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## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings from elevation 1505'.

It has been quite a winter, or lack thereof, this year. I have lived in BCL since 1984 and some of the regular winter people sightings are indeed the maintenance staff working feverishly to plow the roadways. Considering the fact that the temperatures were higher than average, our snow removal equipment spent most of its time in the garage.

As I sit here in early March composing this article, I reflect back on the changes to the Board of Directors over the last few years. Notwithstanding the change, the central theme is the spirit of volunteerism that has given our community a very positive progressive movement. I encourage everyone and anyone to step forward and offer to help....I am always amazed of the talent and knowledge base of our membership.

Please take the time to read our newsletter, the Committee reports give a good synopsis of what may be happening in our community.

If there is anything you would like to offer or comment on, please plan on attending our monthly Board of Director's meetings which are held every third Saturday of the month (except December).

Best for now,

Jack McGeehan

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN KLAIBER

Spring 2012 Treasurers Report

I'm sitting here watching the St. Patty's Day Parade in Jim Thorpe as I write my report.

We completed the tree trimming project for this year, approx \$29K. The bulk heads were installed at both beaches and this will keep the sand from entering the lake.

We replaced our heavy duty pick up truck last fall.

We installed a new computer, programs and got through the task of moving and justifying all the data. Many thanks to Bob and Barb.

The dues letters got out on time and we now have a much better data base.

We have three bids on the pool work, leaks, repainting and replacing the diving board. This work should be done in the spring, hopefully not affecting the opening.

The road committee is working on the next paving project, probably will be done in the fall.

The State is requiring us to do an inspection of the lake/dam inlet valve. We need divers to take pictures and we might need to do repairs.

The finance committee will be working on next year's budget soon. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

Looking forward to seeing most of you over the summer months.

**SPRING GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SATURDAY, MAY 26th,  
10A.M.**

**PENN FOREST FIRE HOUSE #1  
RT. 903**

**Committee Reports & Summer Activities**

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

Bob Skiffington

The Membership Services Committee was created in October to have a more positive interaction between the membership and the Board of Director's. It includes Delinquent Accounts and works closely with the BCLCA Office. When the office receives a phone call or e-mail from a member that raises an issue it is forwarded to the Membership Services Committee. The office had some major changes including a new office manager and a new computer system. The old computer system failed in July and could not have occurred at a worse time since our fiscal year ends in August. Many hours were spent in generating the September Dues Notification letters. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped in verifying the membership data and stuffing the 850 plus envelopes. We included a Member Registration Form to have accurate information as we transition to QuickBooks. Please return this form so the office can reach you. I have found that many of the phone numbers we have on file are no longer in service. If the office doesn't have accurate contact information we cannot notify you when there is a problem or concern. Contact the office, download the form from our web site or see the last page of this newsletter to update your information.

Delinquent Accounts: Three notification letters are mailed; one to all members in September identifying Dues and Road Fees approved at the Fall General Membership meeting, one in December to members that have not paid informing them their payment is late and one in January to members with an unpaid balance informing them legal actions will start in 30 days. Please note that the BCLCA Board of Director's prefers to avoid pursuing legal actions and public embarrassment to our members. However, the board does have a fiduciary responsibility to the entire membership and is required to pursue the collection of dues, road fees and assessments. If you are suffering a financial hardship please contact the BCLCA office and make arrangements for a payment plan. Any member with an unpaid balance that does not have a signed payment plan will receive a legal notice. These members will accrue additional costs for attorney fees and legal actions.

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

Bob Skiffington

The Computer Technologies Committee installed a new computer system in the office last July when the old computer system failed. The new computer system includes a new operating system (Windows 7), new software (QuickBooks), new hardware (All-in-one printer, Click Free Backup, wireless router) and Verizon DSL. This new computer system allows the office to scan, file and share information with the Board members, employees, subcontractors, vendors, attorney and accountant. The transition to QuickBooks should be complete by the time you read this newsletter. Like any data base system, QuickBooks is only as good as the data that is put in it. Please ensure that the office has accurate information. This includes ownership (should match your deed), phone numbers, BCL address (Emergency 911 changed many addresses), mailing address and emergency contact.

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Jack Knorr

Hello summer/what happened to winter?

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, especially the new ones, for holding the events at Stewart Hall this winter. We need you to keep the hall thriving.

Keep reading all bulletin boards and web sites for your upcoming events and activities. This is your community – Enjoy it.

Have a safe summer and I'll see you around.

## LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE

Colleen Bradley

My name is Colleen Bradley and I am in charge of the lifeguards. I took over this responsibility about mid way through last summer so this is my first full year in charge. This year there will be a uniform requirement for all guards as well as a change in the colors. Our lifeguards bios and pictures will be posted on the committee web page, so that you can get to know them. We have an experienced group of guards this year and I am looking forward to a great summer season.

p.s. the lifeguard bios are included in this newsletter.

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## LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

### Colleen Bradley

Spring Landscaping Day, June 2nd 9am @ Stewart Hall. Looking for volunteers and people interested in helping to plant flowers, rake out flower beds and help spruce up our community for the upcoming summer season. Flowers, potting soil and tools provided. Join your neighbors and help keep Bear Creek Lakes the most beautiful community in the Pocono's! Call Colleen @ 610-360-7096 for details.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### Pat Stasyk

If you are reading this newsletter – then the printing and distribution were successful. Thanks to our 1st timers, Barb Godshalk and Alex Stasyk.

We have redone the bulletin boards. Please, when you post something on the board, use a plastic sleeve (if possible) and remember to take down the post in a timely manner.

The sign at our entrance is changed regularly thanks to Jack Knorr. So take the time to read it. Our website is constantly being updated thanks to Barb Godshalk. So take the time to check them out.

Have a safe and happy summer.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

### Pat Stasyk & Marty Palmer

The summer of 2012 is upon us and we have a host of activities for you to enjoy. There is no better way to meet and greet your neighbors than to join in some of these activities.

The Recreation Committee counts on the members of Bear Creek Lakes for ideas. We posted a flyer on our website asking for your thoughts. A shorter version is included at the end of this article.

Please review the Recreation Schedule, cut it out and put it on your refrigerator as a reminder of what is happening in BCL. The schedule is also available on our website, "Stay Connected"-"Calendar of Events".

Let's hope for some great weather this summer. HAVE FUN!

