



## I WANT YOU for the SCECA Board!

## 2020 Board Candidates Needed

by Betty Ann Ricci Gorman,  
Nominating Committee

Homeowners, it is that time of year for you to consider running for the Board of Directors (BOD). Candidates, if you are a TEAM player, think about running. If you have the time, the hours, can agree to disagree, and handle some stress, maybe it's you who can make a difference.

As a member of the Board you will be working together as a team. This is your opportunity to put the needs of our community first. Working with the BOD in a positive manner will help Saw Creek Estates maintain its Gold Star Status.

Saw Creek Estates is our home. Let's make sure that by working together it stays the Best Community in the Poconos.

### TIMELINE

- March 23 Application form available at [www.sawcreek.org](http://www.sawcreek.org)
- April 6 - May 1 Completed applications accepted 12:00pm April 6 through 5:00pm May 1. Applications must be elec-

tronically submitted to [nominations@sawcreek.org](mailto:nominations@sawcreek.org) and accompanied by a headshot photo (.jpg preferred) for the candidate biography.

- May 1 Application deadline for all Saw Creek printed or distributed material. Applications received after May 1, 2020 will NOT appear in any Saw Creek printed or distributed material. *Note: Candidates have the opportunity to run election ads in the Saw Creek News. For pricing, availability, etc., contact Community Newspaper Publishers at (570) 476-3103 or email: [mail@cnpnet.com](mailto:mail@cnpnet.com).*
- May 9 Candidates will be announced to the Board of Directors at the monthly Board of Directors meeting. All Candidates are encouraged to attend. A luncheon for the Candidates and Board Members will take place following the meeting.

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## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jerry Roe

by Ginni Cozzi, Public Information Committee

Around 1953-54, 12-year Saw Creek resident Jerry Roe received a Brownie Box Camera from his dad. From that moment on, he was focused and passionate about photography. It became a passion he would turn into his professional career, and now as a retiree into writing and directing a feature length "biopic" entitled "Righteous Among Men."

Probably none of us who live here will be in the movie, but we can certainly be proud to have a filmmaker (writer/director) living among us and share a little bit in his achievement.

Born in New York City in 1945, Jerry grew up in the North Bergen area of New Jersey, and that's where his life in photography began. He learned photo development from two Italian brothers who owned a local photography store "around the block." Jerry carried his picture taking skills into high school, where he took the photos for the school newspaper.

After high school, Jerry attended RCA Institute and majored in electronic engineering, but he would choose to make a living with his camera, working mainly with a wedding photographer and freelancing in private and industrial photography. Early on in his career, Jerry became a member of a film club in New York City, where the members would write and make their own short films and critique those of other members; HE LOVED IT! However, like so many of us, he had to put big dreams aside in order to raise and support his family, but the "film bug" had taken hold of Jerry, and it would never go away.

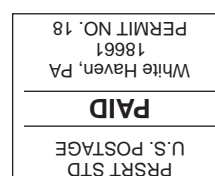
After Jerry and Susan, his wife of 50 years, had raised their beautiful twin daughters (one is a film producer!) and decided to retire, they moved here to Saw Creek. With time on their hands, they started exploring our state, and Jerry found a film club in the Easton area - the "film bug" returned in full force!

Jerry sees himself as a storyteller and chooses film as his medium. The story of Gino Bartali came to his attention around 2012, and although Gino was famous throughout Europe and had several books and documentaries written about him already, they were always written from a third-person point

of view. Jerry loved the story but wanted to share it here in the United States from the first-person point of view - through Gino's eyes; thus, he wrote the screenplay for "Righteous Among Men" and set out to get his "biopic" (fictional dialogue based on facts and historical events and attitudes) produced.

This is not Jerry's first film (he has four short documentaries to his credit), but this is his dream film. Everything is in place to go to production (producer, actors, many of whom are locals to Bethlehem, location, lighting, sound, etc.), but funding it is ongoing and the most difficult to accomplish for independent filmmakers. He says he will not underfund it and sacrifice the quality of this amazing story. If you wish to find out more about "Righteous Among Men" or how you might help get it to the big screen, you can go to [www.righteousamongmen.com](http://www.righteousamongmen.com).

The Saw Creek Community wishes Jerry and his film the best of luck and hopes he succeeds in his endeavor to share Gino's story because as fellow residents we all share a little in his success.



# President's Message

by Suzanne Mark, SCE Board President

What a Difference a Day Makes! Suddenly our world has changed by something we cannot see, hear, touch, smell or even imagine. We have been sequestered to our homes.

For those of us here in Saw Creek, this is not a punishment. Every holiday when I see the throngs of people coming to the front gate or exiting at the end of the holiday, I feel blessed that I'm already home and I get to stay.

We wake up to beauty every morning. We wind up our days to dazzling sunsets. In a few weeks our trees take on a bright lime green of buds. Even now the daffodils are popping through the winter leaf cover. What's the downside?

Furthermore, a recent article on Accuweather.com indicates that "high temperature and high relative humidity significantly reduce the spread of the new coronavirus." We need to get outdoors but still maintaining appropriate social distancing. Let's walk or drive around our gorgeous community. Slow down and enjoy our beautiful environment.

Disney is trademarked as "The Happiest Place on Earth." We need to trademark something like, "Saw Creek - The Most Joyful, Delightful and Peaceful Place on Earth." Disney is closed. Saw Creek is open!

On a personal note, I ran into a dear friend and neighbor at the grocery store a few days ago. From the other side of a shopping cart, Paulette said to me, "I MISS MY HUGS!" "Me too," I responded.

But we can reach out and touch each other with virtual hugs - a phone call, email, skyping, calling across our yards or even writing and stamping the archaic tradition of letter writing. It's a great way to meet and greet our neighbors.

We're a GOLD STAR Community, # 1 in the Poconos and I still can't believe I live here! Now is the time for 'random acts of kindness.' Be a hero in your own life.



# Manager's Report

by David Martin, General Manager

By now, every one of us has felt the impact of the COVID-19 virus in our daily lives. Governor Wolf issued an executive order on Thursday, March 19, 2020, ordering all businesses that are not "life-sustaining" be closed. Since that time, the order has been updated several times.

Here in Saw Creek Estates, we have had to close our office and amenities, cancel or postpone community events and limit some service and support functions. We regret the significant hardship these measures have caused you and your families and we remain committed to providing you with the best possible service and support during these trying times.

As a member of CAI's PA Legislative Action Committee, I'm pleased to inform you that CAI has been working with several legislators and our lobbyists over this past weekend to seek a waiver to permit the operation of essential administrative services within community associations. Late on Sunday evening, March 21, 2020, CAI received confirmation that this waiver has been granted by the Office of the Governor.

Community associations in PA may permit a skeleton administrative staff to process financial transactions such as the processing of assessment payments, paying the bills, and to keep the business of the association running. We have already taken steps to ensure that these essential administrative services remain functional via remote and telework assignments.

One thing that has not been impacted is our sense of COMMUNITY! I have personally witnessed many of our great volunteers, community leaders, and staff coming together during this time of crisis to help one another. In the true spirit of community, we can and must continue to do our best to communicate, stay connected and offer our support to those we serve and care for.

We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available. Please be sure to check our weekly email blasts, Facebook page, and website. It is important during this time that we all work together, help each other and do our part to help decrease the spread of this virus.

As your General Manager I'd like to take a moment and thank all of the health-care community and critical workers like the doctors, nurses, first-responders, grocery store employees, pharmacy staff and others who live in or serve our community. You all are the unsung heroes during this challenging time, and I extended sincere gratitude to every one of you on the front lines of this crisis.

