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PRESIDENT'S CORNER OCTOBER 2021

Thank you to the members and the board for returning the entire Executive Committee to a second year as officers of the association. We look forward to moving our wonderful community in a direction of openness and improvement.

We have major projects in the near future which include paving, tree work and replacement of some of our aging playground equipment. We will send details of these projects to help you stay up to date.

Thank you to the members who attended and participated in the annual meeting. It is always informative to the board and the members. We will continue hybrid board meetings (attendance can be either in person or through Zoom) so that as many members as possible can attend and understand our process of governance as laid out in our adopted bylaws.

I would like to address our badges and stickers system. We are an open community; we do not have gates at our many entrances. Years ago, the association did install gates and we were sued. By order of the courts, we removed the gates, so that is not an option for limiting access to our community. We use badges and stickers to control access to our amenities. It is not a perfect system, but it does work well. We have a few groups of people who are charged with checking badges and stickers: Security routinely patrols, we have paid badge checkers, we have our crime watch committee members and from time-to-time board members will also check. Our Badge Checkers and Crime Watch Members all carry yellow "Crime Watch" badges and our Pool Gate Attendants carry badges to help you identify their authority to ask for badges. Please cooperate with them as this is the only method that we have for keeping BCL amenities for the use of our members, guests, and renters. If you find any of our staff or volunteers to be discourteous, please ask their name and report the interaction to the office. We will follow up. All our "checkers" have received training in how to approach members in a polite, respectful manner. They are also trained to avoid confrontation and to contact Security in the event of an uncooperative member or guest.

As a board we work hard to maintain and improve our community. We strive to communicate accurate timely information on both the website and through our email list. We also use our official Facebook page as another source of information. If you are looking for accurate information about the rules or the boards discussions, check these sources. There is a great deal of inaccurate information on other social media sites, and it is no wonder that so many members get confused by this.

I again want to thank all of you and our board and committee members for all of your cooperation and hard work. That is what makes Bear Creek Lakes such a great community.

Kevin G. McGrath

President.

Permits

Todd Laudenschlager

This past summer has been very busy. There were four new homes, sheds, additions and many tree permits inspected and released. A big thanks to my tree inspectors Bob Cappello, Bill Malone and Frank and Mary Ewerth, who fill in for me. BCL now requires permits for all types of fencing. Once a permit has been issued by Penn Forest Township, fill out a permit checklist and drop off your paperwork at the office for review. Any questions regarding permits can be answered by the office staff or myself before starting the project.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Todd Laudenschlager

Besides the normal permits that are needed for trees, driveways, new construction, additions/attached garages, decks, sheds, and fences, these are some questions that may assist you in the future:

- If I am getting a new roof or new siding? No permit needed from BCL but check with the Township on their rules.
- For solar panels? No permit needed from BCL but check with the Township on their rules.
- For an in-ground pool and above-ground pool? Yes-BCL permit needed but need Township permits first.
- To replace septic system? Yes. We need to see Township's permits, the contractor's Certificate of Liability Insurance (including General and Auto Liabilities), and erosion control on-site. You will also need a BCL tree permit if you need to remove trees to make room for septic.
- If I'm replacing deck boards on top of deck? No permit needed from BCL but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I need structural repairs on deck? Yes-BCL permit needed but need Township permits first.
- To put in an outside hot tub? Yes-BCL permit needed but need Township permits first.
- To put in a cement slab? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- To replace a shed that is already on my property? Yes-BCL permit needed but need Township permits first.
- If I am putting in a cement patio? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I am putting in a Walkway? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I am putting up a gazebo? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I would like to put up a greenhouse? Yes-BCL

permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.

- If I am putting a roof on my open deck? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I am putting up a pergola? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I am extending my driveway? Yes-BCL permit needed but check with the Township on their rules.
- If I am recoating my paved driveway? No permit needed from BCL.
- If I am getting more stones for my driveway? No permit needed from BCL.

Pool

Pete Matone

Hi I'm Pete Matone and I work with maintenance department maintaining the pool. We had a challenging year this year. The fallout from Covid affected us in more ways than one. We struggled to find life guards, we had two critical equipment failures and there was an industry wide shortage of parts due to the explosion of home pool construction. Considering all that has happened I am pleased to say we had a successful season much due to John McMenamin, Jim Halpin and Terry Baughn from maintenance along with our new pool manager Scott Karaman. I want to encourage you to send me any constructive comments that will make next year's pool season even better. Send comments to bclca@ptd.net

Maintenance and Lake and Dam

Todd Laudenschlager

At the end of summer, we saw closure of both beaches. It all started with approximately 20 inches of rain in a 10 day period. The weekly tests showed elevated levels of E.coli. The Maintenance and Lake and Dam committees worked together to try to find the source and had numerous tests taken along the shore.