## Proposed New Recreational Events

### for Bear Creek Lakes

The Recreation Committee for Bear Creek Lakes needs your help on planning new fun events for the future. Please take the time to review some ideas listed below and let us know your thoughts on whether you or your family would enjoy attending the event. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to either help run or just help out on an activity so if you would like to be involved, please let us know!

Please send or call with your comments on the new ideas to Pat at 570-325-3280 apstasyk@ptd.net or Marty at 215-880-3665 mpalmer3875@comcast.net.

For all ages

- ◇ Lake Day (activities on beach/lake)
- ◇ Tennis/Basketball/Volleyball/Bocce/Shuffleboard Tournaments
- ◇ Spirit Day (wear favorite team clothes) show community spirit and have cook-out
- ◇ Karaoke Night at Stewart Hall
- ◇ Field Day-have friendly events/competitions between BCL North/South

For kids

- ◇ Nature Talk-for kids (have local volunteers come in to show kids wildlife)
- ◇ Have firemen/police/boy scouts come in to talk about safety/scouting, etc
- ◇ Magic Show/Clowns/Puppet show for kids at Stewart Hall
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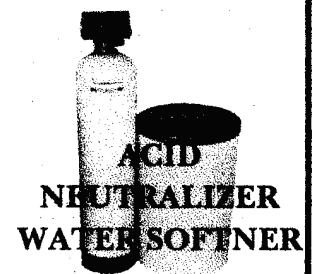
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## LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE

### Marc Beerman

From the lake's perspective, this had to be one of the mildest winters in a long time. With minimal ice, there was very little skating, hockey, or ice fishing.

The annual inspection of the dam found no significant issues. However, the state has notified us that by the end of 2012 we must have the outlet structure of the dam thoroughly inspected. This will require hiring divers who have special video equipment to perform the inspection.

New stone bulkheads were successfully installed at both beaches to help with sand and sediment control. The bulkhead creates approximately an eight inch drop at the water's edge. The center of each beach is open to allow for easy access to the lake.

Additional fish cribs were placed in the lake last fall, with the help of BCL volunteers and local boy scouts. They are often placed in lakes that don't have a lot of natural cover for fish to hide or spawn. Good news for our fisherman – the lake was stocked with 140 (8 to 10 inch) large mouth bass in October 2011.

When using chemicals for lawns and shrubbery anywhere in the community, it's important to remember that those chemicals will ultimately end up in our drinking water and in the lake. Whenever possible, residents are encouraged to use organic/natural solutions. As always, please read the directions carefully.

A reminder to BCL boaters, the lake is subject to inspections by the PA Fish & Boat Commission conservation officer. The officer will give citations for any infractions of the state's rules and regulations. At a minimum, the state requires that all children 12 and under must wear a life jacket when in a boat and there must be life jackets available for all other occupants of the boat. Copies of the PA Safe Boating and Fishing book are available at <http://fishandboat.com/bookboat.htm> and bait and tackle shops.

While it's extremely difficult to eliminate the Canada Geese issue, it's important to remember our "Do not feed the waterfowl" rule. This rule applies not only to geese, but the ducks, swans, and all other waterfowl. There has been some success in keeping the geese off lawns by keeping a natural barrier along the water's edge. Stop mowing along the edge of the lake and allow a natural strip of vegetation to fill in. Without clear sightlines, the geese will often go elsewhere.

As we head into the boating and fishing season, remember that all boats must have valid BCL stickers and members and guests must wear their BCL badges. Help us keep the lake safe for all of us at Bear Creek Lakes. Please call me if you have any thoughts or suggestions at 570-732-4017.

Have a fun and safe summer!

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

### Todd Laudenschlager

Building has been down the past 2 years. Over the last 7 months the Building Committee has issued permits for decks, sheds and additions. Before starting a project with a contractor get a list of references, a Better Business

Bureau listing, bank references, and visit the Pa. Attorney Generals website to check for previous violations. As always remember to call or come to the BCL office to discuss your future plans for additions, decks, sheds or new home construction or any project that requires a permit. Looking forward to an early spring.

## ROADS AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEES

### Todd Laudenschlager

As I write this article the BCL Maintenance Department is in transition. Our former maintenance Supervisor Keith Richards has taken a new position in a Lehigh Valley company. Thank you to Keith for his years of service. The Maintenance Supervisor position has been awarded to Jim Halpin. Jim has been employed by BCL for the past year and brings to the job his many years of experience in the maintenance field. He will be an asset to our community. Congratulations, Jim! Since the last newsletter, the maintenance crew has gone beyond their regular duties to complete projects that include the beach erosion project, road drainage projects, and tree and brush trimming along our roads. The mild winter has been kind with minimal plowing which has allowed the crew to complete projects that are often postponed due to snow and sleet. Spring is around the corner and the crew will be working non stop to ready the grounds and facilities for opening day. If any members have concerns related to maintenance or roads I can be reached through the office.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

### Steve Sosnowski

Another winter has come and gone. Although one of the milder ones, I am not sad to see it go.

I personally prefer the blustery, snowy winters. At the time I am writing this update, there are many signs of Spring. The robins have returned, there are buds on some of the trees and the road kill numbers on Route 903 are climbing. I wish you all a wonderful summer season!

Here are some of the things the Environmental Committee has been up to since the last newsletter:

### Tree Sapling Giveaway

In past years, we have given away tree saplings at our Spring General Meeting. We are looking to do this again this year. At this time it looks like we will only be able to get Norway Spruces. Hardwoods are not available this year from the DCNR Nursery.

### Spring Cleanup

We have been looking into partnering with local boy scouts to perform a mass litter cleanup of Bear Creek Lakes in the spirit of Earth Day. This will provide a mutual benefit of a cleaner community for us and community service points for the scouts. Hopefully this will come to fruition and you will see the results.

## Feral Cat Management

Last fall, the Board was made aware of a growing feral cat population, predominately in the Mountain View section of our community. These animals are typically a result of pet owners abandoning their unwanted cats in our area, allowing them to reproduce freely.

The Board voted to provide funding for a pilot management program. The program involves trapping/neutering/and releasing the animals and is being coordinated by the Environmental Committee.

In order to make this program a success, volunteers are needed to provide feeding stations for the cats and then with expert assistance, trap the cats. Additional volunteers are needed to transport them to and from the veterinary clinics. The Board will reimburse expenses incurred for the veterinary procedures until the initial allocated amount has been disbursed, at which time we will evaluate the effectiveness of the program. We are also looking into grants to help subsidize the costs.