Just like you, I am proud to do my part to ensure that Saw Creek Estates remains the #1 community in the Poconos, both in good times and in times of crisis. Your safety and well-being remain our utmost concern and I thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.



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## PA American Water Project

Please be advised of the PA American Water (<https://amwater.com/paaw>) project in progress. The entire project is scheduled until May 29 and is for SPECIFIC areas at SPECIFIC times - NOT a complete community-wide outage for the full duration. Sign up for CodeRED to get these specific alerts as they happen: [https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF92C048CF84?fbclid=I-wAR00v7vAgpXI9JW7ASJxnSCFKgtpt8uB-XXOcJ8a3\\_eHGnD3ATyXdikPfgk](https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF92C048CF84?fbclid=I-wAR00v7vAgpXI9JW7ASJxnSCFKgtpt8uB-XXOcJ8a3_eHGnD3ATyXdikPfgk)

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## The Safety Spot

by Frank DenDulk

Within the past month, the seriousness of the health threat posed by corona virus COVID-19 has panicked both our community and our country. As this is written,

schools are closed and confirmed cases of the virus are here in our county. What are we going to do?

The Safety Committee recommends following the advice of those better qualified than us to provide it. The leading healthcare professionals and governmental health authorities have far more knowledge than we do.

To begin, don't be scared, be prepared. Take a deep breath. Avoid the extremes of hysteria and denial.

By now you've had weeks of basic hygiene and cleaning reminders so they'll not be repeated here. You've probably added a new term to your vocabulary. Social Distancing is staying at least six feet away from others when outside of home. The best way to keep the disease from spreading is to avoid contact with others who may have it. Since we're unsure who carries it, the short-term recommendation is, within reason, to isolate your household.

Stay current with developments from trusted sources of information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org)), the Pennsylvania Department of Health ([www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)), the Pike County Commissioners Office ([www.pikepa.org](http://www.pikepa.org)), the Lehigh Valley Health Network ([www.lvhn.org](http://www.lvhn.org)), and health insurers such as Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield ([www.highmarkbcbs.com](http://www.highmarkbcbs.com)), and others.

Specifically for seniors, Medicare ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) and the American Association of Retired Persons ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)) offer additional resources. Practice discernment regarding things appearing in social media feeds and on the news.

Within our gates, we can support each other by showing kindness and understanding to our neighbors. Cooperate with our public safety personnel and first responders. Check up on the elderly via telephone.

We will get through this! Hopefully by the time this goes to print, COVID-19 is just a bad memory. As the weather warms, that helps. After this, we'll all be enthused to welcome a summer season of outdoor normalcy.

## 2020 Board Candidates

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- May 29 6:00pm to 7:00pm - Informal Meet & Greet with Candidates at the TOW Mountain Room, immediately followed by a Meet the Candidates Event at TOW Creek Room with a Moderator where the Candidates will be asked pre-submitted questions from the membership. Questions can be anonymously submitted by emailing [candidatequestions@sawcreek.org](mailto:candidatequestions@sawcreek.org), or by dropping questions at Member Services in a sealed envelope, marked PRIVATE – Nominating Committee.
- June 2-25 Electronic voting takes place.
- July 11 New Board Members are presented to the board at their monthly meeting.
- July 18 Annual Members Meeting. Newly-elected Board Members begin their 3-year term.

If you have any questions, please contact [nominations@sawcreek.org](mailto:nominations@sawcreek.org). And don't forget to check out the 2020 Board Candidate Binder in the Resource Center of the Saw Creek website.

Good Luck to everyone!

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### Saw Creek Home Sales

- **Currently Listed:**  
67 homes as of March 23, 2020
- **Pending Settlement:**  
28 homes as of March 23, 2020
- **Sold in 2019:** 167 homes

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# OPINION

## Letters to the Editor

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### Saw Creek - Who Are We?

Our Declaration of Covenants defines Saw Creek as "single family residential dwellings." Key word being "residential" not "vacation/short term rental" dwellings. Yet between 2018 and 2019, the Saw Creek Manager's operational reports indicated that out of 263 homes sold, 21 where sold as Short-Term Rentals.

So, roughly 8% of all homes sold became "for profit" non-residential properties, basically a HOTEL ROOM, as evidenced by the fact that all Short-term Rentals must pay a PA state Hotel Tax.

As a Short-Term Rental, it could be argued that homes in Saw Creek, which rent at rates far above a long-term rental, presumably would make homes worth more money. But are we becoming a HOTEL community, or are we a single-family residential community per our Restrictive Covenants?

On page 13 of the Saw Creek Rules & Regulations, the following is spelled out. Rule B: Hunting #1. There is no hunting or trapping permitted in the community or on individually owned property. Tier 4 Offense. The key phrase being "in the community."

Yet, our management is now allowing bow hunting in the community as a means to obtaining deer cull permits. Sadly, our restrictive covenants only deal with discharging firearms on your own property, so on a technicality we can allow bow hunting.

Who are we as a community, and what do we want to be?

*Kathryn Kalpin*

### Thanks for a Great Event!

Kudos to Dave Hanf and his staff for the Valentine Dinner at the TOP Restaurant on Saturday night, February 15. Great food, service, and entertainment. Another well done TOP event.

*Bob & Sandy Palmer*



### Thank You, Friends!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your warm thoughts and prayers during my medical procedure (open heart surgery) and recovery period. It is really nice to know that so many friends were thinking of me and wishing me well.

All the prayers from family and friends like you truly got me through this difficult period. I cannot express in words how grateful I am.

To the office, thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, they were so colorful to look at and brightened up my day. To the friends who sent the "Edible Arrangements," thank you, they were not only pretty to look at, but were sweet and delicious.

I had no appetite right after arriving home and just want to thank you, my good friends, who sent the delicious, well balanced, chicken soup. It was the right and best nutritious food for me at the time.

Thank you also to the friends who visited me in the hospital and the good friends who visited me at home and brought those lovely flowers.

Bill and I are so blessed to have so many wonderful and supportive friends like you in the community. Your friendship is something we will always treasure.

To my "Tennis Kids" on Saturday morning and my "Ladies" on Monday, I miss you all and the good times we have. I am doing cardiac rehabilitation now and progressing nicely. I look forward to getting approval from my doctor and stepping back on the tennis court soon.

Again, a BIG heart-felt thanks to you all!

*Res Montgomery*

### Put Member-Initiated Bylaw Changes on Ballot

At the March 14, 2020 Board meeting a review of the proposed ByLaw changes were discussed. The several which this Board has initiated, the Board passed along to be voted upon. However, the three proposed ByLaw changes which are member initiated were not passed but will require the 150 signatures of members in order to be put on the ballot. These three, member-initiated ByLaw changes, seem to me to be very common-sense changes.

Since this Board of Directors boast about their transparency and the fact that the Coronavirus has shut this community and all events and venues down, collecting member signatures has come to an end. Therefore, I propose that the Board of Directors allow all three member-initiated ByLaw changes to be on the election ballot and allow the members of this community the right to vote on whether they shall take effect. Afterall, isn't that what a Democracy is? "We the people" sound familiar?

*James W Wood*



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## BOARD ACTIONS

December 2019 thru March 2020

**Debra J. Wulff, SCE Board Secretary**

**December 14, 2019**

- The Board approved the emergency purchase of 2 snow guns to replace ones that had failed.
- Board approved final draft of the 2020 Strategic Plan.
- Board approved second organization, Wildlife Specialist to do the deer survey along with the USDA in Jan or Feb.

