NEWSLETTER

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New homeowner hofline number

440-638-4304

We have switched telephone service providers and our primary phone number has changed. You can call our Voicemail 24/7 to reach the trustees with concerns and to make clubhouse reservations for rentals. Calls are checked by trustees on a regular basis, but not daily, and returned as quickly as possible. *Our old number is no longer in service*. You can consult our internet website for complete information about the association and many useful documents. Our new URL is **www.hpohio.com**

Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 24

This is the meeting you have been waiting for!! We will have a **huge** announcement and give away a free non-pool clubhouse rental to a resident (two if more than 50 people attend). In addition to trustee elections, there will be information about association projects. We will have a representative from Wide Open West - WOW and Parkview Homes for the Monticello development to provide information and answer questions. Join us at the clubhouse on **WEDNESDAY**, **JANUARY 24**, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Trustee ballots may be turned in at the meeting and dues payments will also be accepted. Time is set aside for questions on other matters. Mark the date on your calendar. You could be a winner!

A **"WELCOME TO HIGH POINT**" session is set for <u>new residents</u> in our association on Wednesday, January 24 before the annual meeting. This begins at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Information about High Point is discussed and questions are answered. Reservations are not needed to attend.

Easter Egg Scramble

Sunday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Come celebrate spring at our **20th** Annual Easter Egg Scramble. **Mark your calendars now**, *because there will not be another newsletter before this event*. Thousands of brightly colored eggs will be scattered for children to gather. All age groups will be run consecutively (separate groups take only a few minutes each) on **Sunday**, **April 1**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Don't be late and bring a bag or bucket to collect eggs. Yes, it's Palm Sunday.

Kids will have an *eggciting* time and lots of fun. Moms, dads or grandparents must attend with participating children. Remember to wear outdoor clothes. There will be three age groups:

Walking to 3 years old

4 to 6 years old

7 to 10 years old

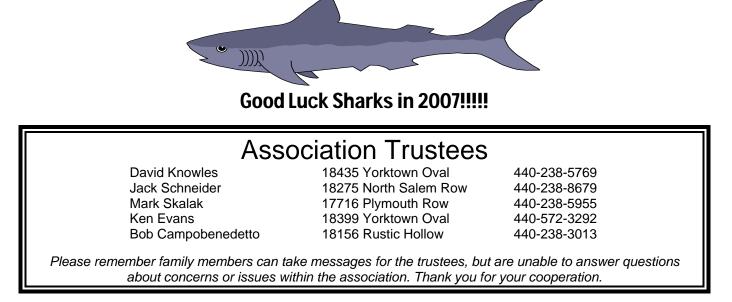
Come to the Recreation area tennis courts (please park at clubhouse and walk in). In case of very bad weather, it will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. (Homeowner Hotline – 440-638-4304 – will have message if it is bad weather.) Our event usually goes very quickly. Moms and dads can help little ones collect eggs, but we ask parents to use good judgment in having a FUN event for all kids, NOT a contest to see who can get the most eggs. See you on Sunday, April 1st

**** High Point Swim Team ****

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about swimming! Your High Point swim team is open to all youngsters who can swim the length of the pool, who are 18 years or younger on June 1, 2007, and who reside in High Point or Deerfield Woods (a special arrangement). While the Strongsville Swim League is competitive, the primary emphasis of coaching is skill development and fun.

There will be a PARENT information/child registration meeting on **Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00pm** (a) **the High Point Clubhouse**. Registration forms will be available at the meeting. Since committee assignments are made at this meeting, parents need to make a time commitment that night to receive their **first** choice of duties. Swimmer registrations are not accepted without a commitment by parents to serve on a committee or other assignment. Please remember the swim meets cannot operate without the wonderful support of out parent volunteers. (Home meets require at least 40 parents and away meets require at least 28 volunteers.)

Please bring a current e-mail address as important information is sent via the internet (i.e. practice times, schedule changes, cancellation, etc.). If you don't have e-mail, we will still get information to parents via swim team mailboxes or signs posted at the High Point clubhouse. If you have questions about the team please call Rita Washko @ 878-9187 or Chris Fitzgerald @ 878-0319.



"Sweetheart Gala Dance"

Saturday, February 10 at Westfield SouthPark

Westfield SouthPark Mall and the Strongsville Education Foundation will present this repeat event to raise funds to support students in the Strongsville City Schools. This wonderfully romantic evening in the SouthPark Mall Center Court will feature music by Scott Mehalko and Special Event. Dump the winter blues and be part of the swankiest winter event in Strongsville. Beginning at 9:00 pm and going until midnight, the evening will include appetizers and desserts. A cash bar will be available. Coffee and soft drinks are provided. A secure coat check is provided.

