

# HARVEY'S LAKE BEACH ASSOCIATION

## “New Beginnings” Newsletter –April 2020

Social Distancing, Coronavirus, “stay home, stay safe” daily new cases and recoveries! Words that were not in our vocabulary prior to the New Year. We are in uncharted waters as we navigate through these difficult times. Despite all that is going on, we still need to focus on the Beach for the upcoming season. Until we have some definitive answers from the Governor listed below is how we plan to proceed at this point in time.

**BEACH CLEAN UP** Originally had been scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since that is less than 2 weeks away, we are moving the BEACH CLEAN UP to Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The RAIN DATE will be the following Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM. We will need at least 8 people to help with cleaning along the waterfront, cleaning the bathrooms and storage area, etc. Bring gloves and rakes. Garbage bags will be provided. If the weather is tolerable, we will put the steps in the water and move the lifeguard stand.

**OPEN HOUSE and ARTS FESTIVAL** We are currently keeping it scheduled for Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If Covid-19 restrictions prevent us from having the festival in June, we will move it to Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We have vendors that are interested in attending and have already paid for their space. Enclosed is a copy of the vendor application. Please feel free to give it to someone you know who may be interested in being a vendor on the Beach. In the event that we need to cancel the Open House, vendors will receive a refund or they can apply their payment to reserve a space for the summer of 2021. We will make our final decision on the date of the Open House by June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is our largest and most important fundraiser for the year so we are hoping we can still make it happen. We will be accepting donations of baskets for the Beach raffle and if the event is held, individually wrapped baked goods for the bake sale. We will take all necessary precautions to keep everyone safe for the festival. Also please do not hesitate to volunteer. We cannot always expect the Officers and Board Members to be the only members working on the beach. This is an **all volunteer** organization and everyone should step up and help over the summer.

**LIFEGUARDS** Our lifeguard schedule has been prepared. The lifeguards, Dominic, Jennifer, Melissa, Logan and Jacob are anxious to work this summer. They are aware that their scheduled hours may be reduced based on the current circumstances. The hours enclosed are the tentative hours we have scheduled, but this is subject to change.

**BEACH BADGES** If your dues have been paid prior to April 15, 2020, your beach badges and gate code are enclosed. If you have not paid your summer dues, please submit them to us no later than June 1, 2020. Even with "social distancing" you will be able to relax on the beach this summer. Order a take out and have a meal on the beach----We depend on your beach dues to maintain the beautiful beach that we all love. We have also enclosed a beach application so that you may offer a membership to family, neighbors and friends.

**BEACH MAINTENANCE** Ed Bilder, our President, who has been doing all of the repairs and maintenance for the past 29 years, and has led the team in building the pavilion, must step down from doing maintenance work at the beach, due to health reasons. We thank him for all his years of dedicated unpaid service to the Association. To replace Ed, we are looking for 2 or 3 men to step up to do work at the beach including the following: Concrete work, erecting a new flag pole, building new benches or repairs to the current benches, new framing around the beach sign, painting, etc. Our goal is to have everything completed prior to June 13<sup>th</sup>. Currently laid off and looking to occupy some time during your day? Interested in helping? Please call 570-639-2329 and leave a message for Ed Bilder.

On a sad note, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of James Drury, our Vice President for over 25 years and Margo Olsen, Board Member for over 20 years. Margo passed away unexpectedly in February in New Jersey. Jim Drury passed away on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Both Margo and Jim were always there to help at the beach and both will be missed especially by the Officers and Board Members of the Association.

Looking forward to being outdoors, keeping social distancing but seeing friends, family and neighbors again ---- Hoping for a good summer 2020 on the BEACH ----- 😊