

South Abington Woods II POA

Newsletter July 2026



POA Dues

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

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



SOUTH ABINGTON WOODS PHASE II POA BOARD UPDATE

BOARD REORGANIZATION:

The Board extends a special thank you to Joe Cognetti who recently retired from the South Abington Woods Phase II POA Executive Board of Directors. Joe has served many years as a Board member, most recently as Board Chairperson and Chair of our Snow and Architecture Committees. We thank him for being a dedicated volunteer for our community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Due to Joe's retirement from the Board, the following officers were recently confirmed by the Board. These officer positions are temporary until the regular Board election in January, 2027:

Chair	- Margaret McNulty
Secretary	- Karen Thomas
Treasurer	- JoAnne Kelly
Member	- Vito Geroulo
Member	- Marcy Bohleman

The Board is pleased to announce that Dave Bushko has joined the Board. Welcome, Dave!!

Board update cont.

STOP SIGN PROJECT:

Due to the concerns of many of our residents, two additional stop signs were recently installed in our community to help slow down traffic. Although it has helped, we have more work to do. We are again asking all residents to comply with the 20 mph speed limit. Residents should also remind visitors and delivery vehicles of the speed limit whenever the opportunity presents itself. Thank you for your cooperation. We want to keep residents, children and pets safe.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:

The Board has received reports of unframed bathroom mirrors crashing to the floors with a loud noise and breaking into hundreds of pieces. This has occurred in older units when the glue holding the mirror to the wall has dried out. A call was made to the original contractor and he indicated that this problem could be prevented if 2 clips were installed on the top of each frameless mirror to hold them in place. Preferred Management will install the clips for a \$60 charge for each mirror. This fee will include hardware and labor. Please contact Preferred Management if you are interested in having this work done.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT:

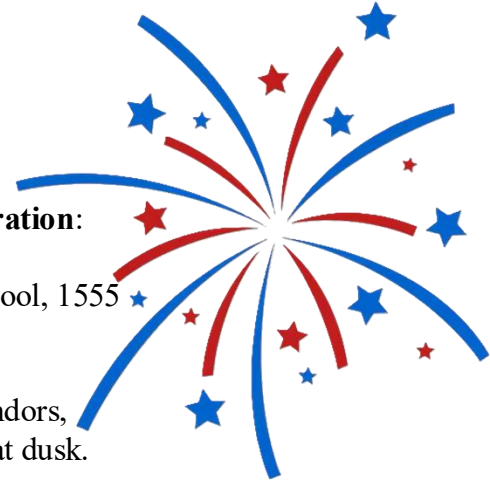
The following landscape work has been completed:

TruGreen has applied 3 treatments, 2 to the grass and 1 to mulched beds
AOS has completed the following:

- 8 mowings, edged beds and pruning of all shrubs around units
- All boxwoods around units have been treated with a systemic insecticide to resolve the problem with leaf miner insects. This treatment lasts up to 1 year and should eliminate the boxwood problem this year and next year. It is not harmful to humans or animals.
- A dead tree behind units 124 and 126 was taken down and replaced.

Please note, we all need to be very careful not to interrupt workers (AOS, TruGreen, Painters, Driveway Sealers, etc.) who are performing contracted work for our community. They must complete their work in a timely manner and adhere to a schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Landscape Committee. Thank you.

Local July 4th Celebrations



The Rotary Club of the Abingtons 40th Annual Fireworks Celebration:

Takes place on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Abington Heights Middle School, 1555 Newton Ransom Blvd., Clarks Summit.

Parking opens at 5:00 p.m. and costs \$10 per vehicle. Enjoy food vendors, face painting and family activities leading up to the fireworks show at dusk.

SWB RailRiders | Semiquincentennial Festivities & Independence Day Celebration

Presented By:

[Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders](#)

Dates:

July 2, 2026 - July 4, 2026

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders are thrilled to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday through 2026. Semiquincentennial festivities peak on July 2-4. With the rush of the United States hosting the World Cup, the first 1,000 fans get a custom SWB soccer jersey on Thursday, July 2, plus a special Thursday fireworks blowout. Enjoy a post-game fireworks spectacular on Friday, July 3, courtesy of ShurSave.

On July 4, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders honor our nation with custom jerseys, set to be auctioned off, benefitting Camp Freedom. After the final out, an annual extended fireworks extravaganza, presented by the PA Lottery, will help cap the best celebration of the last two-and-a-half centuries!

