

AUTUMN 2005

A seasonal newsletter about management, conservation and recreational happenings of the Moosic Lake community

Gaining THE Wisdom

Stop Treating Your Soil like Dirt! Leaves appear green because of an abundance of *chlorophyll*. Yellow or orange colors are present all year round due to *carotenoid* and *xanthophyll pigments*, but are masked by the green chlorophyll during the summer. In the fall the chlorophyll breaks down, revealing the leaf's true colors! Temperature is the key because as days become shorter and nights become cooler, cells of the *abscission layer* between the leaf and the stem are activated, depriving the leaf of water and minerals. Leaves are great for composting into soil and a safer alternative to burning. Call the Recycling Center (963-6868) for more info.

Moosic to your Ears Where does "Moosic" actually come from? Any guesses? Well, if you read Thomas Murphy's 1928 History of Lackawanna County you will find out. The actual town of Moosic began as a small village originally known as Marathon. It was later named Moosic, taking the name from the surrounding mountains, which in turn had been named because of the abundance of moose in the area.

It's about Times you recycle? 75,000 trees must be cut to provide paper for one edition of the Sunday New York Times. How long does it take tin to break down ... 100 years, aluminum ... 500 years & how about glass ... a million years!!

Remembering OUR Past

Moosic Lake property was owned by the Burke family. A main attraction was a large "Pavilion". In the early 1900's it booked many popular bands for the people of the valley. It was a magnificent structure, but unfortunately the pavilion burned to the ground in 1962. The mountain was also the home to a popular boys camp for many years under the auspices of the Bishop of Scranton. The cabins faced the "field parallel to Chestnut Road. Admission to the park included access to the "Bath House", picnic area, swimming, amusement park, boat rides and walks to the glen. The roller coaster and merry-go-round were favorites. In 1938 Walter Burke representing the family began to develop the property for public sales. East Shore Drive and Chestnut Road were the first areas developed. The Moosic Lakes Club was established in 1942. To be continued Marie T. Cavanaugh

Do you know these PA Facts?

State Animal - Whitetail Deer
State Fish -The Brook Trout
State Tree - Hemlock

State Bird - Ruffed Grouse
State Insect -The Firefly
State Flower - Mtn. Laurel



Mountain Laurel is native to PA and serves as excellent buffer plant along lake shores to prevent erosion and help water quality. Lake shrubs & trees also help keep nuisance geese migrating like they should!

So you have a leaky faucet ... FIX IT! A faucet with even a slow drip takes 10 to 25 gallons of water. Just think, 15 drips per minute add up to almost 3 gallons of water wasted per day, 65 gallons wasted per month, and 788 gallons wasted per year!

Paddle With Power Most people concentrate pulling off the paddle," says Sam Drevo, kayaking champion in the 2001 Gorge Games. But that's a mistake. Instead, "plant the blade and use your torso, abs, and legs to move the boat toward the paddle. The body, more than the arms, powers the stroke."



Moosic Lakes during the early 1900s

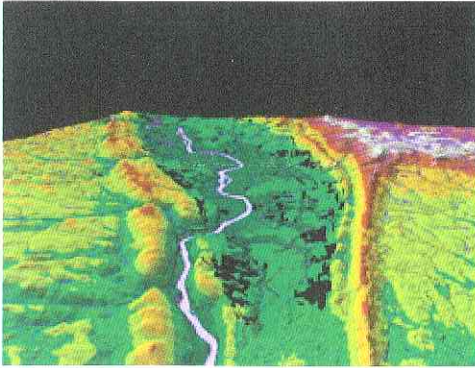
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the first edition of Moosic Lake News. Here is a new approach to exchanging information. Everyone likes looking at photos and maybe this will encourage some of you to share your lake shots. At our membership meetings this year we've discussed a 5 Year Lake Management Plan. This newsletter signals its onset. It's important to understand the direction our membership wants to take for the future of Moosic Lakes. That's why we've included a survey and ask you to complete and return it as soon as possible. The newly formed Environmental/Steering Committee will gather information from the returns over the winter and report its findings in the Spring Newsletter. This is your opportunity to voice your concerns – please take advantage of it. I wish you all an enjoyable season ahead and hope to hear from many of you soon.

Sincerely Barbara Giovagnoli

Conserving THE Future



Aerial view of watershed defined by ridgelines

The little watershed that drains into Moosic Lakes drains water into small creeks such as West Branch of the Wallenpaupack Creek and then that creek and a few others makes up a bigger watershed that drains into the Lackawaxen River. Then all the larger rivers like the Lackawaxen are part of the Delaware Watershed that drains finally into the Atlantic Ocean. Using a watershed approach makes the most sense because it integrates biology, chemistry, economics, and social considerations into decision-making.

The Lackawanna County Conservation District has started helping Moosic Lake develop a watershed plan. This goal is reduced degradation of our water resources all the way to the sea, but more importantly here on Moosic Lakes. Protecting the lakes takes everyones efforts and you can help initially by filling out the *survey* enclosed in this newsletter.

You can also help out more importantly around your home. Living a sustainable lifestyle will help to balance us with the ecosystem around us. There are many ways to do this, but you can begin by reading the publication link below. Stay tuned for more info!



A lake's ecosystem is interdependent on the land use and actions of those in the watershed that surround it.

Shore Primer:

<http://www.cottagelife.com/htm/mag/primer/shoreprimere.pdf>



Moosic Lakes Club & The Lackawanna County Conservation has formed a unique partnership to gather the stakeholders together to develop a watershed for our lake. If you want to help out with any conservation efforts .. please call 489-2664.



