



Annual Meeting Newsletter June 2018

IT IS TIME TO PREPARE FOR ANOTHER SUMMER IN COBMOOSA SHORES!

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held Saturday, July 14th at the Benona Township Hall. The meeting, as usual, will begin at 10 AM. Be sure to arrive early to register.

The Board will be presenting progress reports from each committee and you will be voting

1. To Approve or Reject the Budget
2. For the Election of Trustees

We encourage you to attend this meeting. If you cannot, please submit your proxy—included with this mailing.

If you vote by proxy, please mail your proxy ballot to:

Cobmoosa Shores Association
PO Box 186
New Era, Michigan, 49446

Proxies must be received no later than Friday, July 13th, 2018.

It is with a heavy heart that the board announces the death of John Morrison on May 12th after a prolonged illness. John was the husband of trustee Jan Morrison.

Reminder: Dues Payments

You will receive an invoice from:

Cobmoosa Shores
c/o Lyn Richardson
11044 Harold Drive
Luna Pier, MI 48157

on or before July 1 annually. Dues are \$45/year for each unimproved lot, \$130/year for each improved lot. Dues payments are due on or before October 1st. You may pay your dues at the annual meeting or by mail to Lyn at her Luna Pier address. Dues that are in arrears on November 1st may be assessed a late fee.

IMPORTANT: Checks for dues payments must be made payable to Cobmoosa Shores Association not Lyn Richardson.

The Official CSA Address

The official CSA address is:

Cobmoosa Shores Association, Inc.
PO BOX 186
New Era, Michigan 49446-0186

This address is used only for correspondence to the board regarding official business such as relates to the annual meeting.

Your Current Board of Trustees

Sara Collins	9324 Erie Trl	(231) 861-4905
Rich Campbell*	9356 Erie Trl	(231) 861-7259
Ed Dedic	9095 Shawbacoung Trl	(616) 893-9500
Rick Emerson	9316 Erie Trl	(231) 861-7513
Paul Jordan	4286 S. Ottawa Trl	(231) 861-2472
Mike Maloney*	4304 Ottawa Trl	(616) 690-0961
Jan Morrison	9002 Huron Trl	(231) 861-7042
Jerry Parise	9131 Huron Trl	(616) 283-3809
William Rafaill*	8983 Shawbacoung Trl	(231) 861-5516

* The terms of Trustees Rich Campbell, Mike Maloney, and Bill Rafaill expire this year. Rich and Bill are running for reelection while Mike is retiring from the board after having served three terms.

New Trustee Email Addresses

The Board of Trustees are transitioning to new email addresses. The general format for these email addresses will be *firstname.lastname@cobmoosashores.com*

As of this writing the following trustees have made the transition:

- Rich Campbell = rich.campbell@cobmoosashores.com
- Sara Collins = sara.collins@cobmoosashores.com
- Ed Dedic = ed.dedic@cobmoosashores.com
- Rick Emerson = rick.emerson@cobmoosashores.com
- Paul Jordan = paul.jordan@cobmoosashores.com
- Jerry Parise = jerry.parise@cobmoosashores.com
- Bill Rafaill = william.rafaill@cobmoosashores.com
- Lyn Richardson = lyn.richardson@cobmoosashores.com (accounts receivable clerk, not a trustee)

Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2017
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Reports from Committees
6. Open Forum
7. Voting
8. Announce Voting Results
9. Adjournment

Proposed Budget

COBMOOSA SHORES ASSOCIATION, INC. — PROPOSED BUDGET, 2018 - 2019

Roads	\$20,000.00
Beach and Parks	2,500.00
Insurance	3,600.00
Accounts Receivable Clerk.....	900.00
Communication	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Administration	2,000.00
Legal and Professional	300.00
Taxes	700.00
Contingencies	392.50
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TOTAL	\$31,392.50

Casting Your Ballot

Article Five of the By-Laws states that

1. **Trustees** are elected by the membership; spouses owning property each have one vote.
2. **Business Affairs** of the Association, in other words all other business, is conducted on a per lot basis with two votes eligible to be cast from each lot.