In discussions with the testing lab, they were figuring that the massive amount of runoff was bringing in animal waste and possible septic waste. We finally got the all clear to remove the ban on September 24th, 2021. It is my first year serving as Lake and Dam Director and will be working hand in hand with Terry Baughn and Pete Matone to try to fill the shoes of Jack McGeehan. Jack will be serving on our committee and will still have a pivotal role by answering our questions and helping with dam inspections.

***Boat Racks are at a premium.
Be considerate. Only apply if it will be utilized.***

Recreation

Bill Malone and Madeline Ligenza

The year started off slowly with trying to revive normalcy to our recreational activities. We had to wait until June to even start scheduling. Fortunately we have DJ Johnny as a resident and he moved his schedule around to accommodate BCL.

Ice cream night was brought back. We had to reschedule, but it did not deter Bill Malone and his volunteers. The Carbon County Environmental Education Center had a wonderful Birds of Prey program with Jeannie Carl giving a very informative presentation. It too had to be rescheduled, but she came back in a rainstorm with pounding rain on the tin roof of the pavilion. No matter, it was thoroughly enjoyed.

We are bringing back three programs again this summer, along with extra evenings to DJ Johnny.

There will be a Halloween party for our children, Christmas party, Easter egg hunt and hopefully we can enjoy a Luau once again if all goes well.

Please note, volunteers who work with children must have clearances and fingerprinting to be allowed to have programs.

We have volunteers for movie night - Ginny and Steve Sosnowski and Colleen and Ray Bradley.

New Volunteers for our entrance sign, Lorraine and Chuck Bender.

Diana Bochantin will continue with the Kandy Kart carrying forth Linda Kunkel's memory.

We need volunteers for family soft ball games, teen night at the pool, adult oldies night, card night and maybe some new ideas. If you wish to participate, please contact the office at BCLCA@ptd.net.

TGIF

Diana Bochantin

This past summer we were able to have our TGIF get-togethers again. On the whole, we enjoyed good weather and wonderful companionship. Several new people were able to join us. The food was outstanding, as usual. After dinner, we played bocce; and the women were able to win a few games. Many thanks go to Linda Kunkel for keeping everyone informed and for providing the bocce balls and all her special good cheer.

Coming up will be our annual Christmas Party on December 17 in Stewart Hall. So save the date and watch for more information.

(Editors note: Diana would like to keep all Linda's events to honor her memory. Linda was an integral part of BCL activities).

Autumn

Linda and Roger Stewart

We love this time of year. Here on our mountain, it snows often in October -- or even earlier. But not this year, as the weather remains friendly & warm. Seducing us into that last paddle ride around the lake -- before it freezes solid, as it always does in the end.

Linda & I especially love the west side of the lake, where Bear Creek Lake Drive is still so narrow that the trees now form a complete canopy over the land. Even in summer this shades out enough of the forest undergrowth, so that it looks and feels like you're really in the forest and can begin to see long distances through it. But with autumn, these vistas open-up even further showing off not just their colors, but the full 100-ft heights of our tallest tree specimens. It's quite a sight to see and to savor.

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite tender sky,
The rich ripe glint in the cornfields,
The wild geese flying high.

And all over highland and lowland,
The charm of the golden rod,
Some of us call it Autumn,
Others call it God.

Annual BCL Tennis Tournament

George Moosburner

Tennis lovers got together in August for the annual BCL Tennis "Tournament." Not really a tournament since it was all for the fun of it and to meet more players. This summer was a busy time on the courts again, but never too busy. The tournament was held August 21st and judged a success by all. Thanks to those who turned out and joined the fun. Look for more in 2022! Info: George Moosburner (moosburner@gmail.com)



BCL Ladies Luncheons

Sue Whiteley and Lona Nelson

The women of BCL have been gathering at local restaurants once a month for many years. We meet on the second Thursday of most every month. We had a great season this year with 19 to 21 ladies coming out for luncheons this summer. Lona arranges the luncheons for the summer and Sue does the winter months. We notify everyone by email two weeks in advance. Over the winter we get together in November and January. Then we will start up again in March. If you are not on the email list, please forward your email address to whiteley@ptd.net. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new members of the BCL community.