We currently have only one family participating in the program. They have been doing a great job, but, can certainly use our help.

If you would like to help out or know more about the program, please contact me via the BCLCA office.

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## FIREWISE COMMITTEE

### Kevin McGrath

The association is pleased to celebrate our 11th year as participants in the US Firewise Program. The reimbursements available from the State have all but disappeared as the budget keeps getting cut and the program still provides valuable information.

Our early warm up could result in an early fire season. We encourage all residents to do a spring walk around of your home. Look for deadfall, leaves, brush or other fire fuel that has accumulated over the winter. Clear all combustibles from around your house. Make sure that you remove any leaves from under your decks. Check your chimney to see that it is clear and has a screen in place.

These simple steps help keep us all Firewise!

## LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Kevin McGrath

Our esteemed president has asked me to begin our long range plan by conducting an evaluation of our existing relationships and systems. We will look at many facets of the association's operations to evaluate the economy and effectiveness of our efforts. We will also work to develop a long range capital replacement plan to provide a basis for capital budgeting. We will look at the ROADS expenditures, Lake dredging, Dam repairs, Pool restoration/replacement and the Stewart Hall capital needs as part of this evaluation. This will provide a basis for a funding model for future budgets. I welcome any financially minded volunteers to assist in this effort.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

### Bill Malone

As I write this note I am happy to report we have had no major incidences since our meeting in September. I am hoping to implement some changes that will improve the safety and security of our community. I would like to see an increase in the size of our community watch. The early risers in the community who jog, run, walk the dog, etc. could be the eyes and ears of our development. Also included, more night patrols by our security to inform our residents via the website ([www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org)) of any potential problems. Along with every other month security meetings starting this May. If anyone has any other suggestions please come to one of these meetings. They will be posted on the BCL website. Thank you.

Ps. please add the security phone number to your cell phone – 570-325-9322.

## RULES COMMITTEE

### Bill Allison

Every community flourishes when members agree on a code of conduct, especially a community led by an association of property owners. The Bear Creek Lake Civic Association is guided by such a code to maintain and advance the social and civic interests of our property owners. From time to time it becomes necessary to alter details in our rules or introduce new ones to adapt to changing conditions.

When the BCLCA adopts a new rule, changes need to

be communicated as soon and as completely as possible. Therefore, the BCLCA will display rule changes on the community website as they are enacted as well as issue written copies at the Memorial Day general meeting. Please file any changes with your family copy of the BCLCA Rule Book.

This past year the following rules have been adopted, changes noted by underline:

Vehicle Identification, page 11, #2: Renters and visitors must display a visitor's pass when parking at any Bear Creek Lakes community facility. Visitor passes must be provided by the homeowner. Replacing a visitor's parking pass will cost \$50.

Tree Preservation Rule, page 30, #6: Existing house lot owners who want to remove trees for any purpose, including those dead or dangerous, shall submit a tree-removal application showing trees to be removed. The association may at its option require replacement of trees removed at other locations on the lot upon mutual agreement as to location.

General Rules, Regulation and Information, page 8, #9: Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association (BCLCA) every member must pay dues. In addition, a road assessment must be paid for each lot. All assessments must be paid in accordance with the schedule established by the Board and assessments that are not paid in accordance with the payment schedule will be subject to late fees, cost of collection including legal fees, and shall accrue interest at the legal maximum rate permitted by Act 180.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## POOL COMMITTEE

### Lawrence Ryals

HI POOL PALS, another season already. What a mild winter and hopefully a great summer. We have a lot of work scheduled for the pool with a great deal of upgrades. I am sure we will all have a good time. If there are any concerns with the pool feel free to contact me at [Lawrence.Ryals@marriott.com](mailto:Lawrence.Ryals@marriott.com) and I will see yall at the pool. Later, The Pool Guy!!!!!!



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## HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### Jack McGeehan

Our Maintenance Manager, Keith Richards, has left his position for brighter pastures. His last official day with us was March 16th. We wish him well and thank him for all his effort throughout the years. Jim Halpin will now be assisted by Chris Meader for the summer months. We will be re-evaluating the department over the next few months. (many of you may know Chris Meader from our Lifeguard Staff – Chris was a lifeguard for six years and spent the last few as head Lifeguard. He also worked in the Maintenance Department in the past)

The office staff did an exceptional job this past Dues period and is in the process of converting our records into QuickBooks software that should streamline our accounting operations. Special thanks to Barbara Godshalk for all her hard work and keen understanding of the task at hand! Pat Crain was hired last fall to fill in when needed in the office (and she thought she was getting away from it all).

I've talked with Deb Hopkins and happy to report that she will be returning as Badge Monitor for the summer season. She has, in my mind, one of the toughest jobs in the community and I appreciate everyone's support of her!

Colleen Bradley has informed me that she has hired our full contingency of Lifeguards for the season. This year they will all be sporting a new look....uniform swimwear that will incorporate the BCL logo.



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## SEEKING MEMBERS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every Fall General Meeting there are five Director's of the Board up for election. On August 31, 2012 terms will expire for Bill Allison, Colleen Bradley, Bill Malone, Jack McGeehan and Bob Skiffington. BCLCA is always looking for new people to run for the Board. There is always the possibility that incumbents may not seek reelection or that a Board member may be leaving the community. Please consider running for the Board and giving back to your community.

To run for the Board you must be a member in good standing. That is, your dues are current and you have no outstanding citations. You must be a member of BCL. That is, you must have a property in BCL with your name on the deed.

The terms are for 3 years and you will be appointed to head a committee by the elected President. For your information, all officers are elected by the Board of Directors at a meeting immediately following the Fall General Meeting. Interested members should be prepared to submit their resume to the BCLCA office by July.

### *Did you know-?*

Miami Beach pharmacist Benjamin Green invented the first suntan cream by cooking cocoa butter in a granite coffee pot on his wife's stove, and then testing the batch on his own head. His invention was introduced as Coppertone Suntan Cream in 1944.

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## Speedy Recovery

Two of our members are recovering from, a triple bypass and a quadruple bypass, open heart surgeries. Our wishes go to Ray Bradley and Ed DelNegro for a speedy recovery. We're looking forward to seeing you at the BCL activities.

## OUR SYMPATHY

### Edie Boyer

On September 4th, Joseph Heimback Jr. passed away. "Junie" as he was called, lived on Lake Drive for many years. It was a common sight to see him working in his yard or on his beach. His presence will be missed by friends and neighbors.

