

**SUMMER 2008. INSIDE THIS ISSUE:** Recipes, Stories, CommUnity UPDATES!

## SUMMER IS HERE!

Better late than never after a cold, wet spring we all can enjoy camping, swimming, picnics and fishing, finally!

In this issue of your newsletter we want to once again let you know how much we appreciate YOU and being part of our family of commUnities!— **THANK YOU!**

Our success depends largely on each one of you. We continue to strive to market and attract good people like yourselves through our marketing efforts such as, the traditional print ads but more importantly the group effort between us having clean commUnities, nice yards, referrals from you, and being a good neighbor, are what really count to attract and retain residents that add to your commUnity.

### *"Adding to your communities!"*

As an ongoing effort to improve your commUnities we have some ongoing projects and some still in progress. Let's share some updates with you.

**West Gate Estates** in Marathon – We have added some playground equipment for the younger children or visitors to the community. As you can see it's a big hit with the younger generation and gives mom and dad a break too! This equipment includes a playhouse, children's picnic table, and a STEP 2 set of swings & slide located in the center common area for enjoying the great outdoors (see more on page 2)!



## Peggy Honeck

### *Customer Relations*

I'm often asked "Why do I have to pay for water when it is free coming from a well?" You not only are paying for water, but for sewer too. Some of the costs to get water to your home are maintenance of well and distribution lines, electricity to run pump and mandatory monthly water tests required under the US Food and Drug Administration of the Federal Govt. The septic systems need maintenance and pumping along with mandatory inspection and pumping every 5 years. I would like to thank the residents of the 5 parks that recently received back charged water/sewer bills for promptly either paying in full or making additional payment with their monthly charges. Those of you who have not sent additional funds to pay this charge, please do so to pay off the money owed for your usage in the 5 to 6 month period charged. See you at the picnics.

## Larry Honeck

### *Maintenance/Field Manager*

I am in your communities regularly; please stop me if you need anything.

### Tips for better living:

Weeds weeds weeds. Here is what I'd like to see everyone do, are you ready? Get a gallon of weed and grass killer and spray it around the skirting of your home about 2 inches out. This will save you from having to weed whack and poke holes in your skirting letting critters in. Now all you have to do is mow ☺

If you have a wooden and metal shed **please** keep it painted. It not only looks bad when the paint is peeling, but it wont last long without a good sealer.

Get out and enjoy yourself this summer!

## CommUnity Upgrades (continued)

**Edgewood Country Estates** in Mosinee – We are honored to have residents in Edgewood who have made some donations to the recreational playground area. Mike P. has donated a play station and lot 32 donated the motorcycle. We want to thank you for your generosity.



**Harrison Avenue** in Wittenberg – Ever since we have taken over Harrison MHC there has been issues with the water & septic system. We have struggled to put together the necessary funding which has delayed the project and ultimately taken over a year to be completed.

At last all homes are hooked up to the Village of Wittenberg's system with a new lift station now in use.

Hurrah! Hurrah! HURRAY!

We are buttoning up the last of the project. We want to thank everyone in Harrison MHC for their patience and understanding as we went through this process. As a kind gesture please call the Village of Wittenberg and thank them for working with us to get this completed. Phone number (715)253-6063 Tracy.

Some of you have gone above and beyond to restore the lawn and landscaping. A BIG thank you!



## North Country Estates - Tomahawk

We want to welcome Jonathan Leck to the Bradley Building. Jonathan is setting up his woodworking and restoration business and plans to do some long overdue work on the exterior. It will be great having the building occupied again.

## Miscellaneous Repairs

Many of the commUnitys needed gravel and dirt so Larry decided it was time to Get-R-Done! Larry hopped on the backhoe in **Sunshine** and got things ship shape. Larry has also been taking care of the parking spots in **Edgewood** and filling in the potholes in the road with asphalt. In **West Gate** Juan helped some of you getting driveways fixed and some of your landscaping done. Jim has been filling in potholes which seems never ending in the spring. **North Country** needed the most attention to repair some of the areas where we fixed water breaks last year. Amber Jaecks delivered the dirt and gravel and Larry went to work. *Larry, do you ever sleep???* If you see Larry please thank him! How about the grass in North Country! Jeremy has jumped on it and it is looking better than ever, keep up the great job! It was a long time coming but the frame is gone on lot #22 and thanks to Larry, Jeremy and Kathy the place is clean!  
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## SUMMERTIME DRINK

### Shirley Temple

Ingredients: ice, ginger ale, grenadine, maraschino cherries

Fill glass with ice and ginger ale. Add a splash of grenadine (about 1 Tbls-enough to give a rosy color). Garnish with a maraschino cherry or two.

Compliments of Beau Hoganson ☺

**Choose Your NEIGHBORS!** Remember, for every referral you bring us that buys a MH from Quest, they get a great value and YOU get a \$50.00 Gift Card!

