



**MAY 2020**

**STAY TUNED**

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**Welcome to Spring at Bear Creek Lakes**

Ken Levitz, President

It's March 22 and I am two days past our new newsletter editors' deadline for content submittals. Hopefully, she will cut me some slack on this.

It was 21degrees this morning as we all started to deal with another day of compliance with the Governors' orders dealing with Covid-19, but the day brightened up – more ways than one. It's 44 degrees with blue sky and a crowd of dog walkers, bike riders and a baby carriage or two enjoying the afternoon.

It's encouraging to see so many members adjusting to closed gyms and schools while maintaining the proscribed six foot spacing.

Each board member is routinely encouraged to report on his or her activities in the past year, hopefully citing impressive progress. In my case, the three most pressing projects are:

- Response to DEP concerns dealing with dam spillway safety;
- Stormwater management issues in several areas;
- Tree preservation issues.

The first two are moving ahead, but, obviously slower than we would like. DEP is a cumbersome organization and does not review and reply to our engineer's submittals that people in the private sector are used to.

While our stormwater consultant continues to work on our plans to address issues in the Blue Jay/Larch area, we continue to find small but significant items in our proposed plan that require attention. When those final engineering issues are taken care of we will then be reaching out to possibly as many as a dozen members in that immediate area explaining in detail the planned work and requesting formal expressions of cooperation.

Tree Preservation is our brighter spot in that we have updated our tree removal request process, created a recommended tree list for new or replacement plantings and are planning on a June program to provide information on some tree selections including recommendations on appropriate understory growth and control of invasives such as Japanese Knot Weed.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Where does the money go?**

Margo Schaefer, Treasurer

The Board of Directors receives many questions and comments regarding money. That's a good thing. We have a responsibility to protect the financial interest of the Association; the members have a responsibility to make sure we are doing our job.

I will take this opportunity to explain in very general terms two recurring topics: 1) Where does the money come from, and 2) Where does the money go?

**MAY MEETING CANCELLED - GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

In a nutshell, of the \$750 annual assessment that each member lot paid this year:

60% (\$450) went to keeping our Association running

20% (\$150) went to road paving

20% (\$150) was saved for future major repairs / replacements

*Want more detail? Continue reading below:*

The bulk of the money the Association receives comes from our members, in the form of our annual assessment. Each summer when the Directors are putting together a budget, we have to balance the needs of the Association with keeping our assessment affordable.

We also earn a little bit of interest on the money we have in the bank. As you are aware, the interest rates being paid at this time are very low. Our policies prevent us from investing in risks such as the stock market that might offer a higher return. Just look at the stock market performance in March to understand why we have such a policy.

When a BCL property is sold, the buyer pays a Capital Improvement fee. These fees are kept in a separate account to be used to build new amenities in the community. For instance, the lights at the bocce courts were paid for with money from the Capital Improvement account. We cannot use this money for anything other than capital improvement.

So, where does the money go? The Association has yearly income of roughly \$750,000. Our Operating budget is about \$450,000; the remaining \$300,000 goes to the Capital Reserves.

Operating funds pay for just that: keeping the Association operating. Bills like utilities, propane for the pool, employee payroll, gasoline for the trucks that plow the streets, and insurance.

The Capital Reserves is money set aside for major repair expenses. The biggest expense we incur every year is road paving. We cannot afford to pave all of our roads at once, so we do a portion each fall with an average of cost of \$145,000 per year. The rest of the Reserve Fund is saved so we are prepared for the eventuality that our community assets will need major repairs or replacement. For example, we recently had to replace one of our maintenance trucks at a cost of \$71,000. That money came from our Capital Reserves.

Hopefully this answered some of your questions. If you would like to play a role in making financial decisions for the community, I encourage you to run for election to the Board of Directors.

### **Editor's Notes**

Madeline Ligenza

There is always a first time for everything. Who would have known that this edition of the BCLCA Newsletter would be prepared under coronavirus pandemic conditions. This newsletter might be lacking in the usual preparation, I hope it will inform you as much as possible. Rather than let the newsletter go by the wayside, I thought I would try to gather as much information as I could at the last minute.

It was decided that the Newsletter was not going to be mailed. Therefore, the intent was to have copies at the office and when you check in at the May informational meeting. Were you aware, copies are also included in the folder of Resale Certificates to give new property owners a feel for BCLCA?

