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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER APRIL 2021**

Happy Spring to All!

Kudos to the maintenance crew for their seemingly unending work keeping our roads open and safe during all of this snow. I cannot remember a winter where we had this much snowpack on the ground.

The Board has been working hard at keeping things moving along during this continuing COVID-19 situation. Hopefully, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Recreation is planning on holding some safe, outdoor activities this summer! We need volunteers to help make these activities happen. There is a great deal of work to be done and many opportunities for members to become more engaged and involved in our activities or committees. Please contact the office and let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

As we head into Spring, many members will be considering home renovation projects. Please be sure to check BCLCA rules and check with the office to make sure that any work you may be thinking of doing is properly approved and permitted. We recently had a difficult situation where a member constructed a shed without BCLCA permits. We were able to negotiate a solution, however, the association's attorney had to get involved and the member had to assume the costs involved. We want to help everyone avoid that type of problem. I encourage everyone to review BCLCA Rules and Regulations and make sure that you are in compliance. The current rulebook is on the website, [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org). The Board has no wish to punish members for infractions. We would much rather educate and encourage cooperation and compliance.

We expect to have openings on the Board of Directors for the fall election and ask all members to consider serving. We have had a few resignations recently and I believe that some of the resignations may have been due to some disconnect between expectations and the reality of serving on the Board. I strongly recommend all members to consider serving on the Board. It is a rewarding experience, and it is also the best way to understand our system of government and to have a direct say in the future of our community. I recently published a listing of Board member responsibilities and expectations to help all members appreciate the level of commitment.

Bear Creek Lakes is a great community, and it takes a lot of hard work to maintain the quality of our community. The Board is working hard to be open, transparent, and communicative with our members. Even with the challenges of COVID, we have seen more member attendance at our Board meetings and more member engagement during the owner comment period. All members do not always agree with every decision that the Board makes, and I want you to know that the Board does its best to listen and consider all viewpoints prior to making a decision. One concern that I have is the amount of "competing" social media pages that have cropped up regarding BCLCA. Many of these pages have a great deal of negative, misleading, and sometimes false information about our community. Some of these pages are open to the public, including potential purchasers of homes in BCLCA. I do not understand why a member of a community would publish information that could hurt all of us. When participating on these pages, before you hit the button to "Post", please ask yourself, is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful? Is it necessary? I have even seen personal attacks on individual volunteers. It is disheartening to say the least.

I wish you all a happy, safe, and enjoyable spring and summer season! I am looking forward to being able to get out and see people, safely, and as vaccines keep expanding, we can hopefully have a fairly normal summer!

Kevin G. McGrath, President

## **BCLCA Board Member Requirements and Responsibilities**

The Board at BCLCA is a working board. The board members not only serve in an advisory role, as a self-managed organization all 15 board members have jobs to do on behalf of the association.

### **Time Commitment**

We meet 13-14 times a year. Standing board meetings are held the third Saturday of each month, excluding December. We have been meeting online for the past year; however, we will most likely resume in person meetings later in 2021. Our meetings average between two and one half to three hours. In addition to the meetings, board members are expected to check emails every 48 hours and should plan on dedicating an additional 10 or (more) hours each month on board matters.

### **Skills**

Good board members should have good common sense. This is by far more important than any particular expertise. You need to be able to work in a collegial manner and be able to listen to your fellow Board Members. Board Members need a reasonable level of computer literacy. We use word documents, shared drives, excel and email communications. All board members are ambassadors to the BCLCA community. It is important to remember that we are always "on-duty" and need to be responsive and set a good example to our members.

### **On-Site Requirement**

Each Board Member has (one) or more committee Chairperson assignments. These can change annually and are decided by the president with input from the members and executive committee. Depending on your committee assignment you may have duties that require you to be at the community from time to time.

### **Must be a member in good standing**

Any Director who is absent without cause from three regularly scheduled monthly meetings in the course of a twelve-month period, shall be deemed to have resigned and the Board shall fill the vacancy in accordance with the ByLaws.