**January 11, 2020**

- Board approved the mailing of the Community Wide Survey to the homeowners for their feedback to be mailed within the next few weeks.
- Board reviewed the first draft of the Landscaping Plan for Saw Creek and submitted to the Gen. Mgr. The Beautification Committee and the Board will provide feedback. Final draft will be submitted at Feb. Meeting.
- Board requested that the Gen Mgr schedule a meeting with PA American Water Company to come and meet with homeowners and respond to their questions and concerns.

**February 8, 2020**

- Board agreed to move forward with the Landscaping Plan for Saw Creek. GM will meet with contracted landscaper to get a formalized design and cost.
- Board approved changes to the following RCR's: RCR 2020-03, RCR 2020-04 and RCR 2020-05.
- Board approved Bylaw Amendment 2020-03 for inclusion on the 2020 election ballot.
- Board approved the waiving of the bid process and approve the purchase of a new Chevy Tahoe at a cost of \$39,742.12 for Public Safety to replace a 11-year-old vehicle.
- Board approved the videotaping of the "Meet the Candidates" program and requested that quality control be performed before posting on the Saw Creek website.

**March 14, 2020**

- Board approved moving ahead with the 2020 SCE Anniversary event in conjunction with Sherman Theatre in July 2020 in Lehman Park.
- Board requested the GM schedule a meeting with the Architects and invite the Building & Architecture, Finance and Recreation Committees, to discuss the VIP project.
- Board approved that the Nominations Committee can run the "Meet the Candidates" program.
- Board approved the postponing of all events, starting immediately, thru the end of March due to virus.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Celebrating Earth Day

by Donna Dillon, Public Information Committee Chair

Earth Day is celebrated around the world by millions of people every year. It's a day to bring awareness to the state of our environment.

Fifty years ago, Gaylord Nelson, a Senator from Wisconsin, came up with the idea for the first Earth Day. He witnessed a massive oil spill and thought he would inspire the anti-war movement to use their protests to promote public consciousness about water and air pollution.

He formed a group that worked together to pick a date of April 22 to create massive coast-to-coast rallies of groups that worked together to create a purpose.

It brought together Democrats, Republicans, farmers, business leaders, the rich and the poor, all because they had one goal in mind: to save our planet. Through this bold venture, the United States Environmental Protection Agency was created.

The theme for this year's Earth Day is all about climate action. Over the past 50 years this issue is the most pressing to help our planet. It's for the future of humanity and the life support systems that make our world habitable.

There are many things that we as individuals can do to help this cause. Small changes in our lifestyles create large changes for our future.

We as a community can come together for our yearly Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 25. Join us to meet a neighbor and work together to create a small step to clean up our environment in Saw Creek.



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# COMMUNITY LIVING

## Stepping into 2020

by Renee Hojnowski, Program and Event Coordinator

Recreation's first program of the year was the Dog Licensing at the VIP building where over 25 dogs and their owners visited. John Gilpin was there to help individuals fill out the requests and hand out licenses to everyone's furry loved one. If you were unable to attend and still need a license you can obtain one online at [www.padoglicense.com](http://www.padoglicense.com). Your dog must have a license to avoid any fines.

Our Learn to Ski Free Days followed and was welcomed by over 35 children! It was wonderful to see so many new faces that continued to take what they learned from our instructors and ski or snowboard throughout the rest of the season. A special thank you goes out to the Saw Creek Men's Club for their considerable donation so that we may offer programs like this.

Winterfest began the day with a very cold start which brought in a smaller number of racers than usual. However, by late morning the pace picked up with over 200 visitors enjoying DJ Manny's music on the hill while skiing, roasting marshmallows and hot dogs or just having fun at the snow art area on the hill. Inside, the children had a fantastic time on the indoor bounce slide and spent time crafting with their parents.

A special thanks goes out to the volunteers who helped throughout the day, whether it was handing out cake at the awards ceremony, helping with crafts or dressed as a snowman or penguin to greet everyone. All your help was very much appreciated.

Any interest in volunteering at an event or in need of community service hours? Recreation is always looking for help with the many events that go on year-round. Check the website for upcoming events. Choose one of interest such as Safety Day or Community Day and contact the department at [recreation@sawcreek.org](mailto:recreation@sawcreek.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Get the Latest...

by Ann Marie Toto-Chervenak, Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

Don't know where to go to see if we have any weather-related closings, or other unforeseen changes that we just announced? While we would love for you to sign up for our weekly eNewsletter for events or other important information, many times we have something to say between each email we send out and we have a place for you to check that out!

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## Heroes Among Us

by Darcie Ackerman, Aquatics and Fitness Supervisor

In January, I had the honor of attending the First Annual Pocono Heroes Celebration. I was invited as a nominator because I had nominated Saw Creek employee, Dee Leone, and a resident of our Saw Creek community, for a Red Cross Award. Dee and the resident gave rescue breaths to a woman found passed out in the restroom at the pool.

What struck me first was the amount of heroes I was seated amongst. Fire fighters, medivac crew, law enforcement, EMS and more who were in attendance. Michele Baehr, Executive Director of the Eastern PA Region was our host for the program. As each award was given out, she gave us the background story behind each person or team being awarded.

I was brought to tears more than once while hearing of what each of these true heroes did. We know the people who serve others as fire fighters and law enforcement put themselves in danger on a daily basis, but to hear the details of their extraordinary heroism was humbling.

Thank you to all that serve in these positions that benefit others and keep our communities safe. In March, Dee was supposed to be receiving her award at the annual Red Cross Telethon. Due to East Stroudsburg University adding a week to their students' spring break due to Corona Virus, the telethon is being rescheduled for a later date. She may not have her award yet, but Dee Leone is truly a hero who walks among us.

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# COMMUNITY LIVING

## HLS: Healthy Living Series

by Darcie Ackerman, Aquatics and Fitness Supervisor

What is HLS and why have you been seeing it on some Saw Creek Events? HLS stands for Healthy Living Series. I am trying to bring in local resources that relate to living a health balanced life to help our residents enrich their lives.

The first event we held featured Ask The Good Doctor's Dr. La Joyce Brookshire, who is a Doctor of Naturopathy. The next event at the end of February brought out about a dozen people to learn how to build a better plate from Sarah Glunz, Giant's nutritionist. Those who attended got treated to great coupons, recipes, a Mexican Cauliflower Rice sample and a small cutting board. Participants came with many questions that were answered by Sarah. Her presentation was extremely educational.

Our own personal trainer, Michelle Scro joined us in early March to teach us what exercise does to our body and explain what a personal trainer can do for you. Unfortunately, due to ShopRite and Saw Creek Estates taking measures to keep people safe, Casey Hucaluk, dietician from ShopRite will be joining us at a later date to help us eat healthier for our hearts. ShopRite has suspended all sampling and food demos because of the Corona Virus concerns.

May 30 will bring us Chair Reiki. Reiki is a spiritual healing art that channels positive energy into your body. I am hoping to have aromatherapy and essential oil programs later in the year and bring in a company named VIP Empowers (formerly Pike County Safe Haven Program) to discuss healthy relationships.

Do you know anyone or anything that would fit in nicely with our HLS series of events? Please email Darcie@sawcreek.org with your ideas.

