South Abington Woods II

Newsletter July 2025



Just a Friendly Reminder

POA Dues

The 3^{rd} quarter POA dues are due July 1^{st} .

Payments must be received on or before July 10th to avoid a penalty charge



Please adhere to the community speed limit and remind your guests to do the same.

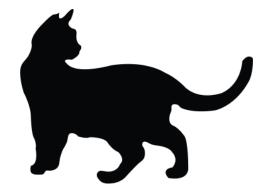
Also, please adhere to the stop signs on Wyndham Road.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Please refrain from feeding feral cats or any wildlife.

Information explaining the reasoning for not feeding wildlife follows on the next page.

Just a reminder that bird feeders are not allowed in the common areas.



Feeding wildlife in a townhome community is discouraged due to several reasons:



It can be harmful to the animals, increase the risk of disease spread, create dangerous situations for both humans and wildlife, and disrupt the natural ecosystem.

Feeding wildlife can alter their natural foraging habits and cause them to become reliant on humans for food.

This can lead to animals becoming less fearful of humans, potentially leading to dangerous encounters

Animals may also stop migrating at the appropriate time of year due to reliance on supplemental food sources.

Concentrating animals in one area through feeding can accelerate the spread of diseases among them.

Some diseases carried by wildlife can also be transmitted to humans and pets.

Animals accustomed to human food may become more aggressive in their attempts to obtain it.

They may also be attracted to areas where humans live or congregate, leading to unwanted interactions.

This can be particularly problematic in townhome communities where pets are often present.

Human food is often not nutritionally appropriate for wild animals and can lead to malnutrition.

Feeding can lead to overpopulation of certain species in a specific area, potentially damaging the local habitat and resources.

This can also lead to increased competition among animals for limited resources.

In some areas, it is illegal to feed wildlife, either directly or indirectly.

Feeding wildlife can also create potential liability for the townhome association.

Source: AI







Welcome

New Board Member, Marcy Bohleman

Thank You

Thanks to Gary White for collecting samples of damaged boxwood shrubs and taking them to Penn State Plant Disease Clinic for diagnosis. Information will be communicated when results are received.

Thanks to Ruth and Joe Cognetti for volunteering to trap the feral cat and her kittens. The mother cat will be spayed, dewormed and vaccinated. The kittens will be adopted out.



A reminder to residents: do not feed the feral cat.

Thanks to Joe Hazzouri for keeping our curbs looking good.





South Abington Woods II Summer Party

August 17

5:30 - 8:30

Happy Hour 5:30 to 6:30 (cash bar)

Buffet: 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizers:

o Mini crab cakes with Dijon dipping sauce

- Fresh Mozzarella Crostini
- Assorted Old Forge pizzas
- Coconut shrimp with plum sauce

Salad:

o Classic Ceaser with shaved Parmesan and homemade croutons

Entrees:

- o Gnocchi with tomato, alfredo, spinach, artichoke and red pepper
- Chicken Française
- Sausage and peppers

Sides:

o Scalloped potatoes au gratin and grilled asparagus

Dessert:

o Brownie a la mode with vanilla ice cream

Cost: \$52.00 per person

Make check out to Marilyn Green and place it in the box on the front porch at unit 117 (Marilyn Green)

Your check is your reservation

Checks must be in by Sunday, August 3rd.

Please join us, always a good time!



Landscape Committee

Due to the rainy weather and high growth, AOS has been mowing the grass on a weekly basis and is also completing the trimming of shrubs around each unit. AOS will schedule trimming/pruning of the shrubs in the common areas by September.

TruGreen has completed several spring and early summer applications and has applied a grub prevention treatment.

Work has been completed by AOS to improve the large berms on Country Club Road, and by Titan Tree Service to prune the large trees spilling over the power lines and poles.

The committee is currently formulating a few smaller projects for the remainder of this year and for all of next year.

On a special note, we are in the process of resolving the situation with the damaged boxwoods. We are working with the Penn State Plant Disease Clinic and our landscaping company to develop a plan to assist members in repairing or replacing the damaged shrubs and will communicate that plan to all members as soon as possible.

Margaret McNulty, Dorothy Moher, Maryann Burne, Gary White

Compact Hydrangea Varieties for Northeast Pennsylvania:

If you are considering replacing a dead shrub with a compact hydrangea, the following information may be helpful for you to choose the variety that is best for you. Hydrangeas are native shrubs and therefore, are hardier than shrubs that are not native. Pay attention to zones (I listed those that are hardy to our zone) and height and spread (I listed compact varieties) when purchasing a hydrangea. Corky's has most of the varieties listed.