On October 9th, Richard Hand from Piney Woods Drive passed away. "Rick" lived in Bear Creek Lakes for many years. He was a member of the Bach and Handel Chorus as well as his church choir. We send our sympathy to his wife Susan and children Richard, Christy and Patrick.



## FISHING CONTEST

### Edie Boyer

The Bear Creek Lakes children's fishing contest was held on Sunday, September 4, 2011 from 9:00am until 12:00 noon. There were twenty-eight entries. The boat dock area was bursting with activity – a happy sight!

*The winners are as follows:*

**First place** – Madison Seltzer, age 10 caught a 16" bass

**Second place** – Addie Seltzer, age 8 caught a 14 ½" bass

**Third place** – Joseph Pacitti, age 12 caught a 14" bass.

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. A big thanks to Bill Malone, Jack Knorr, Alex Stasyk, Denis McCaig and all the other helpers. As is a B.C.L. custom the event ended with delicious grilled hot dogs and beverages. The other good news is that Gary Benedick & Bill Seltzer volunteered to run this event this year.



## LADIES' LUNCHEONS

### Edie Boyer

What a wonderful turn out we had last season for our Ladies' Luncheons! Good food, new places for some, but most of all good fellowship is what it's all about.

In June we had 37 meet at Murphy's Loft, in July 40 at Terra Cottage, in August we reached an all time high of 47 at Normal Square Inn. September found us at Harry Packer Mansion for a buffet which was enjoyed by 38 ladies. Thanks to the husbands who provided transportation. Our October lunch was held at Boulder View in Lake Harmony and was attended by 30 ladies.

Thanks to Sue Whiteley who arranges the luncheons during the winter months. Look at your recreation schedule and our web site and plan to attend this season. Please call me at 325-4234 one week prior to the lunch date if possible. Thanks... We meet at South Beach at 12:30 to share rides and check in. Looking forward to another successful season.

Editor's note – Many thanks to Edie & Sue for arranging these luncheons year round for the gals in our community.



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## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

### Marty Palmer

Bear Creek Lakes' annual New Year's Eve Party was a huge success. The party sold out and there was a lot of good food, drink and dancing going on. There were even some people giving solo singing performances during the event which makes me believe BCL needs an IDOL event! A special thanks goes out to Bill Seltzer for all his hard work planning and helping out with the party!

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## A CHANCE ENCOUNTER-

**Jack McGeehan**

Let this serve as a reminder that we are living in harmony with the wildlife that surrounds our community.

Last week during my normal routine of a morning walk with my 25lb dog Charlie, I encountered what we have all but confirmed as two Coyotes. I was walking along the east side of the lake near the intersection of Piney Woods and BCL Drive, just a bit before daybreak (appx. 6:20am).

The incident lasted all but 30-40 seconds. I saw the two dark silhouettes in the distance about 30 yards away on the shoulder of the road. As I moved a few steps closer I realized it was two canines and they started to move towards us. I screamed incessantly and managed to only scare one away - the trailing one which was more than likely the female. To my surprise, the one in the lead kept moving towards us and did engage in a skirmish with Charlie. I managed to hit that one with my retractable leash handle and knock him off Charlie. It then attempted to lunge a second time but my loud scream scared it off this time. Charlie was not injured and I have to admit, he held his own during the encounter.

I initially thought that what I encountered were two smaller German Shepherd type dogs. After talking with Jack Zapolla, our Security Guard, we both ascertained that neither of us had seen any loose dogs fitting that description in the vicinity - or BCL in general. After discussing the incident with several people, it was thought that maybe I encountered Coyotes and not Dogs. I then contacted the PA Game Commission and spoke with the Conservation Officer who presides over our region. After recanting the story to him, he was just about 100% convinced (if not 100%) that I had indeed encountered a mating pair of Coyotes. On the day of the incident, there was an unusual amount of migratory waterfowl noise coming off the lake and the Coyotes were perhaps in prey mode trying to grab a duck or goose. Waterfowl, or birds in general, are not the primary choice of prey for Coyotes, but the situation may have been ideal for them. I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Game Commission Officer did tell me that Coyotes are rather abundant in our area and are rarely a threat to people. He did tell me that he has a network of hunters that he will put on notice regarding my encounter. If possible, they will use my information as a reason to hunt in our area, but ONLY in the approved Game Lands and Weiser State Forest (closer to the east side of the lake). Coyotes are "open season" - year round with a small exception I believe in and around deer season--don't quote me.

Let this be a reminder that we are living in an extremely forested area and there is an abundant amount of Wildlife in our region. If you are going to walk in the early hours of the morning, carry a walking stick and, if possible, pepper spray. And I cannot stress this enough; ALWAYS WALK YOUR DOG ON A LEASH...the Game Commission Officer said that probably saved Charlie from a more severe consequence.

Editor's note - Let's not forget all the wildlife we may encounter such as Black Bear, Foxes, Mountain Lion and of course our Deer & Turkeys....

## CHILI COOK OFF

**Jeff & Barb Atkinson**

A new event took place for the first time at Stewart Hall on Saturday March 31, 2012. It was truly March Madness as all entrants readied their crock pots of Chili for the high noon gathering in a quest to become the Bear Creek Chili Champion of 2012. The weather cooperated perfectly with a cool cloudy afternoon as many residents mingled with each other sharing their favorite beverage and telling stories. In total there were close to 60 people with 13 Chili entrees in the contest. Everyone who attended said what a good time they had that day.

When the smoke cleared our gracious Judge "Pino" (owner of Dom & Ali's restaurant) declared an overall winner. "Chili Bob" Wagner from the Mountain View section of Bear Creek Lake was crowned Champion for this Year. This is a mixed blessing as he will now run next year's Chili Cook Off. Thanks to all who helped make this a great event and to Fred Bernhardt "The Sock Man" for his generosity for the event socks. Fondest Regards, Jeff & Barb

Note- Pictures can be seen on our website "Photo Gallery"

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Beth Shrum & Todd Lutte**

We would like to thank everyone that attended the Bear Creek Lakes Easter Egg Hunt in the park behind the pool on Saturday April 7th. The Easter Bunny even made a special guest appearance for photos, gift bags and helping the kids find all the eggs. Special baskets were handed out for the children that found the golden egg in their category. There was lots of treats for the kids, a jellybean raffle and even pin-the-tail-on-the-bunny.

The weather was great and everyone seemed to have a fun time. Thank you to BCL residents Lori Natale and her son Michael (an NHS student) for their help and thank you to Jennifer Reduzzi and her friend, Christy "The Easter Bunny" for volunteering as well.