*DISCLAIMER: Consult your physician or health care professional before starting any fitness program. This is particularly true if you (or your family) have a history of high blood pressure or heart disease, or if you have experienced chest pain when exercising or have experienced chest pain in the past month when not engaged in physical activity, smoke, have high cholesterol, are obese, or have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in physical activity. Do not start any fitness program if your physician or health care provider advises against it. If you experience faintness, dizziness, pain or shortness of breath at any time while exercising stop immediately.*

## New Public Safety Chief Louis Pantuso



For the past 30 years, I've been working for New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA), otherwise known as "The Meadowlands." Starting as security patrol for the race track, concert and sports events, to the last 15 years of managing security, maintenance of the buildings, most of all the safety of my guards, tenants and our patrons.

I have been employed by Saw Creek Estates since March 2, 2020. I look forward to sharing my experience and passion for a career I truly enjoy. Thank you for this opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at 570-588-5151 x3303 or via email at louis@sawcreek.org.

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# COMMUNITY LIVING

## Know the Rules

by MJ Stigliano, Rules Committee Chair

### Maintaining Your Property

Since we enjoyed such a mild winter, some might say that spring arrived early this year. An early start to spring weather will give us some extra time to clean up our yards.

As stated in the rules document:

#### Rule A: Maintaining Your Property

1. Each property owner of any improved or unimproved lot shall maintain his or her property in a neat and safe manner. Failure to comply will result in a Tier 2 Citation and where applicable, cost incurred for removal of item(s). *Amended June 2017*

Having items strewn about in your yard, such as old plumbing fixtures, car parts, pallets, unused bicycles, garbage bags, etc., distracts from our natural woodland setting and is an eyesore to the entire neighborhood. Plus, accumulated junk can attract critters looking for a temporary or permanent home.



You don't have to have a perfectly manicured and landscaped yard to keep it looking neat and clean like the photo above. Bonus: your neighbors will appreciate your efforts to keep your neighborhood beautiful!

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Beautification Committee

by John Kirby

The Beautification Committee is committed to its effort of increasing the "WOW Factor" effect on both members and visitors to Saw Creek Estates.



We are currently in the process of formulating a three-year landscaping plan with Saw Creek Maintenance and our outside contractor beginning with this year's spring planting and Summer maintenance programs.

Look for changes coming to all gate area planting beds and more colors through the entire growing season.

The Beautification Committee meets the second Thursday every month at 4:00 PM in the Mountain Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Please consider joining the committee and contributing to our efforts. Applications are available in the Resource Center on the Saw Creek website [www.sawcreek.org](http://www.sawcreek.org), and can also be picked up at the Member Services Office.

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# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Finance Committee

by Donna Mahmood, Committee Chair

Winter has passed and spring has sprung, and many of us look forward to this time of year. A time to start anew. So many things are happening in our community right now to prepare us for the year to come. Preparation for our board election in June; a celebration to mark Saw Creek's 20th anniversary and the Finance Committee's preparation for the 2021 budget, to name a few.

Every year, the Finance Committee works along with Saw Creek Management to keep costs to a minimum, questioning every item presented to us. We work diligently with Management and the Board to keep costs low while maintaining the Association standards.

We would like to extend an open invitation to all homeowners to attend our monthly meetings and become more informed as to "where our money goes". We meet the fourth Thursday of every month in the Mountain Room at 7:00PM. We hope you join us! We can also be reached via email at [finance@sawcreek.org](mailto:finance@sawcreek.org).



# COMMITTEE NEWS

## Building & Architectural

by Dave Stagg, Committee Chair

I would like to bring the membership up to date on our projects for the 2020 spring and summer seasons:

- The new Lancaster Drive Bus Stop and parking lot in Mill Pond will be completed for the next School year 2020.
- The Equipment Storage Building will proceed when the ski season ends. Site work was completed prior to the ski season.
- The Material Storage Building at the old stable area will be built in the spring along with the new Recycling Facility.
- The Playground area will be relocated near the ball field as soon as the new equipment is purchased.
- TOW Indoor Pool Renovation; will include a new HVAC system.
- Emergency Generators will be installed at the Mill Pond Compactor and Mail Boxes.
- All three Pavilions, VIP, Mill Pond and Decker Road will be stained/sealed.
- Road Repairs and Maintenance will continue as it does each year.



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**Second:** As you drive around Saw Creek, look for other rainbows to take a picture of and submit it by clicking the button from your phone or computer or email it to: [info@sawcreek.org](mailto:info@sawcreek.org)

**Upload:** Visit our website to upload your photo or drawing:  
<https://sawcreek.org/rainbow-spotting-and-coloring-contest>

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This will redirect you to a secured PayPal payment system once all the required information (see below) is entered. Once redirected you will have the option to utilize a credit or debit card to make a payment. **You do not need a PayPal account in order to make the payment.**

You will be required to enter the following information to make a payment on our temporary site:

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4. Section Number
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If you should have issues with the system, please contact our Member Services Team at [memberservices@sawcreek.org](mailto:memberservices@sawcreek.org). For any questions concerning your account balance, please contact the Finance Department at [accounting@sawcreek.org](mailto:accounting@sawcreek.org).

*Please note: During this time we are waiving the applicable processing fees for credit card transactions.*

## Thank a Volunteer!

Doing good may be its own reward, but most volunteers would probably agree that it's also nice to be recognized for the time, effort, and commitment they put into serving others—particularly in what can sometimes seem to be thankless roles.

Volunteer members of our community devote their energy and enthusiasm to making our community the very best it can be by serving on the board, a committee, and on neighborhood projects. And, volunteers help keep assessments down—every hour of volunteer work is an hour of salary the association does not have to pay a service provider.

As volunteers, your neighbors invest their time in projects that benefit you. No association can thrive without them, so let them know you appreciate their efforts.

Have an idea for recognizing volunteers? Contact a board member and share!

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## COMMUNITY LIVING

### Senior Center Without Walls Wednesdays at TOW

by Annora Poole

If you're interested in establishing new friendships and meeting other retirees, then the "Center Without Walls" is the place to be. You can look forward to great conversations, networking opportunities, and the exchange of information pertinent to the needs of senior citizens.

There are information sessions on an array of topics, provided by the Pike County Area Agency on Aging. Medical professionals provide periodic services such as blood pressure checks, as well as health information and advice.



In lieu of eating alone, chat over a freshly-prepared lunch which includes salad with all the fixings and homemade soup for \$2.50. Interact with a diverse group of members, learn new games, participate in exercises that consider your physical limitations such as chair aerobics, strengthening exercises, and stretches that promote improved overall flexibility and health.

There is an opportunity to participate in water aerobics one Wednesday a month in the indoor pool, and follow-up with a relaxing dip in the hot tub.

For those who just enjoy reading a good book and knitting or crocheting, you've got company. A few of the members gather to share books they've read while relaxing with their knitting or crocheting. The games that the group members share foster opportunities to learn something new, and provides opportunities to interact, and get to know other group members on a more personal level.

Here are a few of the games we've played, many of which I've never heard of, but totally enjoyed learning:

- May I (card game that is a version of rummy)
- Kings In The Corner (multi player solitaire style card game)
- Uno (a card game that is easy to pick up and impossible to put down, and perfect for ages 7+)
- Jenga (a game of physical and mental skill)
- Rummikub (is not a domino game, and it's not a card game. You could say its both at the same time or say "it's just fun")
- Mexican Train Dominoes (The object of the game is to play all of the dominoes from his or her hand onto one or more chains or trains, emanating from a central hub or "station")

We are a welcoming bunch who love to tease, laugh, and share our culinary treats. As is evident from the photo, we are a diverse group, and truly enjoy our time together. Weather permitting, we meet at TOW every Wednesday as early as 9:30 and enjoy coffee together.