### **Environmental Committee**

Bob Skiffington

- Received Board approval for Environmental Committee Mission Statement, Requirements, Membership, Duties, and Responsibilities.

### **Finance**

Derek Dailey

- Fiscal Responsibility Project: modernized the online accounting system to simplify budget oversight.
- Payroll Account Update: consolidated bank accounts to ensure a simpler way to process & fund payroll for our BCLCA employees.
- Check Printing & Signing Procedure Update: introduced a plan to improve check signing coordination efforts between BCLCA employees and board members.

### **Pool**

Pete Matone

- Attended a CAI seminar on opening pools in the spring.
- Supplies are going to be in short supply due to a fire at one of the chemical plants and the huge growth in new residential pools. This affects pumps, heaters, chlorine tablets (we use liquid), plasterers, and plumbing specialists. Prices for these services are going up accordingly.
- Contacted Strand and asked for our contract to lock us in and to be put on the start-up list early so if any problems crop up we can deal with them without impacting the season.
- Started to gather the latest information on COVID-19 and outdoor pools.

### **Membership Services**

Margo Schaefer

- Thank you to all members who have paid the 2021-2022 assessment. The Association depends on timely payment to provide the services we all depend upon.
- There are a very small number of accounts that have not been paid or entered into a payment plan. We are taking legal action against these members to effect payment.

### **Recreation Committee**

Bob Skiffington

- Received Board approval for Recreation Committee Mission Statement, Requirements, and Membership.
- Received Board approval for the 2021 Recreation Calendar of Events.
- Received Board approval to close Bocce Court Refurbishment investigation phase and proceed with the project not to exceed \$11,000.
- The BCLCA apparel was offered to the membership for the first time using Valley Athletics on-line store.

## Lake/Dam Committee

Jack McGeehan

### Lake

- Installed upland bulkheads at both beaches to further mitigate sand from entering the lake.
- We have new boat stickers for 2021. We have decided on dual stickers to help and assist to monitor members boats only on the lake. Only BCL members are allowed to secure boat stickers and permitted to be on the lake.
- We have agreed on a pilot-trial for the Beach restrooms open daily 8:00am to Dusk from early May through October (weather permitting)
- Please remember to observe and follow all PA Fish and Boat commission rules and regulations. BCL is not exempt to State Laws.
- BCL has special limits to fish, both in size and number taken, that are harvested from the lake. Please be sure to check the postings at the Boat Dock, Beaches & Dam Park bulletin boards.

### Dam

- 2020 Response from DEP from annual Inspection – need to rehab left V-Notch weir, monitor the training walls for movement.
- Emergency Action Plan has been updated and notices have been posted per State guidelines.
- The Dam inspection was done by Jack McGeehan and Terry Baughn. Nothing unusual to report.
- We have been reviewing information from the Engineers and State Division of Dam Safety regarding Spillway modifications to the Dam. This project may be up to a few years out as we progress throughout the conceptual design and regulatory process.

### Permits

Todd Laudenschlager

- Since the beginning of the year, the Tree Committee and I have processed more than 40 permits, consisting of numerous tree, new home construction, decks, additions, and sheds.
- This year seems to be the busiest that I've seen in 12 years. Please check the website or call the office to find out if a permit is needed for your project. If you have any questions, you can gladly send an email or call the office and I will give you a call to discuss.
- At this time, it is taking the Committee roughly 2 weeks to process permits. So please plan your schedule accordingly. Also keep in mind we are volunteers and have commitments outside of BCL.

## Technology Committee

Rick Monnig

My name is Rick Monnig. I am the newest Board Member, just appointed at the April meeting. We have owned property in Bear Creek for 11 years, coming up on weekends for the first 10 years, but living full time for the past crazy year. Being able to work remotely in this beautiful community has been a "COVID Brightside."

