

# Elk Lake Property Owners Association

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### *President's Corner*

#### **Kae Crenshaw**

Here it is February and not much happening; let's talk about the weather. Good grief! This winter will surely go down in history. The so-called experts are calling it the worst storm since the blizzard of 1994. Tuesday night/Wednesday morning (1/27/28) at 3 a.m., I woke up when the electricity went off. I couldn't go back to sleep, and I kept hearing something that sounded like cardboard boxes being dragged across gravel. I thought maybe raccoons were under the porch. When I got up and began to build a fire in the fireplace, I realized it was large branches and trees falling. I had one on my roof, one blocking the garage door, one hanging over the driveway and several in the yard.

Being the wimp that I am, I lasted until Thursday evening without heat and then was evacuated to Florence to stay with a daughter and her family. The electricity came back on Friday night at 8:30 p.m., and I returned on Sunday evening. Since then, the electricity has been off for only short periods of time. It has been a real winter storm! We had six to eight inches of snow, a slab of ice, and six to eight inches more snow. Then Monday (2/2/09), we had about four more inches of snow. It has indeed been a winter wonderland at Elk Lake.

While in Florence, I got to watch television, and the national newscasters were showing pictures of the ice storm all over Kentucky. They announced that over 600,000 people were without power at one time. We have electricity, heat, water and telephone service. Others are not so fortunate. We lost cable service until 2/9, but that's not a top priority.

The work at the lake plugging the leaks has been suspended until the weather clears a little. During the past week, a piece of machinery belonging to Bruce Wash was damaged.

I am so thankful for our heroes here that have spent time and energy helping others. Topping that list are Don Hoop and Howard Wiggs who have been out every day. Also caught helping neighbors were: Ted Blaney, Bobby Cook, Ken Dalmau, David Duncan, Tony England, Cheri Fredelake, Ed Grady, Jim Hutton, Dean Jackson, Duane Lamont, Jerry McCormick, Don Shoemaker, Bruce Wash, Joe Williams, Owen Electric, Owen County Search and Rescue, and Kentucky American Water. Lots of gratitude to Mary Hoop and

Nancy Wiggs who answered the phones, took messages, distributed information and provided food and hospitality to the volunteers. I'm sure there are others whose good deeds haven't reach me.

Live and learn. We have learned that the best way to battle snow, and especially ice, is to have one vehicle at the gate, and one with chains on. You are not allowed on the road with chains unless there is a layer of ice and/or snow. Chains can be purchased at Pep Boys or [www.jcwhitney.com](http://www.jcwhitney.com)

I have a group of wooden snowmen with red noses that light up and a sign that says "Let it Snow." I have unplugged it.



**Snapped poles were across roads throughout Elk Lake.**  
(Photo by Sam Altman)

### *Membership Committee*

**Mike Poland**

*Please welcome these  
new members!*

**Dan and Jill Cahill**  
**new owners of lots 214-217**



### SPORTSMAN CLUB MEET-

**INGS** ....EVERYONE is always welcome. I have set up a meeting with the Owen County Game Wardens. They are very anxious to come to Elk Lake for a meet and greet session. They will be available to talk about fishing rules and regulations, boating safety, etc. and to answer any questions we might have. The meeting will take place on Saturday March 28 at 10 a.m. at the lodge. If you have any questions about this meeting or the club in general you can contact me by email at

[bosssofthemoss50@yahoo.com](mailto:bosssofthemoss50@yahoo.com).

If you are interested in joining the Sportsman Club for the 2009 season, it's only \$ 15 for the year. Please send a check or money order to: BOB DUKE, 3465 Mirror Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45248 or RICK OPPELT, 6303 Kingoak, Cincinnati, OH 45248.

## Roads Committee

### Don Hoop

This has been the worst storm seen at Elk Lake in a long time. We could handle the snow, but the ice was a different story. There were large branches and trees fallen across the roads, and there were telephone lines, cables lines, and live electric wires down across the roads. We got the trees removed with the help of volunteers. Owen Electric came and took care of the electric wires.

The grader slid sideways on ice on the hills on several different occasions. The tractor also had trouble staying in the road. The dump truck proved to be useless. On the first trip out, the windshield wiper blades came off, the muffler fell off, and the engine caught on fire. It is at the garage being repaired.

Nevertheless, it has been possible to get over the roads. They have been driven every day as we checked on the residents, checked water lines and checked individual homes for members. The only reliable means of transportation for all the hills every day has been a Kubota. Many residents have been helpful to their neighbors. The roads throughout the county have been dangerous, also. Owen County Schools were dismissed from 1/27/09-2/5/09. They went back Friday 2/6/09 on an hour's delay. We continue to investigate ways to clear our hills of ice.

## Security

Kae Crenshaw

The keepers of the gate certainly rank as superheroes during the snow and ice storm. Hooray for Sheila, June and Tony for hanging on when there was no heat in the guard house. Thanks to Joe Rheinsmith for providing a propane heater. Marilyn made an unimaginable number of trips from the guardhouse to the maintenance barn to deliver messages and keep us all in contact. Tracey, Kathy and Eunice, along with the others, did their part taking phone calls, passing on information, and keeping in touch with those working to keep residents safe.

