

SAW CREEK NEWS



The official publication of the Saw Creek Estates Community Association

June/July 2022



This is your way of having a VOICE in our community

All homeowners in good standing [as of May 1, 2022] should receive a letter by June 8 with electronic voting instructions and an individual PIN Code. If you did not receive a letter, please reach out to Member Services at 570-588-9329 or nominations@sawcreek.org.

VOTE for the three candidates of your choice and the Bylaw Amendments <u>today</u> - EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

If you missed Meet the Candidates on June 3, you can see the entire session at www.sawcreek.org

2022 ELECTION & VOTING TIMELINE

- JUNE 3 Meet the Candidates. This event was recorded and a full video of it
 - will be posted on our website soon after.
- JUNE 6 Electronic voting begins at 12:00 p.m. EDT
- JUNE 30 Last day to request your personal voting code by 5:00 p.m. EDT
- JULY 6 Electronic voting ends at 5:00 p.m. EDT
- JULY 9 Newly-elected board members announced to the BOD
- JULY 16 Annual Membership Meeting. Newly-elected board members begin their three-year term



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OFFICAL NOTICE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

JULY 16 10 AM at the

- 1. Call to Order and Officer Roll Call
- 2. Determination of a Quorum
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes of Prior Meeting
- 4. Board's Report on Budget and Assessment
- 5. Committee Reports
- 6. Report on Balloting and Election
- 7. Member Questions

Manager's Message

by Greg Trunzo, CMCA

Greetings. My name is Greg Trunzo, and I am excited to be the new community manager of Saw Creek Estates. Starting a new position with any organization comes with a combination of at least one part fear and two parts excitement. You always hope that you've made the right choice and that you didn't step into something that is



beyond your capabilities. You never really know if there is a good fit until you get started and the big picture begins to come into focus.

Change can be frightening for anyone; however, the benefits of personal and professional growth an individual receives from stretching one's abilities and from experiencing new challenges can't be understated.

Like most people, I looked at starting my new position with that familiar mix of fear and excitement. The welcome I have received in my first month has gone a long way toward removing the fear and embracing the excitement of the opportunity. I would like to sincerely thank the Saw Creek Estates Board of Directors, department heads, staff members, homeowners, and community residents who have all provided such a warm welcome to this new manager on the block and to Taylor Management. The Meet and Greet which was held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Top of the World restaurant saw a great turnout with at least 50-70 homeowners and residents attending.

Warm welcomes aside, I realized that this position was a great fit for me during my first week when I read the Saw Creek Standards of Care. That document, which is available on the Saw Creek website resource center, is the mission statement that immediately stood out and spoke to me, personally. Having spent most of my professional career serving people in the food, beverage, and hospitality industries, I found the standards to be a refreshing reminder of why we are here and what is expected. "We are Ladies and Gentlemen Serving Ladies and Gentlemen."

I look forward to working each day with my team to exceed expectations, to anticipate the needs of the community, and to hold ourselves accountable for our service commitment. Saw Creek is a great community and I believe the best is yet to come.

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President's Message

by Kathi Connell, SCE Board President

The Board of Directors and management work hard to improve communication with and among our members. Our website, the Saw Creek News, our Monthly Bulletin, weekly email blasts, LED signs, our Resource Center and even our monthly Board Meetings, are all evidence of this. We strive to get the word out concerning matters of



importance - and we will continue to look for new and better ways to do so. However, members also share an obligation to communicate their wishes and concerns and keep themselves informed about our policies, rules and regulations and proposed changes to them. If you haven't read the minutes from recent Board meetings, access them online in the Resource Center at www.sawcreek.org or ask for copies at the Member Services Office. While you're there, pick up a copy of the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, our 2022 annual budget and the Construction and Architectural Standards Guide.

Our annual election is just around the corner! Each year you, as a SCE homeowner, have the opportunity and responsibility to select those of your fellow members who will serve you on our Board of Directors. You have a voice in your association and its future through our Board of Directors, whose members have been placed in their position of responsibility by your vote. This year there are three seats to be filled and the candidates are asked by the Nominating Committee to furnish a short bio-sketch and a brief position statement. The statements are published in this edition of the Saw Creek News and included with the ballots. This is your opportunity to educate yourself about your fellow members who are running for membership on the Board.

The board strongly urges you to study all the information, acquaint yourself with the candidates, their positions and vote for your considered choices. You owe it to yourself to get informed, get involved and get more from your Saw Creek membership! I'd like to encourage each of you to please read the candidates' bios. Every year we go through the same struggle to get a quorum and conduct our election. This is unfair to those who have volunteered their time and could be easily prevented if you would take the time to make a decision and submit the electronic ballot. If you have any questions regarding the election or voting process, please feel free to contact the Nominating Committee at <u>nominations@sawcreek.org</u>. Best wishes to each and every candidate and thank you in advance for participating!

Beginning next month, the Board of Directors, together with Management and the Finance Committee will meet to begin review of the projects & priorities for the 2023 Operating and Capital budgets. Numerous Finance Committee meetings will be held in the next several months, which will be open to all homeowners. I encourage you to attend so you can hear and see firsthand how the process happens. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming budget planning for 2023, please feel free to contact the Finance Committee at finance@sawcreek.org.

I occasionally hear comments from members about amenities they would like to see improved or changed. The process to make this happen is our strategic planning process; and as we begin to reevaluate this process, I'd like to ask all members to start thinking about what improvement projects you would like to see included in the plan. The board would like to continue our on-going capital improvement program with projects that help improve our common areas and amenities or improve our overall quality of life. You can provide your comments directly to the Board at scebod@sawcreek.org.

We want all of our members to stay informed and actively involved for the betterment of the community. All residents and homeowners are welcome to attend our meetings. The meetings are usually held at the TOW Complex, Mountain Room, at 10AM on the second Saturday of every month. We try to keep the HOA as friendly and un-intrusive as possible, so please feel free to come to a meeting—even if it's only to meet us and get to know the members of the board a little better. If you have questions on any subject at all, please do not hesitate to contact us at either info@sawcreek.org or cm@sawcreek. org, or scebod@sawcreek.org.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone that when you see something around the community that needs attention, there is an easy way to let the $Association know; \underline{service request@sawcreek.org}. Please send any community$ maintenance comments to this address. This expedites repairs and ensures we have a paper trail to measure our success against!

