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Welcome to Spring at Bear Creek Lakes

President's Message

Madeline Ligenza

As of the March 18, 2023 meeting, I was elected President of BCLCA. I moved here thirty years ago and only became involved once I retired from the Carbon County Courthouse Criminal Division.

I love being involved with the many activities we have in BCLCA and intend to keep this community our "Slice of Heaven".

We have a truly beautiful community and live in a wonderful environment. We are fortunate to have a beautiful lake, pool and many amenities that complement our community.

We have the natural beauty of flowers and foliage to admire if we walk, stroll, golf cart, bicycle or ride through our community. We are able to enjoy nature at its best.

I tend to see the glass full and overflowing. We are all different. We all have different views, but in the end, we all would like to see our community remain as beautiful as it has been.

Think positive!

Editor's Notes

Madeline Ligenza

Well, here we are again. Another newsletter! It takes a lot of time and effort to compose a newsletter and relying on many people to do their job.

This is the process: An email is sent to all Board Members to submit an article. They trickle in. A second email is sent as a reminder. Sometimes, it might take a third email.

The office then sends a letter to all advertisers. They trickle in. Sometimes with the old ad, sometimes with a new ad, or no ad and sometimes with payment or not.

Wait!

Then everything is compiled.

When all is compiled, our printer sends a proof. We adjust. Maybe once, twice, three times. Then sent to print.

Wait!

Pick up.

Then we advertise to help fold, tape and prepare for mailing.

Then 900 copies are folded by volunteers and taken to the Post Office for mailing.

Each Director is asked to participate and inform our members of what has been done and what might take place on their particular committee. We try to include the Calendar of Events in each issue. However, sometimes an event is either added or taken away after publication, so bear with us.

We try to include pictures of events that took place since the last edition.

We ask on our Informational Facebook page if you have any news, to send an email to bclca@ptd.net.

It takes many people to put this together. Thank you to our proof readers: Pam Berger, Linda Sott, Cathy Loftus, Joanie Findle, and myself.

Teamwork is the secret. It takes cooperation and many hours of teamwork.

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Treasurer's Report

Tom Anderson

- I was appointed Treasurer at the January 2023 Board meeting. I have thought of how to address my first report to the membership and decided to speak to you as I did for 25 years while consulting and administering Pennsylvania Municipal Governments' pension plans.
- · It has always been my belief to listen to everyone's opinions while being direct, but not wavering from making difficult decisions. At this time, I ask you to think about how the current economic times have impacted you and your family. Most, if not all of us, have seen electric, heating, and gasoline prices increase dramatically. Food costs have skyrocketed and household necessities have gone up. I could continue but I think you understand where I am going. Bear Creek Lakes is no different. I have begun the painful task of working on the 2023-24 budget. My plan is to present a draft budget to the Board at the April Board meeting. As I write this today, I know there are going to be some difficult decisions that have to be made. With that in mind, I will be holding 2 meetings for the membership to attend to express your opinions before a final decision is made. The dates of the meetings will be May 13 and June 10, both at 10AM in Stewart Hall. These dates are 1 week before the monthly Board meeting. The reason for this is to convey your concerns to the Board because I have always believed that membership should have a say in the budget process. If I can get some technical assistance, I will try to have these meetings zoomed, but I make no guarantees.
- Once I present the draft to the Board in April, it will then be posted on the BCL website. I need to reiterate that it will only be a draft. At that time, I am asking you to review the draft and email me any comments or concerns that you may have prior to the May/June meetings. I am hopeful that by doing this, we will be able to have good constructive conversations when the meetings are held. Please forward your emails to Treasurer.BCLCA@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting you and listening to your thoughts in an effort to make Bear Creek Lakes a community we can all be proud of.
- Concerning other topics, our annual audit and tax return that was prepared by Connolly, Grady & Cha CPAs is now complete and is available for review on our website. In addition, we have purchased a new maintenance truck, additional playground equipment, reupholstered 25 chairs at Stewart Hall, repaired the transmission on the maintenance tractor to extend its life, and made improvements to the pool drain. These expenditures were funded through the Capital Improvement and Capital Reserve Funds. Bids are currently being obtained to put a new roof, siding, and decking on Stewart Hall.

