



South Abington Woods Phase II

Newsletter

January, 2020

**Wishing You all the Joy of the Season
Happy New Year!**



*What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our
lives haven't even happened yet.*

-Anne Frank

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Architectural Committee

The Executive Board is excited to announcement that we have several people who have volunteered to work on the Architectural Committee. They are Gene Arthur, Phil and Dee Judge, Don Ryan and Joe Smerdon. The responsibilities of the Architectural Committee include:

- Special Assessment Items like painting, securing and reviewing bids from contractors, checking to see that the work is being done according to the specifications. We have just completed the second year of repainting the exterior of the townhomes. The Committee will be coordinating the third year of repainting and you will be notified when your unit will be painted.
- Reviewing applications for residents who would like to perform alterations to the exterior of the townhome, such as storm doors.
- Other issues that come up regarding the exterior of the building.

Please contact a member of the Architectural Committee if you have a concern pertaining to any of the above.

THE SOCIAL CLUB

In October Virginia Loughlin hosted a very successful Wine & Snacks event. Many thanks to Virginia for opening up her home.

With everyone busy preparing for Thanksgiving, Marilyn Green still found time to arrange the Wyndham Women's Lunch Bunch in November. Thirty one women attended a great lunch at Camelot Restaurant. Much appreciation to Marilyn for her efforts.

Our association Holiday party at Glen Oak was a wonderful night--very festive with good food and great company. Many, many thanks to Jean White who organized this event for the second year. Look for pics in this newsletter.

As we head into the darkest time of the year here in S. Abington, it would be nice to have Jan. and Feb. get-togethers. If you or you and your neighbor together would like to have a morning Coffee & Donut or an evening Wine & Snacks, please contact me at (609)251-7780 or [rprintz @comcast.net](mailto:rprintz@comcast.net).

`Ruth Cognetti

Just a Friendly Reminder

Association Dues

The 1st quarter POA dues are due January 1st. Payments must be received on or before January 10th to avoid penalty charges.

Service Information

Listed below is the contact information for various contractors you may want to contact in the event of service work.

Please keep this information on hand as reference.



Rinker Electric	570-969-7577
Maguire Plumbing	570-840-5387
Valley Heating and A.C.	570-654-4513
Overhead Garage Door	570-383-2829
Dalton Carpet	570-945-7734
Sewatsky Painting	570-815-7197
Kanton Construction (Jimmy) (siding)	570-254-6001

The above Contractors performed the work in your home during construction. They will assist you with service once the warranty period has expired.

Homeowners Insurance

Please remember to send your yearly homeowners insurance declaration page to the Association: South Abington Woods Phase II, 13 Wyndham Road, South Abington Twp. PA 18411 or drop in the POA mailbox #13 located on the right side of the large mailbox between units 5 & 7 Wyndham Road. Thanks for your attention to this matter.



Please be reminded of the following:

- ✳ Trash cannot be placed out before 5:00 p.m. the night before pickup.
- ✳ The mailbox areas must be clear at all times to allow mail carriers easy access; please remind your guests to park away from the mailbox areas.
- ✳ Please be sure to remind your guests that parking on the grass or curb is not allowed.



New Neighbors

Joe and Maureen Scolere, unit 35

Karen Thomas, unit 113

thank
YOU

A big thanks to all of our volunteers! You are so appreciated!!

Thanks to Mike Noto for his continued help while working through the transition of the Association and for his friendship and assistance!

Lighting Update

On October 29th Lighting Committee members, Jim and Regina Peters, met with David O'Neil, S. Abington Twp. Mgr. to share our Association's concerns about the lack of adequate lighting coming down Country Club Road in the dark. David was very receptive to our requests and said action has already been taken to address the issue. Currently the township is working with Mike Noto and PPL to place 2 more lights coming down Country Club; he believes they will be installed in the next few months. He also mentioned the possibility of a third light but that is still under discussion. Jim and I also requested reflectors on the guardrail and David will look into that for us.

We very much appreciate the township's willingness to increase the safety of the residents of Abington Woods, our families and friends.

Cuteness Alert!

Some of our furry residents dressed for Halloween



Cooper dressed as Donald Duck
Cooper lives with Danielle Sadusky



Ellie dressed as a banana split
Ellie lives with Colleen Heckman



Ellie and Cooper showing off their cuteness!

Thanks for the pictures Danielle!!

Savannah dressed as Winnie the Pooh
Savannah lives with Carol Tartella



November Ladies Luncheon



Thanks to Marilyn for providing this venue for us to gather together. It is truly a very enjoyable event! Also thanks to all those who provided the wonderful desserts!



**Congratulations Margaret,
our door prize winner!**



Best friends!



2019 Holiday Party

Thanks Joe Cognetti for the pictures!





Be Prepared for Winter Driving

Prepare Your Car for Winter

In addition to annual maintenance, here are some tips to winterize your car:

- * Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops
- * Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
- * Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
- * If using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- * Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops
- * Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- * Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees
- * Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze
- * Remember to keep your car's [emergency preparedness kit](#) fully stocked, too.



