



South Abington Woods Phase II

Newsletter
July, 2020

Happy 4th of July!

“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.” ~ *Erma Bombeck*

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Landscape Committee

Years back, when our development was smaller, residents frequently contacted AOS with issues or requests. As our development grew, it became apparent there could be a problem and it was decided that the Landscape Committee Chairperson mediate all contact with AOS. For example, AOS could potentially receive 100 complaints that the grass was too short/long. Also, workers' time is factored into the contracts and one-to-one discussions impact this time.

As a result, AOS workers have been instructed to tell residents to contact the POA Landscape Committee email at landscapingpoa@yahoo.com for any landscape issues/questions. In this way, not only do we have a record of your concerns, but the workers can remain on schedule and AOS phone calls are limited. AOS appreciates your understanding in this regard.

Thank you,

Virginia Loughlin
Landscape Chair

Social Club

Due to COVID 19, we have had no indoor social events. However, Virginia Loughlin's "Toast Your Neighbor" has caught on. It brings people together for a brief time--away from their townhouses! Please step out on Monday and Thursday (weather permitting) at 6:30 p.m. If you see no one on your block, walk around, you'll find a group who will welcome you.

What a wonderful group of neighbors we have! Thanks to Jean White, about 50 showed up to celebrate Connie Newton's 85th birthday. With masks and balloons, we marched to Connie's and sang. She was very surprised and thrilled. A treat for everyone, provided by Connie's family, was the ice cream truck from Manning's. The late morning event was a very bright spot in the midst of a long quarantine.

Someday, hopefully soon, I will be able to get together with anyone interested in the Social Club to plan future events. In the meantime, please stay safe.

~Ruth Cognetti

Look for the pictures of Connie's birthday parade and "Toast Your Neighbor" later in this issue.



Veterans

We are interested in knowing who our veterans are as each of you are important to us. If you don't mind, please send me (Lorraine) an email at lrosenberry@comcast.net with your information. Thanks so much...we appreciate all you have sacrificed for us.



Thank you!

Thanks to Paulette Robins, Joe Smerdon, Joe Hazzouri, Tony Connor and neighbor Mitch Hamilton for cleaning up along the curbs and picking up garbage on Country Club Road.

The POA sent a letter to South Abington Township thanking them for their approval and help with the installation of a street light at the bend of Country Club Road.



Just a friendly reminder

Association Dues

The 3rd quarter POA dues are due on July 1st. Payments must be received on or before July 10th to avoid penalty charges.



Open Fires

As stated in the South Abington Woods Phase II Declaration of Protective Covenants:

- ★ page 8
- ★ item 9. Miscellaneous Regulations
- ★ subitem i: No open fires of any kind shall be permitted except those confined within a metal brazier, grill or similar cooking device, all of approved design. No leaves, trash, garbage or other form of refuse shall ever be burned at any townhouse.

Stay Safe

While we have all done a great job staying well during the pandemic, we need to continue to keep our guard up as COVID 19 is not going away soon. Stay healthy and continue to social distance and wear a mask while going out in public.

POA Emails

We learned that sometimes the POA Executive Board emails go into residents' email spam/junk folders. Please be aware of this and check your junk folder regularly. Thank you.



As more of us are out walking in the neighborhood, it is important that drivers pay particular attention to the 20 mph speed limit. Please remind your visitors of the speed limit. Thank you for your cooperation.



Homeowners' Checklist When House is Vacant



- ✍ Disconnect all hoses from the hose connections and drain water from hoses.
During cold weather months, even though the hose connections are freeze resistant, if the hoses are not removed, the water will not drain and freezing will occur. This will cause considerable damage to the plumbing and also the interior of your home.
- ✍ Set heat at 58 degrees.
- ✍ Unplug hot water heater from the outlet.
- ✍ Open all cabinet doors in vanities and under kitchen sink.
- ✍ Make sure all interior doors are left open (closets, baths, powder rooms, etc.)
- ✍ Turn off water supply in foyer closet by turning the valve a ¼ turn on the yellow handled valve. Make sure foyer closet doors are left open.
- ✍ Install new furnace filter prior to departure.
- ✍ Turn off the ice maker in the refrigerator.
- ✍ Have a neighbor or friend check on the house, especially in times of extreme cold.

Note: It is a good idea to turn off the water supply in the foyer closet when your home is vacant to avoid possible leaks and damage.

HVAC - Summer and Winter Balancing

The dampers are marked in the mechanical room. The dampers should be set to summer mode upon the need for air conditioning. Also, set to winter mode when heating is required.

Valley HVAC provides this service of damper balancing in their yearly, optional service contract. The service contract includes two visits (one at the start of the heating season and one at the start of the cooling season). The service contract is **STRONGLY** encouraged after the original warranty period has expired.

Also, please note once your warranty has expired, Valley HVAC will not respond to a service call during a busy time (heat wave or period of extended cold) if you do not have the service agreement.

In the event of a service call by any of the contractors, after the warranty has expired, the home owner will be charged an additional fee for a service call for nights and weekends. Therefore, if a service call can be performed during business hours of Monday – Friday; it will be much more economical.

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/Sunroom	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.



