



New Management Team

Taylor Management is excited and flattered to have been selected as the managing agent for Saw Creek Estates. Saw Creek is a highly amentized large community in the Poconos with it's own ski area, restaurant and bar, and six swimming pools to service over 2,500 homes.

This opportunity will give us an immediate presence in the Poconos to go along with our recent hirings in the downtown Philly area. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with the Saw Creek community!

As per Liz Comando, Taylor Chief Operating Officer, "I got my start in property management in the Poconos over 35 years ago. To this day, I still have a home in the Poconos. It's great to be "back home" and I am overjoyed that Saw Creek chose Taylor as their management company. I've known of Saw Creek for a long time and it's very exciting to be part of their management team, along with the board and staff. There is a real family culture here and I'm sure Taylor will fit right in."

The new Community Manager email is cm@sawcreek.org. #taylormanagement #managementcompany #sawcreekestates #SawCreekEstates

Board of Directors Election News

Your Board needs YOU!!

by the Nominating Committee

Every year, nine individuals selflessly give up their time to serve as members on the Saw Creek Board of Directors. And each year, three candidate positions are up for nomination.

If you are interested in participating in continuing to build the progress of those who have dedicated their time and efforts in the past to guide and shape the future direction of the community, we are looking for qualified individuals.

Being a board member has multiple benefits. Not only will you occupy a position that works closely with the community management team on making the community the best it can possibly be, but a board member is also in a unique position to connect with residents on a more personal level and to effectively become a voice for those who are not on the board.

Characteristics of a successful board member include those individuals who are honest, transparent, and who are interested in turning challenges and complaints into actionable suggestions. It is important to recognize when you are a board member, your primary objective is to serve on behalf of the community and make decisions, and vote in accordance with those objectives which will serve the broad community.

Some of the duties the board has, include the authority to direct business including maintenance and financial oversight, rules enforcement, and architectural design approval. The board has the responsibility to hire and oversee community management.

Serving on the board gives you direct impact and influence on how HOA business is handled. While a management, financial or construction background is helpful, no special training is required other than the willingness and availability to serve. The office of director carries a term of three years.

The board meets twelve times a year for a minimum of two hours to review business and make decisions and enact policy. Between those meetings, there may be an occasional special meeting to deal with an urgent matter that can't wait for a regularly scheduled board meeting. The President has the authority to act on behalf of the board between meetings if the matter is authorized by the governing documents or in line with the approved budget.

Timeline for 2022 Board of Directors Election

Monday, April 4 12:00 PM (EDT) thru Monday, May 16 12:00 PM (EDT):

Applications accepted. Applications must be electronically submitted through the SCECA website at www.sawcreek.org and be accompanied by an electronic photo of the candidate for the biography. The candidates will appear alphabetically by deeded last name on the ballot and in all other SCE publications. Candidates will have the ability to have MSO take the headshot by appointment only by emailing Jessica VanDerVliet at jessica@sawcreek.org no later than Friday, May 13.

Candidate Advertising: Candidates have the opportunity to run paid advertising in the Election Edition of the Saw Creek News. For assistance (sizes, pricing, availability, deadlines, etc.) contact Community Newspaper Publishers at (570) 476-3103 or email: mail@cnpnet.com. Delivery of the special Election Edition will be on or about Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

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Brian Clark, Saw Creek's New Recreation Manager

Brian Clark is a US Air Force Veteran and comes to Saw Creek with a rich background in managing recreation and athletic programs. Brian has served other communities as an athletic director for schools, board representee positions on community outreach programs, has coached and managed numerous sport and activity events and has been a volunteer in countless community recreational activities.

Brian holds a master's degree in Sports Management, a general education certificate in Athletic/Recreation Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Brian also has a solid foundation in law enforcement and security programs from his past employments. Brian brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Recreation staff.

Some of his goals are to bring this great community together with well developed, balanced, and researched programs always with enjoyment and safety in mind. He believes in community outreach for the safety and security of all residents, and he will work tirelessly to keep the Saw Creek community at the top of the ranks. Brian is a result driven member of our team and will do his part to bring great value to all the programs the Recreation department has to offer.

If he's not working, you can catch Brian out hunting, fishing, and just being in the outdoors. We welcome Brian to the team and look forward to all he has to offer to continue to build and foster our great programs for the community.

We wish Brian much success in his new role here at Saw Creek Estates. He can be reached at 570-588-9329 ext. 2215 or email: brian@sawcreek.org.



President's Message

by Kathi Connell, SCE Board President



Spring is here. Hopefully the cold and snowy weather is behind us. I for one enjoy the change of seasons but am getting more and more inclined to look forward to the warmer weather and the pleasures of summer. Thank you very much to our Maintenance staff who worked countless hours during our last two snow events. Let's hope the beautiful weather comes sooner rather than later!

