

South Abington Woods II POA

Newsletter April 2026



Just a Friendly Reminder

POA Dues

The 2nd quarter POA dues are due April 1st.

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

Trash

Please be reminded that your trash containers need to have lids/covers to prevent trash from blowing throughout the neighborhood.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Owner Feedback Form

Just a reminder, use the Owner Feedback Form to report information to the Board or Property Manager. This allows better communication, follow up and recording of issues.

Coming Soon

In keeping with plans to keep our community clean and pristine, we have contracted with a local company to power wash our units in early April. Watch for details from our Property Manager.

Also stop signs will be installed on Wyndham Road near the area of units 25 and 131 as soon as weather permits.





Thank
You

A big thank you to our Board of Directors and other volunteers.

Be sure to let them know you appreciate the work they do for our association.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

To begin our 2026 landscaping season, we have scheduled spring clean-up (AOS) and our first application of fertilizer and pre-emergent weed control (TruGreen) for the first week of April. Mowing will begin in April and edging of beds will take place by the end of the month.

As we enter the growing season, any resident who wasn't able to replace dead shrubs around their unit last year can still arrange that service by calling AOS at 570-563-1128. Our amended Landscaping Rules allow the following replacement shrubs: Azalea, Dwarf Hydrangea, Spirea, Boxwood, and Holly.

Happy Spring!
Margaret McNulty
Landscaping Committee Chair





Latest Scam Trends and News (March 2026)

AI and Synthetic Identity Fraud: Scammers are using AI to create thousands of fake identities ("identity farms") to open fraudulent accounts.

Imposter Scams: Government imposter scams (e.g., claiming to be the IRS or law enforcement) have seen a massive rise in early 2026, often demanding payment via crypto or wire transfer.

Employment Scams: With high layoffs, scammers are targeting job seekers with fake job ads on social media and professional sites.

Tax Scams: The FTC has issued warnings about scams targeting taxpayers with fake "tax resolution" phone calls.

Romance-Investment (Pig Butchering): Criminal gangs continue to target people on social media, building trust before soliciting fake investments.

Major Industry Action: Major tech companies (Google, Meta, Microsoft, etc.) signed an accord in March 2026 to share intelligence, combat AI scams, and work with law enforcement to break up global scam networks.

How to Protect Yourself

Slow Down: Scammers create a false sense of urgency. Hang up or delete the message.

Verify Independently: If a "government agency" calls, hang up and call the official number on their website.

Don't Move Money: Never transfer money to "protect" your account or pay taxes.

Report Scams: Report online fraud to the [FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#) and the [FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#).

[Click Here to Learn How to Avoid a Scam](#)

Spring Potted Flowers

Create vibrant spring porch pots using cold-tolerant flowers like pansies, violas, primrose, and ranunculus, combined with spring bulbs like grape hyacinths and miniature daffodils. Use Thriller-Filler-Spiller techniques with evergreens like Dwarf Japanese Holly for structure and add trailing plants like Lamium for texture.

Top Spring Potted Flowers & Foliage

- **Best Blooms:** Pansies, Violas (most cold-hardy), Primrose, Ranunculus, Petunias (late spring), Stock, and Dianthus.
- **Spring Bulbs:** Grape Hyacinth (Muscari), Tulips, Daffodils.
- **Texture & Foliage:** Lamium (dead nettle), Coral Bells (Heuchera), Lamb's Ear, Ivy.

Spring Container Ideas

- **Classic Pastel Mix:** Pair purple violas, white stock, and pink tulips for a soft look.
- **Sunny Porch Display:** Combine yellow pansies, bright daffodils, and blue hyacinths.
- **Elegant & Formal:** Use a single, large topiary like a Dwarf Japanese Holly flanked by colorful violas at the base.
- **High Contrast:** Use purple hellebores, silver-leaved coral bells, and yellow daffodils.

Tips for Success

- **Cool Weather Prep:** Choose plants that can handle chilly nights, such as violas and ornamental cabbage.
- **Layering Bulbs:** Plant tulips or daffodils deeper beneath shallow-rooted pansies for a two-stage spring show.
- **Maintenance:** Deadhead flowers like pansies regularly to promote new blooms.
- **Soil:** Use a high-quality potting mix that provides good drainage to prevent rot.

Source: *Proven Winners*



happy SPRING



*No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep."
Silk + Sonder*

April is named from the Latin *aperire* ("to open"), signifying blooming flowers and trees. It features diamonds as birthstones, daisies as birth flowers and two zodiac signs (Aries/Taurus). April is famous for April Fools' Day, Earth Day and tax day, along with unpredictable showers.

The best colors for April are pale yellow and grass green, representing the joy of spring, new growth and sunshine. These shades reflect the blooming, fresh atmosphere of the month. Other popular April colors include pastel pink, light blue and crisp white, often paired with silver or diamond-like shimmering accents.

Key April Color Options:

Pale Yellow (Lemon Zest): Considered a top choice to bring a happy, energetic and optimistic vibe to spaces.

Grass Green: Symbolizes new life and growth.

Pastels (Mint, Blush, Lavender): Ideal for capturing the fresh, blooming feeling of spring.

White and Silver Shimmer: Represents the diamond birthstone.

Malibu Blue: Offers a tropical feel suitable for the changing season.