Environmental

Elaine Carosella

- The Environmental Committee has been very busy since the last newsletter. We purchased 8 different varieties of native Pennsylvania trees - eleven trees in total. These were purchased with the money from tree permits. They were bought from Tree Authority LLC in Perkasie PA.
- The trees we purchased were Eastern Redbud (2), American Hornbeam (1), Elderberry (1), Sweet Bay Magnolia (1), White Dogwood (2), Striped Maple (2), American Hophornbeam (1), and an American Holly (1). One tree was planted by the pool parking lot fence. There are three planted as you drive up to the office, 2 are planted by the office, 2 going toward the maintenance building, and lastly 2 are planted along the path to South Beach. We are planning

- on getting name tags to label the trees.
- In the fall, several members cleared out some invasive vegetation across from the peninsula and plan to continue to do so on other BCL-owned properties. We want to remind our members to remove invasive plants on their own property as well.
- We've been busy working on an interpretive sign for our protective vernal pool area across from the peninsula, and hopefully by summer season it will be there for your reading and understanding. The purpose is to help you understand how important it is to preserve this area and to let you know the resources our great community has that should be cared for.
- Lastly, please remember to continue to remove your stilt grass and garlic mustard to name just a few. Please do not use fertilizer on your property. Everything you use eventually ends up in our lake. Please be mindful that this is not the city. Check out our website from time to time as we want to inform our members on a variety of topics.

Lake and Dam

Pete Matone

- This season we are happy to say that the boat launch will be dredged in order to make launching easier and safer. This should be done by the time you are reading the newsletter.
- We have also added a bike rack to the boat launch area to make it safer for people backing down the ramp.
- We are in the process of mapping out sediment deposits in the lake to determine areas where future dredging is necessary. This is the first step in the process, so no lake dredging will be done this year.
- If you have won the boat rack lottery, be sure to read the rules regarding leaving boats on the racks with no valid stickers, as they will be locked down until a valid sticker is applied. The boat docks will be installed the week of April 15. A handicapped accessible Porta John will be placed around this timeframe also.
- The fish survey was completed and the results are on the web. Please
 note the updated fishing rules this season either on the Bear Creek
 Lakes website or posted at the dam and boat launch.
- We would also like to remind everyone that fertilizers for lawns are banned, as they end up in the lake. This is not a new rule, and it is very important for the health of our lake, as it will prevent toxic algae bloom and promotes a better environment for the fish and desirable lake fowl.
- This year we will be adding gate attendants at the beaches during high traffic days. This should prevent non-residents from using our beaches and free up some space. We will also be monitoring the migration of sand into the lake on the beaches to see if we could enhance the measures previously implemented.
- We have activities scheduled for 2023. If you're interested in participating and/or volunteering for any of the events, please drop a note at "Main Office mailbox" or email the office in advance (bclca@ ptd.net). This will help us prepare for planned parking, crowd control, etc.
- Finally, we have engaged an engineering firm to evaluate our spillway and come up with some ways to bring us up to the new DEP flood requirements. This activity will not interfere with the dam or the lake this season.

We hope everyone enjoys our two beaches and lake this season. If you have any ideas on enhancing the beaches or lake, please contact the office and I will respond.