Scrantastic Spectacular & Fireworks Show

Presented By:

[Lackawanna County Courthouse](#)

Dates:

July 3, 2026

Lackawanna County Courthouse Square in Scranton comes alive with the Lackawanna County Scrantastic Spectacular on Friday, July 3rd, 2026! With the event starting at 4:00 p.m., bring the family and enjoy great food, games, local bands and a live performance from The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic at 7:30 p.m. Then sit back and enjoy the best fireworks display in NEPA!

The fireworks launch location will be at the Linden Street Garage above Catch 21. See the [Event Map](#) for best viewing locations.

America's 250th Anniversary

July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary (the Semiquincentennial) of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, making it the most significant milestone in American history since the 1976 Bicentennial. This year commemorates a quarter-millennium of American independence, shifting the national celebration from a standard federal holiday into a historic, year-long nationwide focus on reflecting on the nation's past, honoring the contributions of all Americans, and looking toward its future.

Key Significance of July 4, 2026

The Semiquincentennial: July 4, 2026, marks 250 years since the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence in 1776, marking the birth of the nation.

Massive National Celebration: Known as America's Block Party, this year will feature the largest synchronized Fourth of July celebration in U.S. history, with major events in Philadelphia, New York City, and nationwide.

Freedom 250 Task Force: A full year of festivities, beginning in 2025 and culminating in July 2026, is being executed to mark this once-in-a-generation event.

National Focus on Reflection: This year encourages a pause to reflect on America's 250-year journey toward a more perfect union.

The National Garden of American Heroes: Scheduled to open in July 2026, this new initiative will honor historical figures.

Observed Date: Because July 4, 2026, falls on a Saturday, the federal observed holiday will be on Friday, July 3, 2026.

Charitable Giving: "Giving 4th" is a movement to establish this anniversary as a new day for voluntary service and charitable giving.





Everhart Museum

America 250: We the People us

Through September 6, 2026

In celebration of America's 250th birthday, the Everhart Museum is presenting a special exhibition chronicling America's founding, formation, and its fruition as the world's model in rule by "we the people." The exhibition includes artifacts from the American Revolutionary War Era, through the trials and tribulations that challenged the new nation, and onto the present, encompassing original flags, clothing, weapons, paintings, and prints highlighting the nation as it turns 250.

Focuses include the infamous Sullivan's March through Northeastern PA, replicas of Colonial Williamsburg and reproduction Revolutionary War weapons and clothing, and original paintings and prints by local master John Willard Raught, and by modern masters Robert Indiana, Ed Ruscha, N.C. Wyeth, and Jacob Lawrence, among others.

Hubble Space Telescope: New Views of the Universe 🍌 ✨

New Views of the Universe is a traveling exhibition on view at the Everhart Museum through July 2026, offering an immersive look at humanity's exploration of space. Developed in partnership with NASA and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the exhibition has toured for more than two decades and is regularly updated with new images and discoveries.

Visitors are invited to explore the missions of the Hubble Space Telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope through iconic imagery and scientific data highlighting planets, stars, galaxies, regions around black holes, and other awe-inspiring cosmic phenomena. The exhibition features a scale model of the Hubble Space Telescope, hands-on satellite components, and engaging displays that explain how Hubble's instruments work and the challenges astronauts face when repairing and servicing the observatory.

This family-friendly exhibition offers a deeper understanding of space science while showcasing the groundbreaking images that have shaped our view of the universe.



Lakeside Summer Concert Series

Price:

Free admission

Time:

6:00 p.m.

Recurrence:

Recurring weekly on Wednesday

Come unwind by the water for free at the 2026 Lakeside Summer Concert Series at Hillside Park on Wednesdays from July 1st to September 2nd, starting at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a rotating lineup of amazing local bands, from folk and rock to blues and acoustic vibes — there's something for everyone!

Expect live music by the lake, food and beverages available for purchase, free canoe rentals during the concerts, beautiful sunset views, and a relaxing summer vibe. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, grab a bite, and soak up the sounds of summer. This event is perfect for families, date night, or a midweek escape!