Tickets require a \$30 contribution per person and can be purchased at Westfield SouthPark Mall Customer Service, the Chamber of Commerce Office at 18829 Royalton Road (440-238-3366), the Strongsville Board of Education at 13200 Pearl Road in the Business Office on the second floor or by calling the Foundation at 440-238-5778. Seating is not provided for the evening. Reserved table seating for 10 people may be arranged in advance by paying an additional \$50 for each reserved table. Tables seating 10 people can be reserved by companies or groups of individuals. Reservations can be made by calling 238-5778 by February 5. Your ticket contribution may be completely deductible. Consult with your tax advisor as the foundation is recognized by IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Association Dues payable in January

Notices for the 2007 Association Dues were sent out in the mail to each High Point homeowner. You should have received your dues notice in January. If you did not receive your invoice or misplaced it, call Bob Campobenedetto at 238-3013 or Ken Evans at 572-3292. Homeowners of record (property owners listed in Cuyahoga County records) are legally responsible to pay dues.

Our By-Laws require that dues be paid January 1 of each year. A grace period is authorized by the trustees for payments received during January. Payments made after January 31 (determined by postmark date) are subject to a late fee of \$25 per calendar month, until paid. Dues remain at \$330 per year. If a homeowner has financial or special difficulties, please call a trustee listed above. We appreciate homeowners who pay their dues on time each year. It is a big help to the trustees.

Next Newsletter in early May

Association trustees will send the next newsletter out with information on pool pass registrations and operating hours in early May. Continuing the process of keeping postage costs down by only sending three newsletters a year, the trustees encourage residents to keep up to date using our website.

New High Point Website URL

We have a NEW URL for our website! Now you can use a shorter, faster and easier to remember connection to our website. Information on the internet is your fastest connection to our development.

www.hpohio.com

Check here first for information on events and activities. If you can't find it on the website, you can call the Homeowner Hotline at our new Voicemail number **440-638-4304**. This is a new number available 24/7. (To be added to the Association's mass e-mail list to be notified of updates to the site and special events please **send your e-mail address to www.high_point_hoa@yahoo.com** with the subject line "MASS E-EMAIL". This will put you first on the notification list when there is NEWS!)

Planning to add or renovate?

High Point residents are governed by Covenants and Restrictions. If you plan to remodel or add to your home this summer, it is necessary to first contact the homeowner association. An Architectural Review form must be completed and submitted to the trustees for approval. City departments will not approve plans until they receive approval from the association. Forms are available on our website or by calling the Homeowner Hotline at **440-638-4304**. Save yourself time and come to us first.

Holiday Party Attracts Record Crowd

Our clubhouse was filled to capacity with the largest crowd in history, as Santa Claus visited High Point on Sunday, December 17. Over 240 people (kids, parents and grandparents) attended the magic show by Bill Gang and stayed to receive a visit with Santa and balloon figures. Everyone had a great time. Stockings with holiday candy went home with each youngster. We were asked for the contact information for our magician and the wonderful holiday cookies. Bill Gang can be contacted through **AJ Sunny** at 440-238-8880, our agent for our guest in the red suit as well. Several folks who were impressed with Tim and Mr. Balloon wanted their contact information. Our cookies and cup cakes were prepared by **Western Reserve Bakery** at the corner of Pearl and Drake. They showcase many fabulous bakery items. Their phone number is 440-572-2501. Our thanks to them.

High Point Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m.

2006 Financial Report

High Point trustees are satisfied with the results of the 2006 Financial Report. We continue to work hard to stretch dollars through active bidding for major work and diligent project management. Our updated long-range financial forecast plan through calendar year 2014 is also included with this newsletter for your review.

NOTES TO 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 1. Dues Receipt We collected several unpaid dues from previous years through litigation and collection.
- 2. Utilities Through the best efforts by the trustees, our utility costs were contained below what was budgeted.
- Clubhouse Renovation With the kitchen, lobby and other renovation work, the clubhouse project is complete. Trustees are very pleased with the final results and we think the updating and remodeling will serve our residents well for a number of years. Our new conference room is highlighted in this newsletter.
- 4. Pool Repair & Equipment Although we opened a week late, the new interior pool finish was spectacular and

well received by residents. A new main pump was installed and the water feature pump was serviced to pro vide more reliable service with reduced energy usage. Our DiamondBrite surface should last many years.

5. Recreation Area – Repairs were necessary due to continued vandalism.

6. Recreation fee of \$26,400 (33x\$800) from Parkview is shown in dues revenue above for accounting reasons.

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** Recognizing Safety & City Employees **

High Point trustees, on behalf of our residents, again delivered holiday message cookies to express our thanks to Police, Fire, Service and other city personnel. It is a simple way to let them know we appreciate their efforts every day. Their dedicated service helps homeowners all year long.

Internet at Your Fingertips

Have you visited our website lately? You will find tremendous resources at your fingertips. Included are news, forms, maps, Covenants & Restrictions, clubhouse rental calendar, and much more. You can also find it using popular search engines. Bookmark our **new, easier URL** in your favorites. (To be added to the Association's mass e-mail list to be notified of updates to the site and special events please **send your e-mail address to www.high_point_hoa@yahoo.com** with the subject line "MASS E-EMAIL". This will put you first on the notification list when there is NEWS!)