If you require transportation, contact the Pike County Area Agency on Aging at 570-775-5550 or 1-800-233-8911, or via email: [pikeaaainformation@gmail.com](mailto:pikeaaainformation@gmail.com). We welcome new members to our youthful, fun-loving 65+ group, and hope to see you at our next gathering. Feel free to bring any games that you would enjoy sharing with the group.

### Community Associations: Homeowner and Association Responsibilities

All community associations have three things in common.

**Membership is mandatory.** Buying a home in a community association automatically makes you an association member—by law.

**Governing documents are binding.** Association governing documents can be compared to contracts. They specify the owners' obligations (following the rules, paying assessments) and the association's obligations (maintaining common areas, preserving home values).

**You could lose your home if you fail to pay assessments.** Associations have a legal right to place a lien on your property if you don't pay assessments.

But, take heart! Associations also have three realities they can't escape. Associations have an obligation to provide three broad categories of service to residents:

1. Community services. These can include maintaining a community website, orienting new owners or organizing social activities.
2. Governance services. For example, establishing and maintaining design review standards, enforcing rules and recruiting new volunteer leaders.
3. Business services. For example, competitively bidding maintenance work, investing reserve funds responsibly, developing long-range plans and collecting assessments.

By delivering these services fairly and effectively, community associations not only protect and enhance the value of individual homes, but they provide owners an opportunity to participate in decisions affecting their community and quality of life. And those are realities we can live with.

### Do Not Feed Wild Animals!

You create an unnatural dependency on your part for their supply of food. If that is interrupted, you (and they) can be in trouble. Bears especially can be a problem. Once a bear learns food is available at a certain location he/she will aggressively pursue it. If it is not at the usual site, they have been known to destroy screened porches trying to find where "their" food is.

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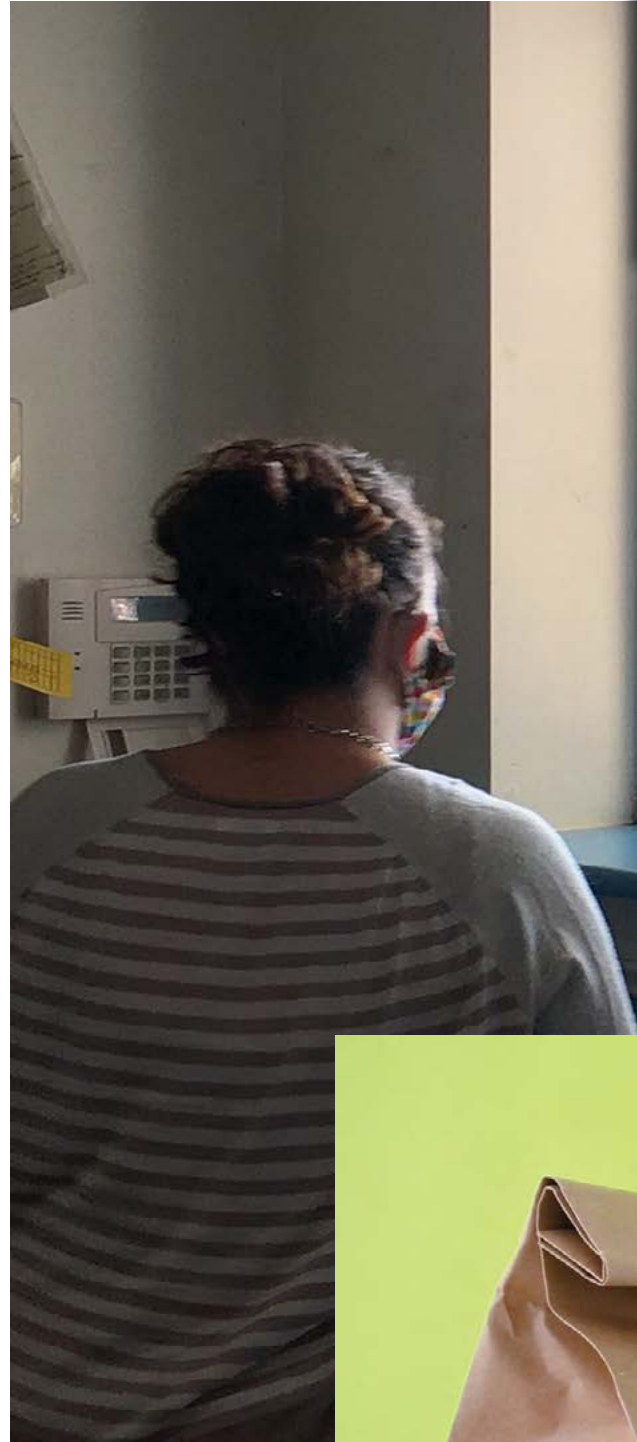
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## Grab and Go Lunch for ESASD Students

Our grab and go lunch program is continuing to be successful for our ESASD students. Please note that this program is for **ALL ESASD students**.

We have wonderful volunteers handing out bagged lunches every weekday from 12pm to 3pm at our VIP Center and 12pm to 2pm at our Mill Pond Sports Complex, all while maintaining social distancing with a SMILE!



**Grab & Go Lunch PROGRAM**



**ESASD Lunches at Saw Creek VIP Building & Mill Pond**



## Jo's Outreach Food Pantry

Times are tough for so many people now who have lost their jobs temporarily and cannot provide for their families. I would like to help my neighbors at this time of need through our food pantry, Jo's Outreach.

The Board has allowed me to set up a table and give out food to Saw Creek residents who are in need. I will have dry foods such as lentils, mac & cheese, cookies, walnuts, rice, gingerbread house kits, etc.

If you are in need, please come to the VIP Building on Thursday and Friday from 12pm to 2pm during the school lunch distribution at the VIP.

*Ida Mathew, Director, Jo's Outreach Food Pantry*  
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# COMMUNITY LIVING

## Tennis Club Update

by Res Montgomery, Tournament Director



Our Annual Sweetheart Tennis Tournament was held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Indoor Tennis Courts. The matches were exciting to watch with great tennis and very competitive matches. Good sportsmanship was displayed by all players. Congratulations to the winners!

Later that evening, everyone gathered at the Mountain Room and enjoyed an excellent buffet dinner prepared by the TOW Restaurant. Thank you to Dave Hanf and his staff!

Our next tournament will be the "Summer Classic" to be held Saturday, July 25, 2020 at the VIP outdoor courts. Get in the game and have fun!



Finalists: Nat Caputi and Nancy Burchill (left)  
Champions: Lynn Pestano and Tom Powers (right)



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# 1000 Pink Lights Strong

by Betty Ann Ricci

Our 1000 Pink Lights Walk for 2019 was another great success! Our All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray on September 8, the 1000 Pink Lights Walk on October 5, and our event at the TOW Restaurant with Group D'jour, Pink Drink Specials, 50/50, and Tricky Tray held directly after the Pink Walk all contributed to our fundraising effort.

A special thank you to Brian Murray who won the 50/50, and out of the goodness of his heart donated it all back to the Pink Walk Team.

This year the Pink Walk Team donated to the Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund \$6,000, plus \$387.17 from Philly Pretzel, for a total of \$6,387.17. Way to go Team! This shows that our fundraiser is getting better and better every year. We are so grateful for all those who donated in one capacity or another. We could not have done it without YOU.

The Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund helps cancer patients who need assistance with getting to and from the cancer center for treatments, rent, food, medication, utilities, and childcare. We chose this fund because it helps those in Monroe and Pike counties.



