



South Abington Woods Phase II

Newsletter
October, 2020

“The world is in desperate need of human beings whose own level of growth is sufficient to enable them to learn to live and work with others cooperatively and lovingly, to care for others – not for what those others can do for you or for what they think of you, but rather in terms of what you can do for them.”

~ *Elisabeth Kübler-Ross*

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Architectural Committee Update

Our Architectural Committee worked hard this year to coordinate two major projects for our community. This includes painting and driveway sealing. These projects are cyclical based on the last time each unit was painted and driveways sealed.

Painting includes: shutters, front door and sidelites, garage doors and frame, columns, rear door, gas service meter pipes and electric service meter pipes and the small pipes in the rear of the center units.

The reason for these projects is to maintain the aesthetic appearance of our community as well as maintaining the value of our homes.

The Committee can be contacted at: poaarchitecturecomm@gmail.com with questions.

Executive Board Openings

The POA Executive Board is announcing two openings for board members. Two of our longest serving Board members are retiring.

Members in good standing wishing to run for office, may submit a request to have name placed on the ballot in writing or email to the POA's email address: poaexecutiveboard@gmail.com within twenty-one days of the election or by October 25, 2020.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to our volunteers who work hard for our community!

Special thanks to:

- ★ Our Architectural Committee for coordinating painting and driveway sealing.
- ★ Our Landscape Committee for keeping our community beautiful.
- ★ Our Insurance Compliance Committee for all the time and effort keeping up with all residents' insurance verifications.
- ★ Our Secretary for everything she does (too much to list!)
- ★ Our Treasurer for ensuring our finances are in order.
- ★ Our Board of Directors who work hard to ensure our community runs smoothly.



Just a friendly reminder

Association Dues

The 4th quarter POA dues are due on October 1st. Payments must be received on or before October 10th to avoid penalty charges.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

The refuse and recycling schedule is delayed one day for the following six major holidays: New Year's, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

POA Annual Meeting

The POA annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Pandemic, the meeting will be held using Zoom.

Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service used to virtually meet with others - either by video or audio-only or both.

Complete instructions for accessing zoom and protocols for the meeting will be sent a week prior to the meeting.

- Meeting agenda:
- Present and vote on the annual budget.
- Present the approved Landscaping and Snow Removal contracts.
- Election Committee.
- SAW Phase II property bordering SAW Phase I property.

Snow Removal

Volunteers are needed to form a snow removal committee. Please consider volunteering. Thank you.



**United States Presidential Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

Thanks to historic legislation passed last fall, all Pennsylvania voters now also have the ability to vote by mail without having to provide an excuse, for any reason or no reason at all.

Voting by Mail-in or Absentee Ballot

In Pennsylvania, you now have two options for mail ballots. You may either choose a mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot to request, complete, and return to your [county election office](#).

- Mail-in ballot** – Any qualified voter may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.
- Absentee ballot** – If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness, you should request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.

In order to request either ballot type, you must be registered to vote. Please visit [Check Your Registration Status](#) to review your registration information

Mail-in and absentee ballot applications for the November 3, 2020, general election must be received by your [county election office](#) or other designated location by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

[Apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot today.](#)

The polling place for our voting precinct follows:

Summit Baptist Bible Church
232 Noble Road
Clarks Summit PA 18411

“It’s OK to not be OK right now and to just do your best to get through this truly unprecedented time.”

C. Vaile Wright, director of clinical research and quality at the American Psychological Association



While this year seems especially hard, there are silver linings. Out of coronavirus comes creativity. Out of quarantine comes bonus time with family.

- Drive-in movie theaters made a comeback.
- Drive-in concerts are a thing now (which is great news for those missing live music, or those who don't like crowds anyway).
- We got to watch football greats Tom Brady and Peyton Manning play golf with golf greats Phil Mickleson and Tiger Woods in "The Match" for COVID-19 relief. Tom Brady ripped his pants. (Sorry, Tom, but we really needed the laugh.)
- People around the country brushed up on their sewing skills, making masks for people who need them most.
- “Tiger King” somehow connected us.
- People got creative about reimagined vacations.
- Americans rushed to adopt and foster pets in need amid the pandemic.
- Sure, we might have gained a little weight, but we rediscovered our love for old hobbies like baking and gardening.
- Puzzles and board games became cool again and offered a much-needed break from our screens.
- Distilleries, both small and large, around the country used their resources to produce badly needed hand sanitizer.
- Major companies such as 3M and Apple pooled resources or shifted production to make millions of masks to help keep people safe.
- Ford, GM, Tesla and other automakers were able to make ventilators and other medical devices to help with the pandemic.
- We learned that homeschooling is HARD and finally recognized teachers for the heroes that they are.
- Health care workers and essential workers. Also heroes.
- Bike trails became one of the few places in the country that were open.
- We came up with creative ways to celebrate big milestones like drive-by birthdays and Zoom parties.
- Smaller movies and hidden gems are suddenly at our fingertips (streaming!).
- Three words: “Hamilton” the movie. It lives up to the hype.
- We realized how much we love and need sports and its ability to unite us.
- We embraced our gray hair.
- With toilet paper out of stock, bidets are booming which is good news for our behinds...and less wasteful.
- Wearing sweatpants and tees became acceptable fashion choices all day, every day.
- Weddings still happened over Zoom and it was beautiful.