5K Run

Marty Palmer

The 10th Annual Bear Creek Lakes 5k Run took place on Sunday, September 5th, 2021. The men and women winners were:

Men

1st place: Bowden Chicarelli

2nd place: Chris Greenawalt

3rd place: Herb Kline

Women

1st place: Tammy Watkins

2nd place: Alyssa Lynd

3rd place: Carol Brady

The race raised over \$200 for the local Boy's Scout Troop which helped out with the race. Thank you to all that came out and for your generous donations!



Linda and Book Club Involvement

Leta Thompson

BCL Book Club

Linda Kunkel was a long time member of Book Club. She attended regularly, and only a sale at Boscov's could keep her away! Linda loved to read and was always ready to suggest good books to read each year and to volunteer to be a facilitator. She especially enjoyed mysteries and stories about dogs. The book "A Dog's Purpose" was one of her favorites. Linda enjoyed the give and take of our discussions and readily shared her opinions about the books we were reading. Linda was a kind and thoughtful person. A good example of this was that she volunteered to come in early before the meetings to make coffee and tea for us and set up all the supplies that were needed to serve our refreshments. Linda contributed much to our Book Club, and we will miss her presence among us. Rest well, Linda.



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Ned Ramm, Chairman

The two areas we are currently working on are the storm water abatement problem and the rewrite of our declarations or deed covenants.

Storm water project: We are in the process of getting updated pricing for this project. The last costs we received from our engineering company were higher than the previous ones. Much of this increase was due to the inflation of materials cost that occurred over the past few months. It's our hope that these prices for our construction material have come down

**No fireworks
permitted!**

*All boats are to be off the racks by
12/1/2021 including kayaks!*

as they have for the general building materials. We will be coming back to the board soon with new figures and discuss how we are going to pay for this important work to be accomplished.

Declarations rewrite: We submitted our draft to our attorney who reviewed them and sent them back with his comments. We have integrated those comments and plan to set up distributions of the draft to all members in the near future. This will be followed by town meetings in order to give everyone a chance to voice their opinions and ask questions. It's very important that we get these new declarations passed in order to bring our governing documents up to the current HOA laws.



Landscaping
Tim O'Brien

Currently, the entrance at Stewart Hall has been raked free of its old mulch into small piles for use next year as a base for the newer mulch to be placed. Additionally at the entrance, a resident, Ruth Heisel, has been kind enough to supply us with 24 Iris bulbs which have been planted. If you look, you will see their small stems protruding along the perimeter and inside towards the trees. Hopefully we'll see the results of these efforts in early spring. They may or may not bud the first year planted according to Ruth.

If any resident wishes to contribute bulbs or small bushes, upon approval, the committee will strategically place them on common properties. This would be cost effective.

Inspection of our entrance signs along RT 903 and at the realty office finds them in sufficient conditions for the balance of this season. Plans for next year will be worked through.

Several mum pot plantings will be placed along the stairway at the Stewart Hall entrance. In addition, there will be a replacement of several arbovitae along the pool fencing in our parking lot. They are, like many of our trees, dying from too much rain. Replacements are based on appropriate timing, conditions and weather permitting.

Come next season, members willing to volunteer or expressing an interest in helping with landscaping and plantings will be most welcome.

Technology Committee

Rick Monnig

Don't fall victim to online scams! Here are a few tips to help keep you safe.

* Make sure you keep all software updated. If you are using Windows 10, follow the steps below.

1. To review your Windows Update settings, head to Settings (Windows key + I).
2. Choose Update & Security.
3. In the Windows Update option, click Check for updates to see which updates are currently available.
4. If updates are available, you will have the option to install them.
5. Make sure updates are set to install automatically.

* Never give out personal information, bank information or credit cards

* Never assume that someone who knows things about you is someone who can be trusted.

o It is very easy for scammers to get information about you online.

* Never go to a website because a caller or an email told you to.

o The IRS will not call you or email you.

o Microsoft or Google will not call you.

o A tech support company will not call you and ask you go to a website.

o Your car warranty is not expired.

o A stranger will not call you to say one of your relatives needs money.

o No one who won the lottery, an inheritance or a court settlement needs your help to get money out of their country.

o Don't buy gift cards and provide the codes to anyone.

o Never give out your multi factor codes over the phone or email.

These are all common scams. Don't trust anyone that you don't know. If a message is from someone you know and it looks odd, pick up the phone and call the person on a known phone number. Don't trust emails or phone call to you.

