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Penn Forest Streams Property Owners Association
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2018-19 has been full of changes at PFS POA. We have new maintenance staff and nearly all new security staff. Our bookkeeping and dues collection has been outsourced to NEPA. We first focused on getting records transferred with any amounts due. This year, our focus will be on collections for those with outstanding balances.

Maintaining our association services requires that everyone pay their dues. It costs over \$30,000 annually for snow removal and we are looking at \$90,000 in road repairs, plus pool maintenance and other expenses. We don't have the funds to cover everything. We are also down to one maintenance truck since the Ranger's frame finally rusted through.

Our board is made of volunteers who have family and work commitments to balance with their volunteer time. The more volunteers we have, the better we can address all the needs of our community without raising dues every year. You don't have to be on the board to volunteer. This newsletter is thanks to Colleen who is not on the board (see page 7). Please get involved. We need a Pool director (see page 7), someone to update the website (great opportunity to learn for someone looking to enhance their job options), and other help—just let us know what you are interested in!

I hope to see you all at the annual meeting in July! We have a great community that we all need to work together to run.

Carrie

Carrie Strohl

ANNUAL OWNERS MEETING

Saturday, July 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse

ANNUAL PICNIC at 2:00 PM

Please bring a covered dish to share.



On April 9th the first **Crime Watch** meeting of the year took place at the clubhouse. Speaker, Jean A. Engler, District Attorney for Carbon County spoke to the group about the judicial process. She covered an incident beginning when an arrest is made to the final disposition of the case. Those in attendance participated in an interesting question and answer session.

Please submit your topics of interest for a fall session to the office at 570-325-2458.

WE NEED YOU TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!

PENN FOREST

TOWNSHIP

ELECTRONICS

RECYCLING DAY!

Location: Transfer Station

When: Saturday, July 20

- ⇒ Many items are free
- ⇒ some require a fee
- ⇒ \$10 for hard drive destruction or box of documents

For details go to the Penn Forest website:
pennforesttownship.org

BOARD OFFICERS' UPDATES

It is a pleasure representing Penn Forest Streams POA on the Board as Vice President. Since I don't have a specific department to run, I help every department in any way they need me. I can also assist residents in attempting to resolve matters they are not sure how to handle.

The Board is comprised of some young professional people and experienced/professional people with innovative ideas who plan to live in the development for a long time and are available to discuss any matter with any resident. Please feel free to contact us by calling the PFS office.

Anna James
Vice President

As of the deadline for this newsletter, all financial transactions for fiscal year ending 3/31/19, have not been posted by NEPA. We are in the process of preparations for the annual meeting, including completion of our year-end financial reports which will be included in the annual meeting materials.

We are hoping that all property owners will have paid their dues by now and are in good standing. Any homeowner who has not received a bill for their 2019 annual dues should contact the PFS office immediately.

Dawn Wolset
Treasurer

Penn Forest Streams is a rural community of over 700 home lots nestled in the Pocono Mountains near Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. The Penn Forest Streams Property Owners Association (PFSPOA) consists of owners in good standing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Luau—Wednesday, July 17th



Back-to-School Auction—Sun., Aug. 18th



Halloween Party—Saturday, Oct. 19th



Trick or Treat—Thursday, Oct. 31

Event dates and times subject to change.

Check bulletin board by the mailboxes for updated, added or changed events, as well as the unofficial community feedback page (Penn Forest Streams Community). Evites will also be sent, so please ensure the office has your current email address.

BOARD UPDATES

Recreation • Julie Renode

This year's events through June 1:

- The Painting Party held on January 11 proved to be a great time painting a snowman mural. Pam Bos was the lucky winner of the free painting session so she decided to have her daughter paint with her.
- A Wine and Cheese party held on February 15 was a festive celebration of Valentine's Day with laughs and a game of pool.
- A second Painting Party was held on March 8 with participants creating a dragon fly mural. Everyone who attended signed the painting that the teacher did and gave it to me in honor of mom. A third painting party is scheduled for June 14.
- St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on March 17 with a delicious dinner and a good time with neighbors. Thank you to all our helpers and those who shared a delicious dessert.
- At the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, the weather wasn't great but children of all ages came out to the clubhouse to grab those eggs and take pictures with the Easter Bunny.
- In recognition of Community Clean-Up on April 22 (Earth Day) and April 26 (Arbor Day), residents cleaned up their yards along with litter around the neighborhood. This was an "on your own" event.
- A Vendor Event on May 3 proved to be a fun day filled with time to shop for that perfect Mother's Day gift.
- Spring cleaning culminated in our Community Yard Sale on June 1 at many homes in our neighborhood.

Rules • Rob Renode

- See information related to rules concerning control of dogs and lack of compliance with driving rules on page 5.
- Work is planned for 2019-2020 to modify PFS's building codes to make them more consistent with Penn Forest Township codes. This should make the approval with PFS POA a smoother process.



Roads • Rob Sweeney

The following items are the projected road works deemed necessary for this year and the related costs. How much will be done will depend upon the roads budget which is not up to par.