We are dealing with the unknown at this time and will do our best to make a copy available. It will also be placed on our website.

Not knowing I was going to do this, I did my best to include as much information I could. The calendar of events was prepared and is included in this edition. However, many events have been canceled due to the current situation. We will try to reschedule as many events as we can at the appropriate time. Even the famous Kentucky Derby has been rescheduled to September 5, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. So, please be patient. Your Board of Directors is doing the best they can due to the current situation.

We are very aware that not everyone has the internet, therefore, please check the Bulletin Board at the main entrance to BCLCA and for those who do have the internet, check our website and official Facebook page, Bear Creek Lakes Communication page. Which leads me to thank Linda Sott for assisting me thru all kinds of weather conditions, to update the Bulletin Board.

We love and care for all our residents and want the best for all!

Stay Tuned, is our new motto!

**Editors note:** If there is an event you would like published in the next Newsletter, please email the office at [bclca@ptd.net](mailto:bclca@ptd.net) and in the subject line indicate, Newsletter.

## **Building Permits**

Ron Kerwood

Spring is almost upon us and many residents may be considering improvements on their properties. Please be sure that you check in to see if a permit is required. This applies to both BCL rules as well as Penn Forest Township regulations. Residents can access the information for BCL at [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org) in the Members only section and for Penn Forest Twp. at [www.pennforesttownship.org](http://www.pennforesttownship.org).

## **Rules Committee**

Ron Kerwood

New rules are proposed from time to time and residents should take a look occasionally to stay updated on rules status. A couple new rules are currently being added regarding pet waste fines and a prohibition of the use of road millings in BCL. Updates are posted on the members only site as changes are made.

## **Maintenance**

Bill Gullone

It was a quiet, mild winter not much plowing needed this past season. Stripped and waxed Stewart Hall floors and are currently working on kayak racks for north and south beaches. We have purchased a new dump truck, it was time, our last one was 12 years old. We had good use out of the last one and hope to get the same from the new addition. Hired a new maintenance man Terry Baughn, a resident of BCL.

## **Recreation**

Madeline Ligenza

This is my third year preparing activities for BCLCA and I am still learning. One never knows what will take off or not for an activity. We have had some very interesting programs and some are not attended as well as others.

It is very important to check the calendar on our website. Some activities get changed or moved around and it is hard to communicate with everyone. When something is changed unexpectedly, or to bring you up to date, the Bear Creek Communications Facebook page is used. We ask residents to share this information with anyone they know who does not have internet or Facebook.

If we did not have our repeat volunteers, we would have limited events. Thank goodness for them. It is time we have some young blood infused into our programs. New ideas are always welcome. We were just about to launch Tai Chi and an Art Program when covid-19 took over.

If anyone is interested in Chairing a new venture, please contact me or the office. My email is [mlballet@ptd.net](mailto:mlballet@ptd.net).

A huge thank you to all our volunteers. Just think what it would cost our community if we had to pay for all of these events.

The calendar is included in this newsletter, however, many events will be canceled or rescheduled because of the pandemic. So, again I say, "Stay Tuned"!

## **Security**

Madeline Ligenza

This has been a very interesting experience for me. The first thing I learned, people do not know we have Security coverage on week ends. Also, calls or emails go to the office rather than calling the designated Security Dispatch telephone number (570-325-9322). This is an answering service and you need to let it ring at least six times because the operator is answering other calls. Since the office is not open 24/7, messages are not delivered immediately. The office staff duly advises Security as soon as they are at the office. If dispatch (answering service) is called when Security is off duty, depending on the situation, calls are referenced to the State Police.

Hopefully, we will have Garda signage with the appropriate telephone number at the pool and other facilities soon.

Residents need to call the Dispatch number as soon as there is an incident, gather information, write it down before you forget. Please do not wait a week and then report the incident. If you think it is important enough to call Security, then it should be important enough to should call immediately.

My observance has been the most frequent offenses are: Residents not having a BCL sticker on their vehicle, guests not having a placard that is visible in their vehicle, residents not wearing badges, dogs running unleashed, dogs at the beaches and pool area playground and fishing at the beaches. These rules are a constant. There is no such thing as it's "Not in Season"! Obviously there are rules to maintain the beautiful, peaceful environment we live in here at BCL. Security is here to enforce our rules.