Maintenance

Bill Gullone

During the Winter months, the Maintenance staff:

- · renovated the Security office
- · painted the library floor
- waxed Stewart Hall floor
- · trenched drain in front of pool house
- · placed new signage at beaches and pool
- · dredged the boat dock

Membership Services

Rich Berger

The function of Member Services is to support collection of our annual dues, which are essential to the proper functioning of the Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association. In order to receive your badges and vehicle placards, all dues, penalties for rule violations and other penalties must have been paid. Otherwise you are considered to be "Not in Good Standing". If you are unable to pay your dues assessment in a timely fashion, please contact Member Services through the office so that we can set up a payment plan, and so you can avoid any late penalties. Invoices are sent out in September and payments are due by the end of October. If a Member has not paid the dues by then and has not arranged for a payment plan, a 10% late fee is assessed. If another month goes by with no action, an additional 20% late fee is assessed and a further 30% penalty is levied if you have not paid or set up a payment plan by January 1st.

Currently, the number of Members Not in Good Standing is small and we do appreciate the cooperation of the overwhelming number of our Members. If you have any questions, please contact me through the office.

Permits

Chuck Weidman

- There were two possible permit violations reported. Upon investigation, they were confirmed and stop work orders were issued, along with appropriate citations.
- As a result of internal research and review of governing land disturbance regulations under Pennsylvania Law, it has been determined that units within the BCL community do not meet the permitting requirements of the state regulation. Furthermore, by law, the authority of enforcement of Pennsylvania Land Disturbance regulations rests solely within the jurisdiction of Penn Forest Township. In summary, BCLCA, at this time, shall not require land disturbance permits to be obtained through the office. As a side note, EPA soil erosion control methods remain a requirement during all construction that involves any major excavation.

Recreation

Cathy Loftus

• Let the fun begin!!! There is a variety of activities planned for this summer, and I hope that many of the members come out and join in. We brought back some favorites from the past like Pirate Treasure Hunt, Splash Parties, and a band, McGeehan Duo. Please keep checking the website for more details and updated events. Some events are still in the works and were not added to the calendar. As always, members who would like to join our committee and help with events are welcome. We have a great community and need volunteers to help. Have a great summer, and I hope to meet you! Cathy Loftus Brit0106@aol.com

Pool

Pete Matone

- We had a mild winter and the new pool cover held up well.
- We intend to have many of the same activities as last year with some schedule modifications which will be firmed up as we get closer to opening.
- We had one pipe break over the winter which should be repaired by the time you read this. A new drain is being put in to minimize the amount of washout in the bathhouses. This should also be done soon barring any late snowstorms.
- Scott and Linda did a fine job this year with the lifeguards, and I am hopeful that many will return. Many kudos to our wonderful Maintenance department who are gearing up for opening.

The following classes are planned for this year.

- · Swim lessons
- American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class (new guards)
- · Saturday lap swim

We are looking forward to another great year at the pool. If you have any ideas which may enhance the aquatic experience this season, please contact the office, and I will reply in a timely manner.

Rules

Jim McElvaney

- The Rules Committee is beginning the process of reviewing the Rule Book with the purpose being to make our rules as clear as possible, update where needed, and possibly remove any rules that are not being enforced. We also have to ensure that BCLCA rules are fairly and evenly enforced. When rules are used and respected appropriately, they provide a climate of consistency and security for everyone.
- Since the Fall 2022 meeting, there have been three (3) rule changes:
- The rental fee for Stewart Hall has been reduced to \$75.00 for BCLCA members in good standing. The refundable security deposit has also been reduced to \$75.00.
- In Lake Fishing Rules the number of fish kept by each person is still four (4) within a 24-hour period, with the exception of Perch, where you may now keep two (2) additional Perch.
- Largemouth Bass are now permitted to be harvested as long as they
 meet the minimum requirement of 20 inches in length and do not
 exceed the daily limit.
- The Lake/Dam Committee strongly encourages catch and release practices for Largemouth Bass simply to add more enjoyment to all the "anglers" and to support the role these larger fish play in control of the forage fish here at Bear Creek Lakes. For further rules on fishing, please see the Bear Creek Lakes Fishing Rules on our website or in our Rule Book.
- Rule changes are discussed at Board meetings, so please attend these
 meetings to keep up-to-date on what is happening in our community.
 For further information on any of our rules, please see the BCLCA Rule
 Book on our website.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR BADGE AT ALL TIMES WHEN YOU ARE IN COMMUNITY AREAS. WHEN YOU WEAR YOUR BADGE AT THE BEACHES, POOL, BOAT RAMP, OR WALKING ON OUR ROADS, IT ALLOWS US TO IDENTIFY YOU OR YOUR GUEST AS A MEMBER OF BCLCA.