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**Lona Nelson**

Calling all men and women to Stewart Hall for Bunco, a dice game, on the first Wednesday of the month except for July this year – it will be the second Wednesday. Check the recreation schedule and the website for dates. Come for a fun evening with fellow neighbors, prizes and refreshments. Call Lona Nelson at 325-2698 for information. Hoping to see many of you there. This is an easy game to learn and play. \$2.00 donation for refreshments and prizes.

Bunco starts June 6th.

## MOVIES-MOVIES-MOVIES

**Sylvia Capozzoli**

We are going to have Movie Night at Stewart Hall again this year. The movies will be rated PG-13 to R and will run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please have a 2012 Bear Creek Lakes badge with you when you come to the movies. Your BCL badge is your admission ticket. There will be free popcorn and soda. So, bring a comfy chair and come out to see a movie. The dates scheduled are the following Saturdays: June 16th, July 28th, and August 11th. Look for the titles of the movies posted on the website, our bulletin boards and at Stewart Hall about a week before the scheduled date. Check the rating of the movie so you will be informed. We are looking forward to seeing you at the movies!

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## CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

### Pat Stasyk

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The tea is June 9th at 12:30pm in Stewart Hall. Hopefully we will capture the Christmas spirit in June.

Tickets are \$5.00 and seating is limited – so get your tickets early. Tickets will be available from Pat Stasyk 325-3280. Hope to see you there.

## TGIF

### Kathy Lunemann

Well it's time to gather again for one of our favorite Friday evening activities TGIF. What does that mean you say, well it's the standard "Thank Goodness It's Friday".

What is it all about? It's a gathering of many of our residents at the covered pavilion each Friday evening at 6pm. We each bring a dish to share along with our own drinks. The association supplies the paper goods and utensils. It is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors.

It began years ago with Joan Coonan and her friends and relatives. It was held in the hall and it was basically appetizers and drinks. As with all things it has changed and expanded over time. It's now like a mini banquet. So many of our residents are wonderful cooks and we are lucky to share in their contributions. We follow the meal with a friendly game or two of bocce. We play the men against the woman. Sometimes it is pretty challenging. It is always a lot of fun. Come and check us out this year, just be sure to bring something scrumptious to add to our weekly gathering.

TGIF starts June 15th.

## New Additions

Tom & Nancy Hicks of Cottonwood Drive announce the birth of their Great Grand Son, Michael Joseph Riley III. He came into this world March 7, 2012, weighing 5lbs. 8oz.

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## **MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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## **BCL WATER AEROBIC PROGRAM**

### **Kathy Lunemann**

Bear Creek Lakes Water Aerobics program will again begin in late June (6/25 thru 8/24). You may have wondered why do we start late in June, well it is due to the weather. We like to have it approximately 70 degrees or warmer as we make the plunge into our pool.

We have been doing this program for over 10 years. It began as a 2 day a week exercise program. It was our friend and neighbor Barbara Maloney who began it all. Over the years it was expanded to 3 days a week and last year we went to 5 days a week.

It is now a formal program, where we play and follow along with an exercise tape. We have experimented with water Zumba and always leave ourselves open for trying new things. We began with about 6 to 8 members in each session and we have now grown to 20 to 30 ladies each time we gather.

We have attempted to have men join us but they have shown a bit of reluctance, it should be mentioned to the brave at heart that all men are still welcome. We look forward to another great season. Please feel free to join us this season.

## **JULY 4TH PARADE**

### **Sylvia Capozzoli**

Our annual Bicycle and Golf Cart Parade will be held on Saturday, July 7th, 2012, rain or shine. We hope that everyone can participate. It is a great time for the whole family. Come out and enjoy hot dogs, soda, face painting, and games and prizes for the kids. If you would like to help out with the event, we are always willing to take on new volunteers! To volunteer please, contact Mary Ewerth at 570-325-9241 or myself at 267-253-4362. We're looking forward to having a great summer.

## **5K ARTHRITIS WALK**

### **Dylan Bradley**

Hello everyone, this summer I will be hosting my 2nd annual Arthritis Walk/Run. When I was eighteen months old, I was diagnosed with JRA, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. Most people are unaware that kids can get Arthritis too. Growing up, I knew I wanted to make a difference in my community by promoting awareness about Arthritis and the affects that it has on the human body. Last year I hosted a 3k walk/ 5k walk/run here in B.C.L., and it turned out to be a great success. This year, my walk will be held on Sunday, July 8th. There will be a registration fee of \$10.00, and all funds raised will go directly to the Arthritis Foundation. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Stewart Hall, with the walk/run beginning at 9:30 a.m. Awards will be given to the top three place winners for the 5k run for both male and female. For more information or questions, please contact me at 1-610-349-8614.

Editor's note: Dylan is dedicated and works extremely hard on this event. Please come out and support him.



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## TUBING ON THE LAKE

### Marty Palmer

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## PIG ROAST

### Pat Stasyk

July 21st is the date of our Pig Roast and our theme this year is "Western Night".

Dig in your closet and pull out those plaid shirts, jeans, boots and cowboy hats and join us for some fun. It's a great night to meet and greet your neighbors and friends. Food will be served from 5:00pm till 6:30pm.

Ticket information will be posted on our bulletin boards and the website.

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## FISHING CONTEST

### Marty Palmer

Bear Creek Lakes' annual fishing contest will be held on Saturday, August 18th, 2012 (Rain date August 19th). Please meet at the Boat dock at 8:30 am. Awards will be given out to kids who catch the biggest fish. Lunch will be provided afterwards so come out for some fishing fun!

## 5K RUN/WALK

### Marty Palmer

Bear Creek Lakes annual 5K run/walk will be held on Sunday, September 2nd, 2012. Please meet at the clubhouse between 8:30 to 8:45 am as the run/walk starts at 9 am. Awards will be given out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for both men and women and all kids who participate in the run or the walk will receive a medal. Come out for this great fitness activity while enjoying the beautiful sites of our community!



## PASTA DINNER

Last October we had a very successful pasta dinner. We had a great turn-out and everyone enjoyed good food and good company. We plan to have another dinner on October 12. Mark your calendars. Details will be posted and tickets available in the fall.