Sgt. Jack Zappola will be celebrating his 20th year in BCL on September 5, 2020. Sgt. Frank Grouzis has been with BCL for five years.



Sgt. Jack Zappola



Frank Frouzis/Security



### **Landscaping – Ray Bradley**

I would like to set tentative dates for a spring and fall clean-up day as Saturday May 16th and Saturday Sept. 26th. Would anticipate we would work on the same areas as the last several years but would welcome any suggestions as to areas needing some TLC. Look for more information and details to come on the BCL communication page.

### **Annual Yard Sale**

Dawn & Mike Gallo

It is on Saturday June 27, rain date Sunday June 28, Please contact Mike Gallo if you would like to be part of the yard sale. 610-471-3155.

It will be a great day to meet your neighbors.

### **Golf Tournament**

Bill Gullone

The annual BCL Golf Tournament will be held at White Birch Golf Course on Friday July 3, 2020. The tournament is open to all golfers. Breakfast will start at 7:30 am. We will have a shotgun start. Price will be \$55/golfer. Includes green fee, cart, breakfast, and buffet/refreshments/prizes at Reiley's Pub on Rte 903. Registration form and info will be available at BCLCA office and at bclca.org. Sign up at the office or Reiley's Pub by June 15th. Any questions, contact Bill Gullone 570-325-2191.

### **BEAR CREEK LAKES BOOK CLUB**

Leta Thompson

Our BCL Book Club is thriving, and new members are always welcome! If you enjoy reading and discussing a wide variety of books, then Book Club is for you! We meet the third Tuesday of each month from September through June at 10:00 am in Stewart Hall. We read and discuss one book each month. All books, both fiction and nonfiction, are selected by group consensus. We take turns facilitating the monthly discussions and bringing light refreshments to our meetings. In addition, we have a carry in luncheon in December, and we all go out to lunch at a local restaurant in June.

Our meetings are lively, and we learn from sharing and discussing diverse points of view on the selections we read. We value input from everyone. Our book selection process takes place in May for the following year. The Dimmick Memorial Library in Jim Thorpe supports us when they can by making copies of our selected books available to our members. Each year our Reading List is posted on the BCL website, so check it out. Feel free to join us at any time throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Leta Thompson at (570) 325-2121 or at drletat@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

### **BCL Fourth Annual Arts and Craft Show & Sale**

Earlene Russell

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday,  
May 23, 2020 - 10am to 3pm

Artist/crafters reception meet and greet complete with punch and finger foods. A perfect place to stop by after the May meeting, while picking up your 2020 badges, or after you enjoy the hotdogs and soda. Come meet your fellow members, don't forget dessert is on us!

Free show! Featuring high-quality handmade goods and fine art produced by the residents and members of BCL. Shoppers will find the best woodcrafts, photography, decorative paintings as well as fine art, and one-of-a-kind curiosities. All items would make perfect gifts or something special for your home or office.

*New This Year!!!! - Family Fun – Art Spot -Try your hand at Art and Crafts*

Weather permitting tables with crafts and art paper will be set up on the deck with crayons, paint, and crafts for kids from 2 years old to 100. Children must be supervised by an adult family member. Supplies are being provided by the committee

*Attention Artists and Crafters!*

*Share your talent!*

Tables for crafts and Space for Artwork is free & no commission is ever taken. Registrations forms available at the office and online. Space for both craft tables and art is on a first come first serve basis, so register ASAP!

*Questions?*

Earlene Russell – Phone:570 325 9804

email: hemlockd@ptd.net

Or Carole Adams - Phone:484 735 6107

email: ladams45@ptd.net

### **Moonlit Cruises**

Lisa Ivan

Moonlit cruises are always a magical night on BC Lake! We schedule for either July or August and look forward to meeting you on the lake. Floating and chatting with neighbors as we paddle toward a golden sunset to the deepest part of the lake. The bright full moon reflecting off the water guides the glow stick laden paddlers back to shore whenever you are ready. Watch our bulletin boards for updates for our next run-weather permitting.



### **LADIES LUNCHEONS**

Lona Nelson and Sue Whiteley

Calling all BCL ladies to come out for our monthly luncheons. This is a fun activity and a good way to get acquainted with other Bear Creek Lakes ladies. We meet the second Thursday of each month at different local restaurants. Time and location are communicated through email. If you would like to be added to our email list, please send your email address to Lona at lona7@msn.com or Sue at whiteley@ptd.net . We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends.