The Ballot

You will find a biographical statement from each trustee candidate at the end of this newsletter; your ballot is enclosed. If you cannot attend the meeting, your proxy must be received no later than Friday, July 13th to be counted.

Special Note for the Board of Trustees Election:

1. There are six (6) persons running for the three (3) open seats. Reminder: board positions are for a three-year term.
2. Trustees Rich Campbell and Bill Rafaill are running for re-election. Members Tom Boersma, Diane Frazine, Dennis McKelley, and Janet Schultz are also running for the board.
3. The results will be ranked from most to least votes. The top three vote getters will be seated as trustees.

Beach Parking

Anyone wishing to park at either the North or South beach access must have a parking sticker. This applies to guests as well as members. If you need a parking sticker, please contact any board member by phone, email, or via the Contact Form on the CSA website.

As is our custom, we plan to actively monitor parking at both the North and South Beach accesses over holiday weekends. Any car found without a parking sticker is subject to be towed.

NOTE: New parking stickers are being issued this year. Three (3) for each household are enclosed in this newsletter. If you did not receive one or if you need an additional sticker, please contact any trustee.

Visit the Cobmoosa Shores Website

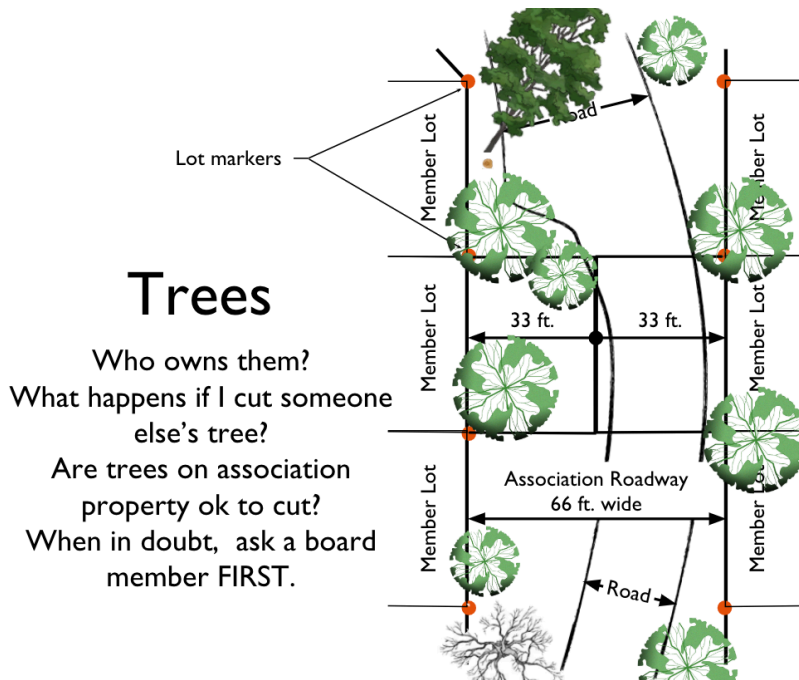
This newsletter, a calendar of events, along with other useful and relevant information is available at the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com>.