Remember that you can't legislate GOODWILL or NEIGHBORLINESS.

Roads

Bill Gullone

The yearly paving project completed in November included sections of the following roads:

- Willow
- · White Tail
- · Honeysuckle
- · Bear Creek Lake
- Dogwood

We will be paving again this fall.

Security/Crime Watch

Madeline Ligenza

- Tri-State Security celebrated their first anniversary with BCLCA in February 2023. In March, Sergeant Tony Schiano has been with us for one year. We are fortunate to have Tony and John Cunniff keeping Security running efficiently in BCLCA.
- In a perfect Bear Creek Lakes, we would be issuing very few citations.
 To help us approach that goal, we are reminding Members and their guests to wear your badges when out and about in our community, especially in the recreation areas such as the beaches, tennis courts, and playgrounds. Many of our Members have dogs, and you must always have them on a leash, clean up after them, and keep them off the beaches.
- If you have visitors, instruct them to place the guest placard on their car's rear-view mirror and wear badges. If they fail to follow these rules, the property owner receives the citation and fine. If you are renting your property, please instruct your guests to obey our rules and to use placards and badges.
- There were a few violations for trash from outsiders, and this problem
 has been addressed. We urge you to watch your speed in our community

 the speed limit is 15 MPH. We have cited a few drivers for speeding;
 our radar gun is in fine shape, calibrated, and ready to go!

Crime Watch

- Our community is fortunate to have dedicated members using their time and gas to patrol our community to observe and report any issues. They have reported downed trees, trees or limbs on wires, lost dogs/cats, and a member needing assistance. We had an incident where neighbors came to the aid of a handicapped person. All it took was a phone call, and several of our members assisted.
- When you see Security or our Crime Watch members, it would be nice
 to give a wave or say "hi" to them. If you would like to join Crime Watch,
 please contact me.



On April 25, 2022, one of our Members, John Cihiy, suffered a life-threatening medical emergency. Our security guard, Sgt. Tony Schiano, acted quickly and was able to save Mr. Cihiy's life. In appreciation of Tony's action, Mr. Cihiy had a plaque made and he presented it to Tony at the May 20 Board of Directors meeting. We should all be aware of Tony's quick action and appreciate his role in the BCL security team.

Lake and Dam

Sandy Benedick

A reminder of a few lake rules to pass on to relatives, friends, and guests. You may want to laminate this and set it out for all to see. No minnows or crawfish allowed for bait. The only live bait allowed are worms.

• Only Members' watercraft allowed. Please be sure you have your boat

- registered with BCL and proper BCL stickers applied. Badges must be worn.
- Presently, catch and release only of walleye and largemouth bass under 20"
- · Four fish limit per person per day
- Five MPH limit for motorized watercraft; only electric motors allowed; No gas motors
- Please abide by all PFC (PA Fish Commission) rules and regulations.
 Even though this is a private lake, they own the water and do patrol here. Website can be found at www.fishandboat.com
- No one is allowed on the dam.

Technology Update

Rick Monnig

As part of our ongoing effort to make our board meetings more accessible to all members, we have been using a combination of Zoom and the Owl video conference room camera to allow for remote viewing. We understand that not everyone can attend in person, and we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate and stay informed.