Source: USA Today



Welcome New Neighbors

Tara McGraw, Unit 21

Robert Theis, Unit 34



Welcome Annie Costanzo!

Annie was born on September 5th

Congratulations Jeff and Erin!



Proud Dad, Jeff

SOCIAL CLUB

A big thanks to Regina Peters for founding and organizing "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Twenty two residents have volunteered. Soon a list will be given to every homeowner showing what each volunteer is willing to do and their telephone numbers. Don't hesitate to ask for help---the volunteers always get a lot more out of it than you will!

Summer being over, the ice cream truck is done for the season but had such a good turnout, we think they'll return in the spring.

Jim Sweeney, the Bagpiper, did a great job. He not only played the pipes but gave info on his apparel. Who knew that the little tabs tucked into the fold of the socks were usually red so that one could hold armor in one hand and wipe blood off the sword with the other where it wouldn't show!!

If anyone can suggest an activity that can be done safely, please call me (609)251-7780.

On a sad note, our former neighbor, Rich Chamberlain, passed away suddenly in September.

-----Ruth Cognetti



Neighbors gathered to enjoy Manning's ice cream







Thanks to Sharon Hazzouri for the picture





Walter, Patty and Leah
had front row seats!



Oh Deer! Look who's in my backyard!

Jeanette Stauffer found these visitors in her backyard.
Thanks for sharing, Jeanette!



This little guy has been making rounds in the neighborhood.
Ed Pricci got a picture while the little critter was on his patio.
Thanks for sharing Ed!



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Virtual Tours

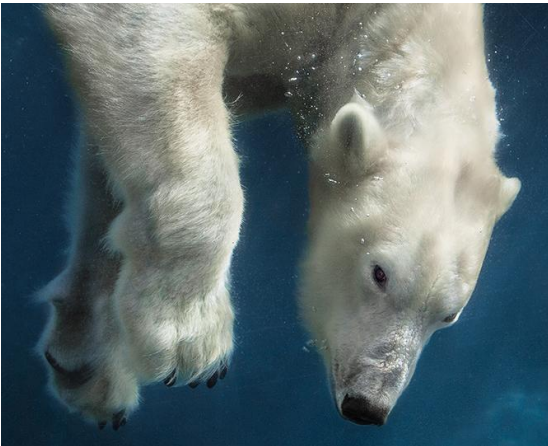
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[Yosemite](#)



[The San Diego Zoo](#)



[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)



[The Georgia Aquarium](#)





There's no way to thank our veterans for everything they sacrifice for our freedom, but on Veterans Day, we have to try. So thank you to all our service men and women, both past and present!

Our way of saying thank you is to feature our neighbors who have served. Following are those who responded to our request to do so:

Dale Collins #23
Air Force veteran

Walter Bobola

I served in the Air Force from 1972-1976. I was a field engineer for SAC (strategic air command).

My position enabled me to part of a team launching ICBM test (intercontinental ballistic missiles) missiles from Vandenberg AFB (Lompoc, Calif) to a lagoon a few thousand miles out into the Pacific Ocean.

My main base of operation was Ellsworth AFB, near Rapid City, S.D. (35 miles from Mt. Rushmore) where we maintained 150 underground missile silos making sure these ground based missiles were on constant alert status to protect our country from incoming attacks.

For me, it was an honor to serve, and I made some long lasting friendships that are still current to this day.

Joe Cognetti

Please be advised that I served 2 years in the Army from 1967 to 1968.