BURN BAN

\$250 Fine

plus \$15.00 Administrative Fee

FAILURE TO COMPLY

\$150.00 Fine

plus \$15.00 Administrative Fee

Security

Madeline T. Ligenza
Security

BCL Security is provided by Garda World but is supplemented by Crime Watch all year-round and the Badge Checkers during the summer months. Security is available seven days a week as is Crime Watch.

There are approximately twenty members who participate in Crime Watch. These devoted volunteers serve without compensation, other than the satisfaction of working to keep our community a peaceful place to live. A schedule for volunteers is sent out every week, and it is filled very quickly. Our volunteers are very dedicated to their duties. The main concerns are to check all amenities to ensure they are being used by our residents. Thus, the importance of having identification on your person and all types of vehicles.

This year, we will now have your badge number on the guest placards.

Our Security does not have a set schedule; it varies to keep potential troublemakers guessing. Security enforces our rules. Our rules are posted on the BCLCA website. All new members are given a copy of the rules and it is recommended that all members review the rule book. The most frequent infractions are parking at the common areas without a sticker or placard, not having a badge at the pool or beach, parking a vehicle in the boat trailer space, and failure to have a BCL sticker on watercraft.

If you have a boat rack, it is important to notify the office or Security if someone else is using your rack or if you see watercraft without BCL stickers.

A new phone system has been set up in our office. When the security number is called it will ring simultaneously in the security office and at Garda World Services. This will give our officers a chance to receive calls if they are in the office.

BCL is one of the safest communities in the Poconos. We are here to protect and serve our residents

Speed Sign is placed in location for data collection based on :

Calls/concerns from BCL Member with heavy traffic in relationship to speeding issues. BCL Member is requesting a placement of permanent speed bump.

Once a "work order" has been received from V.P. or Security, the Speed Sign is put in location for a period of appx 2-3 weeks for "Facing" and "Opposing" Traffic.

Data Collection:

Total traffic daily.

Total traffic per hour.

Min and max speed in hourly increments (Max Speed is "over 25mph")

If data collection shows certain "timeframes" in relationship to speeding issues, "Security " will be informed and usually "on-sight" studies are done .

Data from each location is compiled together for review and /or presentation by the V.P. /Security during next Board Mtg, if needed.

Welcome to our New Board Members

Christine Haller



My name is Christine Haller and I moved to BCL in October 2020 with my husband Harry and our two dogs. We live here full time. Before becoming legally disabled, I was an office manager for a busy accounting firm in the Lehigh Valley. Prior to that, I was an administrative assistant/ accounting clerk at a general contractor/construction company. I'm still getting to know my way around BCL and look forward to meeting and working with my neighbors and fellow board members. I've been involved with animal rescue for many years fostering dogs and helping transport dogs for several rescue groups. Both of our pups are rescues. I try to get out and enjoy the woods as much as possible.

Barbara Skiffington



Barbara is well known in our BCL community since she was office manager for ten years. Barb was born and raised in the Philadelphia area and attended George Washington High School.

She was a bookkeeper in Langhorne and worked her entire career in the accounting field. She is a well known quilter to most members here in BCL.

Barb was newly appointed to the BOD and has been appointed Treasurer and also heads the Finance Committee along with Communications.

David Quinn



Newly elected to the BOD, David Quinn and his family have been living in BCL for forty years. The peace and serenity of the area is what attracted them to our community.

David has worked as an Electronics Engineer also for forty years. David works remotely most of the time and

on occasion on site.

David wishes to maintain the atmosphere of our community and keep it a peaceful, serene place to live.

Tim O'Brien



Being appointed to the BCL board I've been tasked to offer the community a short bio of my skills/background.

Sixteen years of parochial school education and then I acquired a BS degree in Finance and Economics degree.

I am retired and a full-time resident of the BCL. I have traveled extensively with my wife (Pat) and have recently lived out of the states for 2 years in Cuenca Ecuador. Returning in 2017 for the "grandkids" and searched out a retirement community. Thus, we chose to live in our special BCL community and we are beginning our fourth year.

Professionally speaking, the last 27 or 28 years spent in a very early embryonic industry known to the layman as robotics and artificial intelligence. I retired in 2009 from the private sector and for six years I remained active and available for education and automation consulting around the globe before leaving the USA for further adventures in 2015 with Pat.

In my time in the private sector as a director/sales manager in the field, my responsibilities encompassed all warehousing, inventory, an extensive direct sales team as well all secondary distribution sales and companywide engineering design as well as supporting all distribution field personnel.

