

Beachwalk News



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Hi Neighbor,

It is said that only two things in life are certain, one of which is **taxes**. It seems that LaPorte county is about to buck the trend and leave taxes in an uncertain state for the foreseeable future (see below). For the short term, though, it is high summer and a large number of people are waking up each morning at Beachwalk with expressions like, "another terrific day in paradise".

Developer's Corner - Property Tax Update

As I have been concluding all year, the property tax "crisis" is still evolving and a clear course of

action remains unclear. I continue to wait until I HAVE TO act. This deadline for action is still at least 60 days off. My current belief is that our best option is for LaPorte County to throw out recent reassessments as hopelessly flawed. Recently, Marion County, the Governor's home county, joined several other counties in throwing out their reassessments and starting over --- will LaPorte county do the same? I am exploring ways for Beachwalk homeowners to aid in having the recent reassessments thrown out.

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Scooters I don't know who brought the Razor Scooter to the market, but my sense is that he didn't like children. In the past week or so, I've heard of 5 or 6 incidents that involved near-collisions between Scooters and cars. Most of the stories included a statement like, "Lucky I was going slow, or I..... " Two things: Please tell your children and grandchildren to be careful when walking, biking or scooting. Please teach them to be especially careful at intersections. When driving be particularly watchful for children on bikes and scooters. Anyone driving through Beachwalk at more than 10 MPH is simply putting these children at risk. John Marshall assures me that signs reading, CAUTION CHILDREN AT PLAY 10 MPH will soon be (re-)positioned at both entrances. John has also instructed his staff to trim bushes that might obstruct a driver's view at intersections. As you drive around Beachwalk, if you encounter an intersection with an obstructed view, please drop me, or John a note or e-mail.

Goodness, Gracious Great B Instructor Beth Lapaich leads an Exercise Ball class Thursdays, 5:30 PM, on the lawn behind the Club Deli. Bring a ball, if you have one. If not, use one of hers. Fee = \$5.00.

Music at Lake Kai Saturdays 6:00 - 8:00 on the deck behind Club Deli - performances by musicians from Front Porch Music.

August 4	Sarah Archer/Joe Falck	Acoustic Rock
August 11	Glen Steven Johnson	Country influenced Rock
August 18	John Mchetemes	Pop, Rock, Soul

Movies on the Grass Sundays, 8:30 to 10:15 behind Club Deli. Family movies al fresco.

August 5	Flushed Away
August 11	The Incredibles
August 18	Rudy

26th Annual Lakefront Art Festival Hosted by the Lubeznik Center for the Arts.

August 18 and 19, 10 am - 6 pm Washington Park

The Club Deli, 210 Beachwalk Lane, is open for breakfast at 6:00 AM, everyday.



Club Deli at Beachwalk is an annex of Michigan City's favorite Deli. Call or FAX ahead at 219-879-6732 and they'll have your sandwiches ready and wrapped for the cooler as you come by on your way to the beach. For the remainder of the summer, Club Deli will feature a special menu from 5:00 to 7:00PM on Saturdays to overlap with Music in the Park, and will be open 8:00 to 9:00PM, Sundays to serve as your movie concessions stand. In spite of consistent rave reviews for the quality of its fare, the Club Deli is only having a so - so year. Next time you're hungry, you may want to consider eating at the Club Deli, to do your part in ensuring that this valuable Beachwalk resource doesn't seek out greener pastures (see also next article).

The Art Market is a group of merchants (some of whom are Beachwalk homeowners) who set up shop in the square just off the traffic circle every Sunday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM,



throughout the summer season. They sell hand-crafted jewelry, painted furniture, stained glass, and other artwork. Much like Club Deli, business has been a bit spotty. Stop by, buy something. This is the fifth season for the Art Market and, as they strive to develop a base for Beachwalk retail sales, they deserve our support.

Team Beachwalk will gear up Tuesday night (July 31st) to battle for first place in the Michigan City Summer Hoops basketball league for 5th and 6th graders. Beachwalk summer residents, Tyler and Ryan Aldrich, Jackson Edwards, Anthony Brewster, Lizzie Marks and Charlie Rix will join their team mates, Michael and Jack Willis (who visit Beachwalk each summer), as they play against Team Schoops to make it to the final round for first place; all final games will be played on Tuesday.



TEAM BEACHWALK

"The summer basketball league has been a huge success this first season due to the support of our local sponsors, the players' excitement and dedication of all of the parents involved", says Dave Emerson, a year-round resident of Beachwalk and director of the program.

Meet Our Builders - Jody Snider Custom Homes

(This is the first of a series of articles aimed at introducing to all of the Beachwalk community the select group of builders who have, collectively, built the bulk of the homes in Beachwalk.)



This is a picture of a gazebo (to be finished after the moratorium) being built by Jody Snider

and Tom Moss. Jody plans on donating his portion of the completed structure to the Beachwalk community as a token of his appreciation and his continuing commitment to Beachwalk. In the background is one of two recently-completed "Spec" houses that Jody has listed for sale. **Jody Snider Homes**, based in Valparaiso, Indiana, has been building custom homes of exceptional quality in Northwest Indiana for over a decade. Jody was recently voted the "2007 Best of Northwest Indiana Business 'Best Custom Home Builder'". To date he has built over 20 homes in the Beachwalk Resort community. Whether your dream home is a lakefront retreat or an executive residence, he states that his aim is to exceed your expectations along three key dimensions that are essential to making you a satisfied client: Design, Function and Value. He promises to work closely with you at the outset of your project to understand your tastes, your interior and exterior living requirements and your budget. Along the way, he will keep you informed of the progress on your home and constantly monitor your budget to avoid surprises. Jody has his own in-house architectural resources, or he is open to working with your architect.

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