

Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 29

High Point homeowners are invited to attend the Annual Association Meeting (normal meeting during the first quarter of the year) on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29** at the club house, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Reports will be made by trustees on association matters. Trustee election ballots (elsewhere in this newsletter) may be turned in at the meeting and dues payments will also be accepted. Time is set aside for open questions on other matters. Reminder signs will be posted, if weather permits.

Before the annual meeting on January 29, a “**WELCOME TO HIGH POINT**” session is held for **new residents** in our association. This begins at 7:30 p.m. at the club house. Information about the development is discussed and questions are answered. Reservations are not needed to attend.

Russell McKee Retires

For a dozen years Russ McKee, (a retiree living in High Point) assisted by his wife Ginny, served our association as club house and facilities manager. Russ took meticulous care of our amenities and our residents. Moving to Dayton to be with their daughter and her family was a difficult decision. They will be greatly missed. **As trustees, we would like to ask each resident (whether you knew Russ and Ginny or not) to send a card or note and thank them for their years of service.** They received a Seiko mantle clock from the association, but cards and notes would mean so much more. Send them to: **Russ & Ginny McKee, 6451 Far Hills Avenue, BRC 1113, Centerville, OH 45459.**

Easter Egg Scramble

Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m.

It is way too early to think about spring, but it will be here before you know it. **Mark your calendars now, because there will not be another newsletter before this event.** Come celebrate spring with your kids in our 16th Annual Easter Egg Scramble. Thousands of brightly colored eggs scattered for children to gather. All age groups will be run consecutively (separate groups take only a few minutes each) on **Sunday, April 13**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Don't be late and bring a bag or bucket. Yes, it's Palm Sunday.

Come to the basketball court in the Recreation area (please park at club house and walk in) unless it rains or snows, in which case we will use the club house. Kids should be ready for an eggciting time and lots of fun. Mom or dad must attend with participating children. Remember to wear appropriate clothes for being outdoors. Our event usually goes **very quickly**. There will be three age groups:

Walking to 3 years old

4 to 6 years old

7 to 10 years old

Children should bring a basket or bag with them to collect the eggs. (A few bags are available in case someone forgets.) There will be special surprises in each age group. (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.**) Don't miss all the fun on April 13th!

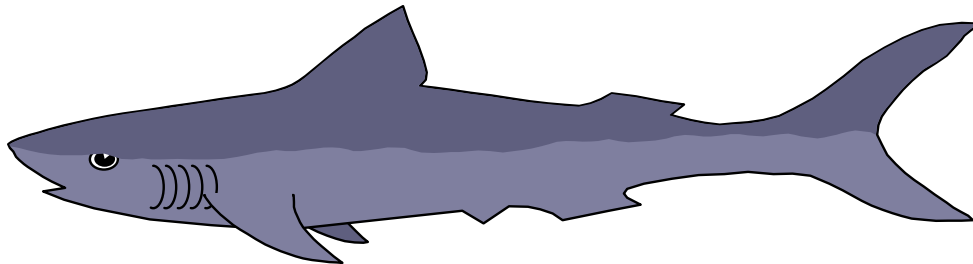
★★ High Point Swim Team ★★

Now that the holidays are over ... it's not too early to start thinking about swimming! Your High Point Shark swim team is open to all youngsters who can swim the length of the pool, are 18 years or younger by June 1, 2003, and who reside in High Point or Deerfield Woods. Many families join in.

There will be a chairperson meeting on **Monday, February 10 at 7:00 pm** at the High Point club house. Any designated 2003 season chairperson intending on stepping down or anyone interested in becoming a committee chairperson is requested to call Joan or Sue immediately. **Registration will be held at a PARENTS ONLY MEETING on MONDAY, MARCH 10 at 7:30 p.m. (please mark your calendars) at the club house.** Registration forms will be available at the meeting. Parents of returning swimmers should have medical forms to bring with them. **Since committee assignments are made at this meeting, parents need to make a time commitment that night to receive their choice of duties.** Swimmer registrations are not accepted without a parental commitment to serve on a committee or other assignment. Shark team sample swimwear will be available at this meeting.

It is expected that fees will be consistent (very reasonable) with last year. *(Please bring your E-Mail address and medical/emergency contact information to this meeting.)* We simplify the notification process by sending out important information via the Internet (i.e. meet line-up, practice times, etc.). If you don't have e-mail, don't worry. We will still get information to parents. *(Plan to order swim suits early to have them on hand by the first meet.)* Thanks to the hard work and extra effort of these individuals who serve as swim team officers, our swimmers enjoy a very strong support network.

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| President | Joan Buynak | 238-4086 |
| Vice President | Sue Kelly | 572-4243 |
| Secretary | Michael Coleman | 878-1618 |
| Treasurer | Greg DeBrock | 238-0347 |



Good Luck Sharks in 2003!!!!

Association Dues payable in January

Notices for the 2003 Association Dues were sent out in the mail to each High Point homeowner. You should have received your dues notice in late December. If you did not receive your invoice or have 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 are payable 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 an administrative fee of \$30 which must be paid with the dues. High Point dues have remained at \$270 for the past 18 years, thanks to sound financial management by association trustees. **We appreciate homeowners who pay their dues on time each year.**

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.

