids bring the total cost down? Possibly. Selection of the final bid is targeted for March 31st. At that time the actual cost to each member, which we hope will be lower, will be known. Cost will not exceed \$3,949.72 per member account.

Why do all members have to share the cost of paying for the dam? Our deed restrictions require that members pay for the costs of the club on an equitable basis. Thus, we do not charge for use of specific amenities. Our assessments are set equally (depending on the number of lots/member accounts) per club regulations and everyone pays an equal share of the costs.

Why is the State of Ohio not paying for our repairs like at Buckeye Lake? Buckeye Lake is a State Park and the State of Ohio is responsible for that dam. Our lake and dam are privately owned by the HAH Club and, as such, all members are responsible to share equally for repairs and maintenance.

How much has the Club already paid toward this project? We have spent over \$300,000 of Club money from the Depreciation Fund. These are funds we set aside to repair or replace our current equipment needs. As a result, we have held off replacing several pieces of equipment and making needed repairs to our existing properties.

Was the dam insured? The dam itself cannot be insured. Only power producing dams are insured. We are insured to pay for downstream damage if our dam breaches. Please reference this FEMA report to Congress: www.damsafety.org/media/documents/fema/availabilityofdaminsurance.pdf

Construction Loan Information

What financial institutions are we working with to get the loan to pay for the Dam repairs? We are currently reviewing offers from PNC, Popular Association, Delaware County Bank, US Bank, and Columbus Finance Authority. All of the following lenders were approached:

- Vinton County Bank (Bremen Bank)
- Fairfield National Bank (Park National)
- Delaware County Bank
- PNC Bank
- Chase Bank
- US Bank
- Huntington National Bank
- US Bank
- Popular Association Bank
- Columbus Finance Authority
- A private, local investment company.

Did we approach the Ohio Water Development Authority about programs they offer?

The OWDA program that would apply to HAH is the OWDA Linked Deposit Program. It provides that after you obtain financing from a participating lender, the OWDA will purchase CDs from that institution in an amount equal to the loan. The lending institution in exchange will lower the interest rate. We discussed it with three different banks. Two were familiar with the program. All three said it made sense when interest rates were high. But with current rates it is not workable. Their other program, OWDA loan fund, is only available to government entities and HAH does not qualify.

What type of loan will it be? This will be a Commercial loan. A commercial loan as it's used here simply means a loan that is secured only by the assessments paid by members and not real property.

How many years will the loan be for? We anticipate entering into a 5 year loan as the rates for a 5 year commercial loan are the best for the club.

Why don't we take out a longer loan than 5 years? There are 7 and 10 year options for a commercial loan, but the interest rates on those terms are much higher than a 5 year.

Can we refinance at some point without a membership vote? A member vote would be required to refinance any loan the Club takes out.

Special Assessment Payment Information

What payment options are available to members for this Special Assessment? There will be 3 payment options available: a one-time upfront payment, a 3-year payment plan and a 5-year payment plan. There is no penalty for early payment on a payment plan.

Can I pay it all up front? If so when is it due? If paying in full to avoid paying any interest, the payment is due by 5/2/16.

How/who maintains the loan payments at our HAH office? Members will make their Special Assessment payment(s) to the HAH Office. The office will collect the funds and make payments on the loan to the lending institution.

Property Values

What % value does my home lose without a lake? Independent research reports find that 20%-30% (depending on proximity to the lake) of everyone's home's value in a community like ours is based on our private lake amenity. (Copies of research reports can be found on the HAH Member website under the "Member Information" tab on the "LOFS Dam Updates" link.)

What are the benefits of having the LOFS and rebuilding the dam?

- Resort community home values revolve around having a fully functioning lake; 20%-30% of everyone's home value is based on the Lake of the Four Seasons
- The new dam will increase the surface area of the lake by 70 feet
- Improved boat launch ramp
- The new Dam should last at least another 50 years
- Property values will not de-value

Have more or less homes sold in the last year due to this issue? There were 45 homes sold in 2015. This is a higher number than in previous years. Casual conversation indicates people have purchased in the last couple years with the expectation the dam will be repaired and knowing there would be a cost to them to do so. There were 33 homes sold in 2014, 38 in 2013, 40 in 2012 and 29 in 2011.

Voting

Who will count the votes on April 10, 2016? The HAH Board Treasurer asks members to volunteer to count votes. We will have a neutral third party present to supervise the ballot counting. We also plan to use the ballot counting method similar to what County Boards of Elections use for paper ballots.

