



P O BOX 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

April 2019

Our Objectives: *The objectives of the Kelleys Island Landowners Association are to preserve the tranquility and beauty of this island by remaining constantly alert and vigilant to any situation that could adversely affect the needs of our members and the island itself. We provide a forum where members can have the opportunity to present ideas, problems, and information; and we bring all available information regarding Kelleys Island to the Village Council and our members.*

President's Message

Dear KILA Members,

What a great year 2018 it was! All of our events, from our Pot Luck, Homecoming and our popular Family Fall Hay Ride were well attended and everyone had a great time! Also, last year for the first time ever, we extended Homecoming to a 2-day weekend event. This year, thanks to all of you, we'll do it again! We will be announcing our 2019 "big project" very soon. Thanks to all of you for your support by buying KILA shirts, food, silent auction items, donations and raffle tickets.

New this year is our web address! Please check out our new website: www.Kila.Rocks. It is easier to read and remember too! It's a great resource to know what is happening with KILA. Check it out to find out when our upcoming EVENTS and MEETINGS are taking place.

Also, please send in your dues for 2019. As we have in the last few years, we will be sending out KILA cards that you can use to save at local island merchants. It really pays for itself when you shop or dine with our local businesses.

Finally I just want to thank ALL of our members for your ideas and support! Also, I want to thank each KILA board member who takes time out of their "Island Time" to make Kelleys island a better place.

Thank you!!!

*Chris Arnold
KILA President*

P.S. Don't forget the welcome back potluck on Saturday, May 18th at 6:00 PM at the Pavilion – Bring a dish & have some fun. ALL Welcome

COUNCIL NEWS

The SAFETY COMMITTEE announced it received two \$5000 donations towards the purchase or lease of a vehicle and Council approved the lease of a 2019 Ford F-150 for the Police Dept.

The Kelleys Island Police Dept. will no longer be the sole enforcement officer for the STATE PARK during the summer season. Keep an eye out for ODNR, who will now be providing a law enforcement ranger to work with us in that area.

Legislation was passed to raise WATER RATES by 5%, effective the second quarter of 2018.

The Police Department received permission from Council to install a MEDICATION DROP BOX at the station. Dropping off your old and/or unused medications at the drop box will keep meds out of septic/sewer/lake systems and out of the hands of inquisitive children.



A PROCLAMATION declaring June 12, 2018 as DANNY AHNER day was unanimously approved by Council, and applauded by the audience.

The low temps play havoc on homes — and their pipes too! WATERLINE LEAKS inside your home may not be noticed from the outside. There were a couple of major waterline leaks as frozen pipes thawed causing water to flow across the roads. If your residence on the Island is seasonal, you are advised to shut your water off, winterize your home and fill out a house check form so the Police can check your house regularly.



Did you know that SERVING OUR SENIORS (SOS) does more than sponsor our senior lunches? SOS and the Erie Co. Health Dept. have partnered to provide free safety equipment to Erie Co. seniors. Items include bath benches, shower chairs, raised toilet seats and grab bars. They can arrange installation as needed. They can provide transportation from both the airport and ferry to healthcare appointments. If you want to fill out a survey or participate, contact SOS at 419-624-1856.

The Kelleys Island BOARD OF EDUCATION announced that they will not collect eight mills of real estate taxes for 2019. [One **mill** is one dollar per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value.] The result is a savings to Island property owners of about \$627,160. This is the 19th consecutive year property owners have realized a savings. As always we thank the school board for giving the islanders a tax break.



After seven years, the KELLEYS ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL officially reopened last September and we have one newly enrolled 16 year old, Liam Neu from Lima Ohio. We would like to further our success as a high school by attracting more students. If you would like to be involved in the committee focused on promoting Kelleys Island School, please email Hannah Kulka at Hkulka@kelleys.k12.oh.us.

The majority of work on the TOWER PROJECT at the Transfer Station was completed in December. The antenna is a 302 foot tower put up at the transfer station to relay commodity information between Chicago and New York. McKay Brothers Inc., the owners of the tower, donated \$50,000 to KIHA for this project and the village will receive an annual income. It is possible that further opportunities exist to bring in additional funds to the village through the leasing of space to cell companies. We are excited about this new source of income that will serve to support the village.



