



# Announcer

A Newsletter for the Property Owners of Aspenhof

## Chairman's Note

By the time this letter is published, the Aspenhof 2011 season will be well underway. It seems like just yesterday that we closed the cabin for the winter. I hope that your Aspenhof season started well and continues the same. Eileen and I have already spent several weekends at Cabin 79. Maybe it is because we opened the cabin a bit early and have been at Aspenhof earlier, but it seems to me that there are more wildflowers than I remember from earlier years and more variety of flowers. I hope that you are taking advantage of the weather to walk the perimeter road and see the wild flowers. Be sure and take a copy of Edger Dennison's *Wild Flowers of Missouri*. It should be a required book for every cabin.

There also seems to be more birds than I remember. I have enjoyed both seeing and hearing the different birds from our deck as well as reading about the barred owls on the Aspenhof community Google Group. Evidently, they have been making quite a racket around Garmish. I should mention that I have already seen blue Damsel Flies around the big lake. That is a sure sign of a healthy lake. They would not be there otherwise.

If you have not signed up for the Google Group, please consider doing so. It is a great source of information. Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/aspenhof> to sign up.

I would like to thank all who worked on the beach clean-up crew on May 14. It is amazing what a couple dozen hard workers can do in a couple of hours. We left with the beach looking much cleaner. If you did not join us, please consider working on the crew next year. We will advertise the date on the Google Group. Also, my thanks to Kirk and Buzz for installing the swimming piers. I was glad to see kids using the piers that afternoon, even though it was a bit cold.

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.

If you see your other trustees, thank them for their work. They are all working hard to make Aspenhof better for you. See you at Aspenhof.

– Benjamin

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## Regatta Weekend - September 3-4 Volunteers Needed!

The annual Aspenhof Regatta will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3-4, The fun starts early in the morning with a fun run/walk around the main road.

The usual collection of events are planned including: Sand castle building, fishing contest, kayak, canoe, raft and swimming races. Closest-to-hole golf, horseshoes and an art contest.

We will top off the day with a picnic, music and dancing by the main shed.

This is a great way to meet and socialize with other Aspenhof owners and has something for everyone in the family.

If you would like to be a part of the volunteer crew, contact Maureen Donlin (cabin #15) by phone (314-821-0941) or email ([donlinmj@gmail.com](mailto:donlinmj@gmail.com))

Sunday's activities include a cabin tour–see below.

See you at the beach.

Maureen



Think about opening your doors for this year's Aspenhof Cabin Tour on Sunday, September 4. It is a great way to meet new owners and visit with old friends! Contact Suzanne Bremehr (cabin #33) at [bremehrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bremehrs@sbcglobal.net) if you need more information or would like to volunteer.

## LAKE/TRAIL UPDATES

### Lake Notes

All lakes have recently been restocked prior to the summer fishing season. 900 Bass from 6 to 8 inches long and 600 Crappie at least 8 inches long were recently placed in the Aspenhof lakes. Approximately 2/3 of each specie were placed in Aspenhof Lake and the the balance split between Inswald, Sun Valley and Lakes. Enjoy your fishing experience. Throw back those that are undersized for next year's catch and dream up some fish stories about the big ones that got away.

Spring algae in the lakes is being monitored and appropriate treatment will be taken should, in the opinion of the water quality consultant, it becomes a public health and/or nuisance issue. Thank you for your comments on this matter. The more interested in water quality the better

### Trail Notes

Have you noticed the new benches that have recently been placed around the lakes. The benches have been strategically placed at or near favorite fishing or photo locations for hikers, artists of all sots and those fishing. The benches were the gift of an anonymous cabin owner.

A new trail is being developed along the power line easement that extends from the meeting area to Aspenhof Drive. We thank the two property owners along the power line easement that have embraced the plan for the new trail. Being on a significant grade, the new trail will be a bit of challenge and better suited for the experienced hiker. Take some family hiking pictures and post them on the googlegroup. Happy hiking.

### Boat Dock Improvement

Tie down cleats have recently been installed on the boat dock. The cleats were installed to permit boaters to tie up their boat for short periods of time to keep from dragging it up on the rocky boat launching area and as an encouragement to see more boats in the water. Enjoy the season.

– Bob Eade

## RECYCLING UPDATE

Thank you to all who used the recycling bins down by the lake on Memorial Day weekend. I decided to leave them out longer since I was working at Aspenhof with my father. The next weekend I am there I will put out again, and for the upcoming holiday weekends.