The change of seasons also brings changes to Saw Creek. Soon the covers will be off the pools, the smell of fresh mowed grass will be in the air and the Beautification Committee will be out in the community planting new flowers. This year a major refurbishment of the VIP Facility is taking place as well as renovations to both the Top of the World and Mill Pond outdoor pools, the Top of the World indoor pool HVAC systems, the ski hill pipeline, the USPS mailbox project and much more.

Stop and look around and see the positive changes that are taking place daily. We are updating our amenities, addressing many outstanding issues and will continue to bring Saw Creek Estates to the next level for your enjoyment.

This is the time of year to begin getting out and looking at our own individual properties and begin cleaning up what the winter has left behind. Adam Hackett, our Compliance Officer, will soon be out and about to nudge those who may be a little slow to start. Pride in our own lots can be contagious.

This is also the time when we begin the process to find nominees for our Board of Directors. Election 2022 is just around the corner. The business decisions affecting Saw Creek are made by the Board of Directors. Nine of your neighbors volunteer their time and comprise the Board. There will be three (3) seats open this year. This is an opportunity to step up and be a part of the solution.

We have professional people with experience and expertise within our community, who can make a difference and help us not have a specific agenda. Members have input in creating a budget and making decisions. Board members must consider the Community as a whole and regarding issues of non-compliance, violations, reviewing contracts and delinquencies, generating resolutions, and overseeing our committees. This is an opportunity to change our world... not watch others do it for us. "Let's make a community that's not divided but united to succeed."

If you have not had the chance to patronize the Top of the World Restaurant, I urge you to do so. The Top of the World is a great place to bring your family, enjoy a burger, a steak dinner, flatbread pizzas, or just a cup coffee; meet your neighbors and make new friends! Come up and introduce yourself to Michael Guerra, our Restaurant Manager/Chef, and his wonderful staff who are all doing a terrific job. Visit www.sawcreek.org for up-to-date events and further information on the Top of the World Restaurant.

In closing, I would like to encourage all homeowners to become active in our community by volunteering for one of our many committees, programs or special events sponsored by the Association. I believe that good things are happening here in Saw Creek and working together we can make a difference. I would like to thank all the committees who volunteer their time and effort to make this a better community.

Finally, there is the issue of communication between the membership and the Association. This is an area where we can always do better. We can post a message in three different places and homeowners will still ask why they had not been told. I would direct homeowners to our LED monitors, Saw Creek website, monthly newsletters and the community newspaper as the most important messages get included there.

Social media is **not** the association's avenue for communication. I urge you to contact Member Services at 570-588-9329 or info@sawcreek.org for questions about Association matters and events. Please reach out to the board at scebod@sawcreek.org if you have questions about any Association issue. Our website contains valuable information for the association and community, and I encourage all members and guests to visit www.sawcreek.org for up-to-date information and valuable community news and happenings.

I continue to be excited about our progress and again ask that you get involved in the process. This is our community! It will be as great as we choose to make it. So, get out and enjoy our beautiful Community, the many amenities, and the many activities the Recreation Department has planned for the coming months.



We Want You!

by Melanie Voiles, Director of HR

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2022 Election Timeline

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Ad Submission Deadline: Monday, May 23

Distribution: Wednesday, June 8

Wednesday, June 1: All voting information mailed to members in good standing as of May 1, 2022 (per the SCE Bylaws only members who are in good standing at 5:00 PM EST on May 1 (record date) shall be mailed voting information and entitled to vote. Amended July 2018)

Friday, June 3: 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM (EDT): Informal Candidate forum where the Candidates will be asked pre-submitted questions from the membership. Questions can be anonymously submitted by emailing candidate-questions@sawcreek.org, or by dropping off questions at Member Services, marked PRIVATE no later than May 28.

Monday, June 6: 12:00 PM (EDT) thru **Wednesday, July 6,** 5:00 PM (EDT): Electronic voting

Saturday, June 11: Candidates will be announced to the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting. All Candidates are encouraged to attend. A luncheon for candidates and Board Members will take place following the Board of Directors meeting. Following the luncheon, our members will be invited to a Meet & Greet the Candidates.

Saturday, July 9: New Board members are presented to the Board at their monthly meeting

Saturday, July 16: Annual Members Meeting. Newly elected Board members begin their three-year term. Tentative BOD orientation and reorganization meeting.

Saturday, August 13: First BOD meeting as the new Board.

If you have any questions, please email the Nominating Committee: nominations@sawcreek.org

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The Saw Creek Estates Community Association is currently inviting and urging homeowners to participate in contributing to the Saw Creek community newspaper by joining the Public Information Committee (PIC).

In conjunction with the Member Services Office and the Board of Directors, the Public Information Committee is proud to create a newspaper that informs Saw Creek homeowners of events both in the community and in the surrounding areas.