Using the Owl video conference room camera has helped us improve our board meetings in several ways:

- Improved visibility and audio quality: The 360-degree camera captures everyone in the room, making it easier for remote participants to see and hear what's happening. The built-in microphones ensure that the audio quality is clear, allowing everyone to be heard from every corner of the room. Although we have encountered some challenges with the size of the room affecting the microphones' performance, we have been working to address this issue by encouraging speakers to project their voices and by moving the device closer to the board members.
- Increased engagement: The camera captures the entire room, including in-person members, making it easier for remote participants to feel like they are part of the meeting. This has helped us increase engagement and participation.
- Ease of use: The Owl is very easy to set up and use. Simply plug in the USB cable and set up the device. Zoom recognizes it as a camera and microphone, so there's no need for additional configuration.
- Improved productivity: Zoom and the Owl video conference room camera have become essential tools for our community, enabling remote users to attend the board meeting and improving our ability to communicate efficiently.

In conclusion, using the Owl video conference room camera and Zoom have helped us make our board meetings more accessible, transparent, and inclusive. We are committed to continuing to find ways to improve our meetings and make them more informative for all members. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Communications

Cathy Loftus

Hello.

As the new Chairperson of Communications since January, I have been very busy learning and updating the website. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as I have transitioned into this new role. Communicating with our members is most important to me. I have heard some members are not getting email blasts. To receive blasts, one must

sign up on the members only website. Members on the deed are the only ones allowed to join. As I have learned, the BCLA website has lots of information, from minutes for board meetings, committee information, activities, and much more. Come visit and look around the website.

Another way to learn the happenings in BCL is the BCLA Facebook page. Again, only members on the deed are allowed to join. Madeline Ligenza is the page administrator and works very hard to keep members informed. We do try to coordinate the website and Facebook page when information is posted, but sometimes it's within a few hours of each other.

Madeline and I are looking forward to a great summer and will keep you informed!

Seven (7) Reasons NOT to Feed the Deer

Elaine Carosella

- · Bear Creek Lakes is overpopulated with deer.
- Feeding the deer allows them to have twins and triplets, adding more deer to the population.
- · Feeding draws deer to our neighborhood from surrounding areas.
- Deer don't just eat the food you set out. They eat your neighbors' shrubs and flowers, costing everyone.
- Deer eat the native tree saplings and understory plants preventing forest regeneration.
- Deer spread the seeds of invasive plants like Japanese stilt grass and garlic mustard throughout the forest.
- Every year, deer die in Pennsylvania from rumen acidosis caused by eating too much highly fermentable grain, primarily corn placed by individuals unaware of its fatal effects.

Please say "No" to feeding the deer, and make Bear Creek Lakes a better place for both us and nature.

Ladies Luncheon

Lona Nelson

Calling all BCL ladies to come out for our monthly luncheons. This
is a fun activity and a great way to get acquainted with other BCL
ladies. We meet the second THURSDAY of each month at different
local restaurants. Time and location are communicated through email.
If you would like to be added to our email list, please send your email
address to Lona Nelson at lona7@msn.com. I look forward to seeing
old friends and meeting new ones. No email – call Lona at 570325-2698 after May 1, 2023, or call or text Lona at 520-490-8051 for
monthly information.



T.G.I.F.Diana Bochantin

- Our T.G.I.F. Christmas Party was a success. As usual, Bear Creek Lakers enjoyed good food, great fellowship, and lots of fun.
- Summer T.G.I.F. will be held on Fridays at the pavilion as soon as the pool is open. It starts at 6PM (5PM in August). All are welcomed.

Please bring an appetizer, salad, entrée, or dessert to share. Also bring your own drinks. Paper products and utensils are provided.

· After dinner, there will be bocce ball for any who are interested.

Snack Cart

Diana Bochantin

The snack cart will be open again this summer at the pool. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the daily sales. The snack cart is open 7 days a week. If you can help out once a week or occasionally, please call Diana at 570-732-4262.

BCL Goes to Penn's Peak

Diana Bochantin

 BCL members are invited to a luncheon show at Penn's Peak on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 to see a tribute to Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. The cost is \$49 per person which includes the show and a family style luncheon. If interested, please contact Diana at 570-732-4262. A \$10 deposit is required to reserve each seat. Book early since seats are limited.

