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VOTE for three (3) of the seven (7) candidates of your choice and the Bylaw Amendment today - EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

2026 ELECTION & VOTING TIMELINE

- JUNE 13 Meet the Candidates - 3:00p.m. at the DCC
- JUNE 15 Electronic voting begins at 3:00a.m. EDT
- JULY 9 Last day to request your personal voting code by 4:00p.m. EDT
- JULY 16 Electronic voting ends at 5:00p.m. EDT
- JULY 18 Annual Membership Meeting. *Newly-elected board members begin their three-year term.*



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 18 - 10:00 AM - at the DCC

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Board Director Roll Call
3. Determination of a Quorum
4. Acceptance of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
5. Report on Election Results
6. SCE Management Intro & Accomplishments
7. Committee Reports
8. Member Questions & Comments
9. Adjournment



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Manager's Message

Serving Saw Creek Estates with Pride!

by Jessica M. VanDerVliet, Community Manager

As Saw Creek Estates blossoms into another beautiful season, there is an unmistakable sense of excitement throughout our community! One of the greatest things about the Community is our residents' passion. There is a deep passion for where you live, and that passion is reflected every day through volunteerism, participation in events, and support for our amenities, projects, and staff. Maintaining a community of this size and scope requires constant effort, planning, and investment, and our employees and volunteers work hard at it every single day.

After a long winter, our team has been enthusiastically preparing for the warmer days ahead. I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Nic Hutta, Director of Operations, Don Swallow, Maintenance Supervisor, and the incredible Operations team, David Loncki, Director of Public Safety, and James Plummer, Lieutenant, and the dedicated Public Safety department for their amazing work during one of the toughest winter seasons the Poconos has experienced in years. Their dedication and teamwork truly showcase the very best of Saw Creek Estates. While many are advised to stay home during severe weather, these individuals are here around the clock, ensuring our roads are safe, our services continue uninterrupted, and our community remains operational. We are fortunate to have employees who genuinely care about the people and community they serve.

As we gear up for our busiest and most exciting season, we are also thrilled to welcome a few new faces to our management team. After the start of the New Year, we welcomed Colleen Palmer as our Recreation Director for the Community. Colleen brings a wealth of expertise in Recreation, Parks, and Culture. Colleen recently relocated from New York, where she served the city for over 13 years across multiple departments. With her strong emphasis on teamwork and collaboration, she and the Recreation Committee are already developing exciting new programs for our residents to enjoy. We are also excited to welcome Jason Rower as Director of Food & Beverage, to the Management team. Many of our residents already know Jason from his impressive tenure at Exploria (formerly Fernwood), where he managed the Warehouse (formerly Wintergreen), the

snow-tubing hill, the ropes course, and the golf course. Jason most recently transitioned to us from St. Luke's Bethlehem Campus, bringing his core focus on top-tier cleanliness and operational standards. Both Directors are elevating the strong management framework already in place. We cannot wait for you to experience the new features, events, and enhancements they are bringing to the community!

While I may be new to the role of Community Manager, my connection to Saw Creek Estates is longstanding. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving this community in various capacities, including Assistant Community Manager, Director of Recreation, Director of Member Services, and Director of Community Relations. These experiences have provided me with not only a deep understanding of the Association's operations, but also an even greater appreciation for the people who make this community truly special. I have seen firsthand the dedication of our employees, the commitment of our volunteers, and the pride our residents take in calling Saw Creek Estates home.

I approach this position not simply as a professional role, but as an opportunity to continue serving and growing alongside this community. The Community continues to evolve, residents' needs change, and new opportunities and challenges emerge. My commitment as your Community Manager is to remain approachable, accessible, and solution oriented. I am here to listen, to help, and to work collaboratively with residents, staff, committees, and the Board to ensure Saw Creek Estates continues to grow in a positive, strategic, and sustainable direction while preserving the qualities that make it such a desirable place to live and work.

In today's digital world, many residents rely on social media and Facebook groups to stay connected, exchange recommendations, discuss events, and engage with neighbors. These platforms can be valuable tools for community interaction and communication. At the same time, it is important to recognize that information shared online is not always complete, accurate, or presented with full context. As your management team, we encourage residents to seek information directly from official Saw Creek Estates communication channels. The most reliable and accurate information regarding community operations, finances, projects, public safety, Board decisions, and policies will always come from official Association resources, including Board meetings, newsletters, the community website, Member Services, and verified community notices.

Open communication, respectful dialogue, and community involvement are essential to the continued success of Saw Creek Estates. While not every decision may impact every resident the same way, I can assure you that decisions are made thoughtfully and with the long-term stability, safety, and future success of the community in mind. Saw Creek Estates is far more than an online conversation; it is a vibrant community made up of families, retirees, employees, volunteers, and neighbors who all share a common goal of protecting property values, preserving amenities, and maintaining the exceptional quality of life that makes this community such a special place to call home.

I remain incredibly optimistic about the future of Saw Creek Estates and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving this community. I encourage residents to stay involved, attend meetings, ask questions, and continue being active participants in shaping the future of our community, through facts, civility, and constructive dialogue.



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Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Meeting Schedule

Meetings are 7:00 pm in the Mountain Room unless otherwise noted.

* = No Meeting

- **June 13** — Finance Committee reports budget goals to the Board of Directors. (10 am Board of Directors Meeting)
- **June 18** — Interim discussion with Finance Committee.
- * **July 1** — Submission of Draft Budget to Finance Committee.
- * **July 11** — Budget update to the Board of Directors.
- **July 16** — Department Heads discussion of the draft budget with the Finance Committee including proposed markups.
- * **July 31** — Submission of revised budget to Finance Committee (and Board of Directors) [Bylaw requirement September 1].
- **August 8** — Board of Directors revised budget discussion. (10 am Board of Directors Meeting)
- **August 20** — Finance Committee revised budget discussion.
- * **September 1** — Finance Committee final budget and submission to Board of Directors [Bylaw requirement October 1].
- **September 12** — Board of Directors final budget discussion. (10 am Board of Directors Meeting)
- **September 17** — Finance Committee final budget discussion.
- * **October 1** — Submission of final budget to Board of Directors.
- * **October 10 thru November 10** — 30-day comment period [Bylaw requirement].
- **November 14** — Budget approval by Board of Directors. (10 am Board of Directors Meeting)

Guest Registration

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

Planning to host guests, especially during holidays or busy weekends? Be sure to register them in advance using GateHouse. Registering guests ahead of time helps minimize their wait at the gate and ensures a smoother entry experience.

You can access the GateHouse program and training video on www.sawcreek.org under the *Resident Services* tab. If you experience any issues logging in or have questions, please contact the Member Services Office at memberservices@sawcreek.org.

Use Alternate Gates to Avoid Delays

Seasonal and weekend traffic often lead to longer waiting times at the main entrances. Gate Card holders are encouraged to take advantage of alternate entry points to help reduce congestion.

If you typically enter through the Front Gate, consider using the Scarborough Gate off Timothy Lake Road. Residents usually entering through the Back Gate are urged to use the Lancaster Gate off Wickes Road. These alternate routes can significantly reduce waiting times during high-traffic periods. A map showing gate locations are available on www.sawcreek.org under the *Resident Services* tab.

When the Front Gate is congested and the visitor lane backs up onto Winona Falls Road, please follow all traffic laws and do not cross double yellow lines into oncoming traffic. Crossing double yellow lines to bypass traffic is unsafe and can increase the risk of accidents and may lead to even greater delays for everyone entering and exiting the community. Using an alternate gate is the safest and most efficient option.

On the homepage of www.sawcreek.org, you'll find a link at the top for the Front Gate Traffic Cam, allowing you to view real-time traffic conditions at the Front Gate.

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Opening of Pools

by Don Swallow, Maintenance Supervisor

The days have gotten longer, and the weather has warmed up, we're excited that one of our community's favorite summer features – the outdoor pools have opened for the season!

Over the past several weeks, our maintenance team has been working hard at getting everything ready. The pools have been uncovered, and debris from the off-season cleared. The pools received a deep cleaning, and tiles and fixtures have been checked to ensure everything is in great shape.

We've also been paying close attention to water quality to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. The pools were carefully refilled and treated, with chemical levels balanced to meet all health and safety standards. Our filtration systems have been tested and run to keep the water clean and clear, and all safety equipment—including ladders and emergency gear—have been inspected and updated as needed.

At the same time, we've brought on and trained pool staff who will help create a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment throughout the season.

You may also notice improvements around the pool areas—decks have been cleaned, seating arranged, and landscaping refreshed to make the space even more inviting.

We are happy to welcome you, your family, and your guests back for another great season of fun, relaxation, and community time. Keep an eye out for any planned special events.



FOBS or Guest Wristbands for Amenity Use

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

The summer season is upon us, and the outdoor pools have opened. This is just a reminder that amenity FOBS or guest wristbands are required to enter the amenities for anyone age 6 or older.

Access will not be allowed to the amenities if the FOBS are not working. (Non-working FOBS will turn red at the FOB readers.) Contact the Member Services Office during business hours to inquire as to why the FOBS are inactive.

For those who don't have FOBS, guest wristbands can be purchased at the Member Services Office during business hours by members in good standing, their registered renters, or their property residents. Guest wristbands are \$30 per day/\$120 for 7 consecutive days with a limit of 6 per household.

The Member Services Office hours are Monday & Wednesday through Saturday from 9 am-4 pm. The office can be reached at memberservices@sawcreek.org or (570) 588-9329.

The Recreation staff does not manage FOB functionality or sell guest wristbands. If access to the amenities is denied due to a FOB issue or lack of a valid guest wristband, please treat staff with courtesy and understanding. Staff are simply enforcing policies established by the Saw Creek Estates Board of Directors and Management team.

Let's all do our part to ensure a pleasant and enjoyable summer season for the entire community.



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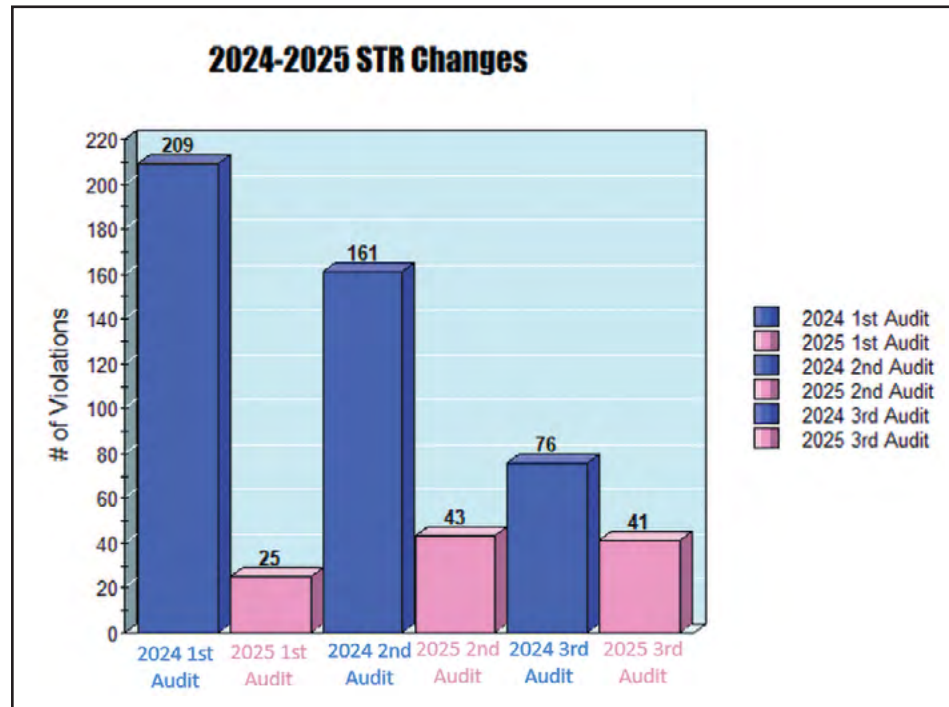
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What's Going on With the Short-Term Rental Audit?

by Joselyn Serraty, Member Services Office, Rental Agent

The Short-Term Rental (STR) rental audit remains ongoing, and updates have been made to the Rental Policy. This audit is a review process designed to ensure each rental property complies with the Association's established Rental Policy [last updated January 1, 2026]. As part of a standard and ongoing effort, these audits will be conducted periodically to monitor and confirm that all short-term rentals are properly registered with the Member Services Office using the required Tenant Registration Form.



Over the past two years (2024–2025), significant increases in compliance with the STR rental policy have been observed, as illustrated in the graph above.

Why should I comply with the Rental Policy?

- Failure of non-compliance will result in a \$250.00 citation per occurrence.
- Failure of not registering the tenant with the office will result in a \$75.00 citation per occurrence.
- Renting while delinquent will result in a \$100.00 citation per occurrence.
- Renting without a valid township permit results in a \$500.00 citation per occurrence.

For any inquiries regarding short-term rentals, you can refer to the rental policy which can be found at our website under the "Resident Services" tab – Rental Policy.

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Stepping up

by Peter Poliakine, Accounting Manager

The recent escalation in collection efforts for delinquent assessments is a necessary and long-overdue step. This initiative was developed through extensive consultation with multiple ad hoc groups and the Finance Committee before receiving a mandate from the Board of Directors.



Financial delinquency places an unfair burden on the rest of the community. Essential services, such as snow removal, benefit every resident. However, when assessments go unpaid, the cost of these services is shifted onto the neighbors who do pay. To ensure fairness and maintain our legal and fiduciary responsibilities, we must ensure that every homeowner contributes their share.

While some may view collections as a harsh measure, our job is to protect the interests of the majority who fulfill their obligations on time.

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- **Pending Settlement:** 15 homes as of May 28, 2026
- **Total Sold in past 12 months:** 116 homes

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Saturday & Sunday 12pm to 5pm

Mill Pond

Beach – 10am to 6pm

Boats – Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm

June 13: The Community Pool and Mountainside Pool will open.

June 13 thru August 23, 2026

Mill Pond Indoor pool will be open only during inclement weather.

TOW Indoor Pool is closed for repair until further notice.

Mill Pond Outdoor Pool

Open daily 11am to 8pm; closed Monday

TOW Outdoor Pool

Open daily 11am to 8pm; closed Tuesday

Community Outdoor Pool

Open daily 10am to 6pm; closed Wednesday

Lap Swim: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am to 11am

Mountainside Outdoor Pool

Open daily 10am to 6pm; closed Thursday

Mill Pond

Beach – 10am to 8pm

Boats – Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm

During the instance of any thunder or lightning, all pools will close temporarily.

TOP Restaurant

Summer Seasonal Hours

Visit www.sawcreek.org - "TOP Clubhouse" tab.



Where do I find out about community events/activities?

by Margaret Jones,
Communications & Admin. Assistant

We offer several avenues to view upcoming events. At the beginning of each month, a printed bulletin can be found at the front and back gates, Member Services Office, the TOP, at our amenities and online at www.sawcreek.org.

Find upcoming event flyers at <https://sawcreek.org/events-calendar/>. The official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SawCreekEstates/> also has events posted.

If you have been to the Member Services Office recently, you may have noticed a TV in the lobby. TV's will be installed at the amenity locations and mailbox areas, and will show the current event flyers.

If you ever have a question concerning an event, please feel free to email info@sawcreek.org.

2026 Recreation Events

Subject to change or cancellation.

Visit www.sawcreek.org for more information.

June

20 Community Day

July

4 Color Run

4 Block Party

25 Summer Olympics

August

8 Mill Pond Pool Party

15 Kid's Back to School Party

29 90's Pool Party at the TOP

September

12 Doggie Dip

19 Volunteer Party

October

17 Fall Festival

24 Haunted Trail

31 Trunk-or-Treat and Trick-or-Treating around community

31 Sensory Room at DCC

November

11 Veteran's Day Lunch

29 Gobble Walk

December

5 Pet Photos and Tree Lightning

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Spring Fest & Safety Day

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

The annual Spring Fest & Safety Day took place on April 25th, bringing the community together for an engaging day of fun, learning, and connection despite the weather. Attendees enjoyed music by DJ Bad Brown, browsed and shopped vendor booths, participated in hands-on crafts, explored emergency response vehicle displays, and watched a karate and self-defense demonstration, a Safety Committee demonstration and a Zumba presentation. Guests also enjoyed a variety of games and had the opportunity to connect with SCE Committees and Men's and Women's Club Members.



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The Top of the World Restaurant

by Shalan Cronen, TOP Front of House Supervisor



As the new year got underway, the TOP quickly found its rhythm with a full calendar of entertainment, steady dining, and plenty of familiar faces returning through the winter months. From karaoke nights to live music and celebrations, the start of 2026 has already set the tone for another memorable year.

January and February brought a mix of crowd favorites, and weekly specials kept things fresh. While events like Music Bingo, Paint & Sip, and live performances from returning musicians continued to draw great energy to the Top, Valentine's Day and Super Bowl Sunday were standout moments, filling the room with excitement and strong turnouts. March slowed a bit, allowing the team to focus on food quality and service, but still delivered a

lively St. Patrick's Day "Irish Meets Country" celebration, featuring Irish step dancing from DeNogla Academy and a spirited country set from the Steel Creek Trio. Even during the quieter winter stretch, there has been



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a consistent effort to bring people together with something always happening.

Behind the scenes, there has also been a strong focus on growth. With helpful feedback from the community, the team has been working to improve timing and flow during busier evenings while continuing to maintain the quality that guests expect. That same feedback played a major role in shaping the brand-new menu, which is now being introduced. It blends guest favorites and a selection of new dishes designed to bring fresh flavor into the season.

Looking ahead, the anticipation for warmer weather is already building. The setting has always been one of the restaurant's most defining features, overlooking views where each evening's sunset becomes part of the experience. As temperatures rise, the natural surroundings enhance each evening with sunset views complementing relaxed dinners, live music, and long evenings outside.

This summer's lineup is already taking shape with a series of events designed to make the most of those nights. The CruZadors kicked off the summer season with a high-energy performance over Memorial Day weekend. That holiday performance marked another chapter in a tradition of shows that consistently drew great crowds. Sunset dinners will return, A Toga Party with a live band is also planned, bringing a fun, high-energy theme to the season.

There's a noticeable sense of excitement building among the staff as the season approaches. After the winter months, the warmer days and nights are something everyone looks forward to. It's a time when the restaurant feels alive.

With a new menu now available, an expanding entertainment schedule, and summer just around the corner, 2026 is already shaping up to be another standout year. The goal remains simple: we continue to create a place where great meals, good company, and memories come together in an atmosphere that's hard to match.





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Rebuilding Community One Event at a Time

by Colleen Palmer, Director of Recreation

What makes a community truly feel like home? At Saw Creek Estates, the answer has been clear throughout 2026: connection, collaboration, and community spirit.

Since the beginning of the year, Recreation at Saw Creek has been more than just planning events; it has been about rebuilding relationships, creating memories, and reminding residents that this community is so much more than a place to live or visit for a weekend getaway. As your Recreation Director, it has been an incredible honor to help bring people together and witness the positive energy growing stronger with every event.

The year began with Winter Fest, which served as an important stepping stone. While the event was enjoyable and brought residents together, it also offered valuable perspective on where the community stood and what was still needed. It became clear that there was a strong desire for renewed connection and community engagement. From that moment forward,



the mission became simple: rebuild morale, strengthen relationships, and create events that truly unite people.

That mission came to life during Spring Fest and Safety Day. Even with challenging weather conditions forcing portions of the event indoors, the community showed up in full force. Committees, club members, volunteers, Board Members, and residents all came together to support one another and showcase the incredible programs and amenities Saw Creek has to offer. Demonstrations from community programs, creative crafts from the Recreation Department, and volunteer-led activities filled the day with excitement and energy. Most importantly,

the event proved that community spirit is alive and thriving at Saw Creek.

Now, excitement is building for the next major event of the season; Community Day on June 20. This highly anticipated celebration promises "fun in the sun" for residents of all ages. Residents and guests can look forward to live music, water games designed to beat the summer heat, delicious picnic-style food, and a welcoming atmosphere centered around family fun and togetherness.



One of the highlights of Community Day continues to be the outstanding collaboration with the Men's Club, whose dedication and leadership remain a driving force within the community. Their support, alongside the involvement of clubs, committees, board members, volunteers, and residents, continues to strengthen the foundation of what makes Saw Creek such a special place.

As the summer season approaches, recreation at Saw Creek is only gaining momentum. From seasonal events to community collaborations, the focus remains the same: creating lasting memories, fostering connections, and making every resident feel proud to call this community home.

The Recreation Department looks forward to welcoming community members, both big and small, to another unforgettable day of old-fashioned summer fun at Community Day on June 20.





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Time to Vote for the Future of our Community

by Ida Mathew, Nominating Committee Chair

Calling all Homeowners!

It is time for you to vote for the future of your community and we encourage you to do so! Voting for the leaders of your community is your right as an owner. It's easy and quick. Please take the time to exercise your right to vote!

Electronic voting takes place from Monday, June 15 at 3 AM (EDT) through Thursday, July 16 at 5 PM (EDT).

Please exercise your full voting potential by voting for three (3) candidates of your choice, and the one (1) Bylaw Amendment. We would also like to remind all eligible members that no proxy voting is permitted as per our bylaws.

** Please note, if you own more than one lot your vote will be weighted to reflect the number of lots owned. (example: 2 lots equal 2 votes)*

Please VOTE wisely!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Electronic voting takes place:

Start: Monday, June 15 at 3:00AM (EDT)

Finish: Thursday, July 16 at 5:00PM (EDT)

Questions?

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Daniel Birnbaum

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

As a Saw Creek resident since 2006 and father of two community-raised children, I bring over two decades of supply chain management and business development expertise. My professional background in navigating complex, fast-changing environments translates directly to community leadership. I

stay connected to our broader community as a Rotarian, VP of the Bushkill/Smithfields Lions Club, and Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 11935. These roles keep me attuned to local needs and give me the relationships and resources needed to help guide Saw Creek through whatever challenges lie ahead.

2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

The most significant issues in our community center on communication, visibility, and resident awareness. Having called Saw Creek home for 20 years, I've witnessed the dedication of our staff and volunteers firsthand. However, in an era of inflation, social media, and an ever-changing resident landscape, the greatest challenge is streamlining accurate, factual information about our community's achievements and realities — ensuring residents stay informed and engaged despite the noise of misinformation and shifting demographics.

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

My top 3 priorities are:

1. Community Engagement Through Volunteerism: I will support and expand committees, matching residents' talents to meaningful roles — creating a community driven by its own people.
2. Amenities Improvement Through Committee-Led Initiatives: Empowering resident committees to assess needs and recommend improvements ensures investments reflect what our community actually wants.
3. Transparent Governance Through Open Communication: I will support consistent communication — newsletters, digital updates, and open agendas — while building committees that support Board functions, distribute responsibility, and ensure every voice is heard.

The common thread: the right communication, to the right people, at the

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

My expertise lies in building cohesive teams by recognizing individual aptitudes and fostering clear, effective communication. As a Board Member, I will leverage these skills to guide Saw Creek in a positive direction by placing the right people in the right roles. Our community is rich with talent and valuable assets. It is a Board Member's obligation to mentor, support, and amplify those strengths — ensuring the broader community recognizes and benefits from them. Together, we can turn individual contributions into meaningful, lasting progress for Saw Creek.



John "Jack" Burchill

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

Essential skills for a Director include the ability to plan for the future. My work in industry as an Engineering Project Manager and in education as a District Supervisor have taught me to develop and rely on planning skills. My skills come from my education as an engineer with many years of industrial experience and additional interpersonal experience from teaching and dealing with students in my Math and Physics classes at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Additionally relevant experience was gained by serving six years on the Board and on the recreation and finance committee



2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

Our most significant issue is the election of a Board of Directors. The board must set the direction for Saw Creek so that we will be a financially sound community, one that fulfills the needs and desires of the residents. We must eliminate unnecessary spending and minimize dues increases. We now seem to pay more and receive less because many of our amenities are frequently out of service. Most important is that residents' voices are heard and not limited to six minutes per month, after all this is our community isn't it?

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

My priorities include providing the homeowners with the ability to have their voices heard. It is most difficult for everyone to express their thoughts in six minutes on a zoom call. I would reinstate in person board meetings and also restart the newspaper, funded mostly by advertisements. Next, I would like to provide our budget in such a manner that it is clear and understandable. Presently most homeowners can't follow it. Where is our money going? My next priority would be to concentrate on our restaurant by providing assistance to bring it to a position of profitability.

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

I plan to use my education, life experiences, and knowledge gained from the homeowners to help guide my decisions. My experience having served six years on the board tells me that many decisions are made based on the voting of five or more people. Our community consists of approximately 3000 homes and I would like to see significant input from the homeowners to determine the needs and desires of the community.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Raymond Gorski

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

Professionally, I spent a total of 44 years on the NY-NJ waterfront, serving as a Security Officer and a union delegate, holding key leadership roles including Secretary-Treasurer, Business Agent, and Pension & Benefits Manager. These positions required financial oversight, strategic decision-making, contract negotiation, and advocacy—skills that directly transfer to effective community governance. A homeowner since 2011/full-time resident since 2022, I have developed a deep connection and strong understanding of our community by attending Board meetings, serving on the B&A Committee, Men's Club, Joe's Pantry, and previously, Safety Committee. Bringing a combination of long-term commitment, leadership experience, and active community involvement.



2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

First, The Public's Safety remains a vital concern in terms of road safety, emergency preparedness, and everyday security. My decades in labor and security roles have given me a deep appreciation for proactive safety measures.

Second, I see a growing need for equitable access to resources/amenities and social support. Since I have volunteered at Joe's Pantry and been active in the Men's Club, I've seen firsthand how vital these support networks are. By addressing these issues with a collaborative and strategic approach, I believe we can build a resilient and thriving community. Finally, focus on the communities' increasing growth/development.

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

First, work to establish a more open and transparent line of communication between the BOD, Management, and Homeowners by actively listening to residents' concerns. Communication must be a two-way street. Advocate for the return of in-person meetings, organized in a town-hall format to encourage meaningful dialogue. Second, focus on expanding access to community resources and addressing ongoing concerns with amenities. Residents have expressed a need for improved access, including our underutilized DCC. Third, prioritizing the public's safety, with a strong emphasis on road safety. Including speeding, stopping at stop signs, and adherence to all traffic laws.

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

I will use my skills, honed over decades of leadership, to drive meaningful progress. I will ensure that all decisions are guided by team approval from both board members and community members. Throughout my career, I have learned the value of inclusive leadership, so I will actively seek both positive and negative input, treating every comment with respect and an open mind. By staying organized, listening closely, and ensuring we reach consensus, I will align our actions with the community's best interests. This approach will help us build a safer, more connected, and resilient community, guided by collaboration and respect.

Thomas Christopher Larcome

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

I own and run a 4 office real estate brokerage. We also own and manage a small coffee shop in Nj.



2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

I'm new to the community, I haven't seen any real issues that I would call out but there's always an opportunity to improve.

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

Same as answer to number 2.

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

As of right now the community seems to be run smoothly. As in both real estate and small business ownership I think outside of the box ideas are important for growth. Again would like to build on what is already here.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Bernadette Morris

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

I currently work in a high pace environment that requires me to problem solve on the spot. I can multi task and execute in a timely matter. I feel that I would bring a fresh perspective to the board being a newer resident here at saw creek.



2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

I personally feel that a major issue here is the community is mostly rule enforcement. I see and hear a lot about how some are treated differently than others. I don't believe saw creek treats others differently but I do believe that rule enforcement could be tighter to make rule abiding residents feel heard.

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

First and foremost I would advocate for digital speed signs. I observe a majority of residents speeding and driving recklessly. I feel that speed signs would be a great start.

Secondly I would advocate for tighter rule enforcement for the community. Many residents do not abide by the rules and make living here less desirable for the one who do.

Lastly I would want to hold a community fund raiser. I would like to raise funds for the families here who may be going without basic needs like food.

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

If I were brought on to the board I feel that I would be able to help in many different areas at once. With my problem solving skills I feel that I could add a new perspective. I work in customer service and I have acquired the skill of listening and hearing others out. I follow that I would make saw creek residents feel that their opinion matters.

Heather Wagner

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

My background consists of a Bachelors Degree in Legal Studies and over twenty years of working in case management and casework specializing in disabilities, geriatrics and Social Security. I am extremely organized and detail oriented. I take governance very seriously and I will ensure I have a detailed working knowledge of all the by-laws and governing documents so I can serve the community with clarity, consistency and accountability. I believe a clear understanding of the by-laws is imperative to be consistent and aligned with the rules and regulations that guide our community. I deal with complex people and situations



2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

I believe the most significant issues that our community currently faces are transparency, rising costs every year and effective communication. Poor communication can lead to distrust, rumors, and unnecessary conflict making it essential that the board communicates clearly and consistently with the homeowners. Transparency is equally important. Homeowners should feel informed about decisions that affect the community and confident that their concerns are being heard. I believe the board has a responsibility to actively listen to residents and take their feedback seriously. As one example, I would support returning to in person board meetings rather than continuing solely with

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

First, I would focus on improving communication and transparency. This includes providing regular, clear updates to homeowners about board decisions, upcoming projects, and financial matters. I would advocate for more accessible communication channels and support returning to in-person meetings to encourage open dialogue and trust between the board and residents.

Second, I would prioritize strengthening the community's financial planning. This means carefully reviewing the budget, ensuring reserve funds are properly maintained, and planning ahead for major expenses to avoid unexpected special assessments. My goal would be to balance fiscal responsibility with keeping costs as manageable as possible for homeowners.

Third,

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

My goal is to ensure decisions are made thoughtfully with clear communication and input from residents. A productive board works best when members respect different perspectives and work toward shared goals. I will always be prepared and honest and open minded. I will help to make decisions that benefit the homeowners and I will listen to the concerns of the homeowners. I want my friends and neighbors in this community to feel heard and take back their voices in the community to make this the best community in the mountains.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Don Wallschleger

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1. What skills, connections, resources, and expertise can you offer to navigate this community through these rapidly changing times?

I enjoy living in our community. I have been a part of the safety committee for 8 years and also a member of The Saw Creek Men's Club for about 9 years. I've resided in Saw Creek since 2015, and met so many wonderful people here.

I was a police officer for over 30 years, and retired in 2015. I was president of my police union. I worked with the public in all sorts of situations. I believe I can help this community with an open mind. To listen to all homeowners about their concerns. Communication works both ways

2. What do you believe are the most significant issues our community is currently facing?

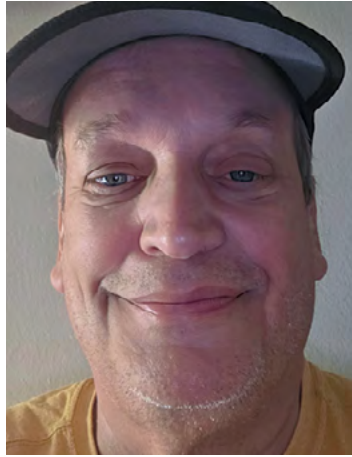
Public safety is always a main concern. Speeding and stop signs need to be addressed. With my career talents, I would look forward to working with Public Safety and the safety committee and hope we can make our community better. I also believe we can utilize our committee's better. Listen and answer questions. More strength in numbers. We need to look to the future as to make Saw Creek the best in the Poconos.

3. What are your top 3 priorities if you get elected and specific steps to achieve them?

First - Communication, homeowners have a right to know and need to know what is happening in their community.
Second - public safety, my hope is to make people safer and comfortable. Try to advertise more about traffic laws and regulations and if possible more enforcement.
Third - Amenities, it seems they are dwindling. We pay more dues every year, but hours of usage gets more limited, again, we need to communicate to the public as to why?

4. How do you plan to use your expertise to advance meaningful progress to foster positive change as a Board Member?

Again, it comes down to communication! When people have an idea what is going on in their community, they hopefully would want to get involved, join a committee! We will make Saw Creek a better place to live. We can work together!



BYLAW AMENDMENT

BYLAW AMENDMENT 2026-03

Note: Changes are indicated with underlining or ~~strikethrough~~ which will be removed in the Final Version.

Article IV. Board of Directors, 3. Powers and Duties Section D. Conflicts of Interest

Current Bylaw

(3) Except for the student children of Board Members working in seasonal or after-school part-time positions, no Board Member or a member of his/her immediate family shall directly or indirectly accept employment, or enter into any paid contract with the Association or any contractor or subcontractor of the Association during the members service as a Director. Amended July 2004

Proposed Bylaw Change

(3) Except for the student children of then current Board Members Directors working in seasonal or after-school part-time positions, no Board Member Director or a member of his/her immediate family shall directly or indirectly accept employment, or enter into any paid contract with the Association or any contractor or subcontractor of the Association during the members service as a Director. A Director who is already employed by, or who is otherwise in a personal or professional contractual relationship with an existing contractor or subcontractor of the Association, may continue to serve as a Director, provided such employment or contract was in place prior to the Director's election or appointment to the Board. The Director in question shall recuse himself or herself from any vote affecting any decisions regarding his or her employer, and/or for any contract for which he or she is a party. Amended XXXXX

Reason/Justification

To clarify that current Board Directors who are employed or have a relationship with a contractor or subcontractor of the Association prior to joining the Board may continue to serve on the Board. Directors who accept employment with a contractor or subcontractor of the Association after joining the Board must resign from the Board.

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Volunteers & Committee Members Needed

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

Looking for a way to connect and contribute to your community? We're always happy to welcome new faces with fresh ideas! Several SCE committees are currently looking for new members, including:

- Beautification
- Building & Architectural
- Finance
- Nominating
- Public Information (PIC)
- Recreation
- Rules & Regulations
- Safety

Whether you can take part in a committee or just volunteer when available, your involvement can help make a positive difference. To learn more about each committee, visit www.sawcreek.org, click on the Contact tab and select Community Contacts.

If you're interested in applying for either a committee or volunteer opportunity, please complete an application. Applications are available under the Resident Services tab, or you may request one from the Member Services Office.

Please note: In accordance with Pennsylvania law, anyone interested in volunteering for events or applying to the Recreation Committee must obtain Child Abuse and Criminal History Clearances (free of charge for volunteers). Forms can be found at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/keep-kids-safe/child-abuse-clearances>.



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(<https://sawcreek.org/sce-store/>) or at the Member Services Office. Get yours today for \$25!

"Why I think Saw Creek is special"

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

Do you have a "Why I think Saw Creek is special" story? If so, please send it to communications@sawcreek.org, and it may appear in a future Week at the Creek weekly email blast. We'd love to hear from you.

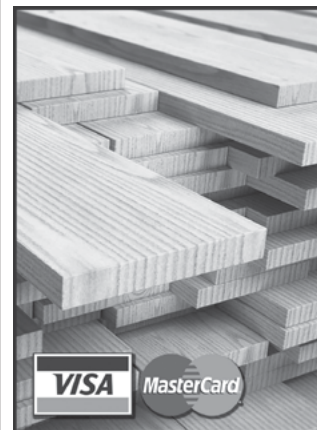
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250 Years of the USA: What America Means to Me

As we celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States, we're inviting residents to share a short article for upcoming *Week at the Creek* email blasts, on the theme, "What America Means to Me."

Please send submissions to communications@sawcreek.org by 9:00 am on Monday, June 29.

All entries will be reviewed before publication, and we may decline content that is offensive, defamatory, political, or otherwise not appropriate for our community newsletter.



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Bushkill Fire Company Celebrates 90 Years

by Kyle Rohner, Bushkill Fire Chief

For the last 90 years, the Bushkill Fire Company has operated as an all-volunteer organization whose mission has been to protect the lives, property and environment of the citizens and visitors of Saw Creek and the surrounding Lehman and Middle Smithfield Municipalities.

We wish to celebrate and give thanks to our Founders, and our Fire Fighting Volunteers who have continued in their proud tradition of hard work, dedication and personal sacrifice. We also wanted to give great thanks for the continued support we received from the Saw Creek Residents, Management and Board of Directors. Your continued support has enabled us to expand our operations and continue to deliver a high level of emergency volunteer services for more than ninety years.

Bushkill Fire Company continues to thrive thanks to thorough training, robust fire prevention education, dedication to both personal and professional development, unwavering integrity, along with the teamwork and pride demonstrated by our volunteers.

Below are a few historical highlights regarding Bushkill Fire's continued growth as an all-volunteer fire company that allowed us to stay current with our community's continued growth and expansion.

- In 1936 our founding members formed the Bushkill Fire Company from humble beginnings, with no firehall facility or fire trucks; only homemade tools and bucket brigades for fighting fires were available to us at the time.
- By 1941 the Bushkill Fire Company's growth continued as we moved into our first dedicated fire station facility while also securing our first motorized fire truck, a 1936 Dodge Bros. Pumper Truck!
- From 1955 through 1960, two more fire trucks were added with the additions of a 1947 Dodge 650-gallon tanker and a new 1957 American LaFrance Fire Truck.
- 1963 to 1965 marked the first use of handheld radios along with the addition of a new 1960 tanker truck. Tanker trucks are still preferred today as historically there has been limited access to water resources and fire hydrants in our area.
- In 1977 a group of four pioneering women joined the Bushkill Fire Company as our first women firefighters!
- The 1980's saw the infrastructure of Bushkill Fire grow again with the addition of a new substation in Oak Ridge as well as a new main station in Rustic Acres.
- Since the year 2000, Bushkill Fire has added one fire engine, one tanker and one ladder truck to replace aging equipment.
- In 2026 we are proud to announce the addition of a needed Spartan Rescue Engine with Ladder needed to replace obsolete equipment.

As we proceed into the latter half of this decade, our major challenges remain future staffing and funding. The cost of fire trucks and PPE equipment has nearly doubled since 2020. Staffing remains a challenge as our younger volunteers are stretched both economically and professionally to balance their personal lives and careers along with volunteer firefighting.

We are currently accepting new members for both firefighting and operational support positions; so, if you have as little as 1-2 hours per week to donate, please contact gary.carle@bushkillfire.com

Thank you again for your help and continued support.

Welcome



WE hope you enjoy your stay in our community

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES



Stop at Stop Signs

Schools are out; please be careful! All vehicles must come to a complete stop at all posted stop signs. Saw Creek Estates is a friendly and welcoming community, but our Public Safety Officers will issue citations for any rules that are not followed.



Fireworks

Be safe and know our rules. The use of fireworks defined as "ground and hand-held sparkling devices," "novelties," and "toy caps" is permissible. No other type or category of fireworks is permitted for use in Saw Creek at any time.



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Looking for Information?

The Saw Creek website is a great place to start

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

Did you know that many of your questions can be answered quickly by visiting www.sawcreek.org? Under the Live at SCE tab, you'll find the Rules & Regulations, which cover questions like:

- Are fireworks allowed?
- What is the speed limit?
- Can I park on the shoulder of the road?
- How old does someone need to be to use the Fitness Center?

The Construction Guide, also under the Live at SCE tab, answers questions such as:

- What types of work require an Association permit?
- Can I have a clothesline on my property?
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- Can I build a shed?

For information on Bulk Dumping & Recycling, the current Rental Policy, online dues payment, and visitor registration through Gatehouse, visit the Resident Services tab. The TOP Restaurant menu and upcoming TOP events can be found under the TOP Clubhouse tab.

Saw Creek Announcements are available under the News/Events tab. For Amenity Hours, the SCE Map, and Employment Opportunities, visit the About tab. Flyers for upcoming events are on the Home page.

Certain forms, governing documents, Board of Directors information, and policies can be accessed through the Member Login section. To register, sign up as a new user using your SCE 911 street address.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Changes to the Rules & Regulations Document

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For the most current Rules & Regulations, visit www.sawcreek.org and navigate to the *Live at SCE* tab.

Please Don't Feed The Wildlife

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

As a reminder, feeding wildlife is not allowed within the community per the Association's current Rules & Regulations.

This rule can be found in Section V. PETS, WILDLIFE & THE ENVIRONMENT, Rule D: 1 – Placing or offering any food or other enticement on any property that may result in attracting stray or feral cats, dogs or wildlife of any kind is prohibited. *Tier 3 Offense.*

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established regulations related to the feeding of wildlife. Specifically, it is illegal to feed bears and deer or intentionally place food in a way that attracts or congregates them.

Feeding wildlife can have harmful consequences, which include the spread of disease, and disrupting natural behaviors. Even when animals appear approachable, they are still wild and driven by instinct. For the safety of residents and wildlife, please do not feed the wildlife!

Important Rules from the Association's Rules & Regulations

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

Speed Limit & Stop Signs – Road safety is important. With no sidewalks, the roadways are actively used by pedestrians for recreational activities (such as cycling or jogging), residents walking pets, and children walking to and from bus stops. Wildlife may also be present on or near the roads. Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all Saw Creek Estates roads is 25 MPH, and all vehicles must make a complete stop at stop signs.

Littering – Every piece of litter has an impact, as it creates pollution, threatens wildlife, attracts pests, and takes away from the beauty of our community.

Unleashed pets – All pets must be leashed and remain under the control of the owner. This isn't just a rule within the community; the state also requires owners to keep dogs under reasonable control, preventing them from running at large.

Dog Waste Disposal – Proper disposal of dog waste is important for public health and water quality. Dog feces can harbor bacteria like E. coli and parasites that can enter waterways. It is not a natural fertilizer; feces are harmful to aquatic life, are a pollutant, attract flies, rats and other pests, and transmit diseases like hookworms to people and other animals, like dogs and cats. In any location within the community (roads/shoulders/ditches, woods, or walking trails), pet waste must be picked up and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

Following Saw Creek Estates Staff Directions – Please respect and follow instructions from Saw Creek Estates staff or Public Safety Officers, as these directions are intended to help keep everyone safe and ensure community compliance.

Noise & Unreasonable Sounds – Loud sounds such as music or voices can disturb others in the community, even if the noise doesn't seem excessive to you. Many residents have chosen the Pocono Mountains for a quieter lifestyle away from city noise. Please be considerate and courteous of those around you.

As per the Association's current Rules & Regulations:

Speeding & Stop Signs

Section III. Community Roadways & Parking Areas Rule A: #1-2, page 7

1. The speed limit for all motor vehicles on SCE roads is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted. Speed should be reduced according to road conditions. Speeding violations, defined as 26 to 30 MPH, or 1-14 MPH over posted speed limit, are subject to a Tier 2 Citation.
 - a. Careless speed: 40 to 49 MPH or 15-24 MPH over posted limit is a Tier 2 Offense.
 - b. Reckless speed: 50+ MPH or 25 MPH or more over posted speed limit is a Tier 4 Offense.
2. All vehicles must completely stop at all posted stop signs. Tier 2 Offense.

Littering

Section IV. Health & Safety

Rule F. #3, page 12

Littering on any common area or owner's property, amenity sites, parking lots, recycling and bulk dumping area, or roadways, as well as throwing trash (e.g., bottles, cans, cigarettes, candy wrappers, etc.) from moving or parked vehicles is prohibited, and will result in a Tier 2 Citation.

Unleashed Pets and Dog Waste

Section V. Pets, Wildlife, & the Environment

Rule A. #6, page 13

All animals shall be on their owner's property and under the control of the owner at all times. Animals must be leashed, whether they are on or off of the property and shall not be permitted to run at large. When the animal(s) are being walked off the owner's property, the animal(s) shall be under the control of the owner, or a person made responsible by the owner, at all times (PA Leash Law). Tier 2 Offense.

Rule A. #8, page 13

When walking their pets, pet owners must be mindful of property lines and properly disposing of animal feces. Tier 1 Offense.

Complying with SCE Staff

Section VI. Common Community Sense

Rule D. #1, page 14

All directives given by a Public Safety Officer or other authorized Association Personnel while on duty on SCE property, shall be followed, including, but not limited to:

- a. Requests to leave SCE property.
- b. Request to provide identification.

Citations issued under this rule shall be a Tier 2 Citation.

Noise

Section VIII: Quality of Life

Rule B. #1, page 20

A loud or irritating or unreasonable sound either by voice or instrument, which disturbs the peace and composure of a property owner not residing in same household or exhibited in any common or controlled area of the association, will constitute a nuisance, for more than one hour during daylight hours or more than one-half hour during quiet hours: 10PM to 8AM, Sunday through Thursday, and from 11PM to 8AM, Friday, Saturday, or Holidays. This shall also include but not limited to barking dogs, loud radios, or any other entertainment/audio equipment, foul language, automobile horns, amplifying devices, etc. Tier 2 Offense.

Pets

Animals In Hot Cars

Per Act 104 of 2018, commonly known as the Hot Car Law.

- A police officer, humane officer, animal control officer, or other public safety professional can remove a dog or cat from an unattended motor vehicle if they believe the dog or cat is in imminent danger or harm after a reasonable search for the operator of the vehicle.
- The officer who removes a dog or cat from the hot vehicle must leave a conspicuous note for the owner that includes the officer's information and details on where to pick up the pet.
- The police officer, humane officer, or public safety professional who removes a dog or cat from an unattended vehicle is protected from liability for any damages.
- If you see a pet in a hot car who you think is in danger, don't try to save it yourself because the law doesn't protect civilians.



SCE Rules & Regulations - Pets

SCE rules on pets can be found in the Rules & Regulations, Section V. Pets, Wildlife & The Environment, Rule A; Pets, pages 12-14.

1. The keeping of livestock or any animals other than those classified as family pets shall be prohibited. *Tier 2 Offense*
2. No more than two dogs or two cats, or one dog and one cat, shall be allowed dwelling. *Tier 2 Offense*
3. Non-service pets are permitted on SCE's walking trails, but not permitted at beach areas, tennis courts, recreation areas, community events, or in any SCE amenity. *Tier 2 Offense*
4. Continuous and or repeated barking, howling, or making loud noises for more than one hour during daylight hours or more than one-half hours after dark shall be deemed as noise/unreasonable sounds. *Tier 2 Offense*
5. No person shall abandon or attempt to abandon any animal (PA Law). *Tier 3 Offense*
6. All animals shall be on their owner's property and under the control of the owner at all times. Animals must be leashed, whether they are on or off property and shall not be permitted to run at large. When the animal(s) are being walked off the owner's property, the animal(s) shall be under the control of the owner, or a person made responsible by the owner, at all times (PA Leash Law). *Tier 2 Offense*
 - If an animal injures another animal, whether the animal belongs to an owner, tenant, or guest, it is a violation. *Tier 3 Offense*

- If an animal attacks a person, it is a violation. *Tier 3 Offense*
 - If a second attack, involving the same animal occurs, a second offense citation, with its corresponding monetary penalty, will be applied. Said second offenses will also result in a suspension of the property owner from all amenities, including the use of the owner's gate card(s) for a period of six months. In addition, the offending animal must be removed from the Saw Creek Community permanently.
 - All dogs and cats 3 months of age or older must have a current rabies vaccination.
7. All dogs 3 months or older must have a current license issued for the area the dog resides in (PA Law). All pets should have identification tags on their collar for purposes of locating owner if lost or missing. *Tier 2 Offense*
 8. When walking their pets, pet owners must be mindful of property lines and properly disposing of animal feces. *Tier 1 Offense*

General Lightning & Thunderstorms Rules for All Indoor and Outdoor Pools

The general lightning and thunderstorm rule associated with all swimming pools is the 10-mile / 30-minute rule to avoid potentially, severe consequences of being struck by lightning (e.g. death, dismemberment, and impairment).

Following the guidelines of the American Red Cross and leading experts on lightning safety from the American Meteorologist Society (AMS), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the non-profit group National Lightning Safety Institute (NLSI), it is strongly advised that all pools follow the 30 minute or 10-mile radius rule for lightning safety for the logical operations of aquatic facilities in a safe, ethical, and legal perspective.

Saw Creek Estates Recreation Department will follow, for the safety of our residents, all applicable recommendations from the expert groups to clear and close all pools during the time of lightning within 10 miles of the surrounding pool areas or 30 minutes from the start and stop of the last sound of thunder nearby. In these cases, our safety protocols will be initiated and will be up to the decision of the Recreation Director or Community Manager and appointees, to close pools during these times.

It is our purpose to account for the safety of all patrons visiting our pool areas and we will close all pools during the times lightning is within 10 miles of our facilities or when thunder is heard overhead, for a full 30 minutes from the first occurrence to the last occurrence. We realize this is an inconvenience, but safety is always the top priority for our residents.

Things you can do to avoid the inconvenience:

- Pay attention to weather alerts and local information before coming to one of our pools. Postpone all activities if the forecast calls for thunderstorms.
- When you hear thunder immediately seek shelter away from all water sources, trees, etc.
- Stay away from glass windows and doors and stay inside until weather forecasts indicate it is safe to leave.
- Avoid using devices connected to electrical outlets.
- Avoid all running water. Lightning can travel through plumbing and water lines.
- No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area.
- Sheds, gazebos, dugouts, and bleachers do not protect from lightning and high winds.
- Do not take shelter under trees or in tree-lined areas.
- Being in a vehicle is safer than being outside but make an effort to seek sturdier shelter.

Home Maintenance Tip

by Adam Hackett, Compliance Officer

Moss on roofs poses several hidden risks that can compromise your home's integrity and lead to costly damage.

Moss retains moisture against roofing materials, accelerating shingle deterioration, promoting rot in underlying wood structures, and increasing the likelihood of leaks. Over time, it adds weight that can stress the roof and create an environment for pests or further biological growth.



Mitigating moss starts with addressing the root causes—primarily excessive shade and poor drainage often created by overgrown or poorly maintained trees.

Taking preventative action is essential: strategic pruning improves sunlight penetration and airflow across the roof, reduces excessive moisture retention, and helps restore balanced conditions that discourage moss growth. This proactive approach not only prevents moss-related roof damage but also promotes healthier trees, enhances property aesthetics, and extends the lifespan of your roofing system.

Enlisting the services of an ISA-Certified Arborist can provide a short-term investment that yields long-term savings by ensuring the longest lifespan of your roof that you can.

Is Your Information Correct with the Member Services Office?

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

It is essential to keep your contact details current to include your mailing and email addresses. Please take a moment to review your account information in both:

Connect Portal Member Account

<https://sawcreekestates.connectresident.com>

GateHouse for your gate access

<https://sawcreek.gatehouseportal.com/Home/Index/>

Outdated information could cause delays in receiving vital community correspondence. This information may be invoices and/or compliance notifications. Inaccurate information may potentially lead to late fees or interest charges. Inaccurate vehicles, occupants, and permanent guest information can result in vehicles that aren't registered with the Member Services Office being cited, and occupants or permanent guests being denied entry into the community.

Upon your review of your account details, if you find any discrepancies in either your Connect Portal and/or GateHouse accounts, please complete a Member Information Update Form by going to www.sawcreek.org – Resident Services tab – Member Information Update Form.

Lawn Care

by Adam Hackett, Compliance Officer

With the arrival of the warm weather, comes the return of lawn chores. Maintaining consistent lawn care is an integral part of being a homeowner. Leaving the grass to grow can lead to several issues. Not only can an unkempt lawn attract snakes and other pests and insects to your property, but it can also reduce the overall value of your property.



Furthermore, it is also listed in the Association's Governing Documents that properties and lawns must be maintained, which is referenced below:

"Lawn areas may be left in their natural state or landscaped, but in either case they shall be maintained as such and kept free of trash, debris and excessive or substantial overgrowth of vegetation. Dead or dying trees and vegetation must be promptly removed and disposed of properly. Tier 3 Citation"

– Guide for Construction, Architectural, and Aesthetic Standards.

To prevent your property from becoming unsightly, or even a health risk to you and your family, proper lawn maintenance is a necessity!

Registering Short-Term Rentals

by Margaret Jones, Communications & Admin Assistant

Summer is here, schools are out, and for many people vacations are beginning. For our members who utilize their properties for vacation rentals 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 due to non-compliance with the Association's Rental Policy.

Make your tenants' experience in Saw Creek a memorable one. Please comply with our Rental Policy. The current Rental Policy can be found online at www.sawcreek.org, or email memberservices@sawcreek.org and request a copy of the policy.

Avoid the expedited rental charge for your short-term rental. Email the tenant registration form to rentals@sawcreek.org, along with the township permit, at least two days prior to the stay.

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Saw Creek Estates Public Safety – Summer 2026

by Dave Loncki, Director of Public Safety

As we welcome the summer season here in Saw Creek Estates, our community comes alive with increased activity. With approximately 3,000 properties and a unique mix of full-time residents and weekend or vacation homeowners, this time of year brings both vibrancy and added responsibility for all of us.

At Public Safety, our mission remains simple: *to help keep Saw Creek a safe, secure, and enjoyable place to live and visit.*

Safety on Our Roads

Saw Creek Estates encompasses approximately 43 miles of private roads, all with a posted speed limit of 25 and 15 mph. During the summer months, we see more pedestrians, cyclists, and, most importantly, children throughout the community.

Speeding continues to be one of the most common concerns reported by residents. While we understand that traffic stops and citations can be frustrating, enforcement is conducted with one goal in mind: **Preventing accidents and protecting lives.** We ask all residents and guests to slow down and remain alert, especially near bus stop areas.

Gate Access & Identification

Our gate attendants and officers are here to ensure that only authorized individuals enter the community. If you do not have your gate card, you will be asked to provide identification. While this may occasionally cause delays, it is an important part of maintaining the security of Saw Creek Estates. We appreciate your patience and cooperation—and ask that all interactions with staff remain respectful.

Understanding Our Role

Saw Creek Public Safety Officers are *Act 235 certified*, trained in first aid and CPR, and equipped to respond to a wide range of situations. While our officers do carry safety equipment, including tasers and OC spray, and are authorized to carry firearms, it is important to understand:

- **We are not municipal or state police**
- **We cannot enforce criminal laws**
- **All citations issued are civil in nature**
- **We patrol private roads within the community**

In situations such as domestic disturbances or urgent concerns, our officers will respond quickly to stabilize the situation and act as intermediaries until the appropriate law enforcement agency arrives. Due to our location spanning both Pike and Monroe counties, response times from the Pennsylvania State Police can average up to 45 minutes. For that reason, our presence serves as a critical first line of response.

Emergency & Non-Emergency Contacts

- For medical emergencies, please always call 911 first to ensure there is no delay in dispatching paramedics.
- For community-related concerns, call Saw Creek Public Safety Dispatch: (570) 588-5151.
- If you need to contact the Pennsylvania State Police directly:
Pike County residents: PSP Blooming Grove – (570) 226-5718
Monroe County residents: PSP Stroudsburg – (570) 619-6800

Community Reminders

To help maintain safety and quality of life for everyone, please:

- **Dogs must be leashed at all times** – this is one of the most common calls we receive.
- **Trash compactors are for household waste only** – misuse may result in citations.
- **Firearms are prohibited at all Saw Creek amenities**, regardless of permit status, as these areas are private property.
- **Security cameras are strongly encouraged**, especially for part-time residents. Affordable systems can significantly assist in investigations involving property damage or trespassing.
- **If you observe a rule violation**, please contact dispatch promptly. In many cases, an officer must witness the violation in order to take enforcement action.
- **Residents are encouraged to review** the most up-to-date community rules and regulations to avoid misunderstandings.

Supporting Our Community

Our Public Safety team also provides security for Saw Creek's many amenities and is proud to serve the community in a variety of roles beyond enforcement. This year, we are pleased to highlight two important initiatives:

- The completion of a comprehensive **Emergency Action Plan**, including provisions for residents with special needs requiring assistance during emergencies.
- The addition of our **first hybrid patrol vehicle**, part of an ongoing effort to reduce fuel costs and operate more efficiently.

Open Communication

We understand that concerns may arise from time to time. If you have an issue involving a Public Safety employee or service, or if you wish to discuss a citation, there is an established appeals process in place. You may also contact me directly:

Director Loncki
(570) 588-9329 ext. 3303

Your feedback is important, and we are committed to transparency, professionalism, and continuous improvement. As always, we thank you for your cooperation and commitment to making Saw Creek Estates a safe and welcoming community for everyone. By working together, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable summer season.
Stay safe and enjoy the summer.





Women's Club News

by Priscilla Rasmussen, President

Summer is almost here, bringing all the fun activities the Poconos has to offer. And we are proud to be continuing to celebrate our 40th anniversary throughout the year. So, watch for special events sponsored by the Women's Club. It should be fun!

If you came to Spring Fest at the end of April, you may have enjoyed some cotton candy at our Women's Club table. But what you may not have known is that the proceeds go toward the Women's Club and its scholarship fund (remember, years ago, the women with their donation buckets at the front and back gates? We're not doing that anymore).

So, watch for us at events and, in advance, thank you for your contributions!

Gathering donations is still very important to us since we have been giving scholarships for 15+ years now. We provide two \$1,000 scholarship awards each year to two young women attending East Stroudsburg High School North, hailing from Saw Creek Estates and planning to further their education (college, nursing school, culinary institute, etc.) after graduation.

At the end of May, we are thrilled to have awarded this year's scholarships to Rianna Burgos and Valentina Gadayeva. Our heartfelt congratulations to them!

We do lots of social things within the Women's Club such as monthly trips to

plays, museums, caves, wildlife sanctuaries, gardens and other places of interest as well as also doing our monthly "Ladies Who Lunch" outings to try new, different and sometimes old favorite restaurants.

Beyond the Women's Club activities, many of our members are active volunteers both within and outside of Saw Creek. Some are members of the Finance, Public Information, Recreation and Safety committees in Saw Creek.

Plus, we're proud to be represented by members who have significant positions at 1000 Pink Lights, AARP, Angel's Closet, AWSOM, the National Park Service, Shawnee Playhouse, and many other organizations, to name but a few. Some members are spotlighted below.

We look forward to an exciting and adventure-packed spring and summer and always welcome new members.

We're an interesting and diversified group, meeting the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Mountain Room at the Top of the World complex. Pop in and learn more of what's going on in and around Saw Creek, meet some great people and make new friends. Hope to see you!

Questions?
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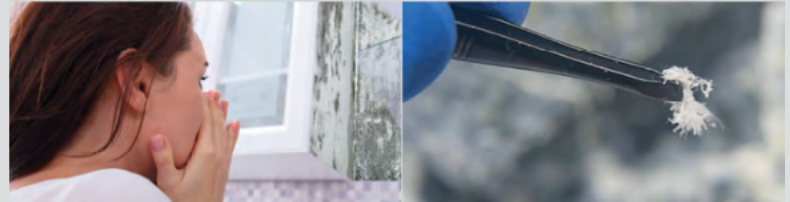


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