As the new Chairperson of the Technology Committee, I want to thank Ned Ramm for his help and guidance on this committee. We have been working hard to make some improvements to some of our aging technology. A new computer has been installed at the office with additional security. We are setting up new email accounts and moving information to the cloud for better availability and security. I also want to thank Maintenance for running wires for the new Wireless Access Points to help improve the wireless coverage around the pool area. I look forward to serving the community. If you have desktop support skills and are interested in joining the Technology Committee, please email [Technology@BCLCA.org](mailto:Technology@BCLCA.org).

Tech Tip:



Instead of using a short, complex password that is hard to remember, consider using a longer passphrase. This involves combining multiple random words into a long string of at least 15 characters (lakeFly4Einstein). The extra length of a passphrase makes it harder to crack while also making it easier for you to remember. Mix in a number or symbol to make it even stronger.

Or better yet, use a password manager like <https://1password.com/> or <https://www.lastpass.com/> to secure a 15 character complex password (L@9ak3b#zK1X24a)

### Maintenance

Bill Gullone

- We had a very busy winter plowing several back-to-back big snowstorms. Maintenance spent many long days keeping the roads clear.
- The beach retention project is complete.
- The mild spring will help us get ready for a busy summer season.



## Declaration Rewrite Committee

Ned Ramm

You may be aware of the fact from reading the minutes of our board meetings that we have a special committee set up to draft a new Declaration of CCRs (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions). The declaration becomes part of your deed when you purchase a lot or a home in Bear Creek Lakes. Unlike the bylaws or rules and regulations, CCRs run with the land. In other words, they are recorded as part of your deed and govern that property regardless of the ownership.

The committee began this work approximately two years ago because our current declaration is very much out of date with current HOA (Homeowners Association) laws that have been passed in Pennsylvania and other states. Additionally, we found a number of items that needed to be clarified or added, since years have passed since the original document was approved. The Declaration Rewrite Committee, as it is called, has spent a great deal of time drafting the new declaration. After an initial draft, it was reviewed extensively by an outside attorney, as well as our own solicitor. Based on these reviews, the committee revised the document and submitted it to the Board for their review and comments. Once the Board has reviewed it, and changes made if necessary, they will approve it for submission to our members for a vote of approval. This process will be done carefully and methodically. Realizing that this is a lot to absorb at one time, and that many questions will be generated, we will hold several town meetings after you receive a copy of the draft document. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. After the member review period, the declaration will be sent out for vote. Because this document is the Association's most important and legally binding document, it requires a 2/3 majority of all possible member votes. We will explain more of this as time goes on, but at this point the Committee wants you to be aware of the fact that you will soon be presented with this new, and we think much improved, document.

### Security

Madeline Ligenza

- There have been several internal changes in technology made in both the office and Security office. A new camera system has been implemented by Control Security connecting the office to the pool.
- The most common infractions of BCL rules are: Unauthorized parking (no BCL identification),

**No fireworks permitted!**

- Unregistered ATV's, dirt bikes or Golf Carts.
- Non-compliance regarding Burn Ban fires, including fire pits.
- Unleashed/loose dogs. Dogs must be under control (leashed) at all times. BCL asks you to use the dog stations that are placed throughout the community.
- Alarm calls.
- FYI: All bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and motorized skateboards must observe traffic signs in BCL.
- It has been observed there are no helmets being worn and dangerous speeds have been observed on all the above.
- Badges should be worn and visible at the amenities, walking, cycling, in your golf cart/ATV/dirt bikes or boating.
- Security is here to enforce the BCL rules. Security is here to enhance our Community.

### Crime Watch (CW):

- The numbers are dwindling. New members are welcome to join in to help keep our wonderful community as lovely as it currently is.
- A notice is sent out every Friday to fill in the schedule.
- During the summer, we double-up on days, especially for weekends. Last year had many people looking for a place to swim and enjoy the sun. Even though we have a sign on every entrance road "Private Community", it seems they are being overlooked. When Beltzville and the Watershed were closed or filled to capacity, people checked their GPS for the closest lake. Guess where they tried to come? You got it right.....here in beautiful BCL.
- We had Grace, our ever-faithful Badge Monitor and many CW people stationed at the Boat Dock, North and South Beaches, and the Dam Park to ensure we did not have outsiders. We need to be vigilant. If you notice people without badges at any of the amenities.....you all have a right to question if they are a resident or contact Security or the Lifeguards or CW members if they are in the vicinity.
- We can always use more help. Just contact the office, either phone or email, and leave a message and they will give me your information and I will get in touch with you.