Thanks everyone and enjoy your summer!

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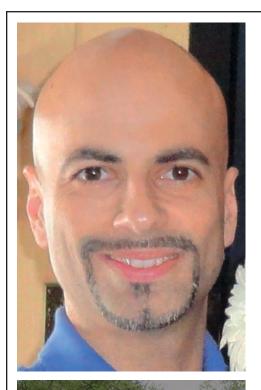
by Margaret Jones, Member Services Supervisor

Summer is upon us, schools are ending for the year, and vacations are starting. For our members who utilize their properties for vacation rentals, please make sure the tenants are registered with the Member Services Office and all drivers have been granted gate access in GateHouse. This will allow the tenants to have a welcoming experience when arriving at the gate, instead of being held up because gate access has not been provided.



If the tenants are not registered with the Member Services Office, fines will result in non-compliance with the Association's Rental Policy.

Make your tenants' experience in beautiful Saw Creek a memorable one, not an unpleasant one. Please comply with the Rental Policy. The current Rental Policy can be found on www.sawcreek.org or obtained by emailing memberservices@sawcreek.org.





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Do You Have a 911 Address **Marker Sign?**

by Jessica M. VanDerVliet, Director of Community Relations

When Saw Creek Estates was developed, lot and section numbers were used as addresses. In 2016, addresses were updated to allow emergency responders to quickly find homes. These new addresses are referred to as 911 addresses and are represented by white numbers on a green sign mounted by your driveway. 911 signs are REQUIRED for all homes within our community.



It is more than just an address sign. These signs help emergency responders locate you should an emergency arise. Emergency responders can only help you when they can find your location. By posting your 911 sign, you quickly identify your location for responders.

We have recently been made aware that some residents are missing their 911 signs. As you can imagine, not having a sign makes it extremely difficult for our emergency responders to locate a home when every second counts!

Please look at your home over this weekend and make sure your sign is still 3 feet from the roadway and visible from both sides. Also, REMOVE all Lot/Section reflective numbers from your property; this causes confusion!

This is not only a community rule and a township ordinance but also extremely important for EVERYONE!

Saw Creek Estates Rules, Section IV, Rule D (2): It is mandatory for homeowners to have a 911 addressing sign posted on their property, by following their township installation ordinances. Failure to post 911 addressing sign will result in a Tier 1 Citation. Amended December 2016 Lehman Township 911 Sign Ordinance can be found at:



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Middle Smithfield Township 911 Sign Ordinance can be found at: https://ecode360. com/15983347

If you need a sign, Lehman Township is selling signs at local hardware stores. For more information about ordering a sign, please get in touch with MSO at memberservices@sawcreek.org

This is something that should not be taken lightly, and it is important that each of our residents do their part to ensure we make it as convenient as possible for our emergency responders to locate someone in case of an emergency.



PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Saw Creek News Contributors

You are invited to contribute to the Saw Creek News 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? Contributing to the newspaper and sharing your voice is a great way to participate.

The Public Information Committee 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 News, 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? No problem! There are 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.



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by Melanie Voiles, Director of HR

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The Cristina Primrose Team

Saw Creek **Home Sales**

- Currently Listed: 29 homes as of June 1, 2022
- Pending Settlement: 34 homes as of June 1, 2022
- Total Sold in past 12 months: 231 homes

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BREAKING NEWS: LIFEGUARDS

Recreation Manager's Message

by Brian Clark, **Recreation Manager**

Summer is approaching and the community will be soon out enjoying all the outdoor activities Saw Creek Estates offers up or in the local community with the numerous trails and parks throughout the region. Summertime always brings out those memories we long for as



we bask in the sun and enjoy our company as we play. Despite the fun in the sun and all the barbeques we can offer up, we must be reminded that each summer brings with it inherent dangers for our community.

According to the CDC, there are more than 3,900 fatal drownings every year in the United States. This year brings with it some additional challenges at Saw Creek Estates due to staffing concerns. We will only be providing lifeguards at our TOP outdoor pool. This means that we are asking each family to be on extra alert and to be reminded that safety is in your hands.

We must take care of our community and be on alert in our pools, so we all remain safe throughout the summer. If you have family in the water or on the decks, you must be sure to always keep your eyes on them and ensure they are following all rules. We ask that you put away the distractions such as phones, books, etc. and be on alert to those loved ones in the pools.

Some signals to be mindful of as children and adults are the pools is to be on the lookout for distress, children in deep water above their abilities, patrons not surfacing when expected too, etc. Being mindful of the pools and pool rules is essential to keeping us all safe this summer and we ask our community to bond together while enjoying our amenities that we are more concerned with the safety of each resident this year.

According to the Red Cross, being water competent is crucial in times of safety concerns. Have water smarts - never swim alone even if you are an accomplished swimmer. Know your physical limits and those of your friends and guests. Swim sober for your safety and safety of others. Alcohol limits your abilities and body function and can lead to serious injury or death. Be patient and ready to adjust to environmental concerns. As you enter our amenities this summer, most importantly, have a plan in case of emergencies.

Know your experience in the water and your individual skills when helping others in the pool. Make sure you keep eyes on children and weak swimmers. Understand the signs of someone drowning and how to safely retrieve a swimmer from the water. Notify lifeguards and pool attendants quickly of distressed swimmers and notify emergency personnel when needed to do so. Most importantly have a plan before you or your guests even enter the pool so that in case of emergency you can implement your plan as needed.

Following these guidelines will help our community to remain safe this year and help build those positive memories we are all seeking under the sun this year. Welcome back summer and the future excitement to be had at all our amenities this summer.



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Lifeguards in Saw Creek

At the April 9th Board meeting, the Board together with the Management Team discussed an important issue that faces not just our Association but also many Associations and organizations nationwide, a lifeguard shortage. Based on the current shortage of lifeguards, the Board approved the following changes to the operations of the Recreation Department.