As a community, it is so important for the people within it to stay connected. Do you have some interesting experiences and stories to share from living in this area? Do you enjoy interviewing people and seeking out stories? Do you enjoy writing? Are you good at proofreading?

There are many ways you can contribute to the SCE Newspaper! Contributing to the newspaper and sharing your voice is a great way to participate and stay connected in the community.

The Public Information Committee currently meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Mountain Room. If you are interested in joining and contributing to the Saw Creek Newspaper, please do not hesitate to reach out. We want to hear from you!

To apply for committee membership, pick up an application at the Member Services Office or access it at www.sawcreek.org.

Writing isn't your thing? There are many other committees within the community, several of which have vacancies. For a complete listing of committee meeting information, including dates and times, check out the committee calendar on the member services website under the "Stay Connected" tab.

The Cristina Primrose Team

Saw Creek Home Sales

- **Currently Listed:** 24 homes as of March 30, 2022
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Writing Contest WINNERS!

What I love about Saw Creek Estates...

2022 Writing Contest Winners

Thank you to all the contributors for their submissions. This year's 1st place winner received a \$100 gift card; 2nd place winner received a \$50 gift card. We are happy to announce the winners below.

2nd Place by Kristin M.

The concrete jungle just two hours away was becoming too much to bear. Constant honking of horns, loud neighbors, and lack of space wasn't measuring up to all the New York City flare.

Seeking solace and serenity, the house hunting began; Saw Creek came highly recommended so to Woodbridge Drive East we ran.

Our new neighbors greeted us with handshakes and smiles. The access to so many pools allowed me to swim for miles upon miles.

The availability of rentals at Mill Pond Lake created a new weekend hobby; followed by delicious meals @ TOW with sunsets that take your breath away even from the lobby.

Being a first time homeowner presented me with lots of questions that needed answers indeed, but the lovely staff at MOS never grew tired for they answered every question and fulfilled every need.

When living in this community you won't be missing out, for there are always activities and events you can partake in while you're out and about.

Living in the Pocono Mountains with deer and turkeys has been a change for sure; but residing in Saw Creek fills me with lots of gratitude that every day I get to endure.

1st Place by Phillip E.

The leaves crunched underneath my feet as I strolled carefully through my yard taking in the crisp mountain air.

Not two hours before, those same feet had strolled across the hard concrete of 8th Avenue, the steel-and-glass above, another world altogether. The 7-train, like veins bringing the city to life, ached as her brakes brought each car to an abrupt stop--and whether above or below, every car horn, every ambulance, every yelling fool gave way to some new cacophony there.

Not here.

Here, there's nothing too overwhelming in a crunching leaf. And though this world can be just as loud, it's a different kind of loud--acorns bouncing off the back deck or turkeys squabbling over the approaching mother bear with her three cubs. Here, it's the stream rushing after a hard rain, the hawk above claiming her territory as she rides the thermals down into the ravine.

These--the sounds as they were meant to be--carry something sacred among them. It's not that it's less sacred than the city--where beauty can still be found amid pain and warped metal; but here, it is as it was meant to be. You need not search for it: it's right in front of you.

Old SawCreek, weaving her way toward Bush Kill, resting and rushing when it's time to rest or rush, and there's a pattern to it, a kind of way in which she knows just what to do while each of us, out watching the squirrels, walking our beloved pets, glancing out our windows with grateful eyes, move here to a different pace and become a little more like what surrounds us.

I inhale, exhale one more time, the cool air nearing, and turn back toward the house and the inviting embers of my hearth.

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Without our Volunteers, We Would Not be #1!

by Jessica M. VanDerVliet, Director of Community Relations

As we quickly approach National Volunteer Week starting on April 17th, 2022, I would like to take this time to remind everyone what it takes to run a large community like ours. Currently, we have approximately 100 full-time and part-time employees on staff, and unless you have been living under a rock, you have seen we are understaffed in all departments.

But did you also know we have nine standing committees and a 9-member Board of Directors, all of whom meet each month to discuss our community's concerns and issues? So here are some fun facts you may not have known about our amazing volunteers:

1. Volunteers are not paid. There is no discount provided to these residents to join a committee or be on the Board. Contrary to what some believe, our volunteers do not receive any compensation for volunteering. They do this to give back to our community.
2. All members of the Recreation Committee and all recreation event volunteers are required to provide a PA child abuse and PSP Criminal background check following the PA Keep Kids Safe Act.
3. Ever notice the beautiful daffodils that bloom around this time in places like the gates, MSO, and amenities? How about the mums in the fall or the snowflake wreaths in the winter? These beautiful accents would not be possible without the Beautification Committee.
4. This spring, you will notice a brand-new entrance on the Top of the World Recreation Complex (fitness center side) as well as a new HVAC/air filtration system in the TOW pool, and our new VIP building will also be revealed! This is all made possible with assistance from the Building & Architecture Committee, the Beautification Committee, and the Board.
5. Have you attended a community event? Maybe this past Winterfest, Breakfast with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, or Halloween around the pond?