Reminders, Reminders, Reminders

- **Speed Limits:** please obey the posted speed limits (15 MPH). Our roads are not motorized bike trails, raceways, nor are they test tracks for dirt bikes, go-carts, ATVs, or snowmobiles.
- **FIRE:** If you rent, please convey to your renters your concern regarding this important issue.
- **Rental Registration:** If you rent, you must register this fact with the Board. The Rental Registration Program is **mandatory** for all owners who elect to rent their property. The completed Rental Registration Form must be submitted **annually** by April 1st. Please visit the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/rental-registration-program.html> for further information.
- **Board Meetings:** The Board meets regularly on the 2nd Saturday of the month from April through October at 10 am until adjournment at the Stony Lake Inn. Board meetings are open to the membership. The Board encourages you to attend to listen, to express a concern, or to make a comment.
- **Parking Issues:** Parking on the roadways is prohibited. Blocking driveways or parking on other people's property without permission is also prohibited. Any car parked within CSA property must display a valid CSA parking decal.
- **Public Areas:** All property in CSA is owned by someone. Only the Beach, the North and South accesses, and the Park across from the North Access are considered public areas and are for the exclusive use of CSA members and their guests.
- **The Beach:** The beach belongs to us all. Please review "Sharing Our Beach" on the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/sharing-our-beach.html>.

- **Trees and the Road Right-of-Way:**

- The Road Right-of-Way is owned by the association and managed by the Board of Trustees. Anyone wishing to cut or trim trees within the road right-of-way must first receive permission from the board. Fallen trees that are blocking the road right-of-way would be treated as an emergency exception.
- Please ask first before cutting. Contact information for your board of trustees is posted on the South Beach Access message board and also on the CSA website.
- The graphic below illustrates how the road right-of-way is determined and is a reminder that the road may not follow a property line exactly.



Opt In eNewsletter

Be sure to sign up to receive electronic communications from the Board. The eNewsletter will be transmitted whenever there is news or information for the membership.

This eNewsletter will be an "opt in" communication, that is, you must elect to receive it. It will not be sent to you unless you opt in.

To "opt in" please visit the Contact Us form on the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/contact-us.html> and select "Opt-In for the e-Newsletter" from the "Purpose of this contact?" drop-down list.

Information sent via the eNewsletter will also be added to the News & Notes page of the CSA website.

Update Your Contact Information

Do we have your correct mailing address? What lot(s) do you own? Do we have your email address(es)? Phone number(s)?

The Board requests that each member takes a moment to update his/her contact information. You may do so by mailing this information to the CSA post office box:

Cobmoosa Shores Association
PO BOX 186
New Era, Michigan 49446-0186

Or by using the Contact Us form on the CSA website <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/contact-us.html>. If you use the website be sure to select "Update My Contact Information" from the "Purpose of this contact?" drop-down list. You may use the Comment/Question box to include lot number(s), additional phone numbers, etc.

Social Activities

Mark Your Calendars for the following events:

- ❖ Saturday, May 26, 2018: Memorial Day Weekend Coffee/Donut Social
 - Coffee/Donuts in the “park” across from the north access
 - Beach cleanup after coffee/donuts
- ❖ Wednesday, July 4, 2018: 4th of July Parade/Ice Cream Social
 - Parade starts at 10:00 am at the north access
 - Ice Cream Social follows in the “park” across from the north access
 - Rain date is July 5th
- ❖ Saturday, September 1, 2018: Labor Day Weekend Events
 - Coffee/Donuts in the “park” across from the north access
 - Beach cleanup after coffee/donuts
 - Rain date Sunday

And don't forget the Book Lending Library at the South Access.

Cobmoosa Shores Apparel

Jill Dedic, who has 25 years of fashion and buying experience, volunteers her time to provide Cobmoosa Shores Association apparel to the membership. CSA apparel will be available to purchase at the Annual Meeting as well as other membership gatherings such as the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend coffees. The apparel is provided to the membership at cost, there is no markup.

Please visit the CSA website at <http://www.cobmoosashores.com/csa-apparel--more.html> to see some examples of what is available and to get Jill's contact information. Please note that minimum orders are required which may delay your order until Jill can meet those minimums.

Candidate Bios

BIO FOR TOM BOERSMA, SEEKING COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2018-2021

I have been coming up to this area since my parents bought a cottage in Driftwood when I was a teenager. Brenda and I bought our place in Cobmoosa in 1999. We are at the north end of Ottawa Trail on Lake Michigan. Our primary residence is in Grand Rapids, where I work as a mechanical engineer. Since our children have moved on we are now able to enjoy more time up here in the fall and spring. I believe the current board of directors does a fine job of preserving the unique nature of Cobmoosa Association and I have no agenda other than maintaining the status quo.