*Bear Creek Ladies Luncheon*

### **BCL LIBRARY**

Sue Whitely

A hidden gem in the basement of Stewart Hall. Well cared for by a small group of volunteers. Please help us keep the library in good shape. Donate books that are current, of general interest and clean (not musty) only during March and September. Residents are welcome to borrow books during regular office hours. Call Sue Whiteley with any questions at 570 325 2549 or email at whiteley@ptd.net.

### **Angels of Bear Creek**

There are many heroes in our community. In this very unusual time dealing with the pandemic, neighbors are helping neighbors in many ways. I have also noted there are several individuals making masks for Nursing Homes and hospitals. These individuals are very quietly doing these good deeds. Let us hope we will be soon be back to normal and praise these unsung heroes of our community.

### **Juvenile Arthritis Run**

Dylan Bradley

With the uncertainty of COVID-19 and its impact on the community, my 10th annual 5k walk/run for Juvenile Arthritis will be held at a later date and time. Please check the BCLCA website and bulletin boards for more information moving forward. For more information on juvenile arthritis or other ways to donate, please check out [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org). Stay safe, and stay well!

### **Kids Triathlon**

Marty Palmer

This year's Kids Triathlon will be held on Saturday, July 18th. The event will be a 2 laps swim in the pool, followed by a bike ride to south beach (bring your own bike and helmet), and finally a run back to the pavilion (less than a quarter mile). Age range is between 8 and 12. Please meet at the pavilion at 11 am

### **Kids Scavenger Hunt**

Marty Palmer

This year's Kids Scavenger Hunt will be held on Saturday, July 18th. Kids (parents can help) will look for commonly found items in nature. All kids will receive a goodie bag. Please meet at the pavilion at 1 pm.

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## **Bicycle and Golf Cart Parade**

Linda Kunkel

Looks like the groundhog was right . . . we do have an early spring; and as we are able to enjoy the warm weather, it makes us realize that summer is almost here. Once summer is here, we must begin to prepare for our annual Bicycle and Golf Cart Parade. This year we are able to actually have the parade on Sat, the 4th of July. So get your ideas together, think of new themes, and make plans to decorate those bikes and golf carts.

The parade will start promptly at 12:00 noon with registration beginning at 11:00 am. Please note that the judging will take place from 11:00 am till 11:45 am, so plan your time accordingly. Prizes will be given for first, second, and third place. Badges must be worn. The rain date for the event will be Sun, July 5th, same times.

Please follow the these guidelines:

Questions have arisen in the past with regard to the entry of various other conveyances in BCL's annual Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade. It has been defined that the parade, as stated, is for "golf carts" and "bikes." Golf carts are defined as small motorized vehicles used by golfers and their equipment, which are allowed on Bear Creek roads as a pleasure vehicle. A bike has wheels that are put in motion with pedals by the rider and can be either a bicycle or tricycle. Therefore, wagons, carriages, children's battery operated vehicles, and the like will not be considered bikes. A golf cart with a trailer or cart of any kind attached will be considered a float and will not be included in the judging. We will not stop anyone from entering the parade with these kind of conveyances, but please be advised that they will not be judged. Until it can be deemed for additions of other divisions to the parade, it will remain a "Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade."

Hot dogs for everyone will follow the parade, at which time the prizes will be awarded. Anyone willing to help with serving the hot dogs, should please contact Madeline Ligenza.

## **5K Run/Fun Walk**

Marty Palmer

This year's 5K Run and Fun Walk will be held on Saturday, September 5th. Come and get some exercise all within beautiful Bear Creek Lakes! Awards for Male and Female 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place runners. Registration at the Clubhouse takes place at 8:30 am and the Run/Walk starts at 9 am.

## **The T.G.I.F. Christmas**

Diana Bochantin

The T.G.I.F. Christmas party was a huge success! The gag gifts exchanged were exceptionally great and enjoyed by all. Due to the corona virus quarantine, our Spring Fling was cancelled. If and when the pool opens we will have T.G.I.F. at the pavilion every Friday at 6:00-but it will start at 5:00 in August. As always, all are welcome. Just bring an appetizer, salad, main entre, or dessert to share. Paper products are provided. BYOB. After dinner we enjoy playing bocce or just hang out and socialize. Come one, come all.