As most managers know there are a myriad of related, not mentioned management responsibilities that go along with the territory.

I hope my experience will help enhance the knowledge of the BCL Board.

Kathleen Schoener



Hi, my name is Kathleen Schoener. I will be meeting and greeting you in the BCLCA office and am excited to do so.

I am a recently retired Technology Coordinator. I have been an avid surfer most of my life but have transitioned to an avid kayaker after moving to Jim Thorpe. In my spare time I spend my time doing agility with my 2 Belgian Tervurens, Cody and Lakota and my Border Collie, Utah as well as spending time with grandkids and family.

Pat Crain



Pat and her husband Norm, purchased property in 1970, built in the 80's and moved to BCL permanently in 1995. They are the parents of four children, ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Everyone also knew "Puff" Pat's beloved ball of fluff who matched the snow. He went missing a few times in the winter and everyone was helpful to find "Puff".

He knew a good place, he always came home. He has since passed the Rainbow Bridge.

Pat always had a welcoming smile and is the current Historian of BCL. She ran for the board, was in charge of many departments, such as: Life Guards, Security, Communications, initiated both the website and the Newsletter. She also initiated the Kandy Kart and was President for several years. This is BCL history. Pat is one of the pillar's of our community.

Pat enjoys cooking, sewing and TV. As she states herself, she was an Air Force brat and has lived in Germany, Morocco, Missouri and New York.

We will certainly miss you in the BCL office, but we know you will be only a short distance away.

If you get to the office during the month of November, wish her well. Her last day will be December 1, 2021.

Scott Karaman, Aquatics Director



I am happy and excited to have been a part of the Bear Creek Lake community this summer as the Aquatics Director and making the pool a safe and enjoyable place for all of our community members and their families. It was also a pleasure working with the BCL Board members and if not for the help of

Linda and Madeline, I would not have been able to accomplish as much as I did for all of you. I would also would like to thank Elizabeth for putting smiles on all of the faces of the participants of the daily water aerobics class and for all of her organization and hard work. A thank you also to Cappy and Jane for putting together the lane line swim/walk and for assisting in putting the lane lines in to the pool and for removing them when lap swim was finished. You were both a great help. I would also like to commend all of my lifeguards and gate attendants as without their dedication to their jobs the summer would not have gone as smoothly as it did. They kept the pool and all of our patrons safe which led to a successful summer. Thank you again to one and all and I look forward to next summer.

Editor's Notes

Madeline T. Ligenza - *Editor*

Echoes Around the Lake is the heartbeat of our community. We are a friendly place to be. Our members care about our neighbors. We check on elderly neighbors, we help feed people who are in need, we help shovel snow, we watch our neighbors home when they are away. We grieve when they grieve and we rejoice when they rejoice.

Our reason for this newsletter is to inform you what is happening and we rely on "you" to get us the news. Since I am a Board member, I do see a lot of what transpires and try to inform you to the best of my ability with pictures and information regarding BCL.

As I began this article, I said the newsletter is the heartbeat of our community. So what I am trying to say is.....we need your input. Each edition you are asked to supply news and information to keep us informed. It is so simple to send an email to bclca@ptd.net and share your joyous occasion or whatever you wish to let us know. Please feel free to share. We have many talented residents and would be happy to share stories.

We are so fortunate to be living in this wonderful community. I always call it a "slice of heaven"! We should always look at the glass as being half full, we are truly blessed.

I would like to thank Linda Sott and Pam and Rich Berger for their dedication to BCL and all the assistance they give to the preparation, editing and mailing of the Newsletters.

I also wish to thank the many residents who volunteer to assist in the mailings for BCL. Our volunteers are really appreciated.

"Keep the BCL heart beating!"

Rules Committee

Ron Kerwood and Bill Malone

New rules and modified rules are shown below and the updated Rules Book is on the member website. We encourage all members to familiarize themselves with the BCL rules. Rules are in place to protect our lovely neighborhood and the members as well.

The Board is discussing a change in how new/modified rules are enacted to hopefully give members more insight and opinion on new rules prior to them being enacted. Stay tuned for more on that or better yet attend or log into the Board meeting by Zoom. Getting cooler now, nothing better than curling up with a hot cup of your favorite beverage and the Board meeting on your favorite device.

Questions on anything about Rules can be directed to Rules.bclca@gmail.com.