Sue Whiteley, Carole Kearney, Deb Beerman

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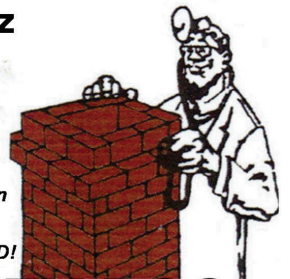
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The Township is currently awaiting the approval of the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT. Until this permit is granted, no development plans can be approved or submitted to the regulatory agencies. We will continue to monitor the progress and ultimately review any and all plans submitted.

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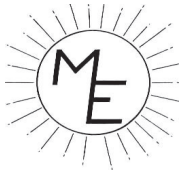
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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR, WEBMASTER, OFFICE MANAGER

### Barbara Godshalk

A year ago, I would have never thought I would be writing an article like this for the newsletter. I was only the webmaster to bclca.org when I was attending a board meeting where Edie Boyer announced she was retiring. The Board then announced they were looking for a volunteer to become the editor. That's when I raised my hand and volunteered for the task. So, if you are reading this article, that means Alex Stasyk & I completed our first combined task of the BCLCA newsletter, "Echoes around the Lake". Alex is in charge of distribution and I am the editor. Many thanks go to both Edie & Randy Boyer for their excellent teaching & training to produce the newsletter. It is their dedication and many years of service that will be difficult for us to beat. A big "thank you" to all for getting your articles in on time. Also, a huge "Thank You" to our advertisers, who help make this newsletter possible. To our NEW advertisers, a "thank you" to you too. A reminder that all the advertisers are listed on our website along with links to their websites. They help support our newsletter and we should help support them.

Ah yes, I must not forget the website. It was four years ago I volunteered to be the webmaster. One of our board members (I won't mention any names, but he is the president) refers to me as the web mistress. So, if you have a computer I hope you have [www.BCLCA.org](http://www.BCLCA.org) bookmarked

in your favorites. The website offers many answers to the questions you might have, along with the current rule book, forms, applications and various helpful links. Unlike the office, the website is available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Check out the "Photo Gallery" for pictures of events listed in this newsletter. The "Unwanted/Needed Items" page is growing and becoming a "Lost & Found". If you misplace the Recreation Schedule check the calendar on the website where all activities are listed. The BCLCA email address ([bclca@ptd.net](mailto:bclca@ptd.net)) is monitored by several board members to answer questions and/or just help in general. Although your email might not be answered immediately, it will be answered within a reasonable amount of time.

About a year ago I started working part-time in the office. Now I am in charge of the office and I will admit it has been quite challenging. Many thanks to Pat Crain for the numerous questions I asked which she could answer and to Deb Hopkins for all her help in reorganizing the office. The office is getting up to speed with the 21st century. We are not there 100% but we are getting close. For the people who have boat racks, you have seen one of our new looks, which is the BCLCA Invoice. Everyone will see our new look this fall, with the newly designed dues invoice. Please, try to remember when coming to the office, we still consider ourselves new and the entire office staff is still learning. We may not be able to answer your questions right away but we will find an answer for you. I need to thank the entire Board of Directors for all their support and understanding during the transition. A special thanks to Bob Skiffington for his many hours of help and support he has given to me for office, web or newsletter related items. Last but not least, Jack McGeehan, not only our President, he is also my boss. And I couldn't ask for a more understanding, supportive and honest person. Thank you Jack.

## DANCE NIGHT

### Jack Knorr

The Adult Spring Dance was held on Saturday April 14th and was a huge success. Everyone had a great time. There was plenty to eat and drink and the music had everyone up dancing. All in all, it was a good night.

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# Meet Our 2012 BCL Lifeguards

## Kelly Taylor

Hello, my name is Kelly Taylor and this is my fifth year of being a lifeguard for Bear Creek Lakes! I love my job and working at the wonderful lake and pool but while I am not doing that, I attend East Stroudsburg University. I just finished my freshman year of college and I am still figuring out what my full time major will be. Some of my hobbies include going to the beach, taking hikes, and spending quality time with my friends and family. I am looking forward to this summer as I hope you are as well. Take care!

## Morgan Levitz

Hi everyone, I'm Morgan Levitz. I am 21 years old and this is my 6<sup>th</sup> summer as a BCL lifeguard. I'm a senior at West Chester University pursuing a dual degree in Communicative Disorders and Spanish. My favorite time of year is summer and I'm happy to be back to spend it in Bear Creek Lakes. I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer and I'll see you at the pool!

## Dylan Bradley

Hello, my name is Dylan Bradley, and this will be my second year here as a lifeguard for Bear Creek Lakes. I am currently a junior in high school at Jim Thorpe, and am 16 years old. At school, I belong to several organizations and am the manager for the football, wrestling and track teams. I have lived in Bear Creek for my entire life, and really enjoy it here! When I am not working, I enjoy staying active, and having fun. I hope everyone has a fun, but safe summer!

## Kyle Bradley

Hi everyone, my name is Kyle Bradley and this is my 6<sup>th</sup> year as a Bear Creek Lakes lifeguard. I am 20 years old and attend Misericordia University, where I am in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. When I am not working at Bear Creek, I also work for St. Luke's as an exercise tech. Music and soccer are among my passions. I hope everyone has a great summer and Chive on!

## Avery Day

Hello, my name is Avery Day and I am 17 years old. This is my second year as a lifeguard here at BCL and I enjoy it very much! I have lived up here in BCL for 15 years and I go to Jim Thorpe High School. I am a part of S.A.D.D. which is students against destructive decisions and also O.L.C. which is the Olympian leadership council. For my future I would like to go to Penn State University and become an elementary school teacher. I am looking forward to being a lifeguard this summer at BCL and I hope it is as much fun as it was last summer!

## Sean Nanovic

Hi my name is Sean Nanovic and this will be my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a BCL lifeguard. I enjoy playing football for Jim Thorpe and watching Notre Dame Football, Go Irish! I'm looking forward to another year at Bear Creek Lakes.

## Tyler McGeehan

Hi my name is Tyler McGeehan. I am 18 years old and I attend school at The Forman School in Litchfield, Connecticut. This is my 4th year as a Lifeguard at Bear Creek and I love my job.

## Tara Hartman

Hello everyone, my name is Tara Hartman. This will be my second year as a Bear Creek lifeguard. I am 17 and will be a senior at Jim Thorpe High School in the fall. Being a lifeguard, hanging out with my friends and playing volleyball is what I am usually doing during the summer. I am excited to be working here again! I hope everyone has a good and safe summer and I hope to see you all around!