The April birthstone is the diamond, representing everlasting love, strength, and innocence.

The primary birth flower for April is the daisy, symbolizing purity, true love and innocence, while the sweet pea is also recognized as an April birth flower.



Everhart Museum

Hubble Space Telescope: New Views of the Universe

This traveling exhibition immerses visitors in the magnificence and mystery of the Hubble Space Telescope's and James Webb Space Telescope's mission of exploring planets, stars, galaxies, and the universe. The exhibition features a scale model of the Hubble Space Telescope as well as several satellite units that offer visitors a hands-on experience.

Visitors will learn about various instruments and the role that each one plays in providing exciting new images and discoveries, while also getting a glimpse of the various hurdles astronauts face in repairing and servicing the observatory.

The exhibition showcases Hubble's iconic images and data of planets, galaxies, regions around black holes, and many other fascinating cosmic entities that have captivated scientists for centuries.

For more information, [click here](#).



Observatory Public Viewing Program

The Keystone College Thomas G. Cupillari '60 Observatory programs offer an observation of the night sky through the telescopes. The scheduled programs are provided as a community service and are free of charge. No registration required.

Spring Program: March 18 through May 22, 2026.

The Thomas G. Cupillari '60 Astronomical Observatory will begin its spring sessions on Wednesday, March 18 from 8–10 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday and Friday evening through May 22.

The sessions are provided free of charge and advance registration is not required.

Following a brief talk which changes weekly, participants will be able to observe the Moon, planets, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, and the Milky Way through telescopes.

The sessions will be held outdoors and in unheated buildings and visitors should dress accordingly. The sessions will be held on both cloudy or clear nights and will only be canceled due to severe weather. Visitors should check the weather before traveling to the Observatory.

[Click here for more information](#)



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Clue: A New Comedy

April 24 – 26, 2026

Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they'll never forget! Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or was it Colonel Mustard in the library with the wrench?

Based on the fan-favorite 1985 Paramount Pictures movie and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue* is the ultimate whodunit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist.

[Click here for more information](#)

"FAST, FURIOUS, FUNNY"
—The Philadelphia Inquirer

"Bruce in the USA"

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.



Titled the World's Greatest Tribute to Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band by AXS TV's The World's Greatest Tribute Bands, Bruce In The USA delivers a high-energy musical experience that has captivated sell-out crowds around the globe. Known for its fun-filled, party-like atmosphere, the show is a celebration of the Springsteen legacy.

Led by veteran performer Matt Ryan, this powerhouse act features an elite lineup of seasoned, world-class professional musicians—many of whom have performed with legendary artists including Queen/Paul Rodgers, Meat Loaf, Blue Öyster Cult, Hall & Oates, Joe Cocker, The O'Jays, Aretha Franklin, David Cassidy, The Temptations, Slash, and more.

"The most powerful and intense Springsteen tribute on the planet."

— Legends In Concert, Las Vegas

[Click here for more information](#)



June 10, 2026 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Every moment, every sound, each expression of every song evokes the power and the passion of Neil Diamond.

Visually spectacular and warmly familiar, this powerful concert experience is not only a feast for the eyes and ears, but for the heart.

Combining the passion of Broadway with the power of a live concert we rediscover his charismatic presence in this uplifting production, complete with a finale of heart pounding patriotic pride!

[Tickets](#)



June 13, 2026 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

[Tickets](#)

There's trouble in River City, with a capital "T." This classic musical comedy follows Harold Hill, a fast-talking traveling salesman, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize — despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. However, his plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the town's librarian, who aims to turn him into a respectable citizen.

This family-friendly production features the classic songs "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Trouble," "Til There Was You," "Pickalittle" and "Gary, Indiana."

What's Cooking in April?

April recipes focus on fresh spring produce like asparagus, peas, radishes, and lemon, offering lighter meals after winter.



Key dishes include:

asparagus risotto, [lemon herb roasted chicken](#), spinach salads, [strawberry-rhubarb desserts](#), and quick sheet pan dinners.

Spring Vegetable Focused

[Asparagus Caesar with Pecorino](#): A fresh take on a classic salad.

[Crispy Tortellini with Peas & Prosciutto](#): A 12-minute meal using frozen tortellini as a base.

[Creamy Ramp Pasta with Asparagus](#): Highlights early spring ramp season.

[Roasted Carrot Puff Pastry Tart](#): Uses spring carrots and goat cheese.

Easy Weeknight Dinners

[Sheet Pan Chicken Tikka](#): Easy cleanup with potatoes and cauliflower.

[Lemon-Tarragon Shrimp Scampi](#): Light, flavorful seafood dish.

[Pan-Seared Cod with Radish & Lentil Salad](#): Fast and healthy, incorporating crunchy radishes.

Fresh Spring Salads & Sides

[Green Goddess Hummus](#): Packed with herbs for a light snack.

[Blistered Snap Peas with Feta](#): A simple side dish with salty cheese.

[Carrot Arugula Salad](#): A bright lunch option with avocado Ambitious Kitchen.

Spring Desserts

[Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb Bars](#): A perfect balance of tart and sweet.

[Lemon Blueberry Zucchini Cake](#): A light, fruity cake Ambitious Kitchen.

[Orange Blossom Almond Cake](#): Light and citrusy for spring brunch.



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](#)

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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