### Long-Range Planning Committee

Bob Skiffington

- Received Board approval for Long-Range Planning Committee Mission Statement, Requirements, and Membership.



## **Human Resources & Office Management**

Rand Asher/ Madeline Ligenza

- The camera system in the office was updated and also connected to the camera at the pool area.
- Administration of new members to the Bear Creek Lakes Communication Page was turned over to Madeline. Only residents who are on the deed are admitted to this Facebook page. Questions need to be answered and the address must be verified. You cannot suggest or recommend people if they are not BCL residents.
- Please notify the office of any changes such as a new telephone number, email, or address.
- If purchasing a new vehicle, the old sticker should be removed.
- The camera system in the Security office has been updated.
- Standard Operating Procedures are being created to assist the next board member taking over a specific committee. The duties seem to change or are enhanced with each passing year.
- The Presidents plaque has been updated. This hangs in Stewart Hall.
- Old invoices are in the process of being shredded.
- A new computer was installed in the office. A new phone system is in the process of being installed which will save money.
- New office hours were announced. Monday 10-3, Wednesday 10-3, Friday 12-4, Saturday 10-3.
- The office was painted as was the hallway and foyer. Thank you to our Maintenance men for a fantastic job. New drapes have been added to enhance the "new, fresh look".
- Covid rules are still being enforced, masks worn while in the foyer and one person at a time. Thank you to all our residents for abiding by this rule and being patient. Our office staff are grateful to all. Hopefully this situation will be ending soon.
- A special day, Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 10-1 was designated as boat sticker day to ease a rush for the office staff.
- This alleviated some pressure for our staff. Quite a few stickers were assigned.
- The sign at the main entrance has been maintained by Linda Sott and Madeline Ligenza. (In all weather conditions).

## **Rules Committee**

Ron Kerwood & Bill Malone

- Many of the rules that are used to run our community have been under review for updating. This newsletter will have the latest updates published, but here are some highlights. As always, the Board encourages all members to visit [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org)

regularly to see any new postings and to get up-to-date news and information regarding our wonderful community.

## **New Rule Highlights:**

- New Lake/Boating rule prohibiting permanent/semi-permanent moorings on the lake.
- New boat permit initiative to provide better security aimed at keeping non-members out of our lake.
- Updated guidelines for outside contractor's insurance to maintain the safety and security of the membership.
- Signage restrictions to keep our natural views as lovely as possible. Maintaining security within BCL is up to all members of the community. To maintain our high quality way of life in BCL, please report any rules or security infractions so that we may be able to educate the members involved to prevent missteps in the future.

## **New Rules since the Fall Newsletter:**

- All boats must be registered at the BCLCA office and identified with a set of BCLCA stickers, visibly displayed above the water line on both sides of the bow of the boat. Beginning in Calendar Year 2021, all boats will be required to be re-registered with the new stickers and a registration fee of \$10.00 per boat will be charged to help cover administrative costs. BCL boat stickers must be removed if the boat is sold. Only members may register boats.
- All contractors who perform work within the boundaries of Bear Creek Lakes must be registered with BCLCA for work that either requires a BCL permit or is in excess of an aggregate amount of \$5,000 per contract. In addition to registration, if required, acceptable insurance documentation including, but not limited to, Commercial General Liability and Vehicle Liability insurance, must be provided at time of registration. Contractor work includes, but is not limited to, building, grading/landscaping, home improvements such as additions, roofing, siding, decks, the drilling of wells and the installation of septic systems.
- The BCLCA Board of Directors (BOD) shall have the power to enforce these Rules and Regulations. The effective date for any new or amended rule(s) will be 45 days following approval by the BOD except as deemed by the Board.
- Building Regulations Rule #18. Building contractor and lawn care/landscaping signs are permissible only during the period the work is in progress. Exception is made for displaying of Security Systems/Monitoring signs. No contractor sign may be larger than nine (9) square feet. Building

contractor signs must be removed within nine (9) months of the issuance of the building permit or at the time an Occupancy Permit is received, whichever occurs first. Members are responsible for ensuring that contractors comply.