## Minke Pheiffer

Hello to all Bear Creek community members. My name is Minke Pheiffer and this is my second year as a lifeguard. I am so excited for this season to begin and I hope to see you all at the pool and beaches. I am a 16 year old sophomore at Jim Thorpe High School and I love playing sports. I live here in Bear Creek and I love it!

## Nate Ryals

Hey everyone, my name is Nate Ryals. I'm 18 years old and this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> summer working here in Bear Creek. I graduate from Jim Thorpe High School this year. I am currently enrolled at DeSales University where my major will be English (secondary education). Working here has been one of the best experiences of my life and I have no regrets in pursuing this job. I hope everyone has a fun summer this year and hopefully I'll be able to see all of you! Be safe!

## Eric Bucci

Hi, my name is Eric Bucci. This June, I will be a graduate of Jim Thorpe High School. In the fall I plan on going to college and study to become a Physician Assistant. This summer will be my third summer working as a lifeguard, but only my first here at Bear Creek Lakes. I am super stoked about being a lifeguard at Bear Creek and I am pretty sure this summer is going to be a blast!

## Brooke Riffert

My name is Brooke Riffert, I am a returning lifeguard for Bear Creek Lake. I am excited to return, hopefully to nice warm weather. I am a second year college student at West Chester University going for Special Education and Elementary Education. I love the beach and music. Hope to see you all around.

## Erin Nanovic

Hey everyone, my name is Erin Nanovic. I'm 19 years old and this will be my 5<sup>th</sup> year as a BCL lifeguard. I'll be a junior this fall at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. This will be my first year as a head lifeguard. I am studying business and I hope to go to law school after college. I love summer and I love my job. I can't wait to see everyone back at BCL this year. I hope this summer is as beautiful as the last one!

## Chelsea Smelas

Hi everyone! My name is Chelsea Smelas I am 17 years old. This is my first year as a lifeguard at BCL and I'm super excited! I'm a senior at Jim Thorpe High School and I'm going to Wilkes University this fall to study Pharmacy. I enjoy playing sports and having tons of fun. I can't wait to start life guarding in BCL! See you all soon!

## RECREATION SCHEDULE FOR 2012

(Information for the events will be posted on the bulletin boards and [www.BCLCA.org](http://www.BCLCA.org))

- Wed. May 2 **Sign up for May 9 Ladies Luncheon** - Call office 325-3334 or Edie Boyer 325-4234
- Wed. May 9 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat. May 26 **General Meeting** - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM  
**Hot Dogs & Flea Market** in picnic area behind the pool after the General Meeting.  
Please provide your own tables for flea market and craft sales.  
**Pool opens weekends** - 11AM-7PM, weather permitting & *Monday, Memorial Day*  
**Shuffleboard & Horseshoes** - Equipment available when pool is open  
**Men's Bocce Ball** - Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - the Bocce Ball Court
- Sat. June 2 **Clean Up Day** - 10 AM meet at Stewart Hall; we will have everything you need.
- Mon. June 4 **Pool opens full time**. 12-7 PM weekdays, 11 AM - 7 PM weekends  
**Sign up for June 13 Ladies Luncheon** - Call office 325-3334 or Edie Boyer 325-4234  
**Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Sat. June 9 **Christmas Tea Party** - 12 PM. Bring your own tea cup and saucer, Seating limited,  
please confirm by calling Pat at 325-3280
- Wed. June 13 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Fri. June 15 **TGIF** - Bring an appetizer, dessert or comfort food, enough to share with others.  
Bring your own drinks. Play Bocce after enjoying the food, men against the women.  
A great way to make new friends. Every Friday for the rest of the season.
- Sat. June 16 **Movie Night** -Stewart Hall 7-9 PM Movies are rated PG-13 to R. Free popcorn & soda.
- Sat. June 23 & **Progressive Yard Sale** - 9 AM - 3 PM - Look on bulletin boards and website for  
Sun. June 24 further information. Call Ron McCloskey 325-5348
- Fri. June 29 **Men's Golf** - White Birch Golf Course, Tee off 9 AM, \$48.00 Contact Larry Erra at  
325-2730 or Joe VanUiter at 325-8526.
- Sat. June 30 **Pool open late** - till 9 PM on Friday & Saturday nights, until Labor Day Weekend.  
**Teen Dance** - Check bulletin boards & website for details.
- Wed. July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**Sign up for July 11 Ladies Luncheon** - Call office 325-3334 or Edie Boyer 325-4234
- Fri. July 6 **Ice Cream Night** at the Pool - Ice cream & toppings, make your own. 6 PM
- Sat. July 7 **Golf Cart & Bike Parade**-Registration 11 - 12 noon, games and food after the  
parade. Sylvia Capozzoli & Mary Ewerth are the co-chairs. Check bulletin boards &  
website for more details.
- Sun. July 8 **5K Race for Arthritis Foundation** - Registration 8:30 AM at Stewart Hall. \$10.00  
Registration Fee. Contact Dylan Bradley 610-349-8614
- Wed. July 11 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm  
**Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Sat. July 14 **Pool Day** opens to **children and their guardians ONLY**. Pool will be closed to all  
others until 4:30. Wading pool open for very young children. Registration starts at 12  
noon. Games commence at 12:30 till 3:30. Pool will close at 3:30 till 4:30 for  
cleaning. Pool will open from 4:30 till 9 for the entire community. Weather permitting.  
Please utilize our beautiful beaches during the time the pool is closed to all but our  
children. There will be no swimming by observers as there are no lifeguards  
observing the pool and the pool may be used for games with the children



