

SOS SAVE OUR SHORELINE

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2022-23 Annual Dues Renewal Letter

Hello Frank and Joann,

Last year we talked about the water levels in the Great Lakes dropping. We know some folks thought we were dreaming. We called it within an inch or two of where it is this summer. Lower water levels reduce the number of events where water endangers our homes. It also creates an opportunity for the Corps of Engineers and State Agencies to generate new rationale for controlling how you manage your property.

This has been a year of new terminology. Omicron Virus, non-vegetated beaches, and historic beaches. The ordinary high watermark gets reinterpreted whenever some official sees an opportunity to legitimize a takeover of your property by confiscation through regulation.

In our last newsletter, attorney Dave Powers indicated that the Detroit District of the Corps of Engineers claim to power is so broad, that walking on the beach could be considered unlawful. They still require permits for just about everything, but your children's sandcastle. Keep looking for new approaches by officials to hoodwink you into letting them manage your land.

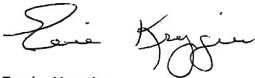
We are still here twenty years after the Corps tried to hassle a grandma and grandpa for moving the winter's windblown sand away from their house. You have stood tall with us. You let these misguided officials know, this is where you stop! Whoever thought that the purchase of waterfront property would bring with it the obligation to defend your property rights? We assume that our rights are guaranteed by the Constitution. The reality is that they are guaranteed only if you are willing to fight for that right.

The Lake attracts a new generation of citizens who are bright. They bring new energy to the shoreline. It is important that these new residents become members of SOS. Their insight and leadership abilities provide us with direction. We need this to continue battling those who want to use our land, even though they do not have to share the cost of ownership.

It is that time of the year when we must come back to you and ask to renew your membership. Your support keeps us going. Last year was our best renewal campaign in many years. It shows your faith in our willingness to stand fast when it comes to defending your property rights.

You can be a member for only \$20.00. We were so thankful and pleased that so many of you donated \$100. It made such a difference in our ability to continue the fight to keep government off our sand. It helps us to manage the funds if you donate \$20.00 to the membership renewal, \$50.00 to the legal fund and \$30.00 to the general fund. We must account for every penny that comes in and where it is used. This system has worked well for us and you, as we keep pressure on officials to be aware of our rights. You know we are all volunteers. Every penny you donate is used in your defense.

With my greatest respect,



Ernie Krygier
President Save Our Shoreline

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