The list goes on and on. Countless hours from the Recreation Committee go into planning our events. Without the Recreation Committee, none of our events would be possible.

6. The Finance Committee provides guidance on all the revenue and expenses of the Association and assists in preparing the annual budget.
7. Let's not forget the Board of Directors. This is a tough job! Decisions are made in the best interest of ALL the residents, and that's not an easy task—countless hours and meetings take place, to ensure that Saw Creek Estates continues to be the gold star community we all love.

The list of examples can go on and on about all the things that would not be possible without the assistance of our volunteers. Our volunteers are unique residents who are putting in the work, spreading compassion and community awareness, and deserve to be recognized this week and every week of the year. The time they give back to our community is priceless.

Speaking of volunteers, please join me in congratulating **Karen Chirillo** as our first Volunteer of the Year. Karen was nominated by the community and surpassed all the entries in this contest. Residents recognize all the effort and time that Karen devotes to the community. Karen got more involved during Covid, helping us distribute lunches to the community kids.

For sure, you will see Karen at every Recreation event. She is the first to help and jump right in and do what it takes to make our events are a success!

Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to **Karen Chirillo** on being voted Saw Creek Estates Volunteer of the Year. Karen donates many hours each week working with Recreation and other committees to ensure that Saw Creek Estates remains the #1 Community in the Poconos.



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Judah's Solo Adventure

by Cheryl Vallone, Communication Assistant

This is the story of longtime resident of Saw Creek Estates and lead lifeguard, Nicole Battiston, and how she was instrumental in helping a family leave Saw Creek Estates with feelings of love and sincere appreciation for the compassion that our #1 community showed their family.

Carlton Gayle, his wife and six children, ages 13 years to 10 months, were vacationing here at Saw Creek. With two nights left on their vacation, Judah, the family's 100 pound, 1 year old bull mastiff/shepherd puppy went missing. As usual, Carlton had taken his beloved pup out to do his 'business', but this night Judah suddenly got spooked and ran off into the woods. The family, now devastated and on their last day of vacation, was packing up to go home, ending their vacation and leaving without their beloved Judah.

Judah's family took to social media, posting Judah as a Lost Dog in Bushkill, PA on all the Lost Dog sites imaginable. They had done all they could, having reached out to all these sites.

On the evening of their last day here at Saw Creek, the Gayle family, desperate to entertain their children, thought taking them to the pool would be just the thing. There, at the Mill Pond indoor pool, things were about to change for the better. Once the children were in the pool, some very sad faces turn into lots of smiles as they splashed and swam, for a moment forgetting that they were about to leave without Judah.

Mom approached the lifeguard stand and asked Nicole quietly if by chance she happened to see a lost brown dog. Immediately Nicole replied, "Yes, I did! Today, about 2 hours ago, on my way to work!" Not only did Nicole see a dog, but she had taken a video and photo as well! She quickly went to get her phone and showed Mom the video and with that, they all broke into tears of hope! It WAS Judah! Our Recreations Manager, Brian Clark, who happened to be at the Mill Pond pool at that time, said he would check West Sugar Mountain Road while it was still light out. Meanwhile Mom and Dad quickly got the children out of the pool and went out to join the search, hot on the trail to find their fur baby. Off they went with renewed hope of finding Judah.

At approximately 7:00pm that night, the social media sites were blowing up! "JUDAH WAS HOME, SAFE AND SOUND!" Nicole, happy that she was able

to help add some information as to Judah's last location and time of day, was thrilled, and asked Carlton to bring Judah by the pool. Carlton, so happy to be reunited the night before they were scheduled to leave Saw Creek, brought Judah to the pool. Carlton told us that he had left bowls of food and water outside by their front door, and when the family was having dinner, they heard some noises outside. They were so happy to see that Judah found his way home and was eating and drinking the food that was left for him. Happily, Judah did not appear to have been harmed in any way.

Nicole, when asked how she felt, said, "I feel like coincidental things happen to me like this often. A car almost hit me because the dog was on the road, but I was rushing to get to work. I chose to take a picture instead because it was better than doing nothing. I felt so bad that I couldn't help and then all of a sudden, the dog's family was at my job! It was honestly amazing! It made me feel really great to have helped them find Judah."

SawCreekEstates prides itself on our community spirit and awareness. Many of us pulled together to help bring this family together again! And it worked.

It's important to spread the word that all vacationers should always have their pets on leash. Not only is it Saw Creek policy, but it's also the only way to keep them safe in a strange environment. Truly a very happy ending!