- New Boat Rule # 18. No boats/vessels or other floating devices are permitted to be permanently or semi-permanently moored except as allowed by the Board of Directors.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of 2021 here in Bear Creek Lakes.

Rules.bclca@gmail.com

### **Invasive Garlic Mustard is Here**

Mike Gogal



Along the roadsides throughout BCLCA, you'll find the invasive plant, Garlic Mustard. April-May is the ideal time to control this nasty weed before it has the chance to go to seed. Simply reach down at the base of the plant until you feel a thicker stalk and pull. It should come up by the roots. Every time you pull one of these, you're eliminating

hundreds in future years.

### **Stewart Hall**

Roger Stewart

Stewart Hall remains closed due to COVID-19 and because the 50-year-old main hall -- while it can accommodate many people -- has no provision for fresh air ventilation at all. We have contacted three contractors, reviewed our Statement of Work for air ventilation with them, and plan to provide choices and costs to the Board for a decision in May.

### **BCL Book Club**

Leta Thompson

Our Bear Creek Lakes Book Club has done very well this season! We have held our monthly meetings over Zoom, thanks to Margo Schaefer. It was different seeing everyone on screen rather than in person, but we were so glad that we did not have to suspend all of our meetings this year due to COVID and that we could still enjoy discussing books with friends.

We are in the process of recommending and selecting books for next year. If you enjoy reading and discussing books, please feel free to join us in September. We meet the third Tuesday of each month. Our book selections will be put on the BCL website during the month of June. Please call Leta Thompson at (570)325-2121 if you have any questions. Happy reading!

### **Aquatics Director**



We would like to welcome Scott Karaman as our new Aquatics Director for Bear Creek Lakes. Scott is a recently retired Health/Physical Education teacher who taught for 38 years. He has also coached varsity football, swimming and girl's softball. Scott has

managed pools and beaches in communities, private and public facilities, throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania since 1982. He is an American Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor who will be an asset for certifying our lifeguards. Scott is looking forward to being a part of the Bear Creek Lakes community.

### **Community Corner**

What an interesting and diverse group we are? The Community Corner aims to help you become better acquainted with your Bear Creek Lakes neighbors.

Have you reached a milestone or achieved a lifelong goal? Do you have a unique hobby? Have you attended a special event or visited a new destination? Does your pet have any unusual habits?

If you'd like to share a few lines about yourself, submissions to the newsletter Community Corner maybe sent to: bclca@ptd.net.

We have several authors living in our community. I think it is worth a "shout out" to these fine members.

Michael Riley retired in 1995 with over 25 years as a Philadelphia police officer and an undercover detective in the Narcotics Special Operations Division. His book is called "The Long Last Out".

Joanie Findle is new to our area and is well known for her children books. She is the author of Middle Grade books to entertain, mystify and chill to the bone, such as: The Mystery of the Perfect Hole and Trolls in the Attic.

Brenda and Howard Hendrickson have combined their artistic talents to publish a book, Poetry and Art. Brenda is an abstract painter and Howard is a published poet with three books to his credit.

If you haven't had the opportunity to have meet these authors, I would check them out on Amazon and Google to find out more information regarding their books.

## Volunteer Fire Department

Tom Lynd, Chief and BCL resident

Penn Forest Township has two independent all-volunteer fire companies, Penn Forest No 1 & Penn Forest No 2, covering 74 square miles. The fire station located on Route 903 and Hawthorne Drive is Penn Forest No 1, aka Penn 1.