- Water drainage issue on Cold Spring Drive and Wolf / \$3,820
- Water drainage issue on Pinoak Drive / \$ No cost as an act of good faith
- Resurfacing area around mailboxes on Jeans & Porter Drives / \$900
- Repaving Cold Spring Drive (Dilldown to Wolf) / \$ 15,654
- Repaving Wild Creek (from Drakes extending North) / \$29,822
- Repaving Yellow Run Road (from farthest north intersection to address 127) / \$27,760
- Repaving Yellow Run Road (560 feet up to address 45) / \$11,693
- Intersection at Fawn & Cold Spring (North side) / \$380
- 2A modified stones at the bus stops of Fawn and Yellow Run / \$2,300
- Small pot hole and depression repairs throughout the community / \$ No cost as an act of good faith
- Speed bumps (thanks speeders)—this will be discussed and decided upon very shortly
*** Total cost / \$92,329

*** This does not include speed bumps

Any questions, please feel free to come to a meeting.

Maintenance • John Wolset

- Purchased a large salt spreader capable of doing all of the roads
- Both pools were serviced
- Doors for pool shed were replaced due to weather damage
- Picnic tables were sanded and painted for the summer
- Installed a bike rack at Leslie Lane pool
- Many repairs and maintenance projects have been performed including basketball courts/nets at Leslie Lane, road pot holes/ruts, clubhouse sump pump and light control timer, spring clean-up for common areas

Quick-Thinking Teen!



Penn Forest Streams resident and high school freshman at Jim Thorpe High School, Matt Stauffer, was quick to take action when he discovered an emergency situation on his bus in March of this year. As he and his twin sister, Ivy, boarded the bus, they saw the driver was leaning out of his seat with only his seat belt holding him in and his foot on the gas pedal. Matt turned off the motor and held on to the keys. He directed the other students to get off the bus and call 911. Help arrived and the driver recovered after receiving treatment.

Matt plays football, track, and baseball, to name a few sports. He has thought about following in his father's footsteps by becoming a volunteer fire fighter. He is also considering welding as a profession down the road. With his quick thinking and cool head, we are sure he will be an asset in whatever he pursues in life.

The Triple Nickels

Scouting is alive and well in Penn Forest Streams with six of the 31 active scouts in Jim Thorpe's "Triple Nickel" Troop 555 residing in the PFS community. Established in 1980, Troop 555 currently has 67 Eagle Scouts in its history.

Boys ages 11-18 years old actively participate in weekly meetings, campouts, hikes, events, and service projects throughout the year. "Troop 555 is a boy led troop and youth leadership is an important piece of our program", says Scoutmaster and PFS resident Dan Ward as he describes his troop. "Scout youth leadership positions elected by scouts every six months. Elected leaders plan and implement activities, including all troop meetings and at least one outing each month organized by the boys."

Recent troop community service projects included refurbishing signs at the Jim Thorpe Memorial and painting 93 fire hydrants in town. Several Troop 555 eagle scout projects can be found at the Penn Forest park (the pavilion, the flag poles, benches and the kiosk). Troop 555 will be providing community service at Carbon County's Remember D-Day event at Penn's Peak on June 6, 2019, where a large portion of proceeds will



Troop 555 at their summer 2018 summer camp.

benefit the Valor Clinic in Jonas. The Clinic helps veterans access health and housing, including post-traumatic stress resources. A small portion of the proceeds will also benefit the scouts.

This summer the scouts will enjoy a one-week summer camp at Resica Falls Scout Reservation where they will each earn several merit badges choosing from 136 fields of interest.

Every fall the troop offers their services to the Jim Thorpe Tourist Association, providing hospitality at the Fall Foliage Festival—greeting and directing visitors, picking up trash, handing out maps, etc. Some activities throughout the year are done in partnership with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Christ Lutheran Church is proud to charter the scout troop, a cub scout pack and girl scouts. Anyone in grades K–12 interested in joining one of our local Scouting programs should email Dan at troop555JT@gmail.com or come to a troop meeting held weekly, year-round at the Christ Lutheran Church at 186 Church Road. Meetings are every Tuesday from 7-8:30 PM.

Dimnick Memorial Library Events

Kids of all ages:

Story Time— Tuesdays at 10 AM stories, crafts and fun

Lego Club—2nd Wednesday of the month, 4-5:30 PM

Adults:

Book Club—2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 PM

Coal Town Crafters—2nd Thursday of the month, 7 PM



Announcing PFS Photography Contest!

PFSPOA is launching a photography contest, where the top winners will be featured in the next newsletter. The theme of the contest is "**Penn Forest Streams Living**". Contest Rules:

- Entrants submitting photographs must be a PFS owner or documented renter
- Up to three entries must be submitted in jpeg format and emailed to office@pfspoa.org by December 31, 2019.
- Photos should depict life and nature in our community
- Each entry submitted by email should contain
 - 1) full name of photographer
 - 2) title, date and location of the photograph
 - 3) up to three sentences describing the photo
 - 4) Entrant's contact information (email, PFS address, telephone number)
 - 5) the entries will be judged by the board of directors and newsletter editor
 - 6) by submitting a photo, entrants are agreeing to grant PFSPOA the absolute right and permission to use/publish photographs in any and all PFS media (such as the newsletter, website, Facebook, etc.)