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by Mike Guerra, Top of the World Manager and Chef

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As we begin to return to pre-Covid life, I would like to share some highlights of the past few months and the challenges ahead. We have hosted many events at the Top of the World, from poolside BBQs to Trivia nights to holiday parties like New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day, and we

look forward to bringing you many more. Because of your dedication to the Top of the World, we finished February extremely strong, able to welcome 2100 guests through our doors.

As we transition to spring and summer activities, we will be posting our seasonal positions openings. As a nation, we have struggled to find employees to fill open positions, and Saw Creek is no exception. I urge you to share job postings with your friends and families so that we may continue to serve the community and help create lifelong memories.

Thank you all again for a great winter, and I look forward to seeing you all this spring.




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Due to the switching of where 911 calls will now be answered, we request that you contact your alarm companies to provide the updated non-emergent phone number for Pike County Communications Center at 570-296-7700 so you are continued to be provided the fastest emergency responses for EMS and Fire. In an event of an emergency, please call 911.

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Winterfest (continued)



Winterfest 2022

Over 400 people attended Winterfest this year and had a great day of skiing, racing, sledding, games, food and FUN! Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this day possible. Saw Creek Estates at its best.



COMMUNITY LIVING

Recreation News

Looking Forward to 2022

by Renee Hojnowski, Program and Event Coordinator

As the chilly winter ends and the warm sunny days are drawing nearer, the anticipation begins to build for outdoor activities. Saw Creek is just the place to be to enjoy many notable yearly events as well as things new and exciting.

April is the perfect month for such happenings. Hip Hop Hooray, April 16th, will once again thrill all with its hunt for the yummy candy filled eggs. Don't forget the Golden Ticket eggs to win special prizes. Music, face painting, games and crafts will envelop the afternoon hours.

April 15-18, Eggstravaganza awaits the families who enjoy a scavenger hunt. Locate 15 large painted eggs that will be visible at chosen amenities, take a picture of all 15 to be part of a random drawing and win a four pack of tickets to Crayola.

Help keep our community at its best by sharing the morning of April 23rd with your community neighbors to clean our amenity grounds and roadways at the Spring Clean Up event. See flyer on page 16...

Springfest, May 7th, will start the month of May with a new-to-Saw-Creek car show. Check out some fabulous wheels while enjoying delicious food from food vendors and kicking back to some live music.

The Community Wide Yard Sale, May 14 & 15, is for those who like their spring cleaning and those that like to hunt for treasures.

Safety Day will be held on May 21st featuring visits from the Bushkill Fire Department, Pike County Department of Public Safety and many public agencies that help to keep our town residents safe and cared for. Ask questions, get answers, and collect some giveaways to take home.

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 30th in memory of those who fought for our country. The ceremony will be held at the Top of the World flagpole with speeches from our resident veterans.

Children up to age 15 are invited on June 4th to try and catch the biggest fish at the Fishing Derby at the VIP pond, which will be followed by some awesome field games.

Finally, Community Day, June 25th, will kick off the summer excitement with rides, activities, and walking entertainment that will keep you asking for more. And we will deliver! The Men's Club as well as visiting food vendors will serve up some tasty BBQ food and music from Group du Jour will fill the air.

Stay tuned for a wonderful summer with exciting events coming your way. Don't miss out! Mark your calendar and we'll see you there!

COMMUNITY LIVING

Know the Rules

Let's Use Common Sense

by Barbara Beltz, Rules Committee Chair

It's early March, and I'm looking at 5" of what was dropped by (hopefully) the last snowstorm of the Winter of 2021-22. We may see some more snow, but pretty soon, Spring will arrive. And when it does, we'll all feel the urge to get outside and get moving. So now is a good time to refresh our knowledge of the rules that govern our Saw Creek community.

The most important, although unwritten, rule is to use your common sense. Remember that you live in a community of over 2500 families. Be caring and respectful of the people around you and of their property. Do that and you can't go wrong.

For a full copy of the rules and regulations governing Saw Creek residents, you can find the Rules document filed under Governing Documents in the Resource Center at sawcreek.org. Incidentally, sawcreek.org is a great location to keep up with all the latest news and doings in Saw Creek. If you don't already do so on a regular basis, check it out.

Here are a couple of things to remember as we emerge from our winter-imposed hibernation:

- The speed limit for all vehicles in Saw Creek is 25 mph.
- Drive safely and carefully, obeying the speed limit and all posted stop signs.
- We have no sidewalks here, so be aware that you are sharing the roadway with pedestrians, children, bikers, dog walkers and others. Watch out for them as if they were your own family.

The end of Winter also marks a good time to get out and get involved. We are all aware that there are many many paid positions, inside Saw Creek and out, that are begging for good people.

Not looking for full-time paid employment? It takes a lot of volunteers to make a community like ours fully functional. One of them has your name on it – just choose what you would like to do. We'll be happy to see you.