Upcoming Activities, Events & Meetings

Dec 31st @ 9pm: New Year Party at the Community Center hosted by Kurt & Peggy Hennemuth. BYOE. For more information call 489-2664.

April 22nd, 2006 @ 9am: Great PA Cleanup - Meet in the Community Center Parking Lot

July 29th, 2006: Regatta

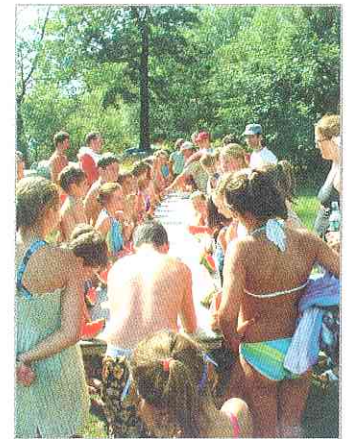
August 19th, 2006: Annual Dance!

In Remembrance

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Brian Duffy. As past-president, director, advisor and "roadmaster", Brian unselfishly gave many years of service to the Lakes he loved. He will be missed.

Moosic Lakes Women's Club

The Moosic Lakes Women's Club had another successful summer. The perfect weather made for lots of fun events for both children and adults. The Women's Club supported the annual regatta -- as always superbly organized by Dr. Mary Jo Gunning -- by hosting a barbecue lunch. Our thanks to Jim Kane for all his hard work organizing and preparing a great spread! We had an excellent turnout for the annual dance where we all danced to the music of the "Magics" until the wee hours of the morning. As a result of fundraising, the members of the Women's Club were proud to donate \$3000 toward the construction of the new playground at the Community Center. For the summer 2006 season, please put these dates on your calendar: July 29, 2006 Regatta and August 19th, the annual dance!! Both are great events and we encourage all members to come and enjoy the fun. Thanks to all Susan Hennemuth, President, Moosic Lakes Women's Club.



Scenes from this summer's watermelon eating contest. Be sure to save the date for next year's Regatta!

THINK CHRISTMAS!!
Moosic Lakes Glassware is for sale. Please call 383-1138 if you would like to make a holiday purchase

Come on over to Common Areas!



.....and rediscover our Commons Areas! There are 16 commons including 15 lake access areas. Any member in good standing is allowed to use them. East Commons contains the main beach area, new community center and playground. Currently, commons areas are being surveyed and marked a few at a time. Vehicles cannot be parked in a lake access commons because it provides access to the water for emergency vehicles. We ask that if your property is adjacent to a commons area, you remove any personal property located there. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Seasons are about to change so get out and enjoy the the commons this Fall!



"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles" - Doug Larson



SAVE THE DATE! - April 22, 2006

Susan Hennemuth will be coordinating the Great PA Cleanup again next year on Saturday - April 22, 2006. Meet at 9:00am in the Community Center Parking Lot. Gloves and bags supplied by PennDot. Hope you join us and stay tuned for more info! Please contact Susan for questions at (570) 383-1138 and check out the special website www.greatpacleanup.org.

Moosic Lakes Club

The Moosic Lakes Club is a non-profit private property owners association that acquires, holds and maintains real estate, roads, and lake rights for the purpose of the private community. Moosic Lakes promotes civic & community interest through recreation, maintaining a community center and fostering social activities for the enjoyment of its members.

Officers & Directors

Barbara Giovagnoli - President
Chris Cawley - Vice President
Frank Kane - Treasurer
Alison Bollard - Secretary
Barbara Cawley - Director
Kurt Hennemuth - Director
John Walker - Director

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"It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness"

--Eleanor Roosevelt

Become a volunteer in your community today!

PROPERTY NOTES

No Renter Policy - At the August General Membership Meeting, there was an overwhelming vote against allowing rental properties at Moosic Lakes. We were reminded that no businesses are allowed within our community and rental properties are in violation. If you currently rent your property, please make the necessary arrangements with your tenants. Thanks.



Resale Certificates

Any member considering selling his/her property will be required to have a resale certificate at closing. This serves many purposes: the Club will be apprised of property changes; the new owners will have the opportunity to learn of membership requirements, dues, bylaws and policies and any outstanding dues will be satisfied. For information call 489-2664.

Clear Cutting

The Moosic Lakes Club owns property on either side of the roads from 10-20 feet. Please be sure to contact our building Committee and review property lines before tree cutting. The number to call is 489-2664. Thanks.

Dues \$

If you haven't remitted your dues yet and need to make arrangements, contact Frank Kane at 489-2664.

Emergency Calls

When placing a call to fire, ambulance or police, please have someone meet the emergency crew at the entrance of the lake and take them to your location. We will be working on a project to number the properties in our community and provide a map to our fire and ambulance associations.

SECURITY REMINDER

All members and their guests must adhere to Moosic Lakes Rules and Regulations such as: *15 mph on all lake roads, No motor boats, Guests must have member's card for lake facilities and be updated on rules & regulations.* Please remember that everyone is a member of Moosic Lakes Club Security.

Moosic Lakes Club: (570) 489-2664

For questions regarding rules and regulations, by-laws, and general questions.

Security

Bruce and Sarann Wheeler: (570) 383-1867

Joe and June Christina: (570) 489-1905

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"Men and nature must work hand in hand. The throwing out of balance of the resources of nature throws out of balance also the lives of men." -- FDR