We look forward to seeing your work!



ATTENTION: RESIDENTS WITH DOGS

PFS rules require that dogs must be confined to its owner's premises and must be secured to the property, such as with a collar and chain, so that it cannot stray, or the dog should be reasonably controlled by its owner. Dogs must be on a leash if outside of property. If an attack occurs, you could be found criminally negligent.

We are concerned that someone will be hurt.

Additionally, a new 2017 PA law on tethering dogs includes the following:

- A leash must be three times the length of the pet or 10 feet, whichever is longer.
- No tow or logged chain, etc. used with a tether.
- A well-fitted collar and no open sores or wounds.
- The area where the pet is kept must be kept clear of excessive feces with access to drinkable water and shade.
- No more than nine consecutive hours on a leash in a day's time.
- No more than 30 minutes tied up when temperatures are lower than 32 degrees or higher than 90 degrees.

**Please drive safely and observe STOP signs.
Speed limit is 15 MPH.**

Offenses for motor vehicle, pets and general are:

- ⇒ **\$25 for 1st offense**
- ⇒ **\$125 2nd offense**
- ⇒ **\$250 for 3rd offense**
- ⇒ **\$500 for 4th and subsequent offenses**



For the safety of others and your dog, please do the right thing!



PENN FOREST STREAMS EVENTS



Painting Party



Valentine Wine and Cheese Party



St. Patrick's Dinner



Easter Egg Hunt

LOOKING FOR OWNERS TO ENJOY THE PFS CLUBHOUSE

The PFS board would like residents to more fully utilize the clubhouse by offering space for activity groups.

Ideas for groups may include things like, knitting, mothers group, book clubs, card or other games, or whatever you can imagine!

If you have an idea for a group and would like to be the group leader, please contact the PFS office. Group meetings may be during the day or evenings.



A new look for the PFS newsletter. . .

Hi I'm Colleen Rini, PFS's new newsletter editor. I'm hoping to make the newsletter interesting, informative and fun to read.

I'm looking for news for the next edition, so please email your suggestions and/or story ideas to the PFS office. Also, remember that suggestions of all types can be placed in the "President's" box outside of the clubhouse door.

I look forward to hearing from you!



WILDLIFE SPOTLIGHT: PA Black Bear Facts (from the PA Game Commission website)

Bears:

- are more often seen at dusk and dawn
- can run 35 MPH, climb and swim
- live to 25 years, with average weight of 200 lbs.—up to 600 lbs.
- are omnivores and eat most food
- can eat for 20 hours a day in the fall and consume 20,000 calories
- mate in June to mid-July and give birth in January to 1-5 cubs that come out of the den in April—cubs stay with their moms for over one year

If you see a bear, 1) make noise to alert the bear of your presence before surprising it, 2) slowly back away so you can still see the bear, 3) don't run as it may prompt a bear's instinct to give chase. If a bear comes toward you wave your arms and make noise while continuing to back away.

Intentionally feeding bears is against the law in Pennsylvania. It is also against the law to put out any feed, for any wildlife, that is causing bears to congregate or habituate to an area.



OPEN BOARD POSITION: Pool Director

What does it take to be a pool director? This board position is volunteer based, responsible for hiring lifeguards and/or pool attendants, making schedules, and working with maintenance to ensure the pools are kept clean and ready for our members to use.

If you have any experience working with teens and young adults as a parent or volunteer, then you can handle this position on the board. In addition to your pool duties, you would be expected to attend monthly meetings by phone or in person and represent the community in your votes for how we manage our association.

This is one of the most well defined positions on the board. Over the summer, you don't need to be onsite to manage the lifeguards. We do a lot of communication over text message and its one of the easier positions to manage with a fulltime job. Please consider joining the board to help find lifeguards, manage the schedules, and coordinate with maintenance. Contact president@pfspoa.org if you are interested in learning more. We could use your help!



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PFS Yard Sale: Fifteen of our neighbors had a good day of sales at the annual yard sale June 1st.



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Save the date for these Heritage Hill events!

ANTIQUE APPRAISALS

Wednesday, July 24 • 1:00-4:00pm

What are your antiques and collectibles really worth?

Learn more about your items from the experts at Girman Auctions and Appraisals.

Two free appraisals per person.



Must pre-register with Rachael or Jessica by calling 570-420-7335.



Summer Concert Series THE M&J BIG BAND

Thursday, June 20 • 7:00 pm

The M&J Band will be playing Dorsey Brothers, Glenn Miller, Polka, Salute to Armed Forces and "Swing" Favorites



AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY

HILL'S ANGELS MEMORY WALK

Fundraiser for
Alzheimer's
Association

Saturday, June 29 • 9:00am-Noon

The walk starts at 10:00am

- Refreshments
- Tricky Trays • T-Shirts

Join us for a beautiful walk through the borough of Weatherly.

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