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Mid-Year Report to Beneficiaries of The Clifton Park Trust

The Clifton Park Trustees (CPT) have decided that it would be appropriate to give a report on several topics that have been on our agenda and on the minds of many of our beneficiaries.

From all reports we have received the 2013 beach season is proceeding with ample picnic table and parking availability. We are pleased that our Beach Rules are accomplishing their objectives. The expanded sandy beach, thanks to the low lake levels, is certainly welcome.

This report will cover the improvement projects completed, projects planned, and organizing for future projects; the Lakewood Police Department's concerns about the recent publicly reported incidents in our neighborhood; and the availability of an attorney to represent a group lot owners, who may want to have such representation, in the current lawsuit.

2013 Improvement Projects

The men's restroom has been improved with the addition of another toilet and the installation of new non-metallic toilet partitions. The beach house interior and exterior have been repainted.

The CPTs have approved the Grove Project contingent upon securing funds necessary to undertake its construction and completion.

We are in discussions with the Clifton Lagoon Trustees about repaving Beach Road, from the guard house to the cul-de-sac, on a shared funding basis. While owned by the Clifton Park Trust, the road is primarily used by lagoon residents.

We are studying the possible re-purposing of the corral and the back yard of the pump house to provide additional guest parking and a re-organized storage area. We also want to screen these areas from view of our lagoon neighbors for improved aesthetics.

The CPTs would like to move forward with some playground improvements, within the current playground footprint. We invite volunteers to join a committee to make recommendations for playground improvements. In particular, we solicit input from parents of playground-age children. Please contact us if you are interested.

Lakewood Police Department Concerns

In late May, in response to a report of harassment of a Clifton Park resident, the Lakewood Police Department's Detective Tom McLaughlin asked the CPTs individually to interviews at City Police Station. Detective McLaughlin explained that they were concerned that the neighborhood tensions could escalate into an unfortunate regrettable situation or outcome.

As a result of these extraordinary interviews, the CPTs issued a statement deploring the reported acts of harassment that was distributed by email.

We regret that the tenor of the neighborhood has been diminished and that long term relationships have been damaged. We urge all to give thoughtful consideration to this matter.

Lawsuit Representation

As a result of the lawsuit brought against the Clifton Club, by four neighbors, Nancy Binder, Arthur Dueck, Todd Gilmore, and William Keller, all Park property owners and the Trustees have been made parties defendant. The Ulmer Berne law firm represents the CPTs as Trustees.

Individually we have retained Dana A. Rose, with Carolyn M. Cappel, Gary W. Johnson, and Jack S. Kluznik, all of Weston Hurd LLP, to represent the five of us as property owners. We expect that there will be some cost efficiency realized with a group of individuals using one law firm. If you are interested, you may reach Dana Rose of the Weston Hurd firm at 216 687 3342 or at drose@westonhurd.com.

While this has been a challenging time for our neighborhood and the beach community, we trust that everyone will treat everyone else at the beach with civility and respect regardless of the legal proceedings.

Sincerely,

The Clifton Park Trustees