Annual BCL Golf Tournament

Bill Gullone

 This year's Annual BCL golf tournament will be held on Friday, June 30 once again at White Birch Golf Course since Mountain Laurel is permanently closed. Details to follow. Anyone interested in running the tournament, please contact Bill Gullone, 570-325-2191.

Generous Donation for Fishermen

Pete Matone

 Garry Warlow has made a substantial donation toward the stocking of walleye for the lake. Generous donations such as this will help keep the perch population in check and provide a well-balanced lake. A big thanks to Garry for his donation.



Water Aerobics

Elizabeth Pushaw

Welcome summer and another season of Water Aerobics! The start date is Monday, June 12. I will also send out an email to everyone on my list from last year. Remember to bring your water bells/paddles and noodles. The storage shed is again available to leave your equipment at the pool if you so desire. We will meet from 11:00 AM to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with recorded instruction and awesome music. Tuesday and Thursday will not have recorded instruction. A certified BCL lifeguard will be present. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. eapushaw@icloud.com. Looking forward to seeing you, and bring a friend anytime!!

Library Notes

Sue Whiteley

The library is open when the office is open. Donated books should be
of general interest and in good, clean condition. We accept donations
during the months of March through September. The volunteers who
tend to the library will have a cleaning day in April. Please help us keep
the library clean and orderly. Any questions, email whiteley@ptd.net.

Book Club News

Leta Thompson

- Our Book Club is meeting every month from September through June. We have very thought-provoking discussions and enjoy our meetings together. We will be selecting our books for the 2023-2024 season this May. All selections will be suggested and chosen by our members. The new book list will be out in June.
- For our first meeting on Tuesday, September 19, we will be having a local author, Judy Umlas. Judy has a background in corporate training and has written several books in that field. However, her book, "Soulmates and Strangers" is a personal memoir. This book is about two young girls, one in Bronx, NY, and the other in Lyon, France, who became pen pals and created a family legacy. This book honors Judy's birth mother and her French mother. Judy's book can be purchased at http://www.handlerandwagreich.com. You can get a 25% discount if you use the code Penpal at checkout. It is also available on Amazon. We welcome all who wish to attend this session with our guest author.
- If you have any questions about Book Club, please contact Leta Thompson at drletat@gmail.com. We hope to see you at Book Club!

Kids Triathlon

Marty Palmer

• Bear Creek Lakes Annual Kids Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Please meet at the Pavilion at 10 AM as the triathlon will start at 10:30 AM. Kids should be 8 to 12 years of age and the triathlon will consist of swimming 2 laps in the pool, biking (approx. ¼ miles) to South Beach (bikes and helmets required), and finally running on the recreation path back to the pavilion (less than ¼ mile). Awards will be given out to all kids that finish the event.

Christine Slinsky



Bear Creek Lakes has been my home for twenty-three years. I love it here. The members, amenities, natural environment, and lake make it a wonderful place to live.

My husband James and I have been married for forty-nine years. We enjoy fishing streams, lakes, and the ocean. Our son is a tournament fisherman, and our daughter and her three children all enjoy the sport.

My professional experience includes business ownership, advertising design and sales, and twenty-four years in

the insurance field. My insurance career was comprised of sales, management, underwriting, training, and providing and managing risk analysis for agents.

Although I have just assumed the position of Office Manager for our outstanding community, I already love it. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and providing you with the efficient service you deserve.

Kids Scavenger Hunt

Marty Palmer

 Bear Creek Lakes Annual Kids Scavenger Hunt will be held on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Please meet at the Pavilion at 3 PM. Kids will be given a list of items to be found in the nature area near the pavilion. There will be special giveaways and a craft for the kids to do as well.

