



summer 2008 newsletter

## President's Message

Dear Lomond Residents,

Everywhere you look, you can see signs of Lomond Association activities over the past year. Sandwich boards on Lomond Boulevard advertise upcoming Association events. New picnic tables, soon to be painted, were donated by Thornton Park for Gridley Triangle. Beautiful hanging planters line Lomond Boulevard, thanks to individual contributions and matching support from the City. New perennials, acquired through the Lomond-Sussex Perennial exchange, enhance people's yards. College-age bike patrol officers ride the streets, monitoring youth behavior and other safety concerns in the neighborhood. All of these are signs of a vital, energized organization with committed and talented volunteers.

Brian Yusko  
Lomond Association  
President



But The Lomond Association is not only about meetings and neighborhood improvements. A significant part of Lomond Association Vision 2012 is about Lomond as a place where neighbors connect with one another. Even if you can't attend association meetings or don't participate on

a committee, you can support the Lomond vision by reaching out to all your neighbors—black families and white families, young and elderly residents, owners and renters of single and two family homes. During the summer, there are many organized opportunities to connect with neighbors, such as block parties and "Meet the Streets" socials. But you can also promote the vision in smaller ways, such as greeting fellow pedestrians (including teenage kids), bringing cookies to new or elderly residents, or just talking with neighbors while taking a break from gardening in your front yard. These actions, though they seem insignificant by themselves, add up in powerful ways to make our community an inviting place where people want to move and stay. No matter how hard we work to sponsor events and advocate for neighborhood improvements, let's all remember that, at its heart, our Association is about the people of Lomond and their connection to one another.

## Committee Updates

### Beautification

#### Year in Review

It has been quite a year of progress for the Beautification Committee. Since our first official meeting



in November there has been a constant flurry of activity to improve the overall aesthetics of the Lomond Neighborhood.

We successfully applied for, and were awarded, a \$5000 grant to obtain a professional landscape design for Gridley Triangle. Come to the Association's August social to see the final rendering.

We hosted our first perennial exchange in conjunction with our Sussex friends and neighbors down the street. This brought both our communities together to in a very positive, charitable way. By sharing landscaping material we helped to improve the curb appeal of our homes. Due to its success another perennial exchange is planned for the month of September.

We raised the amount needed to fund our flower baskets again this summer. Thank you to the following families who made donations: Baum, Bogie, Bonthius/Golden, Butts, Coffey, Gupta, Hall, Hanger/Albers, Kalan, Kancelbaum, Miller, Millette, Moncrieff, Nordstrom, Peskin, Silberger, Smith, Woodcock/Benjamin, Yusko

We are in the midst of applying for another grant that would award homeowners up to \$7500 in matching

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grant funds to make exterior improvements to their homes. Stay tuned for more details on this in the fall.

This is just a sampling of the work our committee has been working so diligently on throughout the last year. Many thanks to all its members: Bertram Butts, Pattie Golden, Karen Knittel, Kim Papell, and David Thal.

Dena Smith  
Neighborhood Beautification Chair

### Shaker Heights' CERT Team to conduct door to door Campaign in Ludlow Neighborhood

Shaker Heights' inaugural team of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members is planning a community project this summer in the Ludlow neighborhood. For two weekends at the end of July and beginning of August, Shaker Heights citizens who have graduated from Shaker's first CERT training program will take to the streets to pass out information on disaster preparedness and collect valuable information from Ludlow residents in order to better serve them in times of need.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and

trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. For more information about CERT, contact the Shaker Heights Health Department at 216-491-1480.

### Free Fall Yard Cleanup (Shaker Residents Only)

If you are a senior citizen or in need of help this fall, sign up TODAY by calling 491-1360 and the Cub Scouts of Shaker Heights will rake the leaves from your yard. Raking Day: November 8th. Information: 491-1360.

The Interfaith Coalition is also looking for residents who need help with leaf raking. Yard Clean Up Day: October 18. Information: 491-3279.

Or Call: City of Shaker Heights, 3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122, 216-491-1400.

### Safety Committee



The Safety Committee invites Lomond residents to join us this summer for "Meet the Streets", an informal chance to see different streets of Lomond, while socializing with your fellow Lomonders! There will also be the opportunity to meet Shaker Heights police officers and firefighters. These gatherings will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 in the following locations: July 20-Palmerston Road and August 10-Gridley Triangle. There will be more information to follow on the website.

In order to begin this process of addressing the needs of our youth, which will inevitably have positive impacts on many other community priorities, I would like to have a kick-off meeting with as many community leaders with youth interests as possible. Thus far, my email list for this group stands at 20 contacts. Please feel free to look through the list and let me know of anyone I missed who should be part of this.

### Membership Committee



The membership Committee has been hard at work! Our main goals are to build membership and establish collaboratives and networks that improve our

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community. This year we have increased membership to 191 paid members. Most streets are represented by active, committed Street Captains. We have an aggressive goal to have a

block party on each street this summer, in order to improve visibility, increase membership and promote our community. Don't miss out on the chance to meet new people and

promote our wonderful neighborhood! Contact Roger Freeman, 283-1075, Sabria Terry, 283-1546, or Dave Halley, 921-2557 for more details.

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