Hello Everyone,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and healthy. Probably like you, I am looking forward to 2011. 2010 was one of the most interesting years that I can remember; interesting in the sense of the Chinese curse "may you live in interesting times." I am waiting to see what 2011 will bring, but, as my Grandmother would say, I am "thinking good thoughts" for an economic rebound and less crisis in the world.

The Aspenhof community had its own bad news in November. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter and might have read about on the Google Group, for the first time in many years, several of our cabins were broken into. I understand that the Warren Count sheriff has arrested the person that is believed to be responsible for the break-ins. I am extremely proud of how you all reacted to the situation. You worked together by checking on cabins of their neighbors, working with and helping the sheriff and providing needed information to those of us who could not make it out to check on our own cabins. My special thanks to Dan Landis who stood in for me while I was out of town. Dan did a terrific job as Chief Information Officer to keep you all informed through use of the Aspenhof Google Group.

If you have not signed up for the Google Group, please consider doing so. It worked quite well to

keep everybody informed about the situation in November. The Group has proven to be a good starting point for a central location that we have always needed to get everyone informed quickly. Dan moderates the Group. Send him your email address if you wish to sign up for it.

As you will remember from our regatta weekend meeting, we have two new Trustees who took office on November 1. Please join me in welcoming Mark Bremehr and Dale Owens to the Board. Mark will take over security, Dale will take over permits, Teresa will move to secretary and Maureen will take on the daunting task of regatta. Also, please join me in thanking Coleen and Kris for all the good work they did during their terms on the Board. When you see Coleen, Kris or my other Trustees, please thank them for their work. They put in a lot of time for all of us.

Please consider sending articles and photos for the next Announcer. As I have said before, nothing scares an editor like a blank sheet of paper.

Best wishes from the entire Aspenhof Board for the New Year. I hope that it will be a prosperous year for you all. See you at Aspenhof.

Benjamin

LAKE UPDATES

I am happy to report the lakes are in good shape but a little low because of the lack of rain. There is some moss along the edges but we need some of that for the winter which helps the food chain for the fish. All of the new culverts have been put in on Sun Valley lake and on Grenoble lake. Leaky lake did not get one as it has a natural spillway to it. The tree removal on all the dams started December 1st and will run through the end of April weather permitting. If it is to dry they will not cut because of the high risk of fires. I hope everyone has had a great winter and see you in the spring.

Don Fassold,

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Aspenhof community really responded to the criminal break-ins this fall. Neighbors notified neighbors—neighbors helped those whose cabins were broken into—neighbors drove out mid week to check on cabins surrounding their own.

We are each "the eyes and ears" of Aspenhof, especially during the off-season, when fewer people go out to their cabins. Perhaps you know only the people living in the cabin next door, or maybe new neighbors moved in to a cabin down the road. Perhaps you've never known who lives in a cabin that you pass each time you drive to your own place.

If you saw a tree down on a cabin or downed electrical wires, or a broken window, would you know how to contact that fellow cabin owner?

The Board maintains a Cabin Owner directory which is available ONLY to cabin owners of Aspenhof. It is not public, and is not to be distributed outside of Aspenhof. This directory is available to every homeowner by contacting Dan Landiss at dan@aspenhof.info or by phone at 314-367-3436. The directory includes each owner's home address as well as any phone numbers and email addresses that were provided (home/cell/cabin).

The accuracy of the information is dependent on you providing updates to the Board as necessary, which not only saves us all money by preventing returned mailings, but also can save valuable time in cases of emergency.

Another good way to both get to know other Owners and keep informed of the latest news at the same time is the Google Group. Owners can visit http://groups.google.com/group/aspenhof or email Dan Landiss to subscribe. There are now 106 subscribers.

Knowing how to contact your neighbor benefits us all, and makes Aspenhof a more neighborly community.

Hello Everyone!

I am officially off the board and want to sincerely thank everyone for 5 really fun years as Regatta Chair. I am so grateful to have met so many wonderful families throughout the years. Thanks to all the volunteers, participants and those who had kind words of encouragement. I will have the regatta results posted on the Google Group and on the website soon. Anyone who does not have access to either may contact me and I will send a copy directly to you.

(buzzhowell@sbcglobal.net or 314-984-0159)

See you at the beach! Coleen Attend the Spring 2011
Board
Meeting,
7:00 pm,
Tuesday,
March 22 at
Priory
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SAVE THE DATE!
Spring Beach Clean Up Day
Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am till it's clean!