L-R: Betty Ann Ricci (1000 Pink Lights), Ramonita Castro, Deborah Arzberger, Angel Torres, Susan Paskiet, Mitch Bowyer, Caroline McConnell (Hughes Cancer Center), Marilyn Brizzi, Alice Piper, Miranda Zinn (Hughes Cancer Center), Carol Ann Bowyer (Hope for Strength)



Betty Ann Ricci (Chair) and Brian Murray (50/50 winner)

## 2020 - Our Fifth Anniversary!

We hope to make this an extra special event! Save these dates:

- **SEPT 13:** All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray; Big "A" Grillehouse
- **OCT 3:** 1000 Pink Lights Walk; VIP Pond at Saw Creek Estates

We can't do it without your help. Please join our Team or volunteer; it is so rewarding in the end. You don't have to live in Saw Creek, everyone is welcome. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the VIP Building at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call me, Betty Ann at 570-588-1132, or email me at [librasangel109@gmail.com](mailto:librasangel109@gmail.com), or [pinklightswalk@gmail.com](mailto:pinklightswalk@gmail.com).

The 2020 Journey has begun; let's make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 1000 Pink Lights Walk something to be proud of.



## Men's Club News

by Bill Montgomery, Club President

Spring is here and what a mild winter we had - very little snow and mostly above normal temperatures. (No complaint here!)

On January 25, 2020 the Men's Club supported the Top of the World's Beef & Brew evening with 17 members attending. Also, as in previous years, the Men's Club sponsored the Free Ski Lessons weekend on February 1st and 2nd.



### Upcoming Scheduled Events

#### April 25, 2020 - Community Clean-up

The Men's Club is a major participant in this annual event. Please consider joining us in helping to keep our beautiful community clean. There will be a BBQ after the clean-up supplied by the Recreation Department.

#### May 15 & 16, 2020 - Men's Club Annual Scholarship Drive

Donations collected at our gates

Thanks to the generosity of our homeowners and guests, the Men's Club is able to award three \$1,000 scholarships to Saw Creek deserving seniors from our local High School (East Stroudsburg H.S. North) who are attending an accredited college in the fall.

#### May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day Ceremony

Many Club members are veterans and guest speakers at this annual event.

Please join us at one of our monthly meetings, which take place on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Mountain Room. No obligation. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow homeowners and make some new friends. For more information, contact our club secretary, Joe Doe at [Josdoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Josdoe@yahoo.com) or call him at 570-588-6858.



## Women's Club News

by Ginni Cozzi, Club President

April is National Volunteerism Month. Although the Saw Creek Women's Club is not a volunteer organization, many of our members are volunteers in our community and outside of our gates.

Deb W. is the secretary for our Saw Creek Board of Directors, the secretary for the Saw Creek Women's Club, and volunteers for Rescue Road Warriors.

Kathy H. gives her time to The Salvation Army. Eleanor H. volunteers at Bushkill Outreach. Janet M. spends every Wednesday working at the TOP for the PA Department on Aging-Pike County Chapter.

Betty Ann G. heads up The Pink Walk and is Chair of the Nominations Committee. Carol P. is very active with AARP. Yolanda R. gives her time to RSVP. Ginni C. volunteers for Angel's Closet.

I have probably missed a few names, and for that I apologize, but you get the idea. We are a group of active, interesting, friendly, and giving women!

If you have just moved to Saw Creek, have just retired, or are ready to get out and get involved, come to our business meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 12:30pm in the Mountain Room at the TOP Complex.

We would love to meet you and hope that you would like to become a part of this very special group of AWESOME women. For more information, contact Ginni at 570-588-0555 or [cozziginni@yahoo.com](mailto:cozziginni@yahoo.com).

The Ways and Means Committee of the Saw Creek Women's Club invites you to join us for a tea celebrating everything American...

### Saw Creek Women's Club American Tea

Saturday, May 16, 2020

12:00pm to 3:00pm - Creek Room

Your \$18 donation benefits our scholarship fund.

For you to sample: watermelon and feta skewers, flag appetizer, salad, zucchini rolls, mini hot dogs and fried chicken with waffles.

For your sweet tooth: key lime pie, apple tarts and cherry cheesecake.



# OUTSIDE THE GATES

National Election 

## Stand Up and be Heard!

by Donna Dillon, Public Information Committee Chair

On April 28 we need to vote in our primary elections and let our voices be heard. The foundation of American values and beliefs is Democracy. We take so much for granted in our country. We as American citizens have the privilege to vote. By voting we are expressing our views and making our voices be heard. This is how we can help shape our community, town and country.



We sometimes take for granted the constitutional rights that this great country gives to us. Imagine growing up in a country where you are not permitted to speak your mind.

If you know that you will not be available to go to your polling place to vote on April 28, the Pennsylvania Department of State is offering other alternatives. You can vote with a mail in ballot, or if you are away from your home, you can vote by absentee ballot.

If you can't vote in person at the polling venues, your **completed application** for mail in or absentee ballots must be received by the county office by 5:00PM on April 21. The deadline to return your **voted mail in or absentee ballot** is no later than 8:00PM the day of the election April 28.

For more information go to [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov) or go to any search engine and type in the words PA Voter Services.

NOTE: You must apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot for each election, unless you qualify for and request permanent status to vote by mail-in ballot.

# FOOD & DRINK

The Flavors of Saw Creek 

**Extra Creamy, Gluten-free, Cheesecake**  
by Ginni Cozzi, Public Information Committee

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 8-ounce bars (1lb.) cream cheese, softened at room temperature
- 2/3 cup sugar
- Dash of salt
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- Toasted slivered almonds or chopped walnuts

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350. Butter a 9inch glass pie plate. With an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sugar and salt. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Beat until smooth. Add almond extract and pour into buttered pie plate. Bake 25 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and let cool away from drafts for 20 minutes.
- While cake is cooling, beat together sour cream, 3 TBL sugar, dash of salt, and vanilla extract. Pour over cooled cake and spread evenly over top. Return to oven for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with nuts if desired. Cool and then refrigerate. Serves 6-8.

### Social Media Mix

Join us on Facebook! Search there for Saw Creek Estates and/or Top of the World Restaurant. Our website: [www.sawcreek.org](http://www.sawcreek.org) has so much to offer! Topping the charts is an easy way to register your guests. Log into your account and select the Resident Services menu to get started!

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# Spring Cleaning: Inspect and Clean as Spring Begins

by MJ Stigliano, Public Information Committee

The winter doldrums are behind us and we are witnessing the arrival of spring. Just like the budding trees and baby animals signify a new start, so does a fresh cleaning of your home. Here are some suggestions for sprucing up both the inside and outside your home:

- Inspect roof and gutters. Check the roof for damage; it's been taking a beating all season. Clear gutters of debris; a clog can lead to water damage.
- Clean and repair driveways, fences, decks and patios. Spray away salt, sand and deicers. Then fill any cracks, holes or gaps.
- Examine windows, doors and seals. Look for damage. Sealants can crack in extreme cold, leading to water damage and drafts. Clean the window panes, drapes and blinds too.
- Inspect paint inside and outside. Make any necessary paint repairs or try a fresh look.
- Replace smoke detector batteries. If you didn't do this when daylight saving time began, do it now.
- Steam-clean floors and carpets. Remove salt, sand and deicing chemicals.
- Examine your chimney. Hire a chimney sweep to check the exterior for damage and clean the flue. If you have a gas fireplace, get a yearly cleanup.
- Vacuum underneath and behind your refrigerator. A dusty, dirty fridge also increases electric bills.
- Clean out the refrigerator, freezer and pantry. Toss expired foods, clean surfaces and reorganize.
- Declutter closets. Donate, repurpose, recycle or set aside clothes for a garage sale.
- Prepare lawn equipment. Make sure your lawn mower and weed whacker are clean, gassed up and ready for the first spring cut.