The property owners have been most grateful for the outstanding effort of the guards. There have been a few whiners and complainers, but if they were able to make it to the guardhouse to fill out a complaint form, the roads must have been passable.

**Don't forget that dues are to be paid by March 1st. Those who have not paid their dues by then will not be allowed to write passes, bring in boats, or be entitled to the privileges of membership.**

You can contact me with questions at 502-484-3892 or email me at [murfowen@frontierexpress.com](mailto:murfowen@frontierexpress.com)

## Buildings and Grounds

Howard Wiggs

The bill has been submitted for the tractor lights and also for the final inspection of the electricity at the maintenance building and tool shed by Ben Trusty. The lights have been installed on the tractor.

Flashing warning lights have been installed near the dam where the lake leaks are being plugged. A lot of time has been spent hauling in pumps and pumping water from the holes at the dam and putting in dye to trace leaks. I talked to Steve Dempsey and Rick Buchanan of Kentucky American Water Co. about getting two cut-off valves for the water pipe at the dam. We worked with them to put valves on each side of the dam to isolate the area of construction and keep the flow of water to the residents. We used a chainsaw to cut the roots of a tree so they could complete this work. Several trips were made to haul dirt away from the work site. Owen Electric came and moved a pole for us. We hauled in culvert pipes for the dam.

The brush has been cleared from around the maintenance buildings. The gas tank was moved to the front of the tool shed, and we found that the handle had been jimmied and the tank was empty, so we put it where it can be more easily monitored. A security light has been installed at the tool shed.

We put hydraulic oil in the grader to get it ready for snow removal. When the snow and ice came, every day was spent checking water meters and personal property for members, checking on the residents, pulling vehicles out of ditches, getting salt to the gate for ice removal, cutting up trees that had fallen across the roads, and working to plow the roads.

Many thanks to Don Hoop, Jerry McCormick and Jeff McDonald for working with me, to Tom Goldschmidt for offering to get lights for the maintenance building and tool shed, and to Joe Williams for repairing the welder, weed-eaters and boat motor.

Future goals are to build a new guardhouse and clear the hill where the garbage collection site used to be.

If you have extra small tools, please consider donating them to the ELPOA.



## Treasurer's report

Joel Piatt

### Profit & Loss Summary-thru December 31, 2008

	2008 <u>Budget</u>	12/31/08 <u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Membership Dues	\$238,800.00	\$230,714.06	(\$8,085.94)
Misc. Income	<u>\$82,410.00</u>	<u>\$83,559.14</u>	<u>\$1,149.24</u>
Total Income	\$321,210.00	\$314,273.30	(\$6,936.70)
Security Gross Payroll	\$66,000.00	\$64,894.55	(\$1,105.45)
Administrative Gross	\$24,300.00	\$23,887.69	(\$412.31)
Security Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,681.72	\$181.72
Buildings & Grounds Expense	\$99,050.00	\$83,410.64	(15,639.36)
Lake & Dam Expense	\$5,000.00	\$1,318.50	(\$3,681.50)
Marina Gasoline Expense	\$39,200.00	\$41,928.43	\$2,728.43
Road Expense	\$40,100.00	\$42,245.43	\$2,145.43
Administrative Business Expense	<u>\$54,650.00</u>	<u>\$44,991.70</u>	<u>(\$9658.30)</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$329,800.00</u>	<u>\$305,228.65</u>	<u>(\$24,571.35)</u>

Road Surfacing Cost	\$523,605.94
Road Assessment received through Dec 31	<u>\$417,792.50</u>
Balance needed to cover cost	\$105,813.44 as of 12/31/08

Dam Fund Status \$67,787.63 as of 12/31/08

**ATTENTION — AUDIT RESULTS:** On Dec. 28 ,2008 and Jan. 5, 2009, a internal audit was conducted by Bramel & Ackley, P.S.C., a third party consultant, for the calendar year 2007. The ELPOA received a clean opinion on all records.

## Lake and Dam report

George Schneider

The snow, ice and generally bad weather have slowed work in the area of the dam. We have made great progress and hope to have all work done in time to close the valve on time. We are all looking forward to having good water levels all summer this year.

Additional information is in the Buildings and Grounds report.

**Notice!** To cut mailing costs, *Shorelines*, the ELPOA newsletter, will be mailed to members only with special permission. Copies will be available for pickup at the gate, or you may have it emailed to you. Send your email address to Julie Kirk at [jakirk@fewpb.net](mailto:jakirk@fewpb.net)

**NOTICE:** Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Sunday 9 a.m. at the park. Questions, call Bill at 484-5755.

### Office Hours:

Fri.: 11a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat: noon to 4 p.m.

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## **Ice and Trees**

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- Be patient and let bent trees and shrubs warm and straighten on their own; shaking ice off trees and shrubs damages their cellular structure.
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