Where do I go to vote? The meeting for the vote is April 10th at the Lodge. Doors and registration opens at 1:00 pm, a short meeting to review the ballot language starting at 1:30 with voting open after that. Voting is open until 3:30 pm.

Can I vote absentee? Yes. You can request an Absentee Ballot by filling out a form found on the HAH website, in the ECHO or by requesting an Absentee ballot from the HAH Office. You do not need the form; you can send an email to the office with your Name and Lot # and request a ballot be sent to you.

Can I request an absentee ballot via email? Yes. Send an email to hahoffice@hahclub.net with the following info: Your Name, lot number, that you are requesting an Absentee Ballot and what address to mail it to if different than your normal mailing address on file in the HAH office.

What are the results of a 'No' vote?

The only way to repair our dam to ODNR standards and fully re-open the lake is to fund this repair effort with a Special Assessment. If this Special Assessment does not pass by a **66 2/3 majority** of members voting by Absentee Ballot and on April 10th, 2016, then the following will or possibly will occur:

- ODNR will require us to keep a lowered lake until we develop and fund a remediation plan. If we cannot fund a remediation plan, the impact will be drastic, as we will be required to drain the lake entirely.
- We could work to try and pass a special assessment again, but even best case if it would pass, we would not start construction until 2017.
- Even if we could pass a Special Assessment at a later date, most of the construction plans and estimates would need to be redone, which could raise the overall cost.
- It is likely some or much of the testing we've already paid \$300,000 for would have to be re-done.
- As news of a failed Special Assessment spreads, home values and home sales could drop significantly. No new home sales means no Amenity funds coming in and our HAH amenities begin to deteriorate.
- With home values dropping by at least 20%-30%, home owners may be "upside down" on mortgages. Those hoping to sell their homes may have to sell at significant reductions from recent purchase prices.

Construction Details

How long will construction take? Current best case estimate is 3 months, but that could be longer depending on weather. The plan is to complete construction in 2016.

Will the cost of steps, lighting and parking lots be included in the proposed repairs? Steps, parking lots, a new road on East side of dam and the running of electric conduit are included in the bid requests. We did not include new electric fixtures in the bids.

Will there be more docks added? Not at the time of the rebuild. This will be a matter for the Management Committee and available capital or amenity funds in the future.

Will the ORV track be closed during construction? Most likely when the construction trucks are operating, we will have to close access to the ORV track for safety reasons. It should be available on the weekends.

Will the borrow area (clay needed for dam) next to the ORV area be fenced and out-of-bounds for members during construction? Yes

Will the existing launch ramp be closed during construction? Yes

Will canoeing and kayaking still be allowed during construction? Yes

Electric motors on lake only during construction? Yes

Could there be boating in Fall of 2016? It is unlikely we will have gas powered boats back on the lake by Fall of this year. This would be dependent on construction duration, water levels, dock and step re-construction. In addition, the new dam will need to be seeded with grass and allowed to grow back before heavy usage. We will be able to continue to use the lake for non-gas powered boats during construction and after.

Communications to members

Will there be additional meetings to learn about the Dam Remediation plan and the Special Assessment? Yes.

Here is the schedule of informational meetings related to the Dam:

- Sunday, February 7th, 1:00 pm, Lodge - dining room
- Friday, February 19th, 5:30-7:30 pm, Lodge - dining room
- Saturday, March 12th, Noon, Clubhouse
- Saturday, March 19th, 5:00-7:30 pm, Lodge - dining room
- Saturday, April 9th, 10:00 am, Clubhouse

Where can I find information about the dam using Social Media?

- www.hideawayhillsclub.com under the Member Information tab, then in LOFS Dam Updates link
- on the FaceBook page: Hideaway Hills – 66 2/3% for the Dam. See and post on "Visitor Posts"

Who can I call if I want to ask a question?

- Randy Swetnam, GM - 740-569-4198
- Jim Lloyd – 740-746-8593
- Greg Ptacin – 740-569-9080
- Jim Krygier – 740-569-6176

Is there a video I can reference on the HAH website if I miss a meeting? Yes. You can find a link to the meeting video(s) on the HAH Website. Look under the "Members Information" tab and then click on the "LOFS Dam Updates" link. There you will see a link for "Video of Meeting".