Before You Start Out

- * Clean your car's external camera lenses and side view mirrors so you'll be able to see what's around you
- * Remove dirt, ice and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features like automatic emergency braking to work
- * In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive it
- * To prevent [carbon monoxide poisoning](#), never leave a vehicle running in your garage – even with the garage door up
- * If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm if possible; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

Avoid a Crash

AAA offers the following driving tips:

- * Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
- * Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane
- * Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- * Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- * If possible, don't stop when going uphill
- * If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve.
- * Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

Avoid Winter Slips, Trips and Falls

- * Carefully watch where you step and avoid any terrain that looks like it might be unsafe.
- * Ensure your walkways and driveway are properly cleared of snow and ice.
- * Wear appropriate shoes or boots, selecting items that will provide good traction and stable footing.
- * Tread carefully, particularly at night, when you may not be able to see ice on the ground.
- * Walk slowly and carefully. Wear boots or other slip-resistant footwear.
- * Use special care when getting in and out of vehicles.
- * Watch for slippery floors when you enter any building or home.
- * Try to avoid carrying items, or walking with your hands in your pockets; this can reduce your ability to catch yourself if you lose your balance. Instead, carry a backpack if you have one.
- * Watch out for black ice.
- * Tap your foot on potentially slick areas to see if the areas are slippery.
- * Walk as flat-footed as possible in very icy areas.
- * Avoid uneven surfaces if possible. Avoid steps or curbs with ice on them.
- * Remember: Ice and snow mean “take it slow!”



National Hug Day

National Hug Day, also known as National Hugging Day, is celebrated on January 21st in the United States.

While this holiday is officially protected by copyright law, it isn't a true National holiday; meaning that government, business or banking institutions are not closed. However, it is a holiday that is being celebrated by an increasing number people and has even spread beyond the borders of the U.S. It is now being celebrated by people all over the globe.



National Hug Day was created by Reverend Kevin Zaborney in Caro, Michigan in 1986 as an antidote to the Reverend's perception that many Americans were afraid to display affection in public. He chose the date to celebrate the holiday (January 21st) as it is the time of the year when spirits are the lowest.

Benefits Of Hugging

Humans are social creatures, and as a result, hugging offers a myriad of mental and physical benefits as science is beginning to discover. For instance, hugging can boost oxytocin and serotonin levels, boost self esteem and improve mental health. Hugging has also been shown to improve cardiac health, lower blood pressure and increase relaxation levels.

Hugging is also an important part of relationships. Partners who hug on a regular basis are more bonded and trust each other more than those who don't frequently touch. There is also a link between partners who frequently hug and the longevity of their marriages. Couples who frequently touch each other tend to have longer and happier marriages than those who don't.

The best way, as well as the most common way, to celebrate this holiday is give your friends, family or complete strangers a great big hug. It doesn't matter who you hug on this day, the benefits you receive from hugging is the same.



Festival of Trees

Through January 12, 2020

300 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton, PA 18503

Peruse the annual Festival of Trees exhibit at The Marketplace at Steamtown in downtown Scranton.

This year's theme is "Here, There, and Everywhere! -- Fall and Winter Traditions from Around the World."

Each tree is uniquely decorated by organizations and people from the area.

Presented by the Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Department to raise funds for Toys for Tots.



Nepa Home And Garden Show

January 24 – 26, 2020

Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre Township,

Solve all your projects in one place in one weekend at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Home & Garden Show!

You'll find the latest products and services for your home and landscape: builders, remodelers, contractors, building materials, decks, pools, spas, entertainment systems, storage solutions, all kinds of plants, landscape displays, kitchenware, home accessories and so much more!



F.M. KIRBY CENTER
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



**NATIONAL BALLET THEATRE OF ODESSA,
UKRAINE PRESENTS SWAN LAKE**

Showtime:

Thursday, Jan 30, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Ticket Prices:

\$34.50, \$44.50, \$54.50, \$64.50, plus fees

[Buy Tickets Now](#)



South Abington Township Police Department

Police calls are handled through the Lackawanna County Communications Center. When dialing 911 for emergencies or 342-9111 for non-emergencies, it is imperative that you inform the dispatcher that you reside in South Abington Township.

The Department operates 24 hours a day and provides basic ambulance service for our area.

Full time staff are present from 8 AM through 4 PM, Monday through Friday. The telephone number for direct access is 570-587-8715. The police fax number is 570-586-4342.

South Abington Township Police Department, along with the Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office, sponsors a Prescription Drug Drop Off Box, located in the Township Building's lobby at 104 Shady Lane Road, Chinchilla.

[Website](#)

Chinchilla Hose Company of South Abington Twp. PA

113 Shady Lane Rd
PO Box 311, Chinchilla, PA 18410

Non-Emergency: 570-586-5726
Emergency: 911

[Website](#)



Geisinger Community Medical Center

1800 Mulberry St, Scranton, PA 18510
570-703-8000

[Website](#)

Moses Taylor Hospital

700 Quincy Ave, Scranton, PA 18510
570-770-5000

[Website](#)

Regional Hospital of Scranton

746 Jefferson Ave, Scranton, PA 18510
570-770-3000

[Website](#)



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