**Everyone wins** when new people buy a Quest Home or move into a Quest MH Community! Call your CM or the office today ☺

New online for Quest Homes and Quest MH Communities! Watch this VIDEO! Share it with others! [www.YouTube.com/watch?v=jkqfizjv0Q4](http://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=jkqfizjv0Q4)  
PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

**Events Update: We just had our Wittenberg picnic. If you have attended your community picnic in the past you know it can be a great time to catch up with others and have a lot of fun! Bring a friend.**



**Always plenty of food**



**The kids have a great time too!**

**PLEASE** join us for your up coming picnic and bring a dish to pass. We supply the soda and meat and you get to show off your favorite recipes ☺ Check with your manager for the date in your community. And we always welcome your feedback because this is for **YOU!** **COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!**

### ***Misc. continued...***

People are asking if **Sunshine** is going to be changed to a **GOLF COURSE!** At first I said **WHY** would you ask that. Then I drove in and said **WOW!!!** Dan Richie and his son have volunteered, **YES** I did say **VOLUNTEERED** to mow and it looks awesome! Please stop and let them know how great it looks. And Dan is such a great guy that he is always helping someone including Quest! Dan always says, "Well I just want to see this place filled up with good people". **HIGH 5!!!**

### **Inspirational Saying:**

*It's never too late to be who you could have been.*

### **A Wise Decision**

Should I buy a MH or a site built home and pay on it twice as long or more plus the cost of property taxes? Let's say you buy an older site built home for \$80,000 with a 30 yr loan and an 8% interest. At the end of 30 yrs you will have paid \$131,324.20 in interest plus the \$80,000 principle for a whopping \$211,324.20. OR buy a very nice MH for \$30,000 with a 15 yr loan and an 8% interest you have only \$21,605.21 interest plus the principle of \$30,000 = \$51,605.21. AND at what age do you want to be **DONE** paying for your home???

The 30 year mortgage example: If you are 40 years old you are paying on it until you are 70. OR the better plan: buy a manufactured home and pay it off when you are 55 years old. Enjoy the money while you are still able.

### **Landscaping**

Ideas on gardening

<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/plans/>

Create your own paradise

Xeroscaping for maintenance free

Can be rewarding and we encourage it. More people are staying home and creating a place they can enjoy after work and on weekends.

As the price of gas climbs why not put that money into **YOUR** place rather than the gas tank.



# \$\$ Saving Tips From Quest!

## Getting "Greener" by the minute

**1. Do a home energy audit.** This survey analyzes your home's structure, appliances and insulation, as well as your family's lifestyle. Alliant Energy offers customers a free energy audit called [My Home Comfort Check Up](#) that provides a personalized report detailing specific ways to save energy throughout your home.

### *Heating your home*

**2. Change or clean your [furnace filter](#) once a month.** Dust and dirt can quickly clog vital parts, making your furnace run harder and eventually break down.

**3. Have your [heating system inspected](#) regularly** - especially if it's natural gas. A \$50-100 annual tune-up can help reduce your heating costs by up to five percent.

**4. If you have a forced-air furnace, do NOT close [heat registers](#) in unused rooms.** Your furnace is designed to heat a specific square footage of space and can't sense a register is closed - it will continue working at the same pace. In addition, the cold air from unheated rooms can escape into the rest of the house, reducing the effectiveness of all your insulating and weatherizing.

**5. Install a [programmable thermostat](#).** If you use it to set back the temperature by 10 degrees for eight hours every night, you'll lower your heating bills by 10 percent. A \$50 digital thermostat can pay for itself in energy savings in less than a year.

## Management

We have high expectations of our managers and you should too. As a company we know it is important to train our managers and we do have training sessions where we get all of our managers together to talk about issues that help improve your communities. Things you have brought up to the managers or office are also talked about so we can get everyone's input and see if it is something that affects all of the communities. So please give us your feed back or concerns. Managing people is not always easy as we all have different ways of looking at things. Some people have a motto "rules are made to be broken". That just doesn't fly in a commUnity environment. Like any other neighborhood people work different shifts, some have children, some like to keep to themselves while others are social butterflies. We do our best to try to accommodate everyone. To have quality of life we need rules to live by. On occasion we have someone ask why they are not allowed to do a certain thing. Most people are responsible but a few abuse the privilege. Take fire pits for example, most people just want a small fire to burn wood for pleasure. Then your neighbor starts burning garbage and the smell drifts into your open window not to mention you can feel the heat from the huge blaze. Then that person leaves the fire unattended and a spark starts the grass on fire, then the tree and maybe your home! Now we get a call blaming us for not having rules to prevent things like this from happening. Our goal is to give all residents the best quality of life possible while at the same time respecting one another. So we hope in the end you can understand that our intention is to keep your community safe and an enjoyable place to live.

So don't ever hesitate to ask your manager about any improvements or ideas for your community.

## Welcome Corner

At Quest Development, Inc. we are always excited to welcome new residents in to our communities. We hope everyone takes the time to say "hello" and offer a helping hand when necessary as moving can be overwhelming at times.

*Working together, we can make Quest Homes and your CommUnities better and better!*

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## Have a GREAT summer everyone!