KELLEYS ISLAND NATURE CAMP

This summer, for the first time, Kelleys Island Field Station is partnering with the KI Audubon Society, Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center and the Kelleys Island School all for a weekend of NATURE CAMP! Activities include: Searching for Snakes, turtles, salamanders, frogs and toads; Visit aquatic habitats in search of our amphibian friends as well as sunny spots where reptiles may be found; Meet the resident reptiles that call OSU's Stone Laboratory 'Home' and learn about their unique adaptations that enable them to survive! Contact Jackie Taylor for more information: JTaylor@Kelleys.K12.OH.US or visit Kelleys.K12.OH.us for more information.



To provide better internet service, FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS added DSLAMs (Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer) to 3 locations on the island; Pauline Drive, Melody Lane and Monaghan Road at Ward. They'll be connected by fiber optic lines to the main office across from the water tower. This will add 96 ports, make available more internet access and increase speed with no lag time in summer months due to high use volume. Pauline Drive has been completed and the other two will be completed in the spring. Additionally, it is worth noting that it is not Frontier's responsibility to clear limbs overhanging or resting on telephone lines, it is the owner's responsibility. Frontier will only repair damage to the lines.

The new Hancock Wood underwater ELECTRIC CABLE PROJECT is nearly complete! The old cable has been completely removed and the new cable should now be ready with the power transferred back. Thank you Hancock Wood Electric!

SHIPWRECKS IN THE NEWS



A third shipwreck with an Island connection has been discovered. The first was the 2015 discovery of the sunken barge *Argo*, which was lost in a storm east of Kelleys Island in 1937 with a petroleum cargo. Some of that cargo proved to still be on board and was leaking, and the discovery resulted in a federally funded cleanup. The second appeared in the news in March of 2018; the shipwreck of the *Margaret Owill*, a steam barge that sank carrying 900 tons of limestone from Kelleys Island to Cleveland in June 1899. The ship went down in a nor'easter, killing the captain, his wife and their 9-year-old son, as well as five others aboard. The third is believed to be *The Lake Serpent*, a two-mastered schooner, lost in 1829 while carrying a load of stone between Cleveland and the Islands. Its location has simply been identified as being east of Kelleys Island, possibly off the Erie County coast.

ISLAND DEATHS

This list is what we are aware of. Any omissions or mistakes, please let us know."



Gye Landis passed away Feb 22, 2017
LaVerne Ehrbar, 94, passed away Feb. 11, 2017
Don Chesnut passed away March 17, 2017
Diane Chesnut passed away July 12, 2017
Carolee Frindt, 79, passed away May 17, 2017
George F. Coffman, 74, passed away Feb 12, 2018
Jo Ann Svihlik, 65, passed away May 25, 2018
Dennis Svihlik, 71, passed away May 27, 2018
Lee W. Brown, 96, passed away July 20, 2018
Geraldine M. Betzenheimer, 81, passed away Aug. 20, 2018,
Corrine (Ehrbar) Miller, 71, passed away Aug 29, 2018

Arden Brand Cooper, 69, passed away Sept. 28, 2018
Walter Stoetzer, 89, passed away Sept. 29, 1918
Kyle Paine, 56, passed away Friday, Oct. 5, 2018
Richard C. "Dick" Volz, 94, passed away Oct. 13, 2018
Willowdean H. "Willie" Judge, 91, passed away Nov. 29, 2018
Donna J. McKillips, Services January 14, 2019
Marshall Morgan, 76, passed away Jan. 24, 2019
Donald J. Suter, 82, passed away Jan. 25, 2019
Beatrice (McKillips) Matso, 75, passed away Feb. 18, 2019
Dorothy A. (Millen) Simonds, 90, passed away Feb. 22, 2019
Dorothea L. Sprau, 96, passed away March 19, 2019
Marcia Jean (Riedy) Crabtree, 69, passed away March 19, 2019

KELLEYS ISLAND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

*KILA has donated thousands of dollars to island organizations. KILA is ready to work with other non-profit, charitable organizations to help make Kelleys Island a better place to live! **If you have SUGGESTIONS for improvements that KILA can help make on the Island, let us know!** You can E-MAIL us at: KILARocksInfo@gmail.com.*



Annual Dues

<u>Due date to receive KILA card</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
June 1, 2019	Annual KILA Dues	\$10.00

Please make checks payable to KILA and mail to: PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438. For your convenience, you can also **pay by PayPal at our new website: www.KILA.Rocks**

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Phone Number _____