## **Paul Martino**

Hi, my name is Paul Martino. I live at 118 White Oak Drive.

I have owned property (originally ½ acre) at BCL since 1972. My original home was constructed in 1974. At that time, it was a vacation home for me. My work and other activities required me to travel extensively. Over the next 30 + years I acquired an additional 3 lots (2acres) adjacent to my property and made significant upgrades to my home. During late 2004, I returned from the Far East and retired in BCL

I developed a passion for photography during my travels. It was always great to bring back photos of unique and interesting places one visited. I recall having been in at least 55 countries. Each country / city / town/ village has its own unique character because of historical, cultural and architectural reasons and / or natural beauty.

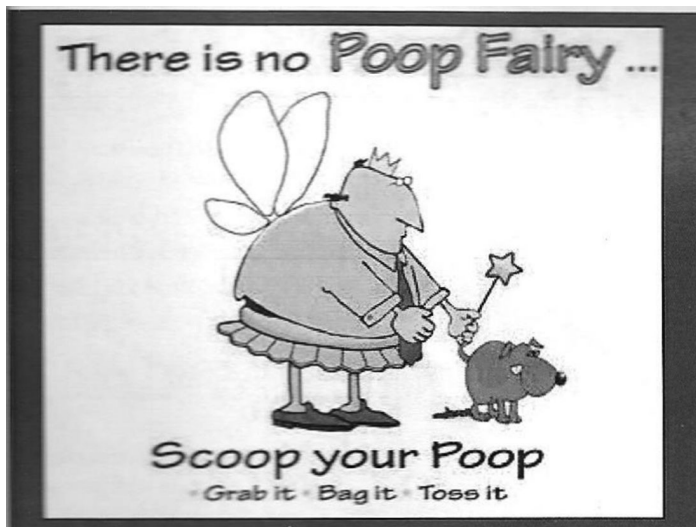
I have visited Russia the largest country in this world with its 11 time zones. Been to the far north of Alaska and the far south of Argentina and made short trips to African continent. Lived in Brazil 4 years and visited most countries in South and Central America. Also lived in Spain for 3 years and the UK for 1 year and traveled to all countries in continental Europe.

The region of the world that interest me the most from a scenery and cultural point of view is the Far East. I was a permanent resident of Japan for 6 years, Singapore for 6 years and the China (PRC) for a little over 5 years. I had opportunities to become familiar with the language, food, customs and people in most regions of those and neighboring countries. Film was my main photography media but I migrated to digital imaging during the early 2000's. I am enclosing photos of my equipment and the computer systems that I use to view, process and print my photos.

I enjoy the life in BCL It is a good place to wind down after spending so many years working at a fast pace during good and also the challenging times. I enjoy the 4 seasons and look forward to the fall foliage and especially the winter scenery. It is possible to get up in the morning and see deer, bear, turkeys, fox, lots

of squirrels and the local birds on my property. There are great photo opportunities within the BCL and surrounding communities especially, Jim Thorpe and the Lehigh Gorge. I gave up on my dream of walking the length (~13,000 miles) of the Great Wall of China. I completed about 30 miles and guesstimate that I walk about ~1000+ miles per year within the Great Wall of BCL and Jim Thorpe. Thus, after 15 years, I may have surpassed that 13,000 - mile goal. I still keep in touch (face to face) with my associates and friends throughout the world. Video conferencing is easy with the use of HD skype cameras and high-speed internet connections.

Some of my photos can be found on the BCL Website and I want to acknowledge the help of and thank Barb and the BCLCA office for posting them.



## SNACK CART NEWS

Linda Kunkel

As I enjoy this great warm spring weather we are having, it makes me more anxious for summer and the opening of our pool; and when the pool opens, we bring out the snack cart with its candy, chips and other goodies to sell. I'm sure you are all aware that most of our buyers are the children and it gives us the greatest pleasure to serve those happy, smiling faces.