5K Run/Walk

Marty Palmer

• Bear Creek Lakes annual 5K run/walk will be held on Sunday, September 3, 2023. Please meet at the clubhouse between 8:30 to 8:45 AM, as the run/walk starts at 9 AM. Awards will be given out to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers for both men and women. Come out for this great fitness activity while enjoying the beautiful sights of our community!

Annual BCL Tennis Tourney Saturday, July 8, 9AM

George Moosburner

 Tennis lovers: get together for some fun tennis, meet your fellow BCL players, and support tennis at BCL! All levels welcome and encouraged to come. Bring your own racket (or borrow one). Info: George Moosburner (moosburner@gmail.com). SAVE THE DATE!

Gone But Not Forgotten



Sue Woodman passed away March 11, 2023. Sue grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA. She worked as a manager of a health insurance company, but then ventured into her true calling as a teacher. Sue taught at and retired from L.B. Morris, and was a Sunday School teacher and long-time member of Christ Lutheran Church of Penn Forest. She volunteered at the Penn Forest

Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, was an avid animal lover, and a lifelong Eagles fan. She also enjoyed playing Mahjong and loved traveling the country with her husband, Dave. She will be missed by her family and friends.



Barbara Creighton passed away March 17, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. Barbara was raised outside Philadelphia, PA. She was a kind, spirited, joyous person who loved life. She was happiest outdoors gardening, hiking, walking, playing some sport or game, or just sitting

barefoot in the grass watching the clouds roll by at the lake. Barbara loved the BCL annual July 4 golf cart parade, taking the grandkids on hikes to the playground by the pool, or just sitting in a tube in the lake on a hot summer day. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

No fireworks permitted!

Boat Racks are at a premium. Be considerate. Only apply if it will be utilized.

























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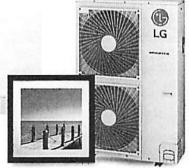
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EVENTS FOR 2023

(Information for the following events will be posted on the web site bclca.org and subject to change)