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# COMMUNITY LIVING

## Saw Creek Critters

by David Henon, Saw Creek Critters Host

You may have heard about Saw Creek Critters but what is it exactly? You may already know us from our annual events such as, The Halloween Pet Parade, Pictures with Santa Paws and now our annual Doggie Dip.

Saw Creek Critters is a social club for people in Saw Creek Estates that have pets or the love of pets. The group was created in 2013 by Suzanne Mark, our current Board President. I have since assisted and co-hosted the events since moving back to Pennsylvania almost five years ago.

We have a Facebook page. We list upcoming events on the page as well as information pet related for Saw Creek and surrounding areas. It also serves as a lost and found pet directory.

We would like to add more events to the group, such as an excursion with our dogs to Bushkill Falls or maybe dinner at Petrizzo's outside venue with our furry ones. Exciting upcoming events are in the works, such as the Blessing of the Animals, a fashion show and our very own Saw Creek Estates Pet Expo.

Our vision is also to have our own dog park right in Saw Creek Estates as an added amenity. Nothing brings neighbors together like the love of our furry friends and family. We could certainly use some volunteers to help plan some additional events.

Want to help out or get involved? Contact me at [davidjhenon@gmail.com](mailto:davidjhenon@gmail.com). Don't forget to like our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Saw-Creek-Critters-1835594696656748/>) and please post lots of pictures and stories about you and your furry family companions. After all, life does not get much better than this, living in our beautiful community alongside our Saw Creek critters.

Check out what's happening every issue in the Saw Creek Critters section of the newspaper.



## Pike County Humane Society

by David Henon, Public Information Committee

Pike County Humane Society (PCHS) is located in Shohola PA. Nestled in the beautiful mountains of Pike County you will find an oasis for stray, unwanted and abused pets. Unlike a traditional shelter, you will see dogs playing with one another, sleeping cuddled together on blankets and beds, and living just as they would in any loving home.



You will meet cats, not in cages, but in a facility that allows them to stretch out, play, use scratching posts and have the company of other cats. The pets there are truly happy.

PCHS is blessed to be able to provide such an environment for homeless pets, and as a result of this environment, the pets are able to make the transition to a forever home much easier, and with less stress. Due to their unique set up, no pet is euthanized because of lack of space or time limits. All pets in their care receive any needed veterinary care, regardless of how complex.

Their goal is to provide the best quality of life possible while our pets live with us. I tell you about our shelter, but visiting is much better! Their pets love visitors, and you just might find your new best friend!

Their mission statement is:

- To prevent cruelty to animals by educating people in the humane treatment of all animals.
- To educate and indoctrinate society and individuals on the intricacies of having and owning pets by explaining the responsibility endowed by such ownership.
- To provide shelter, food, care and medical treatment as needed for the lost, abandoned, abused and unwanted animals that come under our care.
- To evaluate prospective adoptees and to find good homes for the animals we care for.
- To educate people in the importance of spay/neuter programs and to function as an agent by making available a low cost spay/neuter program to address the overwhelming unwanted animal population.
- To offer cooperation and assistance to appropriate authorities to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty, abuse and neglect.

I spoke with Kim Alexander with PCHS. She informed me they are currently in great need of volunteers, and of course, donations are what allow them to continue to help the animals. If they get an animal that needs medical attention, they bring them to the vet. If an expensive procedure is needed, it will be done. Even if the animal requires surgery, they see that it is taken care of and these things can get expensive. Volunteer applications may be found on their website, [www.PikeCountyHumaneSociety.org](http://www.PikeCountyHumaneSociety.org) (or go to any search engine and type in the words Pike County Humane Society). Tap on "Help" and choose "Volunteer" to fill out the volunteer application form.

PCHS is a no kill shelter, which follows the no kill conference. This states that no healthy animal will be euthanized for space. They have cats and dogs that have lived in the shelter for years. They are lovingly looked after by the staff until their forever family arrives to take them home.

Kim indicated they are happy to receive any donations, be it monetary or badly needed supplies such as paper towels, bleach, old blankets or towels as well as any of the myriad of items listed on our website. Also there is a place to make a donation on the website in the same "Help" section.

Please help support our furry friends and neighbors at the Pike County Humane Society anyway you can.

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# HEALTH WATCH

## Update: Bulk Dumping and Recycling

Until further notice, bulk dumping is on hold. Only recyclables are being accepted behind the Member Services Office on these dates:

April 11 and 25 | May 16 and 30 | June 13 and 27

## Had to Cancel a Birthday Party?

*We love this idea...*

If any child in our community had a recent birthday party cancelled due to this outbreak, contact the Bushkill Fire Department via Facebook and they just might be able to schedule a drive by with lights and sirens blasting to help celebrate the occasion. Way to go Bushkill Fire Department!

## How long does Coronavirus live on surfaces?

The coronavirus can survive on common materials for hours or even days. Here's what you need to know and how to protect yourself.

GEORGE PETRAS, RAMON PADILLA, KARINA ZAIETS AND VERONICA BRAVO/USA TODAY

Tiny, infected water droplets that drift in the air or land on surfaces have multiplied into a global pandemic. Typically, an infected person's cough or sneeze spreads SARS-CoV-2 — the coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19, a highly contagious respiratory illness. To slow the rising number of infections — tens of thousands of Americans have been infected since Jan. 20 — researchers are looking for the coronavirus' limits. Just how long can it last outside the human body?

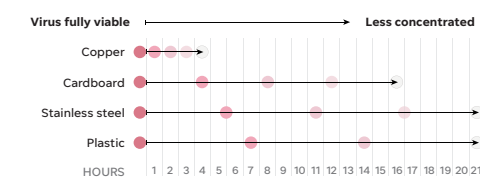
According to the New England Journal of Medicine, here's how long the virus could live on a variety of surfaces.



The report also noted the half-life, or rate of decay, of the virus on various materials. That's the time it took for half of the virus sample to die.

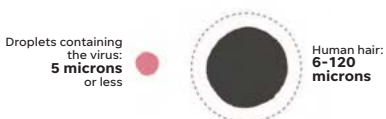
The decay rate is important because though the virus may linger on surfaces for days, people are less likely to become infected as the virus dies off.

### Virus' rate of decay depends on surface



Most infections start with water droplets, tiny globes of water 5 microns or less in size. That's much smaller than a human hair, which is 60 to 120 microns thick.

In all settings, viruses need water to survive. "Viruses can withstand a small amount of dehydration," says Dr. Paul Meehan, a former director of safety at the CDC and president of the American Biological Safety Association.



The problem is knowing "how long it will take a virus to dry out and become non-infectious," Meehan says. "Eventually, the virus deteriorates and becomes inactive." The speed at which that happens depends on whether the virus is in the air or on a surface.

Let's start with air. Researchers don't know how many virus-laden particles people infected with COVID-19 expel in the average droplet. An average cough, however, can produce as many as 3,000 droplets and a single sneeze can make up to 40,000, according to multiple studies cited in a 2009 World Health Organization report.

A droplet's size determines where it goes after being expelled. Gravity forces larger ones to the ground.

"Aerosols are different," says Dr. Stanley Deresinski, clinical professor of medicine and infectious diseases at Stanford University. "Very small particles may be suspended in the air for a long time, sometimes for hours. They're suspended by air currents."