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Litter and Trash Abound

With the mild winter, our association entrances have not enjoyed snow to cover the litter and debris that appear every weekend. Who cleans all of this up every week? One member of the trustees makes at least a weekly trip around the entrances picking up trash. Wouldn't it be great if teenagers living in our development didn't dump their weekend garbage on the streets? Or perhaps parents could talk to family members and help them understand it would be better to bring rubbish home to dispose than dump it at our entrances. While there is litter throughout High Point, the entrances seem to take the brunt. Some residents see the trash on their streets and clean it up so the rest of us do not have to look at it while others seem content to let it remain forever or until someone else picks it up. One can't help but wonder why people don't care about the look of our community.

* * Online resident survey * *

High Point residents are asked to participate in an electronic survey about our association and the larger Strongsville community. It is very easy and only requires just minutes to complete.

DUE TO USING A FREE SERVICE PROVIDER, THE SURVEY IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR A BRIEF TIME. *IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE, YOU NEED TO DO SO AS SOON AS YOU READ THIS. DON'T WAIT.* To access the survey, you will need an internet connection. Type in the URL:

http://www.zoomerang.com//survey.zgi?p=WEB225ZL4EM8MU

(exactly as you see it here) to enter the Survey Site on Zoomerang. It will only take a few minutes. Results will be tabulated and reported at the Annual Meeting and in the May newsletter.

Conference Room at Clubhouse

Residents are reminded that as a result of the clubhouse renovations completed in the spring or 2006, there is now a conference room available for use at no charge for local organizations. If you have a committee or small group that needs a place to meet during the day or in the evening, you can use the room at the clubhouse. There is no charge to use this room that can hold as many as 20 people for small group meetings. Call the Homeowner Hotline for reservations. **440-638-4304**

Cable TV for Clubhouse Rentals

WOW basic cable is included when renting the clubhouse for parties. WOW is rated by JD Powers as among the best in Performance & Reliability, Billing, Image and Customer Service. A special value package is offered with Internet connection at 112 kbps and Basic Cable. Call 1-866-496-9669 to sign up for residential service. When you rent the clubhouse, you also get our 55-inch big screen TV.

ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 - HUGE ANNOUNCEMENT - DRAWING FOR RENTAL

Club House Rentals Booking Now

As a homeowner, you may rent our club house for private parties. Dates for 2007 – graduations, Communions, birthdays, anniversaries, sports parties, weddings, showers, family parties - are now booking quickly. To determine available dates, go to our website and click on "Clubhouse Rentals" in the left margin. Then click on "View Calendar" in the upper right. You will see the rental calendar and can check available dates. Call the High Point **Homeowner Hotline**, **440-638-4304**, with your date request. Dates are booking quickly. Your call about a rental will be returned within a few days.

<u>Summer rentals</u> are \$225, which includes the cost of lifeguards. Summer parties using the pool may start as early as 5:00 p.m., with parties sharing the pool with High Point residents during homeowner hours. When the pool closes to residents at 10:00 p.m., parties have the pool to themselves. All parties MUST END BY MIDNIGHT - 12:00 A.M. Clean-up must be completed and the club house locked up by 1:00 a.m. Summer pool rentals may also be done from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for a discounted price of \$125. An option is available for a NON-POOL rental for \$125 (anniversaries, showers, retirements, etc.). These can be any time during the day or evening. Call for more information on any of these options.

A refundable security deposit of \$300 is required and returned if no damage is done to the club house. Rental dates are confirmed only when separate checks (rental fee and security deposit) are received, a rental contract has been signed by the homeowner, and a "Release From Liability and Agreement to Indemnify" form has been executed. **Residents who rent the club house are responsible for cleaning the facility when they are done**, <u>removing all trash and debris</u>, taking down decorations and tape, vacuuming the floor, and putting tables and chairs away.

Club House rentals are a privilege reserved for High Point residents only and not friends, other relatives or the general public. Activities are limited to family entertainment and recreation, unless otherwise approved by the trustees prior to a contract being signed. Residents renting the facility must be present at all times and are responsible for the conduct of guests and any damage. Inspections of the facility are done before and after each party. *Fire code capacity is 120 people.*

Election Ballot for Association Trustee

Three Board of Trustees positions are available for a two-year term that runs from January 2007 to December 2008. There are five trustee positions, with Bob Campobenedetto and Ken Evans now serving a two-year term that began in January 2006. Three homeowner names appear on the trustee ballot. In this election the three candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. Ballots may be mailed to the association post office box or delivered in person by the annual meeting deadline of the Association Annual Meeting at the clubhouse on **Wednesday**, **January 24 at 8:00 p.m.**

Send to: High Point Trustee Ballot, P.O. Box 361065, Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Homeowners should vote for **no more than three** candidates and mail it to the address above no later than January 20 or bring it to the Annual Meeting on January 24. All ballots require the homeowner name and address for validation. Vote for no more than three trustees. A simple majority of votes from the ballots cast will determine the successful trustees. (* indicates current trustee)

Vote for three	 David Knowles 18435 Yorktown Oval Jack Schneider 18275 N. Salem Row Mark Skalak 17716 Plymouth Row 		Vote for three
Homeowner casting ballot (print)			(name required)
Homeowner address		Date	Э

Thank you in advance to residents who support the association and cast ballots.