South Abington Woods Phase II Landscape Regulations

1. No hanging baskets or other objects are to be attached to the buildings.
2. Nothing can be placed in the lawn, including plants, that would interfere with lawn mowing.
3. Plants in pots are allowed on patios, porches, sides of driveway next to garage and in the mulch beds.
4. Maintenance of flowers or shrubs planted in mulch beds are the responsibility of the owners; the POA is not responsible for any damage done by mulching.
5. Planting around the back of any unit and alongside the porch on an end unit is allowed. The width of the bed from the building must be no more than two feet. Any mulch used must conform to the color used by the landscaper.
 - a) Beds must be edged by the owner.
 - b) No vegetables may be planted in the ground. Any vegetables or herbs must be planted in pots and kept on the back patio.
 - c) Maintenance of these plantings is the sole responsibility of the owner. These responsibilities transfer to all subsequent owners of the unit.
6. Only four types of shrubs are acceptable in front of the units. These are: spirea, boxwood, dwarf barberry and holly. Should one type of these plants continue to fail, it may be replaced with another from the acceptable category. End units also have burning bush on the sides which may only be replaced in kind.
 - a) The developer is responsible for replacement for one year after initial planting.
 - b) The POA is responsible for replacement during year two.
 - c) The owner is responsible for replacement thereafter. The owner has the option of replacing the plant(s) or may request this be facilitated by the POA landscape committee and done by the landscape company at the owner's expense.
 - d) If plants are not replaced within one month (during the growing season), the owner will receive a notice from the landscape committee; if replacement has not occurred within two weeks after this notice, the committee will have the plant replaced at the owner's expense.
7. It is the owner's responsibility to water all newly planted grass and shrubs.
8. Planting in the common areas by owners is discouraged and may only be done with the authorization of the Executive Board and with the understanding that maintenance of such planting is the responsibility of the owner and must be conveyed to subsequent owners on sale of the property.

Revised: October 1, 2019

Neighbors gathered at the Durkin's to get organized for Connie Newton's birthday parade...



Neighbors and family members with balloons and banners in hand marched to the Newton's





Connie's surprise reaction was priceless!!





We all visited and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.



Connie and Charlie's family surprised us with Manning's ice cream truck!





**A great big THANKS to Jean White for organizing this amazing event!
We have such a wonderful community and neighbors!!**



Toasting Our Neighbors

















Night Lights: Sky Lantern Festival September 12

Pocono Raceway, 1234 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA 18334

The Night Lights are calling— are you coming?
Community. Connection. Celebration.

Inspired by the traditional Thai Lantern Festival, Night Lights is an all-new and completely reimagined sky lantern experience. Join thousands of your friends, family, and neighbors as we come together to make a truly once-in-a-lifetime memory as we launch our lanterns just after dusk.

You don't have to travel across the world to find yourself. Magic can be found right in your backyard. We can't wait to light the night skies with you.

WWII Weekend at Historic Test Track Park

Sat, Jul 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Jul 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

South Eaton Street, Berwick, PA 18603

About this Event

Our FIFTH annual Berwick WWII Weekend!

July 18-19 at Berwick's Riverfront Test Track Park (South Eaton Street, Berwick). 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days, rain or shine.

Come out and show your support for Berwick WWII history and witness to an overview of the WWII era!

Check back for more information.

A swing dance will be Saturday evening. Venue and details TBA.

If you wish to participate in some capacity for the event, but have not done so in the past, contact Kristen.bogash@gmail.com

'TANK' you for your support, and we hope to see you there!





NEPA Yoga Festival

Saturday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 2, 2:00 p.m.

Montage Mountain Resorts,
1000 Montage Mountain Road,
Scranton, PA 18507

[Tickets](#)

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

August 1-2 , 2020 Saturday & Sunday -- Camping Optional

The 7th Annual NEPA Yoga Festival will be taking over Montage Mountain Waterpark for the largest Yoga Event in NEPA. Our festival features over 40 offerings throughout the weekend including yoga, meditation, music, hiking, wellness talks, inspirational talks, social gatherings, kids yoga and more!

This year we are going to bring the event into the evening with Night Swimming, Camping, Live Music and more! Another new addition is a self guided hiking trail. We will also be offering boxed lunches to be pre-purchased- highly recommend.

In our designated check in area we will showcase all sponsors information or offer coupons or samples of products as another way to bring awareness to all the goodness.

Teachers from throughout the NEPA region will hold classes on the grounds of the Montage Mountain Water Park, which will remain open from 12-5 on Saturday & Sunday.

NEPA Yoga Fest is family friendly, so along with the many different classes there will be live music, lectures, meditations and children's activities such as face painting and henna tattoos.

Unique local vendors and artists will be providing a wide selection of goods as well as multiple healthy food options available for purchase.

New this year is a live music class and camping Saturday into Sunday.

The NEPA Yoga Festival is for all ages and levels, we also have a spectator pass that is just \$10 in which you can check out all the vendors and listen to the inspirational talks.

The intention of NEPA yoga festival is "Abundance through Connection." The founder of this Event believe that yoga, wellness, love and community grow through connecting with like-minded people, there is no competition or lack when the intentions are unitedly shared.

Tickets need to be purchased for both Saturday and Sunday separately. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. The first hundred guests to enter will receive a swag bag.



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](#)



Be kind to others

South Abington Woods Phase II POA Executive Board

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