

Beachwalk News



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Hi Neighbor,

It's getting warmer and warmer. And the noise of construction crews and cement trucks will fall silent until Labor Day. The sounds of Beachwalk for the next two months will be dominated by the shouts and laughter of children, playing in the water, and in the parks, and on the sidewalks, and in the streets. Please drive carefully.

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Manager's Report - Update

A Beachwalk Property Owners **Informational Meeting** was held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 2, in the "traffic circle Park" in front of 202 Beachwalk Lane. This was an informal Question and Answer period, including an update provided by John Marshall of 1st American Management.

Highlights of the meeting included the introduction of Heather Stout (related story below), who previewed her exciting plans for Activity and Educational programming for children and adults, for 2008. Also reviewed were the activities (e.g. Music and Movies) for this summer and many miscellaneous updates and announcements. The big news from 1st American was the opening of their on-site BPOA office at 208 Beachwalk. John Marshall outlined a plan for staffing the office essentially every day, including Saturday, 10:00AM to Noon. I encourage you to stop by and complain about something, or suggest an enhancement, or such, so that John will develop a sense that he is making an important contribution.

Beachwalk/Michiana News

Lions, and Tigers, and Bears, O My The latest addition to the Beachwalk menagerie is the Lake Kai Alligator, affectionately known as "Nessie", or, on those very windy days when it breaks loose and escapes to the other side of the lake, Smarsh's Folly. Note that children 13 and under must use a life vest when riding the Alligator.



The Splashpad is open. Not.



The splashpad, unfortunately is not yet quite ready to open. Update to come, very soon - I promise, very soon.

Activities for children of all ages (including Nanas and Papas)

Mondays	10:00 AM - at Lake Kai	Sandcastle Contest	Prizes awarded
Wednesdays	10:00 AM - BBall courts	Chalk Drawing Contest	Prizes awarded
Thursdays	10:00 AM - Rental office	Family Scavenger Hunt	Prizes awarded



It's a family affair

All shall be winners, and all shall have prizes

Sign-up sheets for all above activities at the front desk of rental office.

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

June 30	Glen Steven Johnson	Country Influenced Rock
July 7	John Machetemes	Pop, Rock, Soul
July 14	Beth Niemann	Acoustic Rock
July 21	Mami Matsuda	Contemporary Acoustic Music
July 28	The Oxcart Ramblers	Country, Folk

Look for weekly flyers with more information about the artists.

Movies on the Grass Sundays 9:00 to 10:30PM behind Club Deli. Family movies al fresco.

July 1	Summer Rental (PG 13)
July 8	Open Season
July 15	Finding Nemo
July 22	Lemony Snickets
July 29	Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG 13)

Bring Popcorn and blankets

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

IPASS & IZOOM UP (and running?) on the Tollway. The installation process has lead to some painful traffic delays, but it may soon be complete. More info is available at: [Indiana Tollway FAQs](#)

Homeowner's Corner



There is an old saying that goes, "you cannot pick you neighbors", most often a lament as to how awful they are. Well, I didn't get a chance to pick my new neighbors, the Stouts, of 307 Childers Lane, but if I set out to invent "the perfect neighbor family", I could not have done better. In the words of Heather, this is the story of how the Stouts came to Beachwalk.

"I had been looking for a vacation spot that was easy to get to, enjoyable for all ages, and stress free for my family. We had been going to water parks for the last 4-5 years and it was increasingly more stress for my husband and I to keep our small children safe (the wave pools are very dangerous for young children when they start the huge waves) and it was less and less family time together as the older ones were off at different parts of the pool area. I had put in about 16 hours on the Internet looking in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan for something close, that incorporated the "simple fun" of playing in the water and the sand, looking for seashells/rocks...or taking hikes with your family. Well, I came across the Beachwalk website and called and fell in love with the staff (Syndy and Carrie). These women treated me like I was their best friend and they wanted to take great care of me and my family to provide us with the best vacation possible. We rented last year and had the most family-uniting, relaxing and enjoyable vacation we had ever had with 4 small children. The Beachwalk neighborhood has a Hollywood set feel to it. The grounds are beautifully kept, everyone (staff and vacationers) are so nice and friendly, everyone watches everyone's children, the sunsets over Lake Michigan filled us with such serenity. It seemed like we were back in the olden days when children could just be safe and have fun in the sand dunes and white picket fenced neighborhood. Beachwalk had so many things to offer to keep us busy, as well as in the surrounding community. We couldn't have been more pleased. We decided that every year this would be our vacation spot and we would soon get to know the people that would also be coming up the same weeks as our family. We ended up speaking to and getting to know Ena Dahm and Tom Moss. Ena said we should build a house and I laughed and told her that we have 4 children to put through college...we can't afford to do anything like that... Ena worked with us tirelessly and set us up with our now amazing builder Kevin Malcer. The rest is history and we are the proud owners of "**HARBOR LIGHTS**". Our family *feels so blessed to be a part of the wonderful life at Beachwalk and are grateful to the owners, developers, renters and staff that make it all work.*"

Heather, Keith, Ryder, Rylee, Madelynn, Megan and Snickers

Summertime maintenance

If your decks are getting grey, now is a good time to clean and seal them. Watch the weather report for a warm, sunny period. Use a good quality deck wash - follow label directions. Make sure you soak and/or drape foliage that might get splashed. I would suggest you not use a power washer. In the hands of a homeowner (read amateur), they often do more harm than good.

Clean lint from the entire dryer vent system, from the dryer to the exterior vent cap. Lint build-up

poses a substantial fire risk, and, in gas dryers, can force carbon monoxide back into the home.

Whether or not you are going to paint, **caulk** exterior joints around windows and doors. Saves on energy costs and keeps insects out.

You may want to consider installation of an **attic fan or roof-mounted turbine vent**. These fans use little or no energy and can greatly reduce summer cooling costs.

My Turn

As a sometime offender, maybe I can pull this off without sounding too preachy. Many of us drive entirely too fast for the circumstances of Beachwalk. Beachwalk is such a growing place, with tradesmen and construction trucks bowling through it for ten months/year, that maybe we lose focus on the real dangers involved. Beachwalk is a walk-around community - designed that way. So, for the sake of our children and grandchildren, as we enter this high season of outdoor activity, I feel we must take traffic control into our own hands. I promise to purchase a couple of those "Children at Play" signs and put them out (easy part), and to drive and park with due consideration for the safety of your children and grandchildren. I urge each of you and all of those who you can influence to do the same for mine. Let's have a great, safe summer.

Sincerely,

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