

Moosic

summer 2006



Lakes

A seasonal newsletter about management, conservation

and recreational happenings of the Moosic Lake community

news

CONSERVING THE FUTURE



Giving Back to Our Lake

"A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature. The fluvial trees next the shore are the slender eyelashes which fringe it, and the wooded hills and cliffs around are its overhanging brows."

- Henry David Thoreau

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

If you were to put Margaret Mead and Henry David Thoreau together in a room you would have just the right inspiration and commitment to do anything. This is what we will meet on June 13th with the evening entitled "Giving Back to Our Lake". The lake gives so much to all of us. Some of us fish swim, nature study or just relax along the shores. The lake is what unites us all here. Since we all come together to use the lake it is only fitting we should all come together to discuss and work on the issues facing the lake. We would like to invite you to give back to the lake. The following is an agenda for the evening:

Date/Time: Tuesday – June 13th at 6:30 pm with food/refreshments

Place: Moosic Lakes Club Community Center

Description: Overview of Lake

Breakout Sessions – Lake Plan, Water Quality, Newsletter

RSVP: If you have not already, please respond to Alison Bollard by email jim.alison@verizon.net or by phone 489-2664 if you are coming so that we can have a head count for food.

Please pass the word on to others!

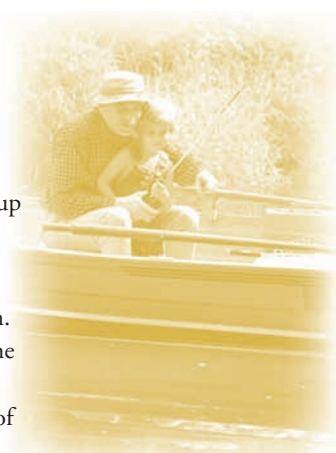
Remembering OUR PAST

In the early development of the Moosic Lakes community the season was from Memorial Day to Labor Day (1940's). – While the lake was the jewel in the mountains – the Pavilion was its HEART. Every evening the entire group, all 20 families, would gather at the Pavilion. Happenings of the day were discussed and the new homes being built were inspected. The Pavilion was very large – the main dining room had a stage where Mass was celebrated every Sunday. It also housed ping pong, volleyball, floor and table shuffleboard, and table tennis. Phil Lohmann learned to play here and ended his career as U.S. Armed Forces table tennis champ in Japan. On rainy days we even rode our bikes. In the adjacent "Mexican Room" – there was roller skating to the tunes of a jukebox. On Saturday nights dances and spaghetti dinners were enjoyed.

We kids would gather nightly on the Pavilion steps and plan activities. Swimming was the first priority – followed by hikes to the glen, preparing the ball field by removing stones for the Sunday night game between fathers and sons. Due to the present privacy act, no more activities will be discussed at this time. Let's not forget the Moosic Lakes commandos under the direction of Bob Moran. One of the commandos ended up a 4 star general in the U.S. Army (Bill Burns). Good job Bob.

It was a great environment to grow up in. The community continues to thrive. The Pavilion remained the HEART until it burned to the ground in the late spring of 1962. Sad time.

Ps. the kids at the time included the original second generation (who still are residents of Moosic Lakes). Lakers – Jim Kubasco, Sr., Jim Nicastro, Joan Ford-Hyland, Bob Moran, Lois Moran-Nolan, Fred Tagliaterra, Dempsey Boys, and Mary Clare Kearney. Thanks, Marie Cavanaugh



Upcoming Activities, Events, and Meetings

June 13, 2006

Women's Club meeting
7 p.m., Community Center

June 13, 2006

Giving Back to our Lake meeting
6:30 p.m., Community Center



June 25, 2006

General Membership Meeting
2:00 p.m., Community Center
Please plan on attending this very important meeting

July 29, 2006

Moosic Lakes Annual Regatta
Rain date July 30th



August 19, 2006

Women's Club Annual Dance
Community Center

August 27, 2006

General Membership Meeting
2:00 p.m., Community Center



Pasta Dinner
to be announced

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the busiest season at the Lakes approaches, we hope this newsletter will peak your interest on what's happening in our community. First, thanks to everyone who participated in the survey for our Five Year Plan. There was a remarkable response pointing to the direction our membership wants to take now and in the future. You'll see some of the results further on in this letter and others will be discussed at our meeting on June 25th. It's never too late to send in your comments. Those who've indicated a desire to work on the Plan will be contacted in the next few weeks. Thanks for being involved!

The Lake Study performed by Marywood researchers has been completed and the professors were amazed at the high quality of our lakes and environment. You'll recall that in this study, lakes with motorboats, both gasoline and electric, were compared with ones not allowing motors of any kind. Some of the categories tracked were water

and air quality, and health issues. A copy of the results will be made available to the Club.

The Rules and Regulations worked on and approved last summer are included in this mailing, along with a copy of the resale certificate needed with property sales. If you plan on selling your property and have questions, please call the Club @ 489-2664.

*Greetings
Moosic Lakers!*

I also want to acknowledge the volunteers that picked up litter on a windy, rainy Earth Day this year and encourage all of us to take pride in our beautiful surroundings and keep it clean.

There's so much more happening! Please plan on coming to the meetings, the regatta, the dinner and the dance. Enjoy our wooded community and have a wonderful summer.

Barbara Giovagnoli

The Results Are in...Almost

First, I want to thank everyone who sent in their surveys. Our membership has 236 