~Lorraine

Tiny Quick Fire®

PANICLE HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea paniculata Full sun to part sun

Zones: 3-9

Height/Spread: 18" - 3' / 2' - 3'



One of the smallest panicle hydrangea varieties, this low-growing hydrangea has a compact habit that is suitable as a ground cover, border edging, or massed in drifts for greater impact. Flowers are produced on new wood, occurring several weeks earlier than most other hydrangeas. The rounded white flower heads turn to reddish-pink as they age.

Bobo[®]

PANICLE HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea paniculata
Full sun to part sun

Zones: 3-9

Height/Spread: 2'6" - 3' / 3' - 4'



One of the most popular dwarf hydrangea varieties, Bobo produces large, conical flowers from the top of the plant all the way to the ground for a head-turning display. Strong, sturdy stems hold the flowers upright, which continue to lengthen as they bloom. The pure white flowers turn dusky pink as they age, lasting from summer into fall. Use this little hydrangea in mass plantings, containers, and beds.

Invincibelle Wee White®

SMOOTH HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea arborescens
Full sun to part sun

Zones: 3-8

Height/Spread: 12' - 2'6" / 12' - 2'6"



This mini hydrangea is an 'Annabelle' type and one of the tiniest hydrangeas, reaching just 1 to 2 feet tall and wide. Large, rounded flower panicles start out blush pink, fading to creamy white before aging to green. Plants begin blooming in early summer, continuing to produce new flowers until the first frost. Use as a thriller element in containers, as border edging, or massed in the landscape for a show-stopping display.

Fire Light Tidbit®

PANICLE HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea paniculata Full sun to part sun

Zones: 3-9

Height/Spread: 2' - 3' / 3'



This innovative variety is the smallest panicle hydrangea bush, reaching just 2 to 3 feet tall and 3 feet wide. A profusion of large, mophead flowers are produced on thick stems in early to mid-summer, nearly obscuring the foliage. The white flowers acquire bright pink and red hues as they age, holding their color until the first frost. Textured green foliage develops fall color, an unusual trait for panicle hydrangeas. The compact habit is suitable as a ground cover or in mass plantings.

Let's Dance Sky View®

REBLOOMING HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea macrophylla x *serrata* Full sun to part sun

Zones: 4-9

Height/Spread: 2' - 3' / 2' - 4'



Let's Dance Sky View[®] produces a stunning display of oversized flowers in pastel hues of pink, lavender, and blue, depending on the soil pH. When grown in acidic soils, the flowers emerge vivid sky-blue with a honeydew-green eye, aging to solid blue. This petite variety is a hybrid between the highly popular bigleaf hydrangea and mountain hydrangea, with improved hardiness, heat tolerance, and the ability to flower on both old and new wood for a longer bloom time. The compact growth habit is suitable for containers and garden beds.

Tuff Stuff Top Fun®

REBLOOMING MOUNTAIN HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea serrata Full sun to part sun

Zones: 4-9

Height/Spread: 2' - 3' / 2' - 3'



Delicate lace-cap flowers have fertile green florets at the center, surrounded by bright pink or purple infertile petals around the edges for eye-catching contrast. Plants bloom abundantly throughout summer on both old and new wood for long-lasting color. One of the most versatile compact hydrangea varieties, use in foundation plantings, containers, or borders. Produced on bright burgundy stems, the flowers are especially showy in cut arrangements.

Tiny Tuff Stuff[™]

MOUNTAIN HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea serrata Full sun to part sun

Zones: 4-9

Height/Spread: 18" - 2' / 18" - 2'



Delicate lace-cap flowers are extremely bud-hardy and produced in abundance throughout summer on both old and new growth. Flowers have double sepals for a showier appearance, occurring in soft shades of blue, lavender, or pink, depending on soil pH. This miniature variety only grows up to 2 feet tall. Plant in containers or as a specimen in a small space.

Invincibelle Mini Mauvette®

SMOOTH HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea arborescens
Full sun to part sun

Zones: 3-8

Height/Spread: 2'6" - 3' / 2'6" - 3'



Invincibelle Mini Mauvette[®] is one of the smallest smooth hydrangeas, reaching up to 3 feet tall and wide. Rounded, mauve-pink flowers are held upright on thick stems that won't flop. Smooth hydrangeas bloom continuously from early summer until frost. These hardy bushes flower on the current season's growth, performing reliably every year, even in colder climates. Perfect for borders, mass plantings, or as a showy focal point.

Invincibelle Limetta®

SMOOTH HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea arborescens
Full sun to part sun

Zones: 3-8

Height/Spread: 2'6" - 3' / 2'6" - 3'



The large, rounded blooms of Invincibelle Limetta® have a cooling effect in the summer landscape, with lime-green flowers that shift to soft, pale green before maturing to jade green. The varying shades of green pair well with most other flower colors, holding up well in fresh and dried arrangements. New flowers continue to occur from early summer until frost. Use in foundation plantings, borders, or as a showy specimen.