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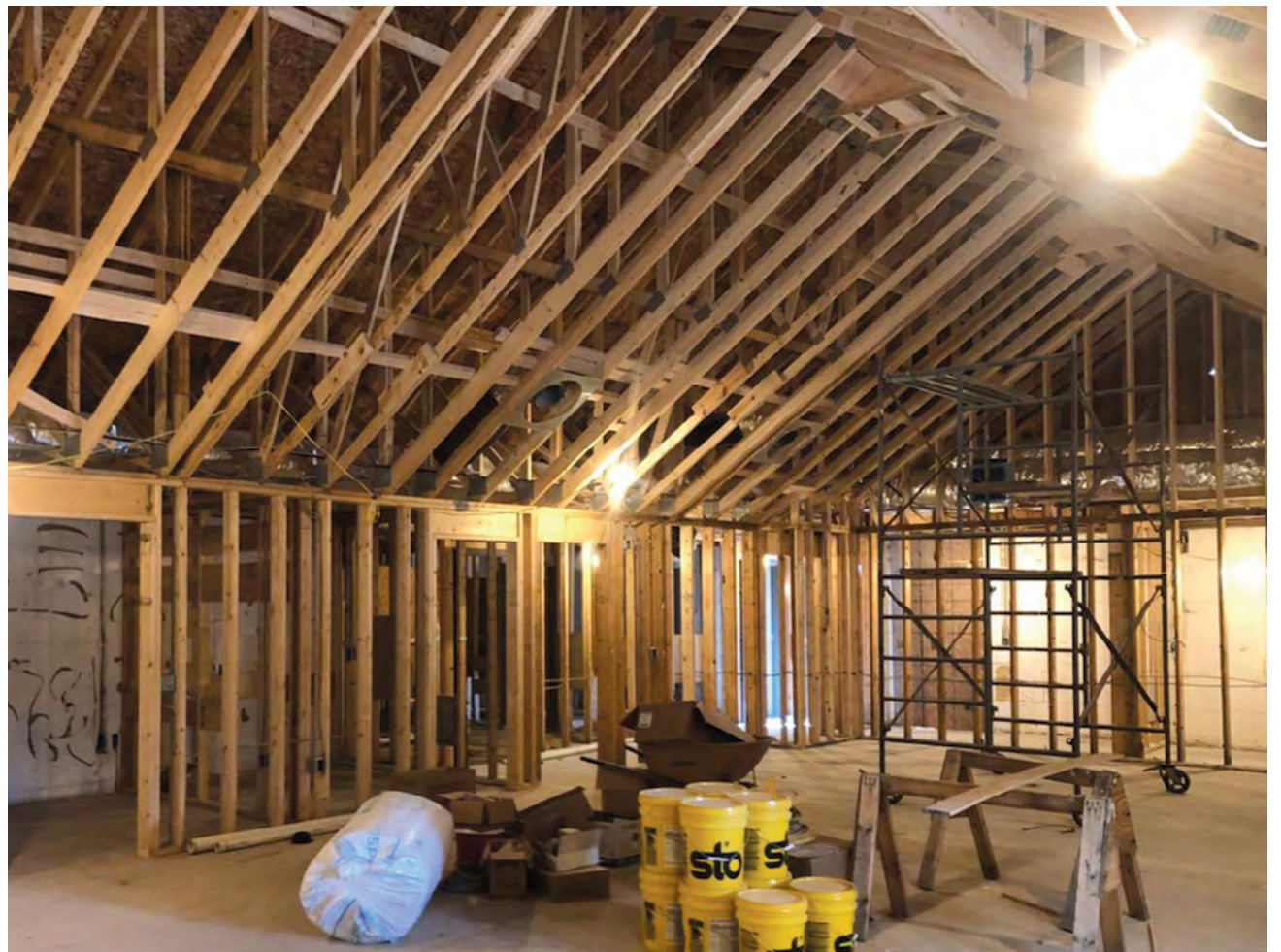
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Your Dues at Work

by Nicolas Hutta, Director of Operations

Saw Creek has planned for several projects to be started in 2022, all of which are necessities for maintaining our great amenities. I ask that you continue to look for pictures and updates on these projects as they take place. Listed below are a few projects we are currently working on:

- **VIP Building Update:** A new roof and Trek decking have been installed on the building, giving the exterior a refreshing new look. We anticipate a grand opening within the next several weeks.
- **Top of the World HVAC and Indoor Pool Renovations:** This project includes completely removing the indoor pool ceiling and replacing the Desert Aire and HVAC system. Once finished, residents will be able to enjoy a freshly updated indoor pool that is climate-controlled properly.
- **Top of the World Fitness Center Entrance:** The indoor pool and fitness center steps are in disrepair. This project will include removing the old steps and replacing them with a fresh new look once completed, and the whole step location will be under the roof.