Here is a URL for the video from the January 24th meeting:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5LSS_bKXmsCLURhWGtpOVI1Xzg/view?pref=2&pli=1

Current Assessments and Delinquencies

How do member's monthly and roads assessment delinquencies affect this project? The amount of the delinquent accounts is very small compared to the total cost for the dam repair project.

What is the current delinquencies amount? The January 15, 2016 delinquency report indicated that we have a total delinquency of \$104,516. While this is a good amount of money, by breaking it down it is not as serious as you might think. Of the \$104,516, there are 15 accounts in the legal collection process totaling \$96,167 and most have been there for over a year. In most cases HAH is behind the bank, taxes and other creditors. There were 5 accounts on the 60 day list totaling \$4550 and 3 of the 5 are already on a payment plan. There were 2 accounts totaling \$3798 turned over to our lawyers for collection. In 2015, we only turned over 6 accounts for collection. All of the rest were handled in-house through a payment plan or were paid up in full.

How many assessments are typically delinquent? On average, we have about 7% of accounts in a delinquent status based on annual assessment revenue. We are planning for 50 of the 712 accounts to default on the Special Assessment payments.

What is the process for collecting delinquent accounts and will that same process be followed for this Special Assessment? Yes, the same process used to attempt to collect current delinquent accounts will be followed for the Special Assessment accounts.

The following is the process we use with delinquent accounts:

- At 30 days – an advisory letter is sent to the delinquent member by the General Manager.
- At 60 days – a 2nd advisory letter is sent to the delinquent member advising them that their amenity privileges and social guest privileges have been revoked, they are being charged a \$20 late fee monthly, and a payment plan is offered.
- Between 67 and 70 days – the General Manager contacts the delinquent member by phone explaining the payment plan and the ramifications if not paid by the 75th day.
- At 90 days – the delinquent member is assessed a \$250 special assessment and a \$50 referral fee, and turned over to our lawyers for collection. A lien is placed on the member's property and outside collection procedures are initiated through legal counsel.

The foreclosure process is extremely expensive costing up to \$5000, lengthy and very complicated. In most cases, we get no money from the foreclosure because any unpaid taxes and the mortgage balances have to be paid first and then the balance left from the proceeds of the Sheriff's Sale is divided among the other lien holders. The upside of the Sheriff's Sale is that Hide-A-Way Hills once again has an income producing property (once it is sold) with a new member fee and the monthly assessment. In most cases, we do not complete the foreclosure process until we are sure the bank holding the mortgage is not going to start their own foreclosure proceedings. If the bank forecloses on the delinquent property, this saves us the foreclosure costs. Once the bank forecloses, they become a member and are subject to the monthly assessment. It has been asked: why we do not go through a private collection agency instead of through our lawyers? The reason is private collection agencies take a sizable portion of the money they collect (if they do collect it) and by going through our lawyers we have a better chance of getting the money owed to the Club, including the legal fees.

How could the Amenities Fund affect or be affected by this project?

Per the code, 50% of the New Member Fee goes toward the Amenities Fund process, 40% goes to the General Operating Fund and 10% goes to the Roads Fund. This money is solely dependent on new members paying the fee and the amount varies from year to year. Keep in mind that without the amenities funds to the committees, many of the club amenities would not get maintained. These committees are all volunteer committees and use these funds, along with volunteer labor, to improve our community. By cutting these funds, we could ruin the volunteer spirit that is a huge part of Hide-A-Way Hills.



Happy St Patrick's Day

March 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GR = Great Room		DR= Dining Room	CH = Club House	SH = Shelter House		
		1 6 pm 2nd Century Club Meeting/CH 7 pm Golf Committee/GR	2 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR 7:00 pm LRPC/ GR	3 10:30 am-Noon Line Dancing/GR 7 pm Lakes	4 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR	5 10 am Yoga/DR
6	7 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR	8 7 pm Management Committee/GR	9 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR	10 10:30 am-Noon Line Dancing/GR 6 pm Ladies Nite Out/DR	11 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR	12 10am Yoga/DR 10 am Garden Committee spring Organizational Meeting/GR 12 Noon Info Meeting hosted by 66 2/3 Club/CH
13	14 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR 6 pm Neighborhood Watch/CH 7 pm ACC/GR 7 pm ORV/CH 7:30 pm New Member/CH	15 7 pm Board Meeting/GR	16 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR <u>Last day to obtain Absentee Ballots</u> 7:30 pm Range Committee/ 399 Nootka	17  10:30 am-Noon Line Dancing/GR	18 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR 9 am ECHO Deadline 5 - 7:30 pm Info Meeting Hosted by 66 2/3 Club/DR	19 10 am Yoga/DR Wine & Canvas at the Lodge Julia Neville Country Artist at the Lodge
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27  EASTER BRUNCH AT THE LODGE	28 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR 7 pm ACC/GR	29	30 9:30 am Walk Aerobics/GR	31 10:30 am-Noon Line Dancing/GR		



March

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The Lodge will be open regular hours and will email the available menu as often as possible.