John James McNulty

44 Wyndham Road, South Abington Township PA. 18411

U.S Army: Enlisted March 1961 to September 1961 Fort Dix New Jersey

U.S. Army Reserves, 365th, Engineers, Scranton PA. September 1961 to March 1967

If you have served and would like to share your information, please email Lorraine at lrosenberry@Comcast.net



Local Events

Trolley Excursions

July 9, 2020 - November 1, 2020
300 Cliff Street, Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-6590



Excursion Schedule

Thursday through Sunday

10:30 AM

11:30 AM

12:45 PM

2:00 PM

3:15 PM

Take a trip on a vintage electric trolley car! The scenic route follows a portion of the former Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley (Laurel Line) Railroad right-of-way as it parallels Roaring Brook proceeds past the Historic Iron Furnaces and continues through the Crown Avenue Tunnel, at 4747 feet long, one of the longest interurban tunnels ever built. Proceed to PNC Field, home of the SWB RailRiders, on Montage Mountain, where you'll prepare for your return ride back the Trolley Museum.

Tickets and Boarding

During the operating season, the trolley excursion will depart from the main passenger platform of the Steamtown National Historic Site.

Please note that tickets for the trolley excursion are sold at the Trolley Museum building and are not available in the car.

The trolley excursion boarding area is between the Trolley Museum building and the main Steamtown facilities.



Co-op Farmers Market

July 15, 2020 - November 25, 2020
900 Barrington Ave, Scranton, PA 18508
(570) 961-8251

The Co-op Farmers Market is back in action! Enjoy fresh products every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until Thanksgiving!

Social distancing policies including requirements for wearing face masks that cover your mouth and nose and maintaining safe distances from others will be in place.

Hillside Park Farmers Market

July 9, 2020 - October 15, 2020
1188 Winola Road, South Abington Township, PA 18411
(570) 247-2940

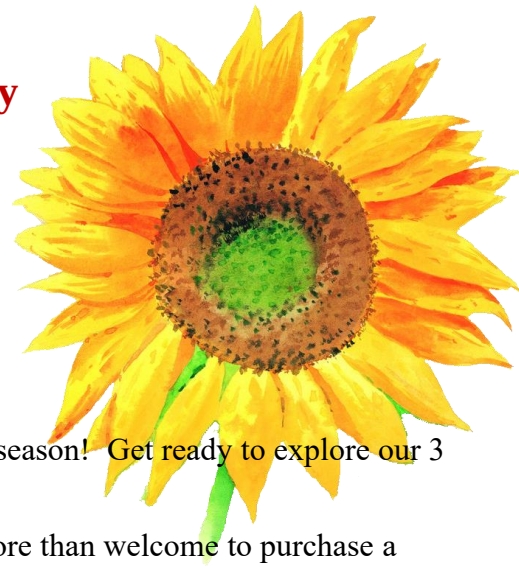
Pick up some fresh produce at the Hillside Park Farmers Market! They're open every Thursday!

Please remember to wear a face mask and remain physically distant.

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Sunflower Season at Lakeland Orchard & Cidery

August 27, 2020 - October 17, 2020
1649 Lakeland Dr, Scott Township, PA 18433
(570) 254-6038



🌻 Sunflower Season is here! 🌻

Come out to the Orchard and pick some beautiful, fresh flowers this season! Get ready to explore our 3 acres of sunflowers. Come and 'Cut Your Own' Sunflowers. ✂️🌻

Weekend Admission includes one FREE bloom! However, you're more than welcome to purchase a bucket of blooms.

Plus, included with festival admission is a 1/4 Peck of 'Pick Your Own' Apples! 🍏

Tickets should be purchased online this year : <https://lakeland-orchard.myshopify.com/>

Sunflower Season is open August 27th - October 17th: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lakeland Orchard Halloween Light Show



Limited tickets available per hour | Time slots are filling up. Get your tickets today!

[Tickets](#)

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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](#)



South Abington Woods Phase II POA Executive Board

Alan Myers	Chairperson
Jeanie Prall	Secretary
Jeanette Stauffer	Treasurer
Jerry Durkin	
Jean White	
Virginia Loughlin	
Lorraine Rosenberry	
POA Executive Board Email	poaexecutiveboard@gmail.com

South Abington Woods Phase II POA Committee Chairpersons

Financial Records Committee	Eugene McNamara
Insurance Compliance Committee	Eugene McNamara
Landscaping Committee landscapingpoa@yahoo.com	Virginia Loughlin
Newsletter Committee	Lorraine Rosenberry
Snow Removal Committee	Volunteers needed
Architectural Committee poaarchitecturecomm@gmail.com	Gene Arthur