The proceeds we get go to purchase items for our recreational activities for our community. Last year we purchased 15 chairs, 12 noodles, 3 umbrellas, and a clock for the pool; we paid for the kids pool day; purchased gift certificates for the golf cart and bike parade; gave snack certificates to the kids who entered the fishing contest; gave a monetary donation for the Christmas decorating contest; and purchased chairs for our use by our volunteers at the snack cart. We are indebted to our volunteers who manage the snack cart on an average of twice a month for at least 2 hours in the afternoon. We are also grateful to our many buyers who help by doing the shopping to make sure the cart remains stocked. Those of you who may not realize it, we are a self-sustaining group of volunteers, who enjoy helping to give back to our community, with our purchases and donations from the sales to make our community a better place.

## Winter Monthly Activities

Linda Kunkel

We've had a great winter with 2 activities to get us out of seclusion and give us something to break up the winter doldrums.

Our ladies bingo was a wonderful and successful event. I thank all the ladies who made it special. I thank everyone who baked and brought pastries and snacks to share; Diana our bingo caller; everyone who help set up the tables and chairs, did kitchen duty, and help to clean up when we're done; the board and BCL for letting us run this event; and especially all the ladies who came out with their donated prizes and participated. For anyone who has never experienced our ladies night bingo, you are missing a fun-filled evening, filled with laughter and no regrets. We will continue this event next winter on the first Friday of the months of January through April. We'd love for to you join us.

Another exciting and successful event was our Karaoke Dance Parties. We had several huge turnouts and were grateful to have so many singers and see all our dancers hit the floor. We are very grateful to everyone who supported us. See you next winter; bring your voices and dancing shoes. Dates are announced monthly.



## **WATER AEROBICS**

Elizabeth Pushaw

Come join in the fun and fabulous exercise of Water Aerobics at the pool!

We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, weather permitting, from 11am-noon, with a BCL lifeguard on duty. You do not need to know how to swim to participate.

Some exercises require "noodles" and they will be provided. You may bring your own noodle, of course, and any other water exercise equipment you may choose to use.

Please check the BCLCA calendar for the start date.

## **Long Range Planning**

Roger Stewart

Just as spring is emerging from winter, our maintenance staff has begun work on new boat racks for North Beach. We are also still working to install our North Beach Pavillion, but are suffering through a massive 6-month delay in approval of our construction permit.

## **Hello BCL painters & wanna-be painters!**

Lisa Ivan

Our sip n paints have grown with each event (we have now had 4). They have expanded from painting scenes on wood or canvas to free standing wood pallet made snowmen. At the time I write this we have had to postpone our 5th but WILL reschedule for a free standing bear or bunny. It is always a fun time and ANYONE can paint with help & guidance from Donna! I will continue to organize one in spring and one in winter as long as the desire continues. Don't hesitate to join one- you will be surprised at what you CAN create.

## **Christmas Decorating Contest**

Lisa Ivan

BCL Christmas decorating contest continues to brighten our community !! Each year we have a different odd number of judges volunteer . The homes they judge get graded with points for several categories. No ones name is shared (I do the driving) and I add up the points that night to reveal our 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. ANYONE can enter you only need to register your home up to a week before judging takes place . Money prizes are awarded. I see many beautifully decorated homes that do not register with a call or email. Thank you to all past participants & judges for your enthusiasm and participation - you have made BCL shine. I look forward to seeing you all this Christmas season!

## **Hello My Fellow Bear Creek Lakers,**

Pastor John Hassler

For the last several years, our congregation of Christ Lutheran Church, has had the pleasure of leading the Beach Worship Service on Labor Day Weekend. Finally, this past year the weather cooperated and we were actually able to hold the service on the beach. It was wonderful to see the members of our congregation able to worship with the members of Bear Creek and sing along with our band. We are looking forward to holding the service on the beach again this year for Labor Day Weekend. We hope you will join us! Just remember to bring your bug spray.

It seems the bugs really love to join in our celebration of God and creation.

Go with God,

## **Tennis Tournament**

George Moosburner

Tennis lovers got together last June for the annual BCL Tennis "Tournament." Not really a tournament since it was all for the fun of it and to meet more players. We are looking forward to getting together again on August 22nd. It is open to all levels and ages. Just bring a racket. This year we will have the unveiling of a special commemorative plaque at the tennis courts. Make sure to Join us for that! Info: George Moosburner (moosburner@gmail.com)

## **Pickleball**

Larry Schubert

Hello everyone! We will maintain Saturday morning at 9:00 am for Pickleball. We will be starting a kids program on Saturdays at 1pm. Throughout the week, everyone is welcome to use the courts. Hopefully, we will be seeing you soon. BCL converted two of the tennis courts into official Pickleball courts last season. This is a great way to exercise and meet new residents.