2026 Concert Schedule

- Wednesday, July 1st | **Wanabees**
- Wednesday, July 8th | **Astrocats**
- Wednesday, July 15th | **Wade Preston**
- Wednesday, July 22nd | **Cellar Souls**
- Wednesday, July 29th | **The Luongo Brothers**
- Wednesday, August 5th | **Doug Smith's Dixieland All-Stars**
- Wednesday, August 12th | **Whiskey n' Woods**
- Wednesday, August 19th | **Phyllis Hopkins Electric Trio**
- Wednesday, August 26th | **Wand'ring Around**
- Wednesday, September 2nd | **Daddy-O & The Sax Maniax**

July

July is the seventh month of the Gregorian calendar and the second month of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. Spanning 31 days, it was named in 44 B.C. by the Roman Senate to honor Roman general and statesman Julius Caesar.

Birthstone: Ruby (representing a contented mind)

Zodiac Signs: Cancer (June 22 – July 22) and Leo (July 23 – August 22)

July has two official birth flowers: the striking **Larkspur** and the serene **Water Lily**.

Larkspur: Symbolizes positivity, love and an open heart. Its tall, vibrant stalks are a favorite in summer bouquets and come in shades of blue, pink, and purple.



Water Lily: Represents peace, purity, and spiritual enlightenment. This aquatic flower floats gracefully and closes at night, symbolizing emotional strength and renewal.



Two zodiac signs fall in July: Cancer and Leo

Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

Element: Water

Symbol: The Crab



Traits: Ruled by the Moon, Cancers are known for being intuitive, nurturing and fiercely loyal. They are deeply connected to their homes and families, though their protective "shells" can sometimes make them appear guarded.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Element: Fire

Symbol: The Lion

Traits: Ruled by the Sun, Leos are known for their bold, creative, and charismatic personalities. They are natural-born leaders who are generous, confident, and enjoy being the center of attention.



State Parks to Visit Near Us

Archbald Pothole State Park

ARCHBALD, PA

Located in Archbald, [Archbald Pothole State Park](#) is home to one of the world's largest glacial potholes, a rare geological formation over 40 feet deep and wide. This small but fascinating park features a short loop trail through forested terrain along a former mining route. Visitors can enjoy a peaceful walk while spotting local wildlife and learning about the area's glacial history. It's a quick, unique stop for nature lovers exploring NEPA



Frances Slocum State Park

WYOMING, PA

Centered around a 165-acre lake, [Frances Slocum State Park](#) in Wyoming offers year-round outdoor recreation in the [Back Mountain region](#). Visitors can enjoy fishing, boating, kayaking and wildlife watching, along with scenic hiking trails, a seasonal swimming pool and modern camping facilities. From lake views and family-friendly amenities to birding and paddling opportunities, the park remains one of Northeastern PA's most popular outdoor destinations.



Lackawanna State Park

NORTH ABINGTON TWP., PA

Just outside [Scranton](#), [Lackawanna State Park](#) in North Abington Township offers a peaceful escape with easy access to outdoor recreation. The park features a 198-acre lake ideal for kayaking, fishing and boating. Visitors can explore over 18 miles of trails for hiking, biking and wildlife watching. It's a convenient, year-round destination for getting outside in NEPA.



Nescopeck State Park

DRUMS, PA

Spanning more than 3,500 acres, [Nescopeck State Park](#) in Drums features wetlands, forests and meadows rich with wildlife. The park offers 19 miles of trails for hiking and exploring the scenic Nescopeck Creek. Visitors can fish at Lake Frances or take part in programs at the Environmental Education Center. It's one of the best spots in NEPA for birding and nature exploration.



Ricketts Glen State Park

BENTON, PA

Known for its breathtaking waterfalls, [Ricketts Glen State Park](#) in Benton features 22 cascading falls along its popular Falls Trail. Visitors can hike rugged trails, fish, swim and camp throughout the park's expansive landscape. The 94-foot Ganoga Falls is a highlight for many hikers. It's one of the best state parks in Pennsylvania for [waterfall hikes](#) and scenic views



Salt Springs State Park

MONTROSE, PA

Home to old-growth forests and a scenic gorge, [Salt Springs State Park](#) in Montrose offers a quiet, rugged outdoor experience. Visitors can explore nearly 15 miles of trails leading to waterfalls, streams and towering hemlocks. The park also features trout fishing, rustic camping and peaceful picnic areas. Its remote setting makes it ideal for hiking and nature photography.





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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South Abington Woods II POA Committee Chairpersons

Landscaping	Margaret McNulty
Newsletter	Lorraine Rosenberry

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