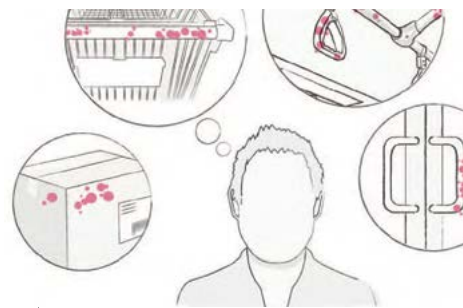
Airborne droplets can stay suspended long enough for someone to walk through and inhale the virus. Outdoors, wind disperses the virus.

A virus that doesn't reach the ground or floor can fall on shared surfaces — or be transferred there by those with the pathogen on their hands. Whatever the case, unsuspecting people can pick it up. How long a virus lives depends on the surface:

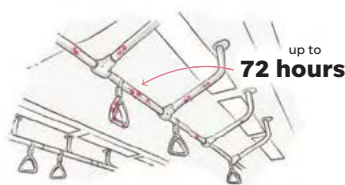
### Cleaning these materials

The CDC defines cleaning as the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. Disinfecting involves the use of chemicals to kill pathogens on surfaces. The agency says surfaces should be cleaned, then disinfected to lower infection risk.

1. Wear disposable gloves.
2. Clean surfaces with soap if possible.
3. Disinfect surface. Allow surfaces to remain wet for the product's recommended time.



### Steel



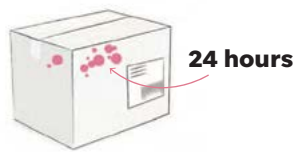
The coronavirus can exist on stainless steel objects for two to three days. That's a problem because steel is commonly used in public transportation and in scores of other public places such as restroom stalls, faucets, and manual paper towel handles.

### Plastic



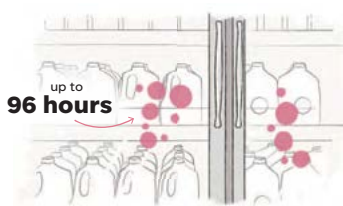
Plastic objects can harbor the virus for two to three days. That's a special concern because many shared items are made of plastic and may not be sanitized often enough or completely enough. Take out food containers, light switches, cellphone cases, elevator buttons and more are commonly made of plastics.

### Cardboard



The virus can last on cardboard up to 24 hours. That's noteworthy because many customers are using online delivery services during the coronavirus outbreak instead of going to stores in person. Food products packaged in cardboard could also be a risk.

### Glass

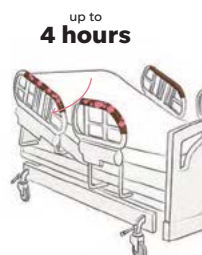


A virus can last as long as four days on glass, depending on location and temperature, according to a separate study by The Journal of Hospital Infection published in January. That report charted the persistence of the SARS-CoV virus, which is similar to the current virus causing COVID-19. Items such as cellphone screens, mirrors and inside glass doors can also support the virus.

### Copper

The coronavirus lasted about four hours on copper, a finding consistent with historical use.

"Copper ions have been used as disinfectants, they're an effective virucide," says Meehan. Hospitals are increasing copper use in patient settings, including rails on beds and other shared items.



If you have traveled from the NY metro area, you must self-quarantine for the next 14 days.

For more information go to [PoconoMountains.com/COVID-19](https://www.pocnomountains.com/COVID-19)

## Coronavirus

This information is from the World Health Organization website:

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

### Overview

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it's important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).

At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments. WHO will continue to provide updated information as soon as clinical findings become available.

### Prevention

To prevent infection and to slow transmission of COVID-19, do the following:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub.
- Maintain at least 6 feet distance from anyone coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Refrain from smoking and other activities that weaken the lungs.
- Practice physical distancing by avoiding unnecessary travel and staying away from large groups of people.

### Symptoms

The COVID-19 virus affects different people in different ways. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease and most infected people will develop mild to moderate symptoms and recover without requiring special treatment. People who have underlying medical conditions and those over 60 years old have a higher risk of developing severe disease and death.

Common symptoms include:

- fever
- tiredness
- dry cough

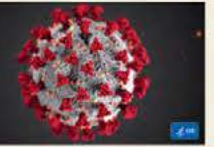
Other symptoms include:

- shortness of breath
- aches and pains
- sore throat
- and very few people will report diarrhoea, nausea or a runny nose

People with mild symptoms who are otherwise healthy should self-isolate and contact their medical provider or a COVID-19 information line for advice on testing and referral.

People with fever, cough or difficulty breathing should call their doctor and seek medical attention.

# CONCERNED ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS?



Here are some things you can do to alleviate the risk

## CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS



**COUGH**



**FEVER**



**TROUBLE BREATHING**

## WASH YOUR HANDS ... OFTEN

with soap and water for at least **20 seconds** or use an alcohol-based sanitizer if water is not available.



WET



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Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw the tissue into the trash.

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How long should I wash my hands?

About 20 seconds!  
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Avoid close contact with large groups of people.

**CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS**

Not feeling quite up-to-snuff?

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*(Your co-workers will thank you!)*

*If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider*  
**IMMEDIATELY**

The CDC recommends only people who are showing symptoms of the virus should use masks to prevent the spread of the disease to others.

# Repeating Events, Meetings & Activities



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To confirm activity details, amenity hours and committee meeting information, see our monthly bulletin or look for a copy online in the NEWS section of our website [[www.sawcreek.org](http://www.sawcreek.org)]



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## Monthly Committee and Club Meeting Schedule

**Safety** 10 days before the BOD, Wed. 6pm (VIP)

**Mens Club** 1st Thursday, 6pm (Mtn Rm)

**Womens Club** 1st Thursday, 12:30pm (Mtn Rm)

**Beautification** 2nd Thursday, 4pm (Mtn Rm)

**Public Information** 2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm (Mtn Rm)

**Build. & Arch.** Monday after BOD meeting, 4pm (Mtn Rm)

**Bylaws** 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:30am (Mtn Rm)

**Rules & Regs** 3rd Thursday, 4pm (Mtn Rm)

**Recreation** 3rd Monday, 7pm (Mtn Rm)

**Finance** 4th Thursday, 7pm (Mtn Rm)

**Mill Pond BOD** 3rd Sunday, 11am (MP)

**Please note: Room changes are common**

# St. Patrick's Day Party



## Free Directory Assistance for Cell Phones and Landline Phones

by MJ Stigliano, Public Information Committee



Did you know that dialing 411 for directory assistance costs you a service fee AND valuable cell phone minutes? Some mobile carriers are charging \$1.75 or more for directory assistance calls, and that doesn't include minutes that may be deducted from your plan.

Many users aren't aware there's a free (meaning economical) directory assistance service for those times you need to find a number and you don't have Internet access or a smartphone nearby, or even while using the old-fashioned landline phone.

Dial 1-800-FREE-411 (1-800-373-3411) from your phone. Since the service is sponsored by advertisers, you'll have to listen to a 10-second ad before you can speak. But the service is free, easy to remember, and easy to use. Bonus: the service is voice activated and offers the option to connect the call.

### Have an Artist at Home?

Nurses from the St. Lukes Monroe Campus are accepting pictures from children to be displayed in the hospital to help brighten the hallways during this challenging time.

If interested, mail your child's wonderful art to: 170 South Church St., Nazareth, PA 18064, Attention: Nicole.



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