

WATCH TEAM UPDATES: A SEASON OF THANKS

THANKS LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Operation Santa –on - the- Fire truck made some very special deliveries to the delight of some very enraptured children last week. What beats a personal visit from Santa?.... This wonderful holiday tradition had some special cargo this year. A tiny black puppy delivered by Santa found a new home with two excited children in Chippewa Lake. As Charles Schultz (Peanuts) would say... “Happiness is a warm puppy”.... And we all know that dogs in Chippewa Lake have a very special place to live! Thanks to the members of the Fire Department who made this happen.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AT POCHEDLY PARK

A community clean up of Pochedly Park on December 5 was a complete success. We want to thank those who helped the Parks Committee of Village Council as the effort to restore this area continues. The Lions Club was well represented, as was Pride Committee. Of course, many of these folks are also Neighborhood Watch members. So, thanks to all for another joint effort to improve our little Village!

THANKS TO LIONS CLUB

On a chilly Saturday morning, The Lions Club gathered at the Village Inn to load and distribute \$2000 worth of groceries in 40 baskets to worthy families in the community. The funding for this was provided by the Lions Club through community support of the Fall Festival and Holiday Fruit and Gift Basket fund-raisers. So, even if you are not a Lions Club member, by participating in these fund-raisers, you contributed directly to our community welfare. Lions Club also gathered Toys for Tots. THANKS to everyone; you made a holiday brighter for some families.

The Lions Club is having a membership drive. Contact Shelly at lbschip@aol.com if you would like to join or need more information. January 20 is the next meeting at 7PM at the Village Inn. The District Governor and his wife will be there for this meeting/ party, to accept new members.

AND THEIR VOICES WERE RAISED IN HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Thanks to the Pride Committee for hosting the community sing-along for holiday carols on Sunday. There was delicious hot chocolate and cookies, and a warm bonfire to encourage the 40 -50 voices joined together to spread holiday cheer. All ages attended and there was even a surprise solo by a wee tot who was definitely in the Christmas spirit... “ We wish you a Merry Christmas”....Let’s do it again next year!

REPEAT INFO- Old Chippewa Amusement Park

Here is a link sent once before about the Old park ad the video which was recently filmed there

<http://www.clevescene.com/reel-cleveland/archives/2009/06/24/chippewa-lake-park-documentary-is-now-online>

Shows the park as it is and was plus a short movie trailer from *Closed For The Season* that was made last year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

It has been extraordinarily fun to gather and send information to all of the members of the Watch Team this year. We have a large number of people in this community who have dedicated a lot of time to making this a better place to live through a variety of venues. This has allowed more people to meet and get to know each other and spread the word and efforts of each organization. Watch Team Bulletins go to over 120 families in the area. Look for more and better things in 2010. Thanks to everyone who is giving back to Chippewa Lake. Have a great holiday.

Claire