- **Top of the World & Mill Pond Outdoor pool renovations:** These pools have not aged with grace. With this project, both pools will have new coping, tiles, and white coating, giving them the new life, they deserve.

2022 Amenity Access Fobs

by Margaret Jones, Member Services Supervisor

Hello Saw Creek Members! Spring has finally sprung, and I am excited to say the new Amenity Access Fobs are available at the Member Services Office. Each property will be given 6 amenity access fobs, which will stay active if the account is current. A mandatory disclaimer is required to be signed by the Member before the access fobs are released.

If someone other than the deeded owner picks up the access fobs, Member Services will require written authorization and the signed mandatory disclaimer from both the Member and the authorized person. This information can be emailed to memberservices@sawcreek.org, faxed to 570-588-1887 or mailed to Saw Creek Estates Member Services at 5728 Decker Road, Bushkill, PA 18324. Copies of the mandatory disclaimer can be found on sawcreek.org scrolling across the top of the homepage, or in the Resource Center under the Member Log-in of the website. Copies can also be obtained in the Member Services Office, or by contacting the office at 570-588-9329 or memberservices@sawcreek.org.

Beginning April 1, 2022, the Amenity Access Fobs can start being used at the amenities. The transition from the 2021 Forever Badges to the new Amenity Access Fobs will be completed by April 30, 2022, and the 2021 Forever Badges will no longer be accepted.

To gain access into the facilities, the Amenity Access Fobs will have to be presented to an attendant on duty or at the reader in any of the amenity locations. The amenity access fob readers will be like the gate card readers. Only one person per access fob will be allowed entry, and every person in the group must either have an Amenity Access Fob or a guest band to enter.

For up-to-date communication please sign up for weekly E-blasts by going to sawcreek.org and Sign Up for Email News under the News/Events tab, or by texting SCEINFO to 22828. Happy Spring!



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 - Pictures with the Bunny at the gazebo.
 - 1:45pm-3:00pm - Decorate Eggs, Face Painting, Egg Toss and Pin the Tail on the Bunny at the field.
 - Guess the candy count to win the jar of candy.
 - Craft a crazy hat, enter it in the contest to win a prize

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23 10:00AM-12:00PM

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- Lunch will be served at noon for all participants
- We will provide gloves, vests & trash bags (while supplies last).



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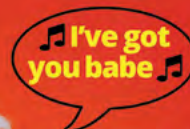


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Saw Creek Eats

by Cheryl Vallone, Communication Assistant

Wondering what to have for dinner tonight? Bored of all your standard dishes? Are the kids saying, "Oh, not that again!" Have some helpful cooking tips? Well, here's a spot where, together as a community, we can share some of our best recipes! Simply email me at: cheryl@sawcreek.org with your favorites! Put "Saw Creek Eats" in the subject line and send me what you would like shared!

Mama DiMauro's Rockin' Broccoli Soup

Having trouble getting your children to eat their vegetables? Here is a soup that worked for me! Give it a try and I would welcome your feedback.

Olive oil to coat saucepan

5 strips bacon

2 tsp. minced garlic

1½ cans of corn

1 medium onion

A bunch of broccoli florets and stems, cut up

Salt & pepper to taste

3 boxes chicken broth

1. In large saucepan over medium heat, sauté oil, garlic, onion and bacon. Cook bacon until crisp.
2. Add broth and cut up broccoli to pot. Cook till tender. Add salt and pepper to taste, add corn. Let simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Serve with favorite buttered bread.
4. Hint: Of course you can alter any part of this to taste, adding more garlic, adding more bacon, etc. Enjoy!

Italian 3 Bean Casserole

Olive oil

1 c. chopped onion

Salt and pepper to taste

2 tsp. dried Italian seasonings

Minced garlic to taste

3 cloves fresh garlic (pounded and sliced thick)

1 (14oz) can kidney beans

1 tsp. basil

1 (14 oz) can black beans

1 (14oz) can diced tomatoes with basil

1 (14 oz) can cannellini beans

1 can petite diced tomatoes with jalapeno peppers

½ c. white wine

½ c. chicken broth

1 bag of spinach

1. Sauté oil, minced garlic and onion till soft. (Don't burn the garlic).
2. Add tomatoes, smashed cloves of fresh garlic and seasonings; sauté on medium heat for 5-7 minutes.
3. Add chicken broth and white wine, stirring often. Turn off heat and then add all beans and spinach. Allow all seasonings to marry, by simmering for about 10 min.
4. Serve with Ciabatta bread, or your family favorite.

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Women's Club News

by Ginni Cozzi, Club President

A warm welcome (it's 21 degrees today with wind chill of about 14 degrees) to all of our new neighbors in Saw Creek. As I drive around our community, I see many homes that have been empty or inactive starting to come alive again, and that is such a great thing to see. Many are getting facelifts and many complete renovations; it is so great to see our community growing and thriving after a very difficult year. It is the sincere hope of the SCWC that many of the new women moving here will consider joining us for the fun and friendship we have brought to Saw Creek for over 20 years.