Here are the latest new and revised rules:

- All boats must be registered at the BCLCA office and identified with a set of BCLCA stickers, visibly displayed above the water line on both sides of the bow of the boat. Beginning in Calendar Year 2021, all

boats will be required to be re-registered with the new stickers and a registration fee of \$10.00 per boat will be charged to help cover administrative costs. BCL boat stickers must be removed if the boat is sold. Only members may register boats.

- All contractors who perform work within the boundaries of Bear Creek Lakes must be registered with BCLCA for work that either requires a BCL permit or is in excess of an aggregate amount of \$5,000 per contract. In addition to registration, if required, acceptable insurance documentation including but not limited to, Commercial General Liability and Vehicle Liability insurance, must be provided at time of registration. Contractor work includes, but is not limited to, building, grading/landscaping, home improvements such as additions, roofing, siding, decks, the drilling of wells and the installation of septic systems.
- The Board of Directors of BCLCA shall have the power to enforce these Rules and Regulations. The effective date for any new or amended rule(s) will be 45 days following approval by the BOD except as deemed by the Board.
- Building Regulations Rule #18 Building contractor and lawn care/landscaping signs are permissible only during the period the work is in progress. Exception is made for displaying of Security Systems/Monitoring signs. No contractor sign may be larger than nine (9) square feet. Building contractor signs must be removed within nine (9) months of the issuance of the building permit or at the time an Occupancy Permit is received, whichever occurs first. Members are responsible for ensuring that contractors comply.
- New Boat Rule # 18 No boats/vessels or other floating devices are permitted to be permanently or semi-permanently moored except as allowed by the Board of Directors.

New General Rule #11 No loud parties or other neighborhood disturbances are permitted between the overnight hours of 11:00PM-8:00AM Sunday-Thursday and 12PM-8AM Friday-Saturday.

Enjoy the Fall & Winter Seasons here in Bear Creek Lakes.

Gone, but Not Forgotten



Penny Allison passed away December 19, 2020. Penny had a 38-year career as an early childhood teacher with the Philadelphia School District. Penny enjoyed her family and hosting company dinner parties. She cherished friends and traditions, and loved travel across America and exotic parts of the world. She was an avid skier, both downhill and cross-country. She loved the outdoors, kayaking, hiking, golfing and camping. Penny enjoyed music and drama, attending plays and concerts. Penny will be missed by her family and many friends in BCL.



Giovanni Martino passed away December 25, 2020. He loved his family, his children and his grandchildren. Giovanni loved the pool and was there every day it was open. He loved talking to his family and friends. He especially loved his wife's cooking. He will be missed by his wife, Emilia, his family, and his many friends at BCL.



Glenmore Dotter passed away January 1, 2021. Glen was a 1958 graduate of Jim Thorpe Area High School, a U.S. Army National Guard veteran, and served during the Vietnam War. Glen built his own business, the Penn Forest Garage, which he operated for many years until illness forced him into retirement. He served as a PA Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer, he was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Penn Forest, and a past member of the Board of Directors of the Jim Thorpe Area School District. He was an NRA life member, member of the American Legion, Post 304, Mauch Chunk Rod and Gun Club, and a prior member of the Fairview Hose Co. Glen was an avid hunter, taking many trips to Wyoming, Colorado and safaris to South Africa, Argentina and New Zealand. He loved his horses and his farm, where he hosted many 4-H Club meetings and the annual fishing derby for the physically challenged. Glen will be missed by his wife, Ellen, and his BCL friends.



Mimi Simmons passed away January 19, 2021. Mimi was a waitress and baker for years at various Lehigh Valley restaurants, and was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Klecknersville. Mimi loved her family, her pets, and cooking. She was always a happy, caring person and would light up a room as soon as she entered. She had a remarkable way of making everyone feel special. Her greatest pleasure came from being a Grammy. The family and BCL will miss her terribly.

Beth Brennan passed away June 27, 2021. Beth started waitressing and cooking at diners before changing careers to become a home health aide where she was beloved by all of her clients. She adopted a dog whom she rechristened Scoobie. Beth was both a lover and fighter. She loved hard and would do anything for the people she loved. She would give her opinion without flinching or apology but she never dismissed you for your choice. Beth signed off her cards with, "Love n Laughter." Beth will be remembered as a loving and caring mother and friend. She loved her home in BCL.



Dolores Henry passed away July 25, 2021. Dolores taught in the Jim Thorpe High School for over 25 years. She made a strong influence on her students and they came back years later to thank her. She was a wonderful, friendly person and a class act lady. She was a mentor. Her favorite expression was "bull cookies." She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends in BCL.