Clam Fest and Fall Social Success

Association trustees would like to thank residents **John Ney** (North Salem Row) and **Bob Dixon** (Heritage Trail) for their work in arranging the Clam Fest and Fall Social for High Point residents on October 26. Everyone who attended had a great time. We appreciate them volunteering.

Vandalism impacts budget

Many residents contacted trustees after an article appeared in both the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Sun Newspapers announcing that excellent work on the part of the Strongsville Police Department had resulted in the arrest of two juveniles for the vandalism and property destruction that occurred in High Point (and several Strongsville school buildings) in March of 2002. At the time, several trustees spent many hours attempting to remove painted messages from the pool slide, buildings, playground equipment, basketball surfaces and other areas. Unfortunately, most of the damage was permanent.

Our police detectives took a tip and turned it into an investigation that resulted in one teen admitting to the crime and implicating another. Detectives contacted the High Point trustees and requested that we furnish detailed reports and photography about the vandalism and destruction. While some documentation had been done at the time, additional reports and photos were prepared and given to the police for the Juvenile Court. Work to undo the damage, including repainting the basketball court surface which is a major expense, was estimated in excess of \$5,000. Because the Juvenile Court system is overloaded with serious crimes (murder, rape, assault, car theft, etc.), our vandalism case was referred to the Strongsville Community Diversion Program, coordinated through the Southwest YMCA. Their focus is rehabilitation of offenders rather than punishment.

This resulted in the guilty youth being mandated to a variety of activities that may include community service hours, essays, home chores, drug education programs or other types of consequences as determined by the Magistrate. High Point association trustees appreciate the hard work by our police and understand the burden that is upon the Juvenile Court system.

High Point Website available

Remember that you can always check for up-to-date information on our association by going on line to our website. This information on the internet is your fastest connection to your community.

<http://community.cleveland.com/cc/highpoint>

This site is operated by the association trustees and is updated as needed. Check here first for information on events and activities. If you can't find it here, call the Homeowner Hotline at 238-1580.

Planning to add or renovate?

High Point residents are governed by Covenants and Restrictions. If you plan to remodel or add to your home, 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 have received approval from the association. Forms can be requested by calling the Homeowner Hotline at 440-238-1580. Save yourself time and come to us first.

Annual Association Meeting - WEDNESDAY, January 29 - 8:00 pm

Welcome to High Point (new residents) before meeting at 7:30 pm

Club House rentals booking now

As a homeowner, you may rent our club house for private parties. Dates for 2003 are now booking quickly. If you are interested in a particular date, call the High Point Homeowner Hotline, 238-1580, and leave a message to reserve your date as soon as possible. It helps to have two dates in mind when calling, since dates book quickly. Your call about a rental will be returned within a few days.

Summer rentals are \$150, which includes the cost of lifeguards. *Summer parties using the pool may start as early as 5:00 p.m.*, but parties must share 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. An option is available for a **NON-POOL rental for \$100 (anniversaries, showers, retirements, etc.). These can be during the afternoon or evening. Call for more information on this option.**

A refundable security deposit of \$200 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, removing all trash and debris, 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 trustees

Three positions on the Board of Trustees are available for a two-year term that runs from January 2003 to December 2004. There are five trustees, with Bob Campobenedetto and Ken Evans now serving a two-year term that began in January of 2002. Two homeowner names appear on the ballot for the three positions. Louis (Bud) Leonard, who lived on Plymouth Row and served a partial term as a trustee, recently relocated to Chicago. We appreciate his service. A replacement for him will be selected by the trustees in February, according to the process outlined in Association By-Laws. Therefore in this election, the two 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 deadline of the Association Annual Meeting at the club house on **Wednesday, January 29 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 two** candidates and mail it to the address above no later than January 25 or bring it to the Annual Meeting on January 29. All ballots require the homeowner name and address for validation. Vote for no more than two trustees. A simple majority of votes from the ballots cast will determine the two successful trustees. (* indicates current trustee)

* David Knowles 18435 Yorktown Oval

* Mark Skalak 17716 Plymouth Row

Homeowner casting ballot (print) _____ (name required)

Homeowner address _____ Date _____

Thank you in advance to residents who support the trustees by casting ballots.

2002 Year-End Financial Report

This is a report of the revenue and expenses from January 1 to December 31, 2002. Receipts and all financial documents will be reviewed by Jurcago & Co., Certified Public Accounts, later this year.

Not able to display

Did you notice this was a tough year on your personal budget? Despite our best efforts to hold to our budget projections, several categories went over budget. Our ten-year rolling budget plan projected a 12/31/02 balance of \$84,390. Despite several overspends, we met that figure. As you can see above, Other Groundskeeping (mostly tree removal) and Insurance (we shopped a dozen providers to make sure we got the best deal) were the two worst offenders. We were slightly over budget in Pool Management, Recreation Area, Office Supplies and Taxes (timing prompted a few items from last year to roll into this year's numbers). Investment income was significantly down for everyone. Direct questions about finances or these numbers to trustee Bob Campobenedetto at 238-3013.

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| \$ 45,749.87 | Adjusted Balance as of January 1, 2002 |
| + 176,112.27 | Total 2002 Revenue Dollars |
| <u>- 137,367.52</u> | Total 2002 Expense Dollars |
| \$ 84,494.62 | Balance as of December 31, 2002 |