Dwarf hydrangeas that stay small are easier to prune and maintain than larger varieties. Over-pruning can result in a loss of flowers for the current growing season. Dwarf types need minimal or no pruning.

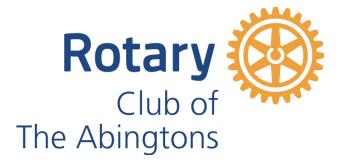




Facts About Your Favorite Fourth of July Foods

- o Over 74 million Americans are planning to grill out for the 4th of July.
- o Burgers (85%), steak (80%), hot dogs (79%), chicken (73%) are the most popular foods for the grill.
- o Every 4th of July, 150 million hot dogs are consumed in the U.S.
- Most of the pork hot dogs and sausages consumed on Independence Day come from Iowa.
- o Compared to hotdogs, Americans only buy 190 million pounds of red meat or pork for this holiday.
- Most beef hot dogs, steaks, and burgers come from Texas, Nebraska, or Kansas.
- o 750 million pounds of chicken is purchased leading up to the 4th of July.
- And that chicken most likely came from Georgia, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, or Texas.
- Americans spend much more on condiments than chips and dip for their Independence Day barbecues.
- 5% of the national beer consumption happens over the 4th of July weekend, which is about 68.3 million cases of beer.
- o Corn (41%), potatoes (41%), other veggies (32%) are the most popular grilled side dishes.
- There is a 66% chance your corn on the cob, most likely came from Florida, California, Georgia,
 Washington, or New York.
- o Odds are the potatoes in your potato salads or chips came from Idaho or Washington State.
- o And if you like tomatoes on your burger, they probably came from Florida or California.
- Florida, California, Georgia, or Texas most likely produced your watermelon that is served at your barbecue.
- o California probably grew the lettuce in your salad.

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The Rotary Club of the Abingtons 39th Annual 4th of July Firework Celebration will be held Thursday, July 3, 2025, at the Abington Heights Middle School, 1555 Newton Ransom Blvd. Parking opens at 5:00 p.m. and is only \$10.00 per vehicle.



There is no rain date for the event.

Due to construction at the site, handicapped parking may not be available and changes to traffic flow should be expected.

Security will direct parents picking up students after the show.

All parking is \$10.00 per vehicle and donations are appreciated to help offset event costs.

This long-standing community tradition offers a fun-filled evening for all ages—don't miss it!



THURSDAY, JULY 3RD 4:00 p.m. COURTHOUSE SQUARE DOWNTOWN SCRANTON

Courthouse Square in Scranton comes alive as Lehigh Valley Health Network presents the Lackawanna County Scrantastic Spectacular!

Bring the family and enjoy great foods, games and bounce houses for the kids, local bands on the Side Stage, and a LIVE performance from The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic beginning at 7: 30 p.m.

Then sit back and enjoy the Zambelli Fireworks Display sponsored in part by Quality Roofing Express!



SUMMER FEST

July 3rd - July 27th

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SEASON!

Join us for our giant celebration of Summer flavors and fun! Pick-Your-Own Blueberries, Indulge in a Blueberry King Slush, Blueberry Cobbler, Live Lumberjack Competitions, Music, Local Breweries and Wineries - Every Weekend!

<u>Lakeland Orchard & Cidery1649 Lakeland Drive,Scott Township, PA 18447</u> <u>info@lakelandorchard.com</u> (570) 254-6038

Time: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Sunday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday



La Festa Italiana, the annual celebration of food, culture and music, will be held Labor Day weekend (Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1, 2025) on Courthouse Square in the heart of Downtown Scranton, PA.

You can enjoy fantastic food, fun performances, art, and spectacular Sunday night fireworks.

The festival has been bringing people from all different ethnic backgrounds together since it originated in 1976.

Check back later for more information on vendors, entertainment, and an event schedule for the 2025 festival.

La Festa Italiana

Lackawanna County Courthouse 200 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503 (570) 348-4921

Free admission



Join Nay Aug Park for their concert series!

Enjoy great music while taking in the beauty of the park.