Penn No 1 station has 64 members of which 26 are active firefighters. Twenty of the members live in the community of Bear Creek Lakes. Of the twenty members, eight are active firefighters and twelve are contributing members. Most know what an active firefighter does, but what is a contributing member? Contributing members are the backbone of the fire company. Their tasks can be administrative positions such as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President. They can also be grant writer, IT person, fundraiser, cook, or server. I think you get my point. It takes many different talents to run an organization like the fire company.

Firefighters meet at the station on Monday nights for training. We have firefighters at different levels of training from advanced military fire training to entry-level members, who are currently going through Pennsylvania's State Fire Academy classes.

Penn Forest Township does not have a single fire hydrant. We must bring the water with us on every call. In Bear Creek Lakes there are three dry hydrants located around the lake. These are our primary source of water to fight fires within a four-mile area. The most noticeable hydrant is the one at the boat launch. We may have interrupted your sunset or an early morning boat launch to draft water from the lake. You may see us refilling the trucks after a fire call or training using one of these hydrants. Bear Creek's maintenance

employees are a tremendous help to the fire company. They make it a point to keep the hydrants clear from snow and low hanging tree branches so we are not delayed if water is needed. They have also assisted at a house fire by keeping the fire from spreading prior to the fire trucks arriving.

When dispatched to carbon monoxide and smoke detector calls it's nice to have security already on the scene prior to our arrival. Security will confirm the house and provide us with updated information. Soon, I hope to communicate directly with the security officer while en route.

I would like to address a touchy subject, the burn ban. In Spring the top layer of leaves from Fall are dry. An ember from a fire can end up landing on the dry leaves. Add 10 mph winds and away it goes burning across your lawn. Even though it may have just rained the leaves are dry and brittle. Again, add 10 mph wind and the leaves dry quickly, no different than you drying your hair. There were several brush fires in the township this year that ended up burning structures and some close calls. On a good note, I have met a lot of nice people while enforcing the burn ban. Most people were not aware that a ban was in effect. If your fire will be more than a backyard recreational fire (fire ring, contained) we ask you to notify the county communication center to avoid having a fire truck stop at your house.

Support the fire company receives from the Bear Creek Lake residents has been tremendous over the years. Attending the monthly breakfasts, dinners during the monthly car club show, special events, and financial donations through our fund drive are greatly appreciated. We welcome new members, both firefighters and contributing members.





## Watercraft Registration

- Watercraft that must be registered in BCL are boats (only electric-powered motors allowed), canoes, kayaks, paddleboats. You do not have to register inflatables or paddleboards (unless you are going to use it on state-owned waters like Beltsville and such).

## Editor's Notes

Madeline T. Ligenza

I am sure you will notice there is a different format to this newsletter. The BCLCA BOD have been trying to cope with many issues never before dealt with during these Covid times. Instead of an article, I asked each Director to pinpoint accomplishments, using bullet points.

Having Zoom meetings, to me, was very difficult. I enjoy the camaraderie of members speaking to each other before and after the more "normal" meetings. We had time to talk to each other and get each others feelings about issues. Zoom meetings prevented this type of conversation. Hopefully, we will be attending "live meetings" soon.

I would like to thank Linda Sott for her thoroughness in assembling the Newsletter. Also, a special thank you to Pam and Rich Berger for arranging the folding, taping and mailing of the Newsletter. This is a huge job. Thank you to the residents who help assemble the Newsletter.....at this time I do not know who they are.

As I have indicated, you are the voice of BCLCA and if you wish to contribute, please send an email to the office at [bclca@ptd.net](mailto:bclca@ptd.net).

As I also have indicated before, if someone wishes to take on the responsibility of the Newsletter, please contact the office.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted".