Starting Saturday, May 28th, 2022, for Memorial Day Weekend and through the remainder of the summer, the Association will not be staffing ALL pools with lifeguards.

At this time, lifequards will ONLY be staffed at the TOW Outdoor Pool. All other pools and the Mill Pond Beach area for the summer season will be "SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK." Pool attendants will be on staff at all pools and amenities to check Fobs and guest entry. The pool attendants will also be enforcing the pool rules as defined within our Rules and Regulations and onsite for any emergency needs. It is important to note that Pool attendants are not certified to perform lifeguard duties and WILL NOT perform such actions.

In the absence of a lifeguard, all association rules will apply and must be followed. Pool Attendants on-site will continue to follow association protocols when rules are not being followed. People using the pools/hot tubs are responsible for their own safety and of others under their care and should not depend on lifeguards and/or attendants solely for protection.

Pool Attendants are available to help residents and guests with non-lifeguard issues and/or questions. Attendants will be patrolling the pool and/or amenity area at specific times to double-check that everyone is adhering to the association rules. Residents and guests should always call 911 first in case of an emergency.

All amenities are always under video surveillance and monitoring and if conditions become unsafe due to patrons not following appropriate rules, Public Safety will be contacted, and the amenity will close until the conditions on the deck and pool become safe to reopen.

This email is intended to inform our residents of the problems we are facing and the solution to ensure we have a fun-filled summer with the pools open and will operate as safely as possible for all our residents and guests to enjoy. Of course, we will continue to recruit lifeguards as well as try and attract additional staff. Still, we are in an unprecedented uphill battle with the newly developed abundance of waterparks in our area and staff shortages.

Pool Rules

Include but are not limited to the following:

- WHERE POSTED NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.
- Valid FOB or Guest Badge is REQUIRED and displayed to the attendant when asked.
- Anyone under 12 years of age must be under adult supervision while in the pool area/hot tub or on any watercraft. Ages will be verified. Anyone 5 years of age and under is not permitted in the hot tub.
- Proper swimming attire only. No cut-offs, tee shirts, or street clothes.
- Throwing items such as hard balls and Frisbees that could injure other swimmers is
- Running, shoving, pushing, and horseplay is not permitted.
- · Conduct that endangers safety or unreasonably interferes with the comfort of others is not permitted and will not be tolerated.
- No glass is permitted. Coolers are subject to check.
- There is NO SMOKING within any portion of the fenced-in area of the Pool Facilities. This includes vaping and E-Cigarettes.
- No bicycles, skateboards, hoverboards, or roller blades are permitted inside the fenced area of the pool facility.
- No animals/pets, except service animals, permitted within the pool facilities.
- Neither the Association nor the Management Company shall be responsible for any lost or damaged items left in or near the pool facilities.
- Failure to follow these rules may result in a citation and/or suspension of amenity privileges.
- The use of all SCE amenities/recreational areas is at your own risk.

Inclement Weather Plan: During the summer hours, inclement weather requires the closing of the outdoor pools. If the Recreation Department closes the TOW Outdoor Pool for the day due to inclement weather, all lifeguards on duty at the TOW Outdoor pool will be re-assigned to the Mill Pond Indoor Pool, only if conditions allow accommodating the closing of the outdoor pool.

Thunder and lightning protocols will still be followed, in which case, all pools will be closed during the weather event. We cannot open the indoor pools during Thunder and lighting, and we reserve the right to close the amenity for the day if the inclement weather illustrates a prolonged duration.

Questions? Contact the Recreation Department recreation@sawcreek.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Summertime Fun and Crisp **Autumn Days**

by Renee Hojnowski, Program and Event Coordinator

As the hot and sunny summer approaches, you may be wondering what Saw Creek has in mind for excitement. It all begins with the summer movie series which features "The Boss Baby-Family Business" on June 18th at the VIP field. Bring a chair or blanket and snacks and enjoy the first of six evening movies that will be shown during the next couple of months under the stars.

We scheduled a Blood Drive on June 24 with the American Red Cross. They are short of supply and need our help. Help a friend, help a neighbor.

Community Day, our long-awaited summer event, is on the horizon. Music from Group du Jour will play through the hours while you experience a delicious BBQ from the Men's Club, enjoy family games, contests, face painting, balloon twisting and have your fortune told if you are curious to see what the future holds for you. Learn how to make an origami boat, enjoy some ice cream, and have a blast with the pie eating contest. So much excitement is in store for you, your family, and neighbors.

Will the ball be in your court? Join our summer tournaments. Pickleball and a Tennis Classic tournament are scheduled for July. We are looking for players. Come join the fun!

Who doesn't like ice cream? Stop by our Ice Cream Social with the best toppings to choose from and stay for a movie while you cool off with this tasty summer treat.

August brings fun times with the Mill Pond Pool Party and a movie all wrapped up in one fantastic night. Water games, snacks, music, and a great deal of fun will be found at this pool party!

Our annual Kids Back to School Party, complete with music and many pool games, will end the summer season but will leave our kids with many happy memories.

September will begin with an afternoon band at the Concert in the Park, a Pet Expo/Doggie Dip at the VIP pool where our furry family members will have the pool all to themselves to play a few games together and socialize with their friends and neighbors.

Has anyone been wondering where the Reptile Show went? Pete is scheduled to visit us September 24th with his reptile family that will delight those who love their reptilian friends.

October will have all the thrills and excitement that only the fall season can bring. Fall Fest will start the season off with music, a car show, touch a truck, paint a plow, crafts, field games and a hayride that will travel from one destination to another where everything and anything can happen that is nothing less than fun, fun, and more fun!

Did you miss the spring yard sale? No worries! We have another one planned for the weekend of October 15-16. Sellers and shoppers get ready!

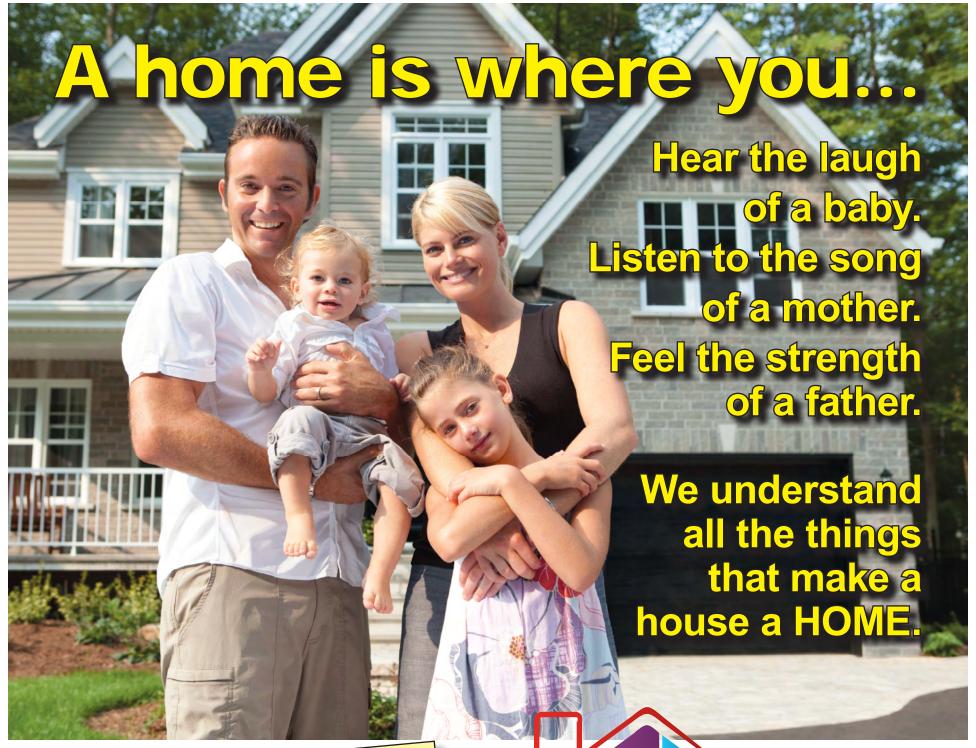
Boo! Who doesn't like a good, but happy scare occasionally? Our fall season ends with our annual Howl-O-Ween event around the VIP pond, complete with ghosts and goblins who may give you quite the scare in the Goblin Trail but offer some yummy candy too!

We hope that you are enjoying all that Saw Creek has to offer and that you are adding them to your family book of memories. Thank you to all our volunteers who give their time and ideas that help create these special moments for all the Saw Creek families to enjoy.









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1000 Pink Lights Walk for **Breast Cancer**

Yes, it is that time of year again, when we start our journey for the 2022 1000 Pink Lights Walk for Breast Cancer. If anyone is interested in joining our great team, just give me an email at librasangel@aol.com, or librasangel109@gmail.com. Our fundraisers and walk donations go to HOPE FOR STRENGTH Breast Cancer Fund working with the Dale and Frances Hughes

The Pink Lights Walk chose to work closely with Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund because this organization helps patients, both men and women, who need help with transportation to and from their treatments, rent and utilities, food and groceries, childcare.

In 2020 we were told we could not have the Pink Walk at Saw Creek becauseof Covid. The Pink Walk Team decided Covid was not going to stop us from helping these people who need our help. We decided to make masks and have a car wash at Saw Creek. We sold masks at the Doggy Dip and at the





concerts we had down at the ball field. It turned out to be very successful, and we were able to donate \$3,000 to Hope for Strength. Not bad for Covid.

In 2021 the Pink Ladies started our journey again. We had a Tricky Tray at the Big A Grill House, East Stroudsburg. It was very successful and there were lots of very happy people because we had over 200 baskets at the Tricky Tray. We also planned our 1000 Pink Lights Walk for October. It started out to be a beautiful day, but they kept calling for rain. Don't you know, it started to rain just when we were starting to walk. We gave everyone pink poncho's and there we went walking around the lake like little pink minions. All in all, it was well worth it.

The 1000 Pink Lights Walk Team are very honored to donate to Hope for Strength/Pocono Foundation a check in the amount of \$10,000.

Please come join this amazing team for the most rewarding feeling in the world. Everyone is invited to join. Call or email Betty Ann at librasangel@ aol.com or 570-588-1132.

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Stormwater Management

by Adam Hackett, Compliance Officer

Stormwater Management is a large part of being a homeowner. Most homeowners do not understand what their responsibility is as it pertains to drainage" Below you will see the specific excerpt from the Guide for Construction, Architectural & Aesthetic Standards (page 25) outlining these responsibilities.



Maintenance of Premises and Improvements (Drainage)

It is the property owner's responsibility to install/maintain the culvert pipe(s) and drainage channels adjacent to the property. When correctly

maintained the culvert pipe should ensure the uninterrupted flow of water and cause no damage to SCE common areas and/or neighboring properties. Failure to maintain/correctly install a culvert pipe will result in a Tier 3 Citation (\$250.00). If drainage issue(s) is left unresolved SCE reserves the right to enter the property and correct the issue(s) and charge the Property Owners account. All violations will proceed through the approved tier process; with the exception of an emergency drainage clean out. If an emergency situation shall arise, a crew will be sent out to correct the issue at the owner's expense at a minimum charge of \$300.00. Charges may vary depending the severity of the drainage issue.

Stormwater Management can get quite expensive, but if correctly done the cost savings for future damage of your and/or your neighboring properties can be great. Several keys to remember when it comes to stormwater management:

- 1. Water cannot be directed onto a neighboring property
- 2. Always hire reputable contractors
- Properly size drainage pipes and channels
- 4. Direct water away from the home
- 5. Keep drainage clear of debris (This includes LEAVES!)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Member Services.



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Time to Vote for the **Future of our Community**

by Ida Mathew, Nominating Committee Chair

This is an important time of year! We are in the midst of our annual elections, which will help determine the future of our community.

There are three Board positions open and we have the opportunity to select members of our community to represent us on our Board of Directors. Please review the candidate information in this Election Edition of the paper. And most importantly, PLEASE VOTE!

If you have guestions for the candidates, contact them directly by their email address shown underneath each candidate's name on their bio.

All homeowners in good standing will receive a letter which will provide voting instructions and a unique PIN number. Anyone who does not receive their letter should call the member services at 570-588-9329 for assistance.

VOTE FOR THE 3 CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE STARTING JUNE 6.

Assistance in voting will be available upon request at Member Services.

IMPORTANT DATES

Electronic voting takes place:

Start: Monday, June 6 at 12:00PM (EDT) Finish: Friday, July 6 at 5:00PM (EDT)

Last day to request a voting code for the election:

Friday, June 30 at 5:00PM (EDT)

Questions? Contact the Nominating Committee with questions pertaining to the election: nominations@sawcreek.org

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2022 SAW CREEK ESTATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Colette Levinstein

Email: colette.levinstein@gmail.com Resident Status: Full-time

What is your pertinent background, education, or experience and motivation as a Board Candidate?

I am a former resident of Manhattan and now reside in Saw Creek. I graduated from SUNY Binghamton with a degree in English and Rhetoric and a minor in Judaic Studies. I have been a leader,



individual contributor and entrepreneur in Human Resource industry for the past 15 years. I am a naturally curious person, always questioning and driven to think about the big picture. I am knowledgeable and skilled in human relations, team management and conflict resolution. Also, I lived aboard learning different cultural perspectives, traditions and how to work collaboratively with people of different backgrounds. I have an

What are your objectives or goals for joining a board, and your expectations for a director?

My goals for joining the SCE Board of Directors is related to my passion for community service. I am committed to the continuous improvement of our association, and I would like the opportunity to serve our members and contribute to the positive direction of the community. My expectations for a Board Director are that they're welcoming, encouraging, and transparent. Board members lead by example, and it's our duty to promote the benefits of the association, set the strategic direction for the association and foster a positive environment. I see a bright future for SCE.

What skills, connections, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the community?

I have a passion for community service and volunteerism. After graduating from SUNY Binghamton, I volunteered with the American Society for Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem's mission is Holocaust education. I started my own hiking club (Wilderness Warriors) dedicated to hiking, foraging, outdoor safety and awareness. In the summer, I volunteer my time as a fire tower steward with the Catskill Center for Conservation & Development. Additionally, I am a trained yoga instructor dedicated to Vinyasa flow which is coordinated yoga postures with breathing techniques. I plan to bring all of my skills and experience to the community of Saw Creek.

lim Lodato

Email: jlodato78@yahoo.com Resident Status: Full-time

What is your pertinent background, education, or experience and motivation as a Board Candidate?

I am a new resident here and I really love the community and I have a strong desire to volunteer and try and contribute to help make Saw Creek the best it can be.



What are your objectives or goals for joining a board, and your expectations for a director?

I would think the goals of all the members of the board would be the same... to put aside their own interest to make the community a better place and it's members happy and proud to be part of it.

What skills, connections, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the community?

I am a customer service supervisor for a large hospital so I have the ability to remain calm and even keeled in stressful situations. I think I have the ability to see both sides of an argument and am not quick to judgement before all the facts are reviewed. I was a restaurant manager for many years and could help organize community functions.

Joyce A. Morgan

Email: jmorgan@ptd.net Resident Status: Full-time

What is your pertinent background, education, or experience and motivation as a Board Candidate?

- United Community Corp - LIHTC Administrator
- Newark Housing Authority - NAHRO, Certified Housing Mgr. Resident Management Dir.
- Chicago Housing Authority - HUD Chicago PH Transformation Plan



- To improve the QULITY OF LIFE for ALL Saw Creek residents.
- · Lower Dues.
- Increase resident participation in Board decisions.
- Improve communications between all Saw Creek residents.

What skills, connections, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the community?

I have been a member of the Saw Creek HOA community for several years. I have served as a member of the Architectural Committee and have witnessed different leadership positions by the Board. I offer knowledge of federal, state and local laws/regulations that may benefit our community.

John Raba

Email: johnraba@ptd.net Resident Status: Full-time

What is your pertinent background, education, or experience and motivation as a Board Candidate?

I have a BA in History and an MAT in Education. For the past year, I have had the honor of serving on the SCE Board. I have learned a multitude of affairs during this year as Director. What stands out most is that I do not agree with every Board



Member on every issue but I really appreciate how we work together and at "the end of the day" we are all human beings and can speak to each other, joke around, and be friendly. I feel as though I represented the residents to my best ability.

What are your objectives or goals for joining a board, and your expectations for a director?

After spending a year on the Board my objectives and goals are very much the same as when i ran last year. Unfortunately, we had way too many emergencies this year and the nine of us really worked together despite our differences. I still would like to find/create programs for Special Needs children, spend money more efficiently, and represent the membership the best that I can (ALL members, not just one specific group). My expectations are the same as before I became a Board Member but again, I am very gratified that despite differences, there has been no "bad blood".

What skills, connections, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the community?

A few of my greatest skills are my outgoing personality and my lack of inhibition to speak up when there is an issue I disagree with. I feel as though I am a talented public speaker, intelligent, compassionate, and easy to get along with (just to name a few). I believe that my one year as a Board Member gives me an advantage over other candidates as i have "been in the trenches" and unfortunately during a very difficult year. We (the whole board) put in many hours and worked together despite our differences to have a very successful year.

Christa Rivers (Caceres)

E-mail: ccaceres71@aol.com Resident Status: Full-time

What is your pertinent background, education, or experience and motivation as a Board Candidate?

B.A. in Jurisprudence and M.S. in Law and Public Policy from the California University of Pennsylvania. Serves on the board of directors for organizations including the former Safe Haven of Pike County for



victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, The Greater Pike Community Foundation, which creates and manages funds to sustain annual grants and scholarships by nonprofits, companies, individuals and municipalities, Pocono Mountains United Way, which assists individuals and families in need in Monroe County through partnership and collaboration.

What are your objectives or goals for joining a board, and your expectations for a director? As a 16-year resident, my goals are as follows:

1. To maintain or improve relations between the board and the community with transparency are

- board and the community with transparency and effective/consistent communication;

 2. To maintain fiscal responsibility to stakeholders
- while finding creative ways to reduce overall costs and potentially drive down homeowner dues;

 3. Look at ways to increase engagement from
- homeowners and encourage more volunteers;
- 4. Most importantly, create avenues for our youth to be active in effective in positive ways by providing outlets that reduce unwanted behavior.

What skills, connections, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the community?

Please see Question 2 for community connections. I have excellent communication and relationship building skills and believe we must always start from a position of respect for one another. I believe we can bridge opposing sides with open minds and finding mutual ground to build upon. I have a solid background in public policy analysis and have a full understanding of legal concepts, and most importantly a love and respect for my community and the hard-working families who live here. Our community is absolutely amazing, we just need to begin thinking more about effective ways to meet its needs.

Saw Creek Estates Board of Directors Election

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BYLAW AMENDMENT 2022-01

Note: Changes are indicated with underlining which will be added or removed in the final version.

Article VI. Committees Section E. Appeals Committee

Current Bylaw:

(3) The committee shall give each appellant an opportunity to be heard and reach a decision in each case by majority vote. The Committee shall provide a report of all hearings and decisions to the Board. The Appeals Committee decisions shall be provided by written notice to the Appellants. Amended July 2013.

Proposed Bylaw Change:

(3) The committee shall give each appellant an opportunity to be heard and reach a decision in each case by majority vote. The Committee shall provide a report of all hearings and decisions to the Board. The Board shall accept, modify, or reject the Committee's decision. The Appeals Committee decisions shall be provided by written notice to the Appellants.

Reason/Justification:

- 1. Clarification of Hearing Requirements, Rulings, Decisions, and **Appellant Rights**
- 2. Allows Board to review contested hearing decisions based upon information provided by the Appeals Committee, Management and/or the Appellant.

BYLAW AMENDMENT 2022-02

Note: Changes are indicated with underlining which will be added or removed in the final version.

Article IV. Board of Directors 3. Powers and Duties Section B. Actions Requiring Members' Majority Vote

Current Bylaw:

The Board shall have authority to exercise certain powers only after obtaining approval of the majority of those Association members voting by ballot to be counted at the annual or a special member meeting. Voting requirements will be the same as in Article III Section G of these bylaws. These powers shall include:

- (1) To include in the Association Budget any new asset with a total cost exceeding \$175,000. As used in this section, the term 'new asset' refers to items not included in the current 30-year Reserve Study Component Inventory and does not include any repair, replacement, or upgrade of existing Reserve Study inventory items. Amended July 2013.
- (2) To make withdrawals in excess of \$175,000 from the capital improvement fund not previously approved in the Association Budget. Amended July 2010.

Proposed Bylaw Change:

The Board shall have authority to exercise certain powers only after obtaining approval of the majority of those Association members voting by ballot to be counted at the annual or a special member meeting. Voting requirements will be the same as in Article III Section G of these bylaws. These powers shall include:

BYLAW AMENDMENT 2022-02 cont.

- (1) To include in the Association Budget any single new asset with a total cost exceeding \$175,000. As used in this section, the term 'new asset' refers to any item not included in the current 30-year Reserve Study Component Inventory and does not include any repair, replacement, or upgrade of any existing Reserve Study inventory item.
- (2) To make a single withdrawal in excess of \$175,000 from the capital improvement fund not previously approved in the Association Budget.

Reason/Justification:

- 1. Clarification of total cost not to exceed \$175,000 per "single" new asset & budget year. As presently written, one could argue that "new asset" is defined to include "items", in the plural. In other words, there presently may be an ambiguity with this provision as to whether the \$175,000 threshold applies to each new asset item or applies to all of the "new assets" in the aggregate. This change makes it clear that the threshold applies to each new asset item separately.
- 2. The change continues to require a majority vote of Members for approval of any single new asset exceeding \$175,000.

BYLAW AMENDMENT 2022-04

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Article IV. Board of Directors 1. Mission Composition and Selection **Section C. Board Composition**

Current Bylaw:

The Association members in good standing shall elect the Directors. Every Director must be a member in good standing, and at least 21 years old. A member and the member's spouse may not serve on the Board at the same time. The Board shall have nine Board members. Members of the Board shall receive no financial compensation for their service but may recover reimbursement of expenses approved by the Treasurer. At any time that a Director or a candidate for election as a Director ceases to be a member in good standing, that person's status as a Director or candidate for Director shall have five (5) business days to become a member in good standing. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, any Director who loses member in good standing status shall have five (5) days to regain such status before losing his/her seat on the Board. Amended July 2020.

Proposed Bylaw Change:

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BYLAW AMENDMENT 2022-04 cont.

who loses member in good standing status shall have five (5) days to regain such status before losing his/her seat on the Board.

Additionally, any member who occupies a position on the executive committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary) must reside in the community full time and have Saw Creek designated as his/her primary address on his/her driver's license.

Reason/Justification:

1. The duties of an executive board member extend beyond those of a regular director, and include, but are not limited to signing checks and other documents, transcribing minutes, attending events, etc. It is inefficient for general staff and community management to have to track down individuals who do not reside in the community full time to perform these duties.

DEER MANAGEMENT BALLOT QUESTION

1. In order to sustain the natural landscape, variety of wildlife and health of the deer themselves, the Board of Directors has authorized several deer culls over the past six years. The need for a deer cull is reviewed yearly and the Board votes on any additional deer herd management actions.

QUESTION: Should the Board of Directors authorize the reduction of the size, concentration, and/or density of the white tail deer population within Saw Creek, to occur over the next 365 days?

[]Yes []No []Abstain



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FINES WILL BE ISSUED

Thanks and help keep Saw Creek safe!

BYLAW AMENDMENT 2022-06

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ARTICLE III. Association Meetings Section G.

Current Bylaw:

(3) The Board Secretary is responsible for getting voting information prepared on or before May 15th. The Nominating Committee is responsible for getting voting information mailed no later than June 1st. Only members who are in good standing at 5:00 PM EST on May 1st (record date) shall be mailed voting information and entitled to vote. Amended July 2018.

Proposed Bylaw Change:

(3) The Board Secretary is responsible for getting voting information prepared on or before 60 days prior to the July Annual Member Meeting. The Nominating Committee is responsible for getting voting information mailed no later than June 1st. Only members who are in good standing at 5:00 PM EST on May 1st (record date) shall be mailed voting information and entitled to vote.

Reason/Justification:

1. As written, the date of May 15th, precedes the 60-day requirement as stated in Article V. Section D "the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of willing individuals as nominees 60 days prior to the July Annual Member Meeting naming a minimum of one candidate per opening on the Board." Per SCE Bylaws, the July Annual Member Meeting is held the third Saturday of July, which, at times, could extend past the May 15th deadline as defined above.



Saw Creek Estates Contact Information

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FY23 Budget Calendar

All meetings held at 7:00 pm in the Mountain Room unless otherwise noted.

Finance Committee Meeting. Review 2nd Budget Draft. Aug 4, 2022

Budget requests Q & A with department heads (if Aug 25, 2022

needed).

Sept 1, 2022 General Manager transmits proposed budget to the

Finance Committee (bylaw requirement). Finance committee meeting review proposed budget.

Finance Committee finalizes recommendations for Sept 15, 2022

Sept 29, 2022 Additional Finance Committee Budget Meeting (if needed).

Oct 1, 2022* Finance Committee transmits proposed FY23 budget with recommendations to the Board (bylaw require-

Oct 6, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting.

Oct 8, 2022** Roundtable meeting between the Finance Committee and the Board to review budget with Finance Commit-

tee recommendations.

Oct 10, 2022* 30-day comment period begins. Proposed budget

is posted online and is also available at the Member Services Office (bylaw requirement).

Nov 9, 2022* 30-day comment period ends

Nov 12, 2022 November Board Meeting @ 10:00 am-Approval of FY23 operational and capital budget on the agenda.

*No meeting scheduled on this date; for information purposes only.

**Meeting will be held after the monthly Board meeting.

Safety News

by Ray Beltz, Safety Committee Chairman

Summer weather is coming (...knock on wood) and everyone is ready to enjoy all their favorite summer activities, but let's do them safely:

- Grills must be located outside (not on a wooden deck) on a level surface. Coals take hours to completely cool; allow ample time before disposing of them. Never dispose of coals in the trash.
- At the pools and Mill Pond Lake, follow all safety rules and instructions from staff.
- Fire risk increases in the summer. Move leaves away from your house and other structures. DO NOT BURN piles of leaves.
- Maintain the area where your property meets the road so everyone can walk safely.
- Enjoy the wildlife we have in Saw Creek. Remember that any wild animal, no matter how big or small, will defend itself if it is cornered or feels threatened. Bears will hurt you and can outrun you!
- Don't let your pet roam free. It makes them vulnerable to being hit by a car or attacked by a bigger wild animal.
- Never leave your pet in the car. Tests show that temperatures in a closed car can go from 75° to 120° in less than 17 minutes.
- Make sure all those beautiful houseplants you buy are pet safe.
- Cleaning products should be child and pet safe.
- Obey the speed limit and all traffic regulations. Concentrate on your driving. Other people are outside enjoying our community, too.
- Bikers have to be safety conscious, too. Is your bike the right size so you can control it? Wear your safety gear, including brightly colored clothing in the daytime and, if you have to ride after dark, reflective gear and lights. Ride with the flow of traffic. (Note: If you're walking, walk facing traffic.) Don't assume the cars see you. Always be alert.

Let's have a great summer. Safety is every person's responsibility. If you have any safety concerns, please attend the next Safety Committee meeting via Zoom or in person at the VIP Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair.

Hope to see you all on October 15 at Safety Day.



Smithfield Gateway Project

by Barbara Beltz

We've been watching the space next to Route 209 across from the Dairy Queen since ground was broken in 2019. Now there is steel rising to signal the start of construction of the major development project known as the Smithfield Gateway Project.

In case you haven't been keeping up to date with the news regarding the Smithfield Gateway, it is a 120-acre multi-year mixed-use development that will include 500,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, restaurants, offices, medical and residential facilities.

The residential portion will include 236 townhouses and apartments and 200 additional residential units earmarked for residents age 55+. The project is known as a "lifestyle center," where you can live, work and play,

Understandably, such a major project will be built in phases. Phase 1, slated to be completed by the end of 2023, will include a new St. Luke's hospital, the Dunkin' Donuts, relocated from further up Rte. 209, shops and a restaurant.

The construction is expected to create 1,000 jobs in the area.

In order to accommodate increased vehicular traffic, Route 209 is scheduled to be widened to five lanes, with a center turning lane. New traffic lights will be in place to direct traffic flow and a loop road will be added to connect Route 209 to Route 447. We've already seen road closures and traffic disruption for construction in this area.

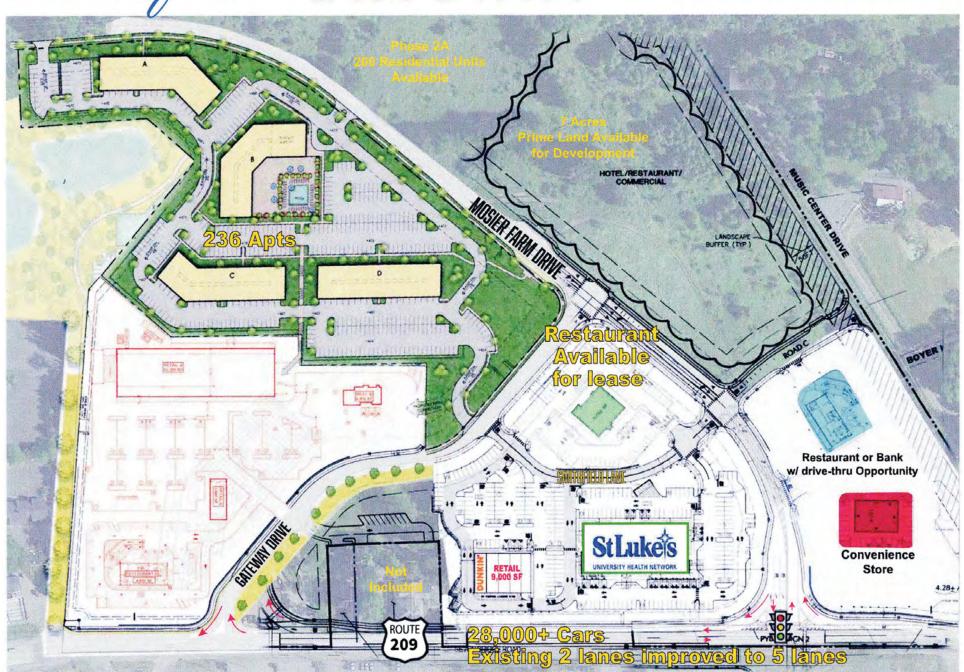
If you haven't already done so, this would be a good time to check out

alternate routes to get to your usual destinations while by-passing the construction zone. Keep in mind that this will be a short-term inconvenience to provide a long-term improvement to our area.



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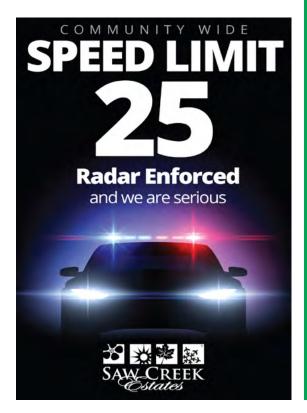
As outlined in Rule B: Noise/Unreasonable Sounds on page 18 of the Rules Document, unreasonable sounds may include barking dogs, loud

radios, or any other entertainment/audio equipment, foul language, automobile horns, or amplifying devices.

Noise that lasts more than ½ hour during the quiet hours of 10PM-8AM, Sunday through Thursday and 11PM-8AM, Friday and Saturday, or noise that continues for more than one hour during daylight hours is considered a nuisance and subject to citations.

Saw Creek continues to attract new residents from urban areas, so the need for advice will increase on how to be "neighborly" while living in our woods. Newcomers or weekend guests/renters may not be aware that sound travels differently in the woods than it does in the concrete jungle. Being aware of these facts will ensure that all residents enjoy our natural woodland setting in harmony with their neighbors.

Always consult the Rules and Regulations document for current rules and citations amounts. You may also view some rules on the Saw Creek website at this link: https:// sawcreek.org/rules-and-regulations/.



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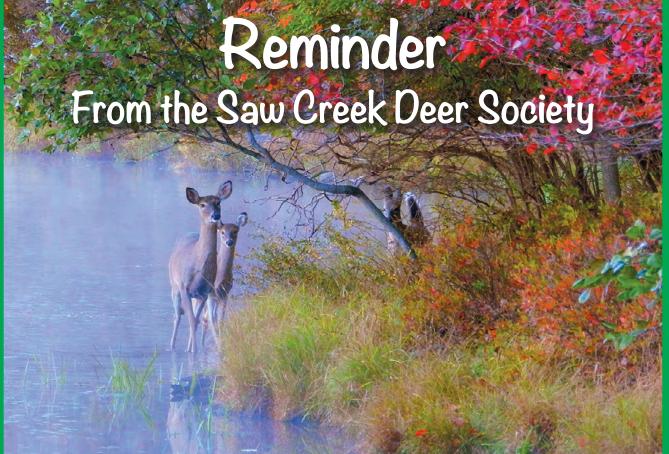
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In 2019, we successfully voted to update the bylaws so that if the Board/ Management want to do a deer cull, they first have to obtain a homeowner vote.

This year, we don't know if a decision has been made to do a deer cull, but if you see a deer management question during any year's annual election written materials or online, please remember to read the question carefully and vote that you are NOT in favor of a deer cull or recreational hunting.

Remember: a deer cull is not humane. Deer are killed by sharpshooters or bow and arrow, right in our community.

If you have any questions, we can be contacted at nohuntinginsce@mail.com OR nohuntinginsce@gmail.com. Click https://bit.ly/2WdnUMS to visit our website.

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Women's Club News

by Ginni Cozzi, Women's Club President

On May 26th at East Stroudsburg High School North, the Saw Creek Women's Club was so pleased to present two \$1,000 scholarships to two young women from Saw Creek who intend to further their educations after graduating from ESHSN.

The first scholarship awarded was given by Lurline Harris to Kimaya Providence, who will pursue a career in nursing. The second scholarship, presented by Jackie Pace, was given to Maria Bernardo, who will major in Political Science. We are so happy for these beautiful young women and wish them much success as they pursue their dreams.

The Women's Club 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.

Have a safe and fun summer!







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Men's Club News

by Bill Montgomery, Men's Club President

This is the June/July edition (Summer), which means our busiest time of the year is here in Saw Creek. This is also the election edition, which means one thing to all club members and homeowners: please VOTE. Read the biographies, ask questions of the candidates. This is your community and every voice matters.

On April 21, 2022, 20 members and guests attended the "Country Classics" show at Silver Birches in Hawley, PA. Everyone enjoyed the show and family style lunch.

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, we had 23 homeowners participate in our annual Spring Clean-up, which included four members of the Men's Club. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedule to help make our community cleaner. Thank you to the Recreation staff for supplying lunch.

On May 5, 2022, 13 members and guests attended the "Flying Ivories" show at Silver Birches. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the show and family style lunch.

On May 26, 2022, the Men's Club attended the Senior Awards Assembly at East Stroudsburg High School North to present two \$1,000 scholarships. The winners were Ms. Kimberly Aseng and Ms. Karina Hossain. These scholarship are made possible by the generosity of ourhomeowners and guests when the Club solicits donations at our entrance gates. Also, this year we are continuing our online platform for anyone interested in making



a donation electronically. Go to https://givebuttercom/SCEMC22scholars to find the QR code or send donations by check (payable to SCEMC) to: Frank Dendulk, SCEMC Treasurer, 2104 Glasgow Drive, Bushkill, PA 18324.

Congratulations and good luck to the winners in all their future endeavors.

Upcoming Events:

- June 25, 2022 "Community Day" Pavilion at Saw Creek (Men's Club supplying food and drink to the Community)
- July 18, 2022 Men's Club annual golf tournament at Pocono Hills. All are welcome to participate.

We are back to having our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Mountain Room. Please join us for one of our 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.





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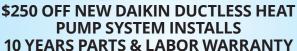
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