All concerts are free to the public and are held near the Pool Area

Wednesday Concert Series From: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July 2	Slipstream
July 9	Jack Meade & West 3rd Street Band
July 16	Xterra
July 23	Doug Smith With Tara Michel
July 30	The Werhun Band
August 6t	Teddy Young & The Aces
August 13	The Wanabees
August 20	Old Friends
August 27	EKAT & Friends

Sunday Concert Series From: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

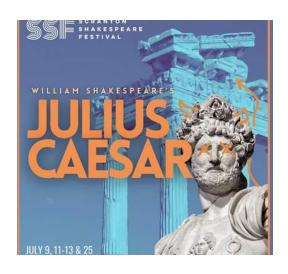
July 6	West 3rd Street Band
July 13	Flaxy Morgan
July 20	The Taxmen
July 27	Doug Smith's Dixieland All-Stars
August 3	Destination West
August 10	Gene Dempsey Orchestra
August 17	The 335
August 24	Jim Cullen, Jack Bordo, & Sharon Ambrosia
August 31	Adam Jonkman
September 7	Group De Jour
September 14	RAIN DATE

Lakeside Wednesday Night Summer Concert Series

Hillsidepark

Through August 20, 2025 6:00 p.m. Free admission

July 2	Astrocats
July 9	The Doug Smith Band
July 16	The Luongo Brothers
July 23	Wade Preston
July 30	Whiskey n' Woods
August 6	Phyllis Hopkins Electric Trio
August 13	2B1
August 20	Cellar Souls



Join the Scranton Shakespeare Festival for their performance of William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar!

The Marketplace at Steamtown 300 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

info@scrantonshakes.com

(570) 230-7277

Price:\$20 per person

Wednesday, July 9
Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12

Sunday, July 13

Friday, July 25



Pack a blanket and grab some popcorn.

Scranton Parks & Recreation's Movies in the Park series is back for the 2025 summer!

See the schedule below for upcoming dates, times, and event locations.

2025 Outdoor Movie Night Schedule

2 Dog Man • Saturday, July 12th at 8:30 PM

Location: Connell Park (800 Gibbons Street, Scranton, PA, 18505)

With a Scranton Police K9 Demo at 7:30 PM

Minecraft • Friday, July 18th at 8:30 PM

Location: Weston Field (982 Providence Road, Scranton, PA, 18508)

With Block Art Painting at 7:00 PM

The Good Dinosaur • Saturday, July 26th at 8:30 PM

Location: Weston Park (100 Spring Street, Scranton, PA, 18508)

With a Dino Craft at 7:00 PM

Elemental • Saturday, August 9th at 8:00 PM

Location: Crowley Park (1199 Highnett Place, Scranton, PA, 18509) With a Firetruck Demo at 7:00 PM

EXECUTE: Despicable Me 4 • Friday, August 22nd at 8:00 PM

Location: Weston Park (100 Spring Street, Scranton, PA, 18508)

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With a Back-to-School Giveaway

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<u>Lackawanna County,PA</u> programs@scrantongreenhouse.org

Price:\$5 per ticket

Free for children and OAOAmembers

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Join naturalist Jane Frye on The Greenhouse Project's Guided Nature Walks!

All walks begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. No pets are allowed on these walks. This event is free for OAOA Members and a \$5 donation for others.

Registration requested, but drop-ins also welcome. To register for this event, email **programs@scrantongreenhouse.org**.

For info during the week prior to walks, call Jane Frye at (570) 343-5144, and for info on the day of the walk, call Rob at (570) 954-5759.

Event Schedule

Blakely Borough Recreation Complex | Wednesday, May 21st | 10:00 a.m.

Old Mellow Park, Peckville

Spring wildflowers and rushing waters, all from a natural surface streamside trail. This will be an easy 2-mile walk.

McDade Park | Sunday, June 22nd | 10:00 a.m.

Bald Mountain Road, Scranton

Summer flowers will be the focus as attendees loop around the park's perimeter. This will be an easy to moderate 2-mile walk.

Lackawanna River Trail | Tuesday, July 22nd | 10:00 a.m.

Main Street, Archbald

This walk will have lots of wildlife and many flowers along this section of the river trail.

Trolley Trail At Keystone College | Sunday, August 17th | 10:00 a.m.

Trolley Trailhead, La Plume

This will be a 2 to 3-mile walk through history and nature on a flat, natural surface.





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





Lehigh Valley Hospital

330 Main Street Dickson City, PA 18519-1691 570-330-5000

Website

Geisinger Community Medical Center

Main: 570-703-8000

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 II POA Executive Board

Lorraine Rosenberry	Chairperson
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South Abington Woods II POA Committee Chairpersons

Landscaping	Margaret McNulty
Snow Removal	Joe Cognetti
Newsletter	Lorraine Rosenberry
Architectural	Joe Cognetti

POA Executive Board Mission Statement

The mission of the South Abington Woods Phase II Property Owners Association Executive Board is to:

- Preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life and sense of community through efficient and cost-effective management of the Association.
- Enforce covenants, by-laws, conditions and restrictions, designed to preserve and enhance property values and the common environment, in a fair and ethical manner.

Adopted May 12, 2021