Jimmy Kattner passed away September 29, 2021. Jimmy was owner and operator of the former Kattner's Beer Distributor on Rt. 903 of Jim Thorpe. He also worked for the Sprinkler Fitters Union 669 until retiring. He formerly served as Penn Forest Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Fire Chief and was also a member of the Mauch Chunk Rod & Gun Club and the Jukebox Cruisers, and was a lifetime member of the Fairview Hose Company, Jim Thorpe. Jimmy will be missed by his family and many friends.

Linda Kunkel passed away October 2, 2021. Linda was the church secretary, taught Sunday school, was a youth group leader, and active with church plays and many events. She had been a Girl Scout troop leader, a member of the Professional Bowler's League, and the Ladies Group of Bear Creek Lakes. Linda loved riding in her golf cart, family parties, dancing, Book Club, and kayaking on the lake, and was a very faithful sunset enthusiast. She enjoyed life and loved all of her grandchildren. Linda headed the Golf Cart Parade on July 4 weekend, ran the monthly Bingo nights, TGIF and the Karaoke nights with her husband, George. She will be missed by her family and many friends in BCL.



Hugh J. Hamilton, passed away on August 22, 2021. He was the husband of Marion T. (Taggart) Hamilton. They had celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 16. Hugh was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Bishop Neumann H.S. He was an Army veteran and a 50 year member of the Sprinkler Fitter Local Union 669. He was a Stephen Minister for over ten years. He loved trout fishing and watching his grandchildren's sporting events. He never missed a game.



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To be eligible for the lottery.

Name: _____

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Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Type of Boat/Weight: _____ Sticker #(s): _____

In order to be eligible to participate in the lottery for a boat rack, I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions concerning the use of the boat racks for the year identified above:

1. Annual boat rack rental fee will be \$25.00.
2. I understand and agree, during any period when the boat is in the boat rack, Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association (hereinafter referred to as ("the Association")) is not responsible in any manner if the boat is stolen or damaged and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from The Association if the boat is stolen or damaged.
3. I agree to remove my boat from the rack area prior to December 1st of the year identified above.
4. I understand and agree, if my boat is not removed by December 1st of the year identified above, the Association has my expressed permission to remove the boat from the boat rack and store it at a storage charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month, which I agree to pay. I also understand and agree, during any period when the boat is stored by the Association, the Association is not responsible in any manner if the boat is stolen or damaged and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from the Association if the boat is stolen or damaged.
5. I understand the Association will only store boats for a maximum of nine (9) months and any boat remaining in storage after nine (9) months will be disposed of by the Association as it deems appropriate and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from the Association if the boat is disposed of.
6. I understand only one rack will be assigned in the original lottery. Any additional racks may be requested (on separate form) after the Memorial Day weekend of the current year.
7. I understand that the rack may hold a maximum of either one rowboat, one canoe, two kayaks, or two SUP's.
8. I agree I am the owner of the property listed above and understand only the member may apply for the boat rack.

Date _____ Registrant Signature _____

Special requests & notes: (rack location preference - Boat launch , North Beach, South Beach)

When you have completed the form, save it and email it to bclca@ptd.net or print a copy and mail or deliver to the office at 57 Pool Drive, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