-Aesop-

## Gone, but Not Forgotten

### Randall Ray Boyer

1931 - 2021



Randy Boyer passed away December 31, 2020. Randy grew up in Stowe, PA. He spent 3 years in the U.S. Army. His career was in the Education field, as a teacher and principal. He spent his winters at Tala Lake in Port Charlotte, FL and the rest of the year at his beloved Bear Creek Lakes community in Jim Thorpe, PA. He and his wife, Edie organized many recreational activities in the community. He loved sailing, puzzles and games. He will be missed by his family and everyone who ever came into contact with him.

Thomas J. Stokes, Sr.  
May 30, 1936 - February 24, 2021  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Tom Stokes passed away February 24, 2021. Tom grew up in Philadelphia, PA. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. His career was as a draftsman. He enjoyed spending time at his mountain house in Bear Creek Lakes. He loved walking, playing solitaire, and spending time with his family. He will be missed by his family and his mountain community friends.

Mary F. Knorr



Mary Knorr passed away April 27, 2021. Mary grew up in Philadelphia, PA. Her career was as a medical transcriptionist at Fox Chase Cancer Center. Mary loved her family, crocheting, and fishing. She enjoyed living at Bear Creek Lakes and relaxing with her friends. Mary always had a smile on her face, never said a bad word about anyone, and never wanted the party to be over. Mary will be missed by her family and friends.

# EVENTS FOR 2021

(Information for the following events will be posted on the web site)

## MAY

- Thur May 13 **Ladies Luncheon** 12:30PM (location TBD)  
Sat May 15 **Open Board Meeting** 9AM via Zoom  
Tues May 18 **Book Club** 10AM via Zoom  
Fri May 21 **Landscape Meeting** 6 PM Pavilion  
Sat May 29 **Pool Opening** 12-8PM Pool

## JUNE

- Sat June 5 **Pickleball** 9AM Tennis Court area  
Sat June 12 **Sip 'n Paint** (time TBD) Pavilion  
Mon June 14 **Water Aerobic Begins** (Mon-Wed-Fri @ 11AM) Pool  
Tues June 15 **Lap Swim Begins** (Tues-Thurs @ 11AM) Pool  
Tues June 15 **Book Club** 10:30AM via Zoom  
Sat June 19 **Boyer Cup Sailboat Race** (time & location TBD)  
Sat June 26 **Community Yard Sale** 9AM-3PM

## JULY

- Fri July 2 **Ice Cream Night** 6PM Pool  
Fri July 2 **BCL Annual Golf Tournament** (time & location TBD)  
Sat July 3 **Golf Cart & Bike Parade** (time TBD) Stewart Hall Parking Lot  
Thurs July 8 **Ladies Luncheon** 12:30PM (location TBD)  
Sat July 17 **Boyer Cup Sailboat Race** (time and location TBD)

## AUGUST

- Sat Aug 7 **Everything's Free Exchange** 3PM Pavilion  
Thurs Aug 12 **Ladies Luncheon** 12:30PM (location TBD)  
Fri Aug 20 **Moonlit Kayak Run** (time and location TBD)  
Sat Aug 21 **Tennis Tournament** 9AM Tennis Court area  
Sat Aug 21 **Boyer Cup Sailboat Race** (time and location TBD)

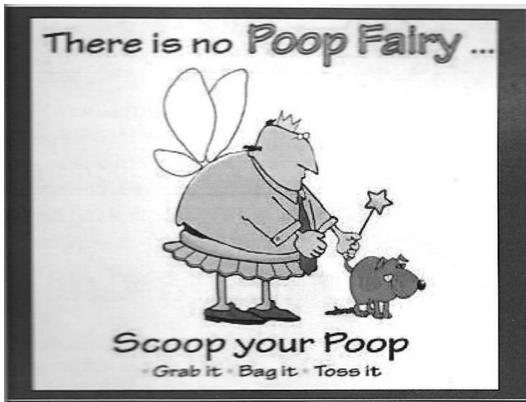
## SEPTEMBER

- Sat Sept 4 **General Membership Meeting** 10AM (location TBD)  
Sun Sept 5 **BCL Annual 5K Run/3K Walk** 9AM (registration 8:30AM) (location TBD)  
Mon Sept 6 **Pool Closes for Season**

