

Letter To The Woodstock & Lakepoint Residents
From The Woodstock & Lakepoint Homeowners Assn.

Hi!

Let me introduce myself - my name is George B. Raudall. I was one of the founders of the Assn in 1968, wrote their Constitution & obtained approval from the State as a non-profit organization, I have served as Assn president on three occasions. The last office I held was secretary-treasurer when Norm Grisdelor was president some years ago. Due to the press of my other activities, which have increased over the years, I more or less did not have time to follow the Assn affairs in the last few years. At the June 2002 meeting of the Assn, I asked Mike Summers if he would support my bid for vice-pres. of the Assn & told him I had not received a newsletter for 2/3 years, & that I would write it for him. He agreed & I was elected.

Later, I heard about a flap ^{over} ~~about~~ an activity on the beach sponsored by Jerry MacDonald. Jerry had sponsored a "Day at the Beach" party for the kids in our subdivisions & the other Cranberry Lake areas on 6-28-02. I attended the party shortly after it started & everyone seemed to be having a good time. Reports have it that Mike's wife came to the beach & ordered everyone off. Other reports stated the sponsors were so alienated that they will not come back again. I saw no reason for this & told ^{Mike} ~~him~~ so. I discussed the matter with Jerry MacDonald, who was very angry. The beach belongs to everyone in the subdivisions, not the Assn. I have already apologized to Jerry MacDonald, & will also do this to the other sponsors.

I will ^{ask} them & Jerry if they would be willing to hold another "Day" at the beach this year. Perhaps this could become a yearly activity.

Later, I was told that Mike had replaced the permanent steel roof on the toilet at the beach with a wooden one covered with shingles that will have to be periodically replaced. Mike never gave me an answer when I queried him about this.

The Letter to Editor article in the Clearer made me aware that the Assn had many problems, with Mike at the helm. From them, I learned that Mike wanted to charge people \$50 to \$500 for use of the beach area to hold anniversaries, etc. I will unequivocally state the Assn has no right to charge anyone anything for the use of the beach. Again, the beach belongs to the people, not the Assn. It would be appreciated, however, ^{when} such events are being planned to let the Assn know, to avoid conflicts of use. The beach isn't large enough for two simultaneous get togethers.

Let me assure you that the Assn can't raise your taxes for dues. This is illegal & I know the township would laugh at us if we tried such a thing. Besides the township had to give its permission. It won't.

I fail to understand why gates were installed at the beach. Again, the beach is open to everyone. Gates have no place on it. I knew nothing about the tree that was cut down until someone showed me the stumps. The tree should not have ^{been} removed until the question was brought up at an Assn ~~at~~ meeting, reasons given, & a note taken.

On the matter of boat anchorage, I included with this letter is a map showing where Northern Development allocated mooring of boats for the two subdivisions. This is part of the recorded deed at the County Bldg. The picnic tables, pavilion & toilet at the beach were provided by the Assn using money from dues & donations given to the Assn. Again, this equipment belongs to the people for their enjoyment, not the Assn. Mike Summers couldn't take anyone's rights away.

When the question about a boat launch area came up years ago, the Assn was unable to do anything with the spot allocated by Northern Development because of the cost (see diagram supplied). Now that the boat launch is open at the north end of Arnold Lake to handle the larger boats, there is no reason why we can't develop that area for launching fishing boats. The area at the end of the beach is not only illegal, it is impractical. When I was president, I heard complaints every weekend that people had parked in this so-called launch area & they couldn't put their boat in the water. I informed them this was a beach parking area, not a boat launch area. I have already obtained a form from the Soil Conservation Service ~~to~~ & will describe our needs. Yes, a permit had to be obtained. Any work in the water requires a permit from the DEQ.

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Last year, when I toured thru the boat launch area, I found broken concrete & asphalt paving chips in the roadway & on the approach to the water. I asked Mike to have them removed. Such material that close to the water is illegal. In late summer of 2002, I found that he had not had the chips removed. To the pieces of an old rusted catamaran on the side of that area were now added some old

pieces of plywood & part of a plastic shower stall. The area was on its way to becoming a dump.

When I found out that Mike had not had the toilet on the beach pumped out last year, I threw in the towel & asked for his resignation. After some discussion he agreed. A copy of ~~the~~ his resignation is enclosed with this letter. The toilet is not a full toilet. It is too close to the beach. The Environmental Health Dept. gave me a permit to install a 1000-gallon septic tank as a holding tank. This requires pumping water into it in the spring, & pumping it out in the fall.

Of the \$1625 in the Assn checking account, Mike had drawn out \$1600 prior to the closing of the account due to complaints from some of the subdivision people. I went after Mike & obtained almost \$1100 of that money from him. It was agreed that the other \$500 would help defray his legal expenses to fight the attempt of the Cranberry Lake Improvement Board to assess all lot owners in ^{Lakepoint} ~~Cranberry Lake~~ for weed control in Cranberry Lake.

The Assn dues are \$20/year & I would appreciate your showing renewed faith in it by sending them in. The toilet has been vandalized & must be torn down & replaced with one made with concrete blocks. Grass had to be bulldozed off part of the beach & sand from another area brought in as a replacement. The fence ~~was~~ in the parking lot has to be extended to the water's edge to provide more parking space. The swimming area boundaries have to be outlined with rope, & a new permit had to be obtained. I have already gotten rid of the concrete & asphalt chips, the junk pile, the gates & had the septic system pumped out.