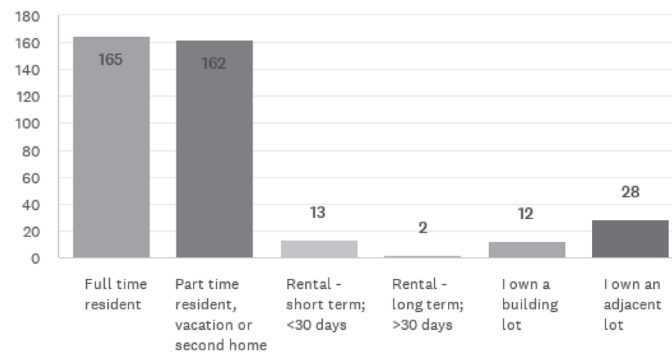
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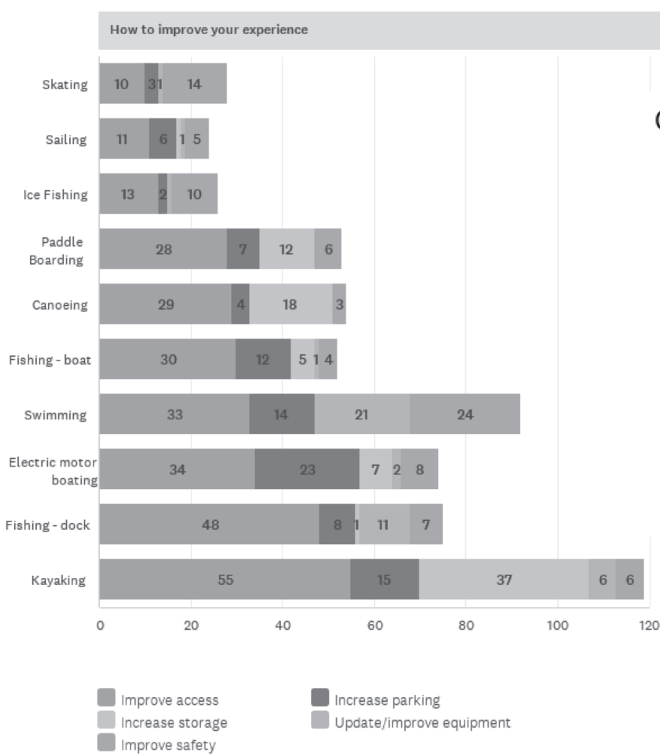
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- * **Share** survey data with the relevant committees.

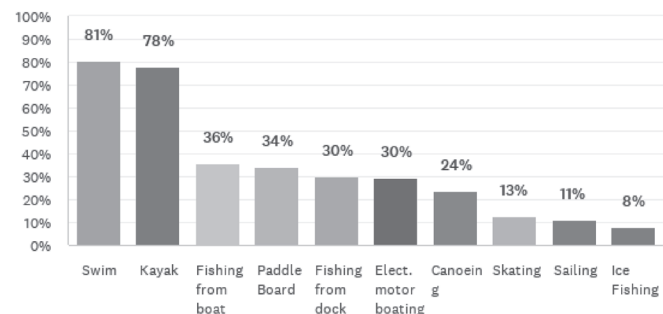
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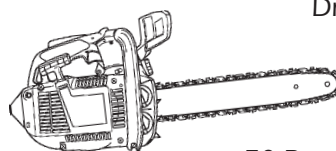
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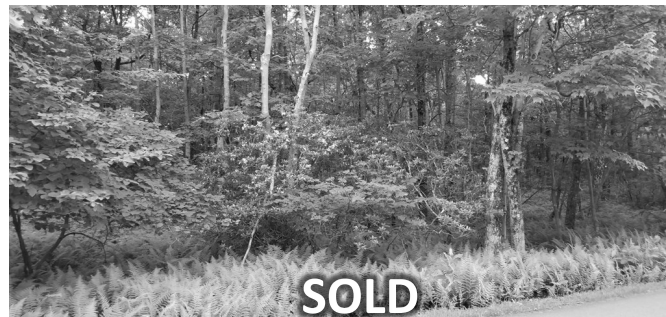
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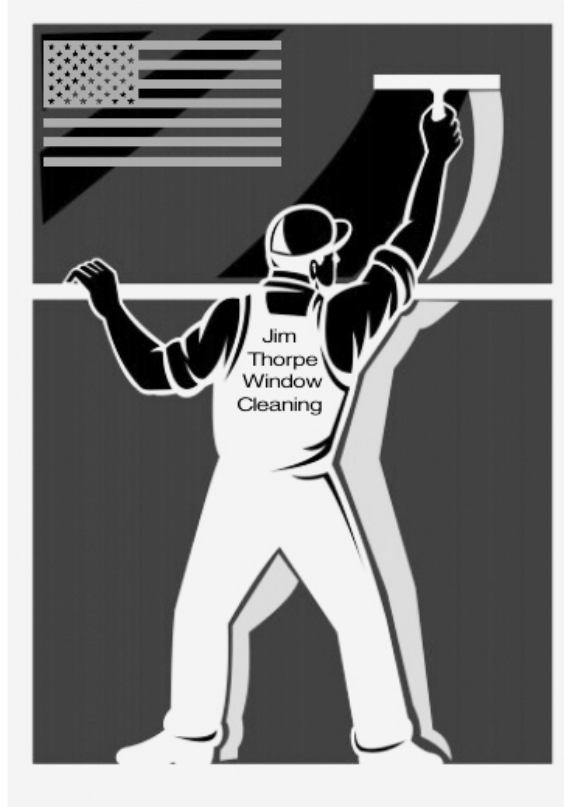
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