Remember, I can come to your cabin to pick up if that is easier or, as I saw some do, dropping off in the canisters on your way out works too. Thanks for your participation! I will update pounds and \$\$ as soon as I make my first trip to the recycler.

Patrick Bremehr,  
cabin #33.





## Security Update

I am happy to report that there is nothing new to report as far as security goes with Aspenhof. There have been no new reports as of this year. A couple of updates and reminders.

- The criminal associated with our break-ins last fall is behind bars and will be there for a very long time.
- Red tags have expired and green tags are now current. There are property owners who have not picked up their tags. Please contact me to do so. Just as a reminder, solid green tags are for owners, green with a white stripe are for visitors.
- We have had a report of something being sprayed on the gate lock. Please, DO NOT use WD-40, graphite or any other substance on the gate lock. If you have issues, please give me a call.

Special shout out to whoever reinstalled the sign at the beach after the recent storms. And thanks to all who helped at the beach clean-up.

Now let's all have a great and safe summer!

Mark Bremehr, cabin 33  
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## INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely Missouri weather and has been able to enjoy their cabin. I've been at Aspenhof a lot this Spring and have seen much of the storm damage. Remember, if you have trees down or your cabin is being threatened as a result of inclement weather, don't hesitate to take care of your problem. Personal safety and cabin security should be foremost in your thoughts and endeavors.

If you are thinking of remodeling, putting on a new bump, repairing storm or age damage and are incorporating it with a remodeling project, you will need a permit (as stated in the Indentures) BEFORE starting to work. Just get your plans together with some simple drawings and/or a brief explanation of your idea and plans, email or call me so I can get an idea of what is being done, BEFORE contacting a contractor or other tradesperson. I will make a quick inspection of your property and your plans and get back to you ASAP. This will eliminate a lot of confusion and problems that could result. Also, I would like to see a projected completion date or a time schedule on larger projects. There have been a few projects that have become the "Never-ending Remodel."

Cabin inspections have begun. You may have seen me or another Trustee hard at work in the hot sun and being bitten by those horrible flies ( I was eaten alive on Monday, June 6 while doing inspections on Grenoble and Buttermilk.) I hope to have all the results in soon and get letters out ASAP. If you don't get a letter, everything was OK. Remember permits first then start your project!

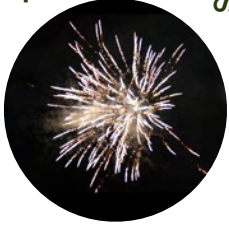
Enjoy the summer at Aspenhof! Dale Owens



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### Don't miss the fireworks at the Big Lake on Saturday, July 2.



See inside for more detail.

## Aspenhof Rules & Policies

- 1) There shall be no open fires at any location in Aspenhof unless specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees.
- 2) All dogs shall be kept on a leash and no dogs shall be allowed in the sand beach area.
- 3) No boats shall be operated in the swimming beach area of Aspenhof lakes. There shall be NO boat motors of any kind (gasoline powered, trolling, etc.). All boats used on Aspenhof lakes shall be numbered with the numerals corresponding to the lot number of the boat owner.
- 4) All lots shall be maintained in a safe condition and all cabins shall be maintained in a prudent and reasonable manner in keeping with the natural beauty of Aspenhof.
- 5) There shall be no excess radio playing or noise in the beach area.
- 6) There shall be no glass, fishing or fishing equipment allowed in the sand beach area or on the swimming platforms.
- 7) No vehicles shall be operated in excess of 15 MPH on the Aspenhof roads.
- 8) All gates to Aspenhof are to be kept locked when vehicles are not passing through the entrance. A valid hangtag must be displayed at all times on each vehicle within Aspenhof.
- 9) Discharging firearms or fireworks is not permitted within Aspenhof, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees.
- 10) No toll calls may be charged to the Aspenhof telephone at the beach.

## FIREWORKS - 2011



Enjoy a July 4th fireworks display from the comfort of Aspenhof. Fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting 1/2 hour past sunset. The display is funded entirely by donations. If you would like to contribute, contact Maureen Donlin, #15, (314) 821-0941 or [donlinmj@slu.edu](mailto:donlinmj@slu.edu).

*This fireworks display is board approved and privately funded for the enjoyment of all property owners. Private use of fireworks of any kind are not allowed at Aspenhof.*



*Have you seen the white squirrels? Along the road behind the Big Lake Dam, we have had multiple sightings of 2 white squirrels. Thanks to Amy Benedict, #25, for the snapshot!*