Please note that all dates are tentative until repairs from the fire are complete.

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Ladies Nite Out ~ Thursday, March 10 ~ 6 p.m.

This will be held at the Lodge this month

The second Thursday of each month is a fun time for the women of HAH to get together.

Each month there is a wonderful selection of appetizers for \$9.99.

For reservations, please contact Donna Grove at dgrove1234@yahoo.com or

Karen Parker at karen@ikarensell.com

St. Patrick's Day ~ Thursday, March 17

Join Gerard and his Staff in celebrating St. Pat's Day

Wine and Canvas ~ Saturday, March 19

Details of time, fees and registration information will go out later.

Julia Neville, Country Artist ~ Saturday, March 19

Easter Brunch ~ Sunday, March 27

Menu/Price will be posted on the Lodge Facebook page, at the Lodge and in an Email Blast

Happy Hour ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday ~ 5-7 p.m.

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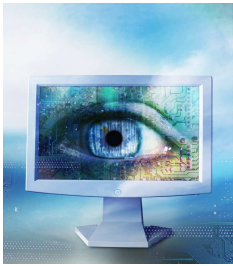
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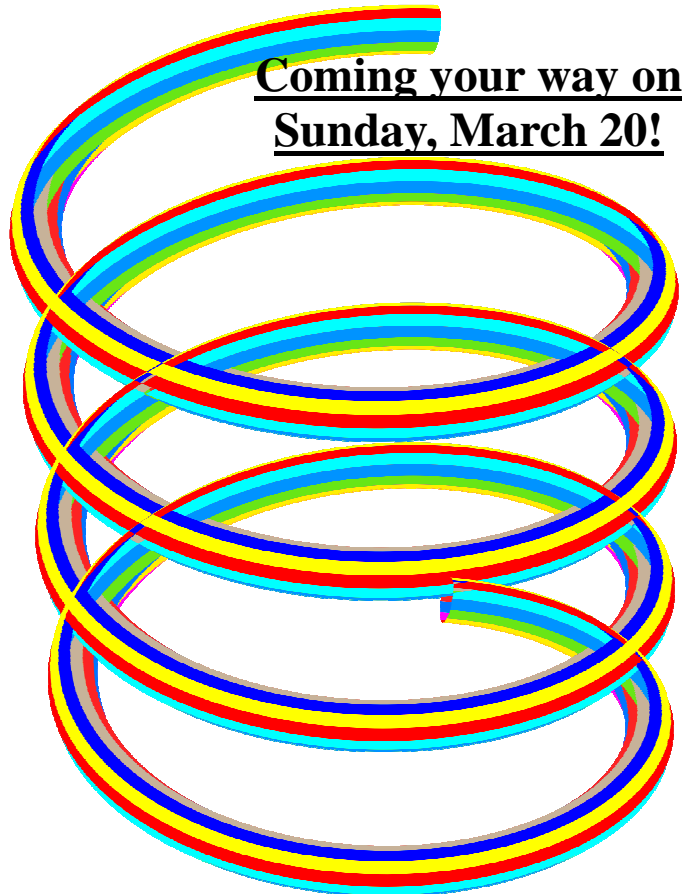
MEMBERS

In the event

**of the ballot issue on the dam passing
at the April 10 Special Membership
Meeting, the Shelter House will be
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**Therefore, the office is not taking
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**Coming your way on
Sunday, March 20!**



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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**WHEN THE OFFICE IS CLOSED THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL SECURITY AT 569-4187 OR 746-9589**

GOLF CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Monday—11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday— CLOSED

LODGE HOURS

Dining Room

Tuesday—Thursday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Lounge

Tuesday—Thursday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 5 pm. To Midnight

Deadline for the **April ECHO** is Friday, **March 18** at **9:00 a.m.**

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