



P.O. Box 201814, Shaker Heights, OH 44120-8113

# May 2007 Update

## Vision 2012

...neighbors turning to one another to negotiate Lomond's Future.

Forces both within and without are driving Lomond to create NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY and effective service for ALL residents. Therefore a Steering Committee called a meeting in January 2007. Four resident-driven meetings, facilitated by resident Emma Melton, have forged a five-year vision of our reality that will serve as a basis for day-to-day resident decision-making.

Key Components (listed below) of Lomond's First Year Directions are expected to be launched June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Shaker Community Building at 7 PM. Conveners and committee members have detailed 2007-2008 Quarterly Milestones, One Year Victories, and 90 Day Implementation steps for each of the three components. They seek not only additional residents as committee members, but intend to seek input from a cross-section of stakeholders at appropriate times throughout the participatory process.

## Lomond's Directions

- I. Building Cohesion and Sustainability
  - A. Establish an Inclusive, Fully – Developed Governance Structure
  - B. Build Association Membership
  - C. Establish Collaboratives and Networks
- II. Crafting Effective Broad –Based Communications
  - A. Provide Publications
  - B. Make Broadband Available to All
  - C. Insure Availability of Trained Communicators
- III. Insuring Correlation Between Residents/City Performance Regarding the Neighborhood
  - A. Establish Lomond Brand
  - B. Encourage: Resident Commitment & Sustainable Home Maintenance
  - C. Implement a Frontline Approach to Foreclosures

## Flower Baskets on Lomond

A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to all our neighbors who pledged money for the flower basket project. Within 5 days we had enough pledges to fund 14 flower baskets. The decision was made to proceed with the project and 16 flower baskets and necessary hardware were ordered for our community. They will be delivered in the next few weeks.

The baskets will be bunched in four groups of four at the intersections of Winchell, Gridley, Daleford, and Reidham along Lomond Blvd. The decision was made to skip over Lomond School as it already has beautiful landscaping.

Almost all pledges have been collected to cover the cost of the baskets. At this time we are collecting donations to cover the cost of the brackets which cost \$160 total. All donations can be sent: C/O Dena Smith 18318 Lomond Blvd (checks written out to Lomond Community Association).

We also had many generous neighbors offering to water and care for the baskets over the summer. In an unanticipated turn of events, it was brought to our attention that the city may take over this task for us and we are anxiously awaiting their decision.



## Get Involved & Become a Member of the Association.

Annual membership dues are \$10. Please send a check made payable to Lomond Community Association P.O. Box 201814, Shaker Heights, OH 44120-8113. Please include your name, address, phone and email.

## Lomond Playground Update

- Thank you to all of you who sent or emailed letters to the city council. They heard your concerns and they know that the residents of Lomond are interested and active in what goes on in the neighborhood!!
- Shaker Heights has decided to use a bike patrol this summer. Patrols will operate Monday thru Saturday from 1-9 PM.
- Please use the playground at Lomond School. The presence of adults will help deter inappropriate behavior and send a message that the playground is a place for young children under adult supervision.
- The school district is going to put up new signs for the playground with more specific language outlining behavioral expectations.

Residents must be vigilant and report problems on the playground or in the neighborhood. Call the police at 491-1234. Let your voices be heard. If you are unhappy with the police response, contact Chief Walter Ugrinic at [walter.ugrinic@shakeronline.com](mailto:walter.ugrinic@shakeronline.com) or 491-1240.



## Fund for the Future Exterior Grant Program

The Fund for the Future (FFF) of Shaker Heights is looking to replicate a grant program that began on Winslow. The FFF is seeking a street with a large number of multifamily homes and a project manager to coordinate the grant program with homeowners. The matching grants will be for exterior improvements (not violations). The program begins in 2008. Contact Gail Gibson for more information at 491-1457.



## Community Resources

Police (illegal or suspicious behavior): 491-1234  
Housing Nuisance (Housing Inspection): 491-1470  
Unkempt Lawns (Public Works): 491-1490  
Child/Family Service Hotline: 696-KIDS



## Planning a Home Improvement Project?

Got housing violations to correct? The City offers free technical assistance; grants, free exterior paint and can help access state and county low interest loan programs. For more information, check [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com) under "Home Improvements" or call 491-1370 to talk with a rehab specialist.



## Get to Know Your Neighbors... ...Have a Block Party!

It's easy to setup. Simply contact the City's Event Coordinator at 491-1354 or complete the form at [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com). The request must be placed at least 2 weeks before your event date. The city offers a special brush pickup and street cleaning prior to the event, delivery of road barricades to block the street, and a police or fire truck for youngsters to get a close up look. Potlucks are one of the simplest ways to organize a block party.



## Association Needs

The Association needs individuals with talents in the following areas: photography, editing, gardening, marketing, grant writing, website design and email management. Please join us at the next meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> to volunteer.

## Association Calendar of Events

Committee Meeting	June 7 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Shaker Community Building
Committee Meeting	July 12 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Shaker Community Building
Ice Cream Social	August TBA	Gridley Triangle
Officer Nominations	September 13 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Lomond School
Officer Elections	October 11 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	Lomond School