- Sun. July 15* **Tubing on the Lake** - Meet 9:45 at South Beach. Life vests are required. Tubes, floats or kayaks are necessary. Will tube to the boat ramp where we will have Hot Dogs & Sodas for the participants.
- Sat. July 21* **Pig Roast** - "Western Night" - Further details will be posted on the bulletin boards & website. ALWAYS a lot of fun!
- Sat. July 28* **Movie Night** -Stewart Hall 7-9 PM Movies are rated PG-13 to R. Free popcorn & soda.
- Wed. Aug. 1* **Sign up for Aug. 8 Ladies Luncheon** - Call office 325-3334 or Edie Boyer 325-4234  
**Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Thurs. Aug. 2* **Lifeguard Challenge**-Pool will be closed until 1:30 PM, come observe your lifeguards challenge each other in relay races, volleyball, diving exhibitions, etc. Cheer on your favorites.
- Sat. Aug. 4* **Music Night** - NightWind in concert at the Pavilion - 6 to 10pm Free admin. Enjoy a night of music from the 80's & 90's as NightWind rocks the Pavilion! This is a BYOB event. (Bring money for 50/50)
- Wed. Aug. 8* **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat. Aug. 11* **Movie Night** -Stewart Hall 7-9 PM Movies are rated PG-13 to R. Free popcorn & soda.
- Sat. Aug. 18* **Fishing Tournament** for the **Children** - Details will be posted later.
- Sun. Aug. 19* **Rain date** for Fishing Tournament
- Sat. Sept. 1* **General Meeting** - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM. Elections
- Sun. Sept. 2* **5K Run, 3K Walk** - Registration 8:30 AM at Stewart Hall
- Wed. Sept. 5* **Sign up for Sept. 12 Ladies Luncheon** - Call office 325-3334 or Edie Boyer 325-4234  
**Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Wed. Sept. 12* **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Tues. Sept 18* **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information
- Wed. Oct. 3* **Sign up for Oct. 10 Ladies Luncheon** - Call office 325-3334 or Edie Boyer 325-4234
- Wed. Oct. 10* **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Fri. Oct. 12* **Pasta Dinner** - Check bulletin boards & website for further details.
- Tues. Oct. 16* **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information
- Sat. Oct. 27* **Children's Halloween Party** - Watch bulletin boards and website for details
- Tues. Nov. 20* **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information
- Tues. Dec. 18* **Book Club Meeting and Luncheon** - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information
- Mon. Dec. 31* **Adult New Year's Eve Party** - Watch bulletin boards and website for details.

**Horseshoes & Shuffleboard** – Equipment available for use in the pool area. Please use the "Sign In/Out" sheet.

**Men's Bocce Ball** - Every Sat. & Sun. at 1 PM, weather permitting, at Bocce ball court

**Ladies Bocce** - 2 PM every Tues. & Thurs. - Just show up. Starting June 6

**TGIF** - Fridays in the Pavilion, starting June 13 at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share along with your own drinks. All are welcome.

**Quilters** - meet every Mon. evening 6:30 till 9 PM in Stewart Hall. If interested, show up and join the group.(During winter months, check website for day & time)

**Book Club** - meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month. From Sept. until June. 10 AM in Stewart Hall. Book selections are posted in Library and the website.

**Aquarobics** - Daily - Mon. thru Fri. - 11 AM - 12 PM at the pool, weather permitting.



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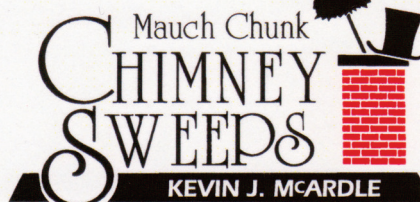


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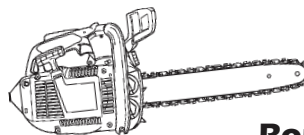
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**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR BADGES AND CAR PASSES BEFORE THE RUSH** and enjoy the Memorial Day weekend. Don't wait until Saturday May 26th to pick them up and take the chance of waiting in line for an hour or more. This would be wasted time when you could be enjoying time at a picnic, the pool, tennis courts or the beach. Let us help you by coming to the office any Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday 10am-3pm to pick up the badges.

Note: The office Will Not Be Open on Saturday May 26th until AFTER the General Meeting. Any changes in time will be listed on our website.

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## FIREWORKS!!!!

A friendly reminder that fireworks in Bear Creek Lakes are against the rules. Anyone caught setting off fireworks will be fined. Fireworks are dangerous and can cause fires, especially now when the woods are dry. Our area has been under a "Red Flag Warning" several times in the last couple of months.

### Did you know-?

The first babies born in BCL were twins, Pat & Bill Henry on July 11, 1967, born to Dolores and Tom Henry of Indian Trail. This summer they will be 45 years old!

### Did you know-?

Prior to the construction of the current BCL Dam, there was a much smaller Dam. The original Dam was built to hold back water that fed into a "raceway" that eventually powered a paddle wheel used to generate electricity-primarily for the milking apparatus in the Bear Creek Dairy. Part of the "raceway" is still visible from images on Google earth (just below our Dam).

### ATTN: Parents

One of our major problems is minors driving golf carts and ATV's. Please be aware that a child must be 12 years or older to drive a golf cart and must be accompanied by someone who is 15 or older. Once they reach 16 they may drive by themselves. Drivers of ATV's must be at least 16. It is in your best interest to make sure that your child is capable of driving these vehicles safely. They are dangerous tools in the hands of a reckless driver.

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If you — or your animal companions — have been frolicking outside, you may have already noticed this problem. Bugs. Lots of them. Ticks. Ants. Termites. Ladybugs. Even mosquitoes. Thanks to our mild winter, they're out and about — and hungry. According to researchers, not only are the insects coming weeks earlier than usual, there are more insects out than before, because the lack of cold weather means the usual kill off of larvae simply didn't happen.

This is bad news for Pennsylvanians who enjoy outdoors recreation, because these bugs carry Lyme disease and other warmer weather illnesses that are now settling in for good in our region. And for farmers, these early ravenous insect swarms could spell disaster as crops are stripped just as they begin to grow.

Bees — already under attack by a mysterious parasite — are changing their behavior, too. With the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reporting that "warmer-than-average temperatures were widespread across the 48 contiguous states during January," bees hibernated less and were more active. That means they ate their winter stores, and there are too few flowers out to provide the nectar they now need. When food shortages hit, hives often respond by slowing egg production, which means fewer bees to both pollinate the crops and store honey for the winter. And if the globe faces the same drought/flood conditions that have been occurring, the situation will get even worse.

This information was provided by PennFuture. Refer to - <http://www.pennfuture.org/> for more information, (Vol.14, No.06-March 14, 2012)

### DOGS!!

Please pick up after your dogs, what is left behind can seep into the ground water and into your wells. Also, dogs that are off your property are to be leashed at all times. Help make your dog and cats a good neighbor.

### When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Lightning Safety Week: June 24-30. Your family plans to go to the beach or pool today. The weather forecast calls for a nice morning but chance

of afternoon thunderstorms. Early afternoon you notice the skies darkening. Next, you here the Lifeguards instructing everyone to get out of the water. Just because you don't hear the thunder does not mean it does not exist. Our beaches tend to be quieter; especially North Beach and the guards at the beaches are alert for the sound of thunder and to report to all the other guards via their radios.

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