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| Sat May 6 | Kentucky Derby (time TBD) (Stewart Hall) | |
| Thurs May 11 | Ladies Luncheon - 12:30PM (location TBD) | |
| Sat May 13 | Budget Info Town Hall Meeting – 10AM-12PM (Stewart Hall) | |
| Tues May 16 | Book Club - 10:00AM (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat May 20 | BCL Board Meeting - 9AM In person and via Zoom (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat May 20 | Cornhole Tournament – 4PM South Beach | |
| Sat May 27 | BCL Spring Info Meeting - 10AM (PFT Volunteer Fire Co # 1) | |
| | Hotdogs/soda after meeting (Pavilion) | |
| Sat May 27 | Pool Opening Day - 12-7PM Weather Permitting | |
| Sat May 27 | DJ Johnny – 6PM (Pavilion) | |
| Sun May 28 | Pool Open - 12-7PM Weather Permitting | |
| Mon May 29 | Pool Open - 12-7PM Weather Permitting | |
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| <u>JUNE</u> | | |
| Sat June 3 | Kids Rock Party - 9-11AM (North Beach) & Hotdogs - 11:30AM-1PM for | |
| | the Kids (Pavilion) | |
| Sat June 3 | Pool Open - 12-7PM Weather Permitting | |
| Sun June 4 | Pool Open - 12-7PM Weather Permitting | |
| Thurs June 8 | Ladies Luncheon - 12:30PM (location TBD) | |
| Sat June 10 | Budget Info Town Hall Meeting – 10AM-12PM (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat June 10 | Pool Will Be Open Every Day - 12-7PM Weather Permitting | |
| Sat June 10 | All Pool activities begin Weather Permitting | |
| Sat June 10 | Pirate Treasure Hunt - 3PM (Boat Dock) | |
| Sat June 17 | BCL Board Meeting - 9AM In person and via Zoom (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat June 17 | Fishing Contest - 9AM-12PM (Boat Dock) | |
| Tues June 20 | Book Club - 10:30AM (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat June 24 | Community Yard Sale | |
| Fri June 30 | Golf Outing (Details to follow) | |
| Fri June 30 | Ice Cream Social – 6PM (Pool) | |
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| <u>JULY</u> | | |
| Sat July 1 | Golf Cart Parade – 9AM (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat July 1 | DJ Johnny – 6PM (Pavilion) | |
| Sun July 2 | Kids Triathlon – 11AM (Pavilion) | |
| Sun July 2 | Kids Scavenger Hunt – 3PM (Pavilion) | |
| Sat July 8 | Tennis Tourney – 9AM (Tennis Court) | |
| Thurs July 13 | Ladies Luncheon - 12:30PM (location TBD) | |
| Sat July 15 | BCL Board Meeting - 9AM In person and via Zoom (Stewart Hall) | |
| Sat July 15 | Pig Roast (time TBD)(Pavilion) | |
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| Wed July 19 | Float Night - 7PM-9PM (Pool) | |
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| Sat July 22 | Boat Parade - 11AM-1PM (Boat Dock) | |
| Sat July 22 | Kid's Pool Day – 12PM-3PM (Pool) | |
| Sat July 29 | Adult Splash Party – 7PM-10PM (Pool) | |
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| Tuo Aug 1 | AUGUST Moonlight Cruice SDM (Post Dock) Weather Dermitting | |
| Tue Aug 1 | Moonlight Cruise - 8PM (Boat Dock)Weather Permitting | |
| Sat Aug 5 | Teen Splash Party – 7PM-10PM (Pool) Ladies Luncheon - 12:30PM (location TBD) | |
| Thurs Aug 10 | Family Softball Game - 10:30AM (Ballfield) | |
| Sat Aug 12 | Kayak Races - 1-3PM (Boat Dock) | |
| Sun Aug 13 Sat Aug 19 | BCL Board Meeting - 9AM In person and via Zoom (Stewart Hall) | |
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| Sat Aug 26 | McGeehan Duo – 6PM-9PM (Pavilion) | |
| SEPTEMBER | | |
| Fri Sep 1 | Moonlight Cruise – 8:15 (Boat Dock) Weather Permitting | |
| Sat Sep 2 | BCL Annual Membership Meeting - 10AM (PFT Volunteer Fire Co #1) | |
| - | Hotdogs/soda after meeting (Pavilion) | |
| Sat Sep 2 | DJ Johnny - 6PM (Pavilion) | |
| Sun Sep 3 | 5K Run/Walk - 8:30AM (Stewart Hall) | |
| - | Church Service 10:30AM (South Beach) weather permitting | |
| Mon Sep 4 | Pool closes for the season at 7PM | |
| Thurs Sep 14 | Ladies Luncheon - 12:30PM (location TBD) | |
| Sat Sep 16 | BCL Board Meeting - 9AM In person and via Zoom (Stewart Hall) | |
| Tues Sep 19 | Book Club - 10:00AM (Stewart Hall) | |
| Quilters | 2:30PM every Monday (Stewart Hall) | |
| Water Aerobics | Monday-Friday 11AM-12PM (Start Date June 12) | |
| Lap Swim | Monday-Friday 10-11AM & Saturdays-Sundays 11AM-12PM (Start Date June 10) | |
| Kids Swimming Lessons | Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-9:45AM (Make-up Day Friday) Must be paid at office before scheduling for a lesson | |
| TGIF | Every Friday Starting 6PM (June-July) & Starting 5PM (August-September) (Start Date June 16). Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. All Are Welcome! | |
| Bocce Ball | Every Saturday-Sunday 1PM Bocce Ball Court (Start Date TBD) Every Tuesday & Thursday 5:30PM Bocce Ball Court (Starting 5/2/23) | |
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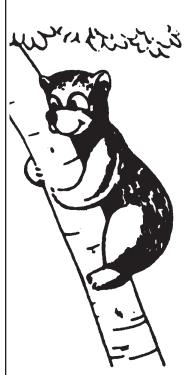
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