The SCWC usually meets the first Thursday of every month in the Mountain Room at the TOP Complex at 12:30 for lunch and a business meeting followed by talking and laughter. If you are new to Saw Creek and think you might want to join us, call Ginni at 570-588-0555 for updated information. We are so hoping to meet in April and "get back to normal." COME JOIN US!

Safety News

by Ray Beltz, Safety Committee Chairman

Many of us were watching the calendar and waiting for March 20th, the first day of spring. However, if you have lived in beautiful Saw Creek Estates for any length of time, you know winter doesn't go away without a fight. You may be reading this while sitting on your deck in a short-sleeved shirt, but a late heavy snow or ice storm can really disrupt everything if you let down your guard.

We already had some really cold arctic blasts, and we will probably get more snow and ice before spring finally arrives, so here are a few things to consider:

If we get super low temperatures and the power goes out in your house, there are several heating and charging stations nearby:

- The VIP Center (when construction has been completed)
- The Mill Pond complex
- The Lehman Township Community Center at 5200 Milford Road.
- The Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company at 124 Evergreen Drive.
- The Stroudsburg Y.M.C.A. at 809 Main Street.

Opening information and instructions will be available online and on the radio when these centers are open and available.

If you decide to remain in your home during a power outage/cold spell, be sure to follow the instructions below:

- If you plan to use your fireplace for heat, BURN WOOD ONLY. No charcoal and no accelerants. Make sure your wood supply is readily accessible.
- If you plan to use a generator to maintain your electricity, only run it outside, never in the basement or garage. Store the gas used to power the generator safely outside, and away from the running generator. Never refuel a running generator.
- Keep a couple of flashlights or battery-operated lanterns in the house and extra batteries to keep them lit.
- If you are going to use candles for lighting or to freshen the air in the home, keep them out of the reach of children and pets. Place candles on a very stable flat surface such as a counter or table. Keep away from windows to avoid curtains and window blind cords.
- Please note, if wax catches fire (from a candle dropped or knocked over), the liquid wax will flame up. NEVER throw water on burning wax. It will react the same as throwing water on burning grease or oil. Use a CO₂ fire extinguisher.
- If the power is out, will your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors still work? Are they electric or battery operated?
- This stinks. Remember that your grinder pump operates on electricity and will not work when the power is out. So limit your waste water (showers, laundry, dishes, flushing, etc.) to prevent back ups and overflows.

Finally, when we have really bad weather conditions at any time of the year, please check up on your neighbors and elderly friends. If you observe a sidewalk not shoveled, no footprints in the snow, a driveway not shoveled with no indication of tire tracks or snow piled high on the car, be a nosy neighbor and check up on them. The couple of minutes of your time could turn you into a real cool superhero and warm the heart and spirit of someone who needs it.

See you at Saw Creek's Safety Day on May 21, 2022.

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Tennis News

by Res Montgomery, Tournament Director

Our 2021 Thanksgiving Tennis Classic was held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the indoor courts. Tournament was played in a mixed doubles format and winners were determined after round robin play. Everyone enjoyed the competition and good sportsmanship was displayed by all. Stay tuned for our next Tournament.

Congratulations to the winners, this year's champions, Dominika Wierbowska and Ron Thompson and to our finalists, Roz Giñiger and John Mathew. Get in the game and have fun!



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Men's Club News

by Bill Montgomery, Men's Club President

This is the Spring edition. Welcome everyone. It wasn't too bad a winter. I hope everyone is safe and healthy.

On December 18, 2021, 21 members and guests attended the "Wizards of Winter Christmas Rock Opera" at Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe, PA. Everyone commented on what an outstanding show it was. Special thanks to Frank for arranging an early dinner at Reiley's Pub at Carefree Plaza prior to the show.

On Sunday afternoon February 27, 2022, 26 members and guests attended the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey game in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Many members bought their children and everyone enjoyed themselves. This was a new event for the club and my hope is that it will become an annual event.

We are still meeting on the first Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Mountain Room. Once the restaurant reopens on Thursday's, we will revert back to that day. Please join us for one of our meetings. We had two new members join at our March meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends. For more information, please contact our club secretary, Jason Parsons, at juaqinh@aol.com or call him at 732-710-2664.



Upcoming Events:

- **April 21, 2022** - "Country Classics" at Silver Birches in Hawley, PA
- **May 5, 2022** - "Flying Ivories" at Silver Birches in Hawley, PA
- **May 30, 2022** - Memorial Day ceremony and flag raising, with some club members as guest speakers.
- **June 25, 2022** - Community Day at the Pavilion at Saw Creek. The Men's Club will be supplying food and drink to the community.



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