

Happy New Year!

South Abington Woods Phase II

Newsletter
January, 2021

★
**Wishing you an
Unprecedented
Essential
Socially-distanced
Extraordinary happy
Healthy holiday**
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Executive Board

We would like to give a special thanks to exiting Board members, Jeanie Prall, Jerry Durkin and Jean White for their years of voluntary service and dedication to our community.

Please welcome new Board members, Regina Peters, Jim Specht and Joe Cognetti.

Executive Board Secretary

Thanks to Jim Specht for volunteering to be our new Secretary.

Landscape Committee

Wishes for a happy, healthy 2021 from the landscape committee.

Snow Removal Committee

Thanks to Joe Cognetti for volunteering to be our new Snow Removal Committee chairperson.

Association Dues

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





We are happy to share that AOS will be providing our snow removal services Starting January 1st.

Our new chairperson of the snow removal committee is **Joe Cognetti**.

Margaret McNulty has generously offered to assist.

Volunteers are needed to visually assess conditions in their area.

New snow removal email address: snowremovalpoa@gmail.com

What you should know:

- * Plowing of Wyndham Road will start after snow reaches more than one inch.
- * Mailboxes and fire hydrants will be cleared after the roadways.
- * Driveways and sidewalks will be cleared next.
- * Salt will be used on Wyndham Road.
- * Calcium chloride or another product such as “safe salt” will be used on driveways and sidewalks.
- * Residents who do not want their driveways treated should display an orange decal in the window of the garage door.

Anyone who needs an orange decal can contact **Margaret McNulty at the new snow removal email address**.

New to this contract:

- * Snow blowers and shovels will be used on driveways and sidewalks.
- * Calcium chloride or another product such as safe salt will also be used on driveways rather than rock salt.
- * The contractor may rotate areas when driveways will be cleared to be fairer to all residents.
- * After January – April, we will go to a seasonal contract from October to April, rather than a calendar year contract.
- * The contractor may plow a short distance from the curb to avoid the damage we had in the past.

Please adhere to the following previously adopted guidelines to allow proper snow removal:

During a snow or ice event no vehicles are allowed to be parked on Wyndham Road.

The contractor will not clean off vehicles in driveways in order to avoid accidental bumps or scratches.

No snow should be shoveled back onto the roadway at any time.

Any concerns or to volunteer, contact the Snow Removal Committee at snowremovalpoa@gmail.com.

Please include your name and Unit number in all correspondence.

South Abington Woods Phase II POA Website

Check out our new website www.sawp2poa.com

You can find the following information there:

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This website was developed as a resource to provide information regarding the Covenants, By Laws, etc. Please be sure to refer to the website first if you have questions regarding POA information.

Thanks to Gene McNamara for the beautiful cover picture.

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We can never say thank you enough to our association volunteers...so, thanks again to all of you!

A big thanks to Ruth Cognetti and the Social Club for all the efforts throughout this tough year to bring neighbors together and for arranging to have Manning's Ice Cream truck come to our neighborhood. Also for providing the Giving Tree to make Christmas special for kids.

Thanks to John Bendick for placing the snow stakes and for storing them.



Veterans Corner

Phil Judge 111 Wyndham Road served in the U S Army from 1955 - 1957, stationed in Germany with the 12th Ordinance Battalion as a cryptographer.

Joe Smerdon served at Technical Escorts Unit at Army Chemical Center in Edgewood Maryland 1957-1963. Trained at Ft. Jackson, S. Carolina SP4 designation [Specialist Fourth Class].



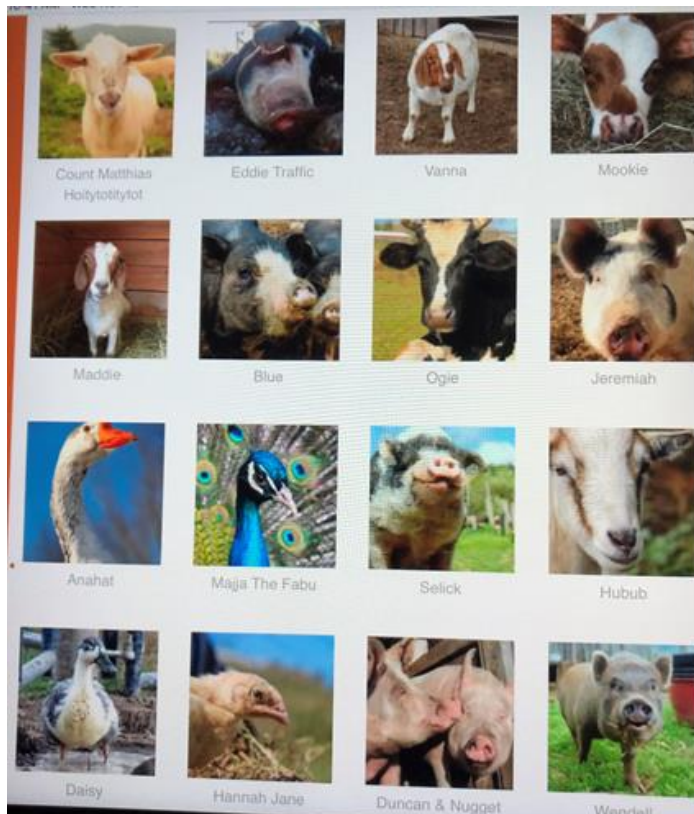
Prevent Falls This Winter

When the rain and snow starts to fall, so do people. In fact, falls are the leading cause of nonfatal injuries in adults 45 and older. Protect yourself from a life-changing injury this winter with these safety tips:

- * **Choose the right shoe.** Shoes and boots need to fit properly and have soles with good traction. Snow boots or hiking boots will provide the best protection for the worst type of weather.
- * **Leave early.** Falls are more likely to happen when you're in a rush. Allow yourself plenty of time to get to where you're going.
- * **Walk like a penguin.** Take short steps and walk as flat-footed as possible on icy or slippery ground.
- * **Keep your hands free.** You'll need them to help you balance, so avoid carrying heavy loads and keep those hands out of your pockets.
- * **Remove snow and ice from walkways frequently.** Don't wait for it to melt. That could take awhile. Apply ice melt and ask for help if you need it.
- * **Keep the lights on.** If you have exterior lights on your home, use them to help see where you're walking at night.
- * **Advocate for your safety.** If the entrances or sidewalks do not look safe outside of a business or a local venue, speak up and let someone know.

Pumpkins for Indraloka

The Winslow's collected end of season pumpkins donated by our neighbors in the development. The pumpkins were then delivered to Indraloka to be used as food for the more than 300 animals at the Animal Sanctuary in Dalton. Thanks so much to the Winslow's for this undertaking!



The Giving Tree

SOCIAL CLUB

Our Giving Tree for the Boys & Girls Club of Scranton was a great success! The Manager, Rich Kasavage, and the children were very appreciative of the generosity of the residents of Abington Woods. This year due to Covid, there were only 29 children. If we do this next year (and I hope so) it will be a massive undertaking---usually they have 100 to 150 children registered there. Thanks so much to our volunteers---Shelley Hunter, Ed Pricci, and Dale Collins. Special thanks to Mary Alice and Joe Doyle who not only volunteered but also gave up half of their garage for many weeks.

In this cold and dreary winter, please remember to check on your neighbors. If you need anything, please call someone from the list of NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS.

-----Ruth Cognetti



The ornaments were placed on this tree and within hours were all gone!

Late Summer Neighborhood Visitors



This curious deer was snapped by
Ed Pricci by his patio



A preying mantis was sighted on this spirea

Want to Start a Book Club? *(post COVID, of course)*



Have a Book Club brainstorm:

- * What kind of books would you like to read?
- * How often will you hold meetings?
- * How will your meetings be run?
- * Will you be the leader?
- * Will you share the responsibility with another or will you rotate who leads meetings?

Tips on choosing a book.

How big or small of a book club do you want to create? What is the maximum number of people you can accommodate?

Where, when and how will you hold Book Club meetings? Will they be hosted at someone's home, in a public space?

Once all of this has been decided, invite members.

Coordinate with your members to set up a pre-Book Club meeting. Topics to discuss:

- * Meeting time and place.
- * Create a meeting schedule.
- * How to run your meeting.
- * Select the first (or first series of) books.

Email your Book Club members to inform them of the following:

- * Meeting schedule.
- * Confirm the date, time, and location of your next meeting.
- * Include contact information for all members.
- * Book choice.

Before the First Meeting

- * Finish reading your book (mark any interesting passages you might want to discuss).
- * Prepare discussion questions and/or book related activities.
- * Confirm the meeting location.
- * Send out a reminder notification to all members of the meeting time and place.
- * Prepare/buy snacks (if you want to munch on snacks during your discussion).

Enjoy your first Book Club meeting!



Strawberry Cheesecake Flapjacks

Ingredients

3/4 c. low-sugar strawberry preserves
8 oz. strawberries, hulled and halved
2 c. all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. salt
2 1/2 c. lowfat buttermilk
2 large eggs
1 tbsp. granulated sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest
6 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 tbsp. butter Confectioners' sugar for garnish



Directions

In medium bowl, microwave preserves on high 1 minute or until melted. Stir in strawberries, set aside.

In large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt.

In another large bowl, with mixer on low speed, beat buttermilk, eggs, granulated sugar, vanilla and zest until combined. With hands, add cream cheese in chunks. Beat until cream cheese is well distributed but still slightly lumpy. Add buttermilk mixture to bowl with dry ingredients. Stir gently until just combined (small lumps are OK).

In 12-inch nonstick skillet, melt 1 tablespoon butter on medium. When pan is hot and foam from butter subsides, add batter by heaping quarter cupfuls. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbles begin to appear and edges are set. Turn and cook another 2 minutes or until bottom is golden brown.

If desired, transfer cooked pancakes to baking sheet in 225°F oven to keep warm.

Cook remaining batter in batches, adding more butter as needed.

Serve pancakes topped with strawberry mixture and dusting of confectioners' sugar.

Nutritional information (per serving): 455 cals, 12 g protein, 60 g carbs, 19 g fat (11 g sat), 1 g fiber, 500 mg sodium.



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

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