### **Penn Forest Township Transfer Station Hours:**

Saturday Thru Monday From 8:00 Am To 4:00 Pm  
Wednesday From 11:00 Am To 7:00 Pm  
88 Transfer Station Rd

\*\*\*\*\*The Transfer Station Will Be Open On Holidays\*\*\*\*\*  
Except Christmas Day & New Year's Day



New Dog Stations



**BURN BAN**  
**\$250 Fine**  
 plus  
**\$5.00 Administrative Fee**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY**  
**\$150.00 Fine**  
 plus  
**\$5.00 Administrative Fee**

Pool Attendants

Sue Whiteley, Connie Dijohn, Carole Kearney and Anne Smiley.

Lifeguard orientation.



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**Rental Property Registration Requirement**

At the May 15th BOD meeting the Board approved a requirement for registration of any properties in BCL offered for rent or lease. Please find the registration form attached and it will also be uploaded to the BCLCA website shortly. All rental properties must be registered by June 30, 2021. A separate Registration form is required for each property that may be offered for lease or rental. Failure to comply will result in a cumulative fine of \$100.00 for each month/each property not properly registered. Questions should be addressed to rules.bclca@gmail.com

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**Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association**  
**Property Rental/Lease Registration**

Member's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only a Member in good standing can complete this registration)*

Property Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Member's Additional Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Member's contact phone and email address Add'l Local Contact if Owner/Member is out of the area\*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*add'l contact info must be provided for a member or designated contact in the event of an emergency or situation requiring immediate response. This contact must be able to respond and act on a situation within one (1) hour.

Property Information

Number of Bedrooms\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* As further described in Penn Forest Township Ordinance #2021-02

Number of Bathrooms \_\_\_\_\_

Expected term of leases/rentals Short term \_\_\_\_\_ (30 days or less) Long Term \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial the statements noted below;

-I/we understand that BCL can require an on-site confirmation of the information noted in this application. \_\_\_\_\_

-I/we certify that the 911 Address placard is properly displayed on the property \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
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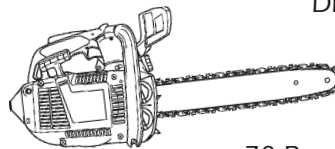
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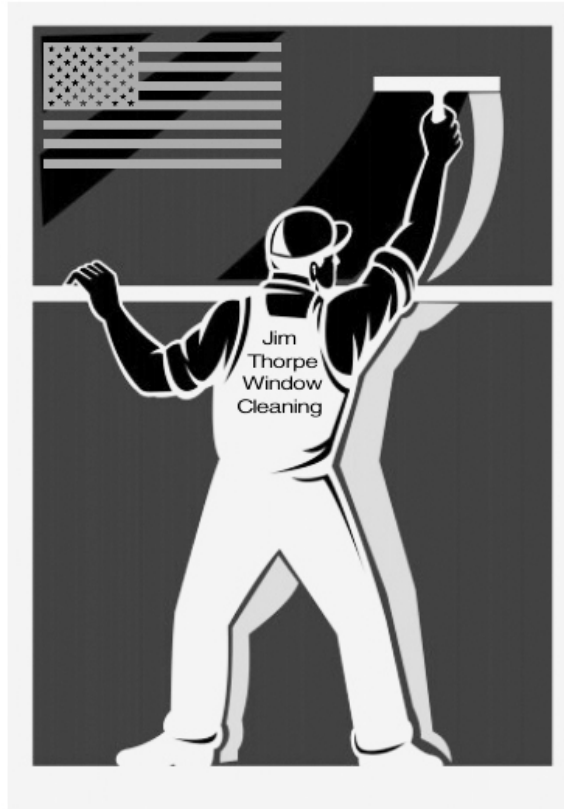
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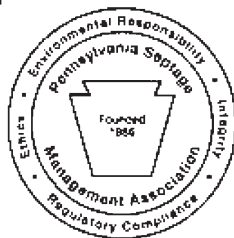
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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	NUMBER

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