BIO FOR RICH CAMPBELL INCUMBENT SEEKING REELECTION TO COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD, 2018-2021

I've served on the Cobmoosa Board since 2003 and as president for the past 6(?) years. We bought our cottage on Erie in 1990 and have seen many changes, including high water in the early 90's to low water in later years. Judy and I retired here from Grand Rapids in 2004 after we completed our home on Erie Trail. I've taken an active approach to “getting things done” in the association and have enjoyed working with other members. Some improvements include beach access walkways and seating, continued road improvements and maintenance, covenant revisions as needed, and more community participation in committees. I enjoy building and have made the bike rack, hilltop viewing bench, enclosures for the beach facilities, and more recently stabilized the North access stairs with other members. The Cobmoosa Board has a rich history of people who have served over the years and helped make this the greatest place on earth.

BIO FOR DIANE FRAZINE SEEKING A COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2018 – 2021

I am a licensed Realtor and have been selling homes and vacant land for the past 28 years. Prior to that I worked in management and then as a Buyer for Meijer Inc. My husband Jeff and I have been married for 35 years. We bought our lot in Cobmoosa back in 2007, and then built our future retirement home on it in the fall of 2012. We have always enjoyed camping along Lake Michigan in parks that offered private sites with mature trees, as far north as the UP. When we came across Cobmoosa Shores we knew we had found our permanent camp site with the privacy, mature trees, nature, wildlife, and the beach! As a Realtor I have shown homes and lots in many of the plats around the area. Hands down, Cobmoosa Shores is the best! My goal if elected will be to insure it.

BIO FOR DENNIS MCKELLEY SEEKING A COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2018 – 2021

My wife Sandy and I have been part of Cobmoosa Shores since we purchased our cottage in June of 2005. We live on Erie Trail midway down the road. We remodeled our home over the years in order to make this our home in retirement. We made this our home in 2015. I've helped out over the years cleaning up prior to Memorial Day. My wife and grandchildren were the first to start our 4th of July Cobmoosa parade and ice cream social. We have made it a tradition and have lead the parade since its beginning 5 years ago. We love it here and I would like to continue to help in any way I can to keep this a great subdivision in west Michigan.

BIO FOR WILLIAM RAFAILL, INCUMBENT SEEKING REELECTION TO COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD, 2018-2021

I am completing my first term on the Cobmoosa Shores Board of Trustees and wish to be re-elected. My wife and I have enjoyed the Stony Lake area since the 1980s and purchased our cottage on Shawbacoung Trl in 1998. My primary goal as a trustee has been to improve communication between the membership and the board. I serve as Chair of the Communication Committee and our group has done a lot of work to achieve this goal. The Association now has a new website which includes an improved calendar, a News & Notes page, and a contact page. The website calendar now includes not only CSA events but also local events that may be of interest to the membership. I have also started an "opt-in" eNewsletter to send newsworthy information via email to the membership as warranted. Those same notes are also posted in the News & Notes section of the website. The Communication Committee has more planned. I ask that you return me to the Board for another term, so we can continue our work.

BIO FOR JANET SCHULZ, SEEKING COBMOOSA SHORES BOARD SEAT, 2018-2021

My parents, Harry and Ruby Schultz, bought their lots in Cobmoosa in the early 1960's. I taught sixth grade at Central Montcalm Public Schools for thirty years, spending as much of the summers here as possible. I retired here in 2000. I owned the Curves franchise in Hart with 5 others for 5 years. I walk the beach picking up plastics, balloons, and ribbon weekly. As I see it, an advantage I have for you as a board member - I walk the roads of Cobmoosa at least twice a week, year around, keeping an eye out for strange things happening. Thanks for your consideration for your vote for my candidacy for the Cobmoosa board.