Hoping to see you soon, once the courts are cleared to play on.

**Volunteers needed for  
Children's and Adult's Fishing Contests  
and Movie night.**

## Meet Our Staff



**Linda Sott**

I'm originally from Philadelphia, retired in 2012, and moved to this lovely community 6 years ago. I started working in the office in 2018. I'm looking forward to flowers blooming, and warm, sunny days.



**Pat Crain**

I have been a member since the 1970s and a full-time member since 1996. I have worked in the office for approximately 8 years and really enjoy seeing all the members.

## ***We'll Miss You!***



**Nocole Jurewicz**

Hello, my name is Nicole. I have lived in Bear Creek Lakes since 2013 and started working in the office late September of 2019. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the members of our community. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to doing so soon! When I am not working at the office I spend my time with my two children, who mean the world to me. I enjoy time spent with family, cooking, reading, crafting, drawing and the outdoors.



**Barb Skiffington**

Barb has served the community in many different ways, she served for several years as the webmaster in a volunteer capacity. About 8 or 9 years ago she was hired to work in the office and put her many computer skills to work for Bear Creek Lakes. After a couple years she became the office manager and set up the office, doing the schedule for three people and making sure that the computer programs ran smoothly and fitted our needs. Barb also has a great talent for making beautiful quilts. She will be missed by all of us in the office.



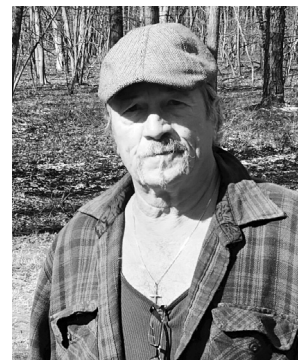
**Joe Riboldi**  
On his Last Day!



**Jim Halpin**



**Terry Baughn-BCL Resident**  
New Employee



**John McMenamin**





Walking Program at Stewart Hall



Sparkling floor at Stewart Hall



2019 Halloween Party



Leap Year Party, February 29, 2020



Superbowl Party



Time to Reflect





Bear Creek Quilters



## 2020 Lifeguarding Applications

BCLCA is actively hiring for motivated lifeguards for the 2020 summer season! If you are interested in joining this challenging program, and gain valuable work experience, apply today! These are full-time positions during the summer season of May – September, and require weekend/holiday work. All applicants must be American Red Cross certified in lifeguarding, CPR/AED, and first aid prior to opening day. All applicants must also be 15 years of age or older. Applications can be found online at [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org) on the homepage. For questions on certification, please contact [bclcalifeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:bclcalifeguarding@gmail.com), or call the office at 570 - 325 – 3334.

**Applications were due May 1st, 2020, but due to current situation, they are still open. Please submit completed application to the BCLCA office.**



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- Sat May 2 **Kentucky Derby** - 4:00PM Stewart Hall Contact #610-246-9454  
Sat. May 9 **Movie Night -7PM Stewart Hall, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details**  
Wed May 13 **Art Class** - 10AM -12:30PM 1st class of 6  
Sat May 23 **General Meeting** - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM.  
Sat May 23 **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.  
Sat May 23 **Horseshoes & Bocce Ball** - Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - the Bocce Ball Court  
Sat May 23 **Arts and Craft Show & Sale** - 10AM-3PM - Stewart Hall  
Sat May 23 **Pool Open May 23, 24 & 25th**  
Sun May 23 **Kickoff to Summer Beach Party with DJ Johnny** 6pm to 10pm North Beach  
Sun May 24 **Church Services on South Beach.** 10:30AM Bring chairs.

### JUNE

- Sat June 6 **Pool opens weekends** - 11AM-7PM  
Mon June 13 **Pool opens full time-** 12-7 Mon thru Thurs, 12-8 Fri., 11-8 Sat., 11-7P Sun  
Mon June 15 **Water Aerobics** - Mon,Wed,Fri-11 AM, weather permitting Starting June 15  
Tues June 16 **Lap Swim** - 11AM-12PM - Tues & Thurs - Laps only in shallow section. Diving well closed.  
Sat June 27 **Progressive Yard Sale** - 9AM - 3PM - Look on bulletin boards and website for further information.

### JULY

- Fri July 3 **BCL Annual Golf Tournament** -  
Fri July 3 **Ice Cream Night** - 6 PM @ the pool  
Fri July 3 **Patriotic Pool Party with DJ** 6-10PM open to all ages  
Sat July 4 **Golf Cart & Bike Parade**-Registration 11-12 noon, games and food after the parade. Check bulletin boards & website for more details.  
Sat July 4 **4th of July Weekend Pool hours:**  
Sat July 18 **Children's Scavenger Hunt** 1PM @ Pavillion  
Sat July 18 **Children's Triathlon** 11AM @ Pavillion  
Sat July 25 **Luau**- 5PM. Further details will be posted on the bulletin boards & website.  
Sun July 26 **Catholic Mass** - Pavillion 10:30 am



## **AUGUST**

- Sat Aug 1 ***Night Wind at the Pavillion. BYOB 6 - 10 PM***  
Sat Aug 1 ***Sand Castle Contest*** North Beach 1 PM More Info to follow  
Sun Aug 2 ***Rain date for Sand Castle Contest***  
Fri Aug 7 ***Teen Night*** 7- 10 PM @ Pool  
Sat Aug 8 ***Pool Day (Children/Parents Required)*** Open to all children from BCLCA under the age of 8 years old. Diapers prohibited in the main swimming pool. Registration 11:30 - 12 pm- Pool closed to all others after registration. Games: 12-3PM Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the entire time. Main swimming pool and baby pool closed to ALL other guests until 4PM.  
Sat Aug 8 ***5K Run/3K Walk*** Registration 8:30 AM Run at 9AM at Stewart Hall.  
Sat Aug 14 ***Burgers and Beer at the Beach,*** North Beach 5 PM  
Sat Aug 22 ***Tennis Match - Details to be Announced.***

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Sat Sept 5 ***General Meeting -*** 10AM Penn Forest Fire Company #1  
Sun Sept 6 ***5K Run/Walk*** More Information will follow.  
Sun Sept 6 ***Church - 10:30 - 11:30***  
Sun Sept 6 ***Labor Day DJ*** - TBD  
Sat Sept 12 ***Movie Night*** - 7:00 PM

**Quilters** - Meets every Monday @ 2:30 in Stewart Hall. If interested, show up and join the group.

**Ladies Luncheon** - Second Thursday of every month. Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698

**Movie Night** 2nd Saturday of the month except June, July, Aug. Check Facebook & Website for details.

**Book Club** - Meets 3rd Tues. of the month Sept - June 10AM Stewart Hall Book Set posted in Library & website.

**TGIF - Friday** - @ the Pavillion starting June @ 6PM - Bring a dish to share along with your own drinks - all are welcome.

**Pickle Ball** - Pickle Ball will be every Saturday morning 9AM beginning in April, at the tennis Courts

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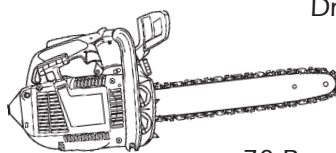
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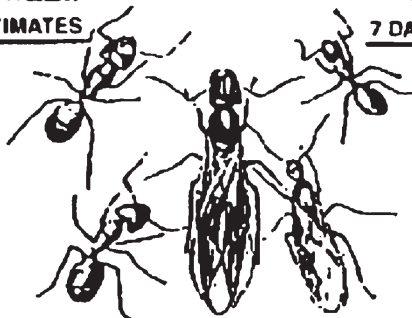
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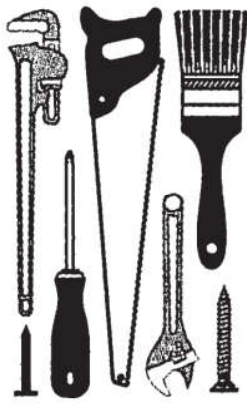
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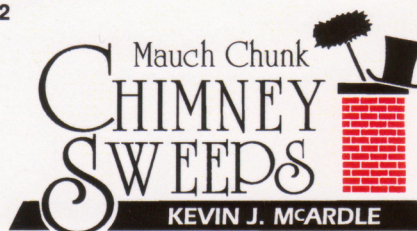
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