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Summer 2019 Newsletter

Summer is here, and very hot. Be thankful we are in the mountains, not the steamy lowlands!

A tip o' the hat to Matt Mason for repairing the Goldenrod Ave sign near the flagpole; to Jarrod, Keith, and Anthony for the beautiful new dumpster enclosure; to Jarrod and Matt for spreading the modified stone; to Pat Valentino for repairing the fire pit; and to Jim for grading the land behind the pavilion – well done everyone!

Some of you ask why there is so much information in these Newsletters, and if that would only encourage people not to bother attending the monthly meetings. We hope this would not discourage your attendance dear neighbor. Also consider that some members live far away or are in ill-health and are unable to attend, so we believe that the newsletters should include *more* rather than *less* information; for their sake.

Open Board Meeting Sat., July 13, 2019:

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am. Board members read reports, and we discussed recent activities such as road-work and improvements. The Board decided that no weekly rentals of properties are allowed because of potential trouble with unsupervised parties and rowdiness. This will be written into the Rules and Regulations, and the Bylaws.

Next Meetings:

Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, 9am. To discuss road repair, common area renovation, and topics for the September meeting.

Important General Meeting – Sunday, September 1,

at 1 pm (note the day and time!). We will be voting to approve the 2019/2020 budget, which will be posted when available. We need your attendance. If you can't attend but want to vote, fill out a proxy form to have someone else vote in your place. Contact the office for forms.

Picnics and Gatherings: A Labor Day Covered Dish (pot-luck) Picnic will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, August 31, at the pavilion. The Board provides hot dogs, soft drinks, and games. Bring your favorite covered dish, and prizes to be raffled-off! Hope to see you.

Notices:



Keep looking up for the *Perseid meteor shower* the night of August 12-13 (best after midnight), plus a couple nights before and after. Meteors occur anywhere in the sky – should be about one per minute!

If anyone has an issue with the recent tax re-assessments, be sure to file a request in Stroudsburg using the Monroe County Forms. There is a deadline soon.

Dumpsters: Did you notice the brand new enclosure with concrete slab base, and snazzy colored walls (thanks Jarrod)? The newly painted office walls and well house too. We plan to relocate the recycling bin soon, and create some new landscaping in the surrounding parking area. Keep watching!

Reminder – dumpsters are for dues-paying member only. Do not put non-household trash here - it hurts the community and we will have you on camera. Good news is that the video cameras seems to have reduced the illegal dumping – the dumpsters are not annoyingly chock-full as often!

Road Repair: The Board is sincerely trying to form a “game plan” for the roads. We appreciate your patience. In the meantime, feel free to use the modified stone in piles near the flagpole, at the top of Chip Path, and at the top of the Monroe Ave hill to fill potholes near you.

Dues & Assessments:

Thank you dear neighbors for paying your dues and assessments. We are up to 75% of properties paid in full, which is higher than most years. But there are still dues outstanding totaling over \$40,000, from people who aren't paying. If this got paid we could do a lot with road maintenance and other projects.

A reminder that private trash collection alone costs about \$400 per year in many communities. We pay *less* than that plus we provide snow plowing, road work, lawn mowing, and a beautiful park area and playground. We applaud your effort to pay, realizing that we all have our financial hardships.

Now – this paragraph is for those members of Pocono Forest who do **not** pay their dues (paid-up members can skip this): Please, do not just live here – support our community! We are using Sunrise Credit Services to collect late dues, and we are forming up plans to place liens on properties with larger amounts of dues owed. We are looking into prosecuting outsiders who use our dumpsters, and fining members who use the dumpsters and are behind in their dues. We have a camera system. Under consideration is a fine of \$500 that would be imposed on each improper/illegal use of the dumpsters. Members “on account” who pay at least one year's dues each year will be exempt from these fines. We have all heard the stories – “I am never here, so why should I pay for trash collection and road repair?”; “I am not here in Winter, so why should I pay for snow plowing?”; “I never use the park, so why should I pay for lawn mowing?”; and (here is a good one) “I have no kids at home, so why should I pay County school tax?” (tell that to “the Judge”). Our answer is that we are part of a community that shares resources; some will always

use more and some less. Even if you are not here full time, your house is worth more if the roads are good, the community looks nice, and (educated) neighborhood kids have somewhere safe to play. Since you own property here, you probably like our Community! Otherwise, good luck finding someplace where they do not charge for unused services (maybe Alaska?). Remember – for our services, nowhere else in the Poconos has dues this low!

Contacting the PFSC Office: The best way is to attend meetings. The second best way is to leave phone messages, or email. We don't have the staff to check every day (any volunteers?). Please, clearly (and s-l-o-w-l-y!) leave your name, date, contact info (extra slow for phone numbers), and **brief** statement. We will get to you. Watch for notices sent by email, and posted on the Bulletin Board outside the office. We are trying to get the website working again.

Use our **new** email: <pfsc1431@gmail.com>. Do not use the old one: <poconoforest@ymail.com> that is listed on our (old) website - it is no longer supported.

For Your Info: To avoid repetition, emergency numbers will be included just once a year, in the Spring Newsletter, unless there is a change (which happens). Keep a back-issue for your records – post it on your “fridge”.

Selling Homes and Property:

If you sell property within PFSC, your realtor must contact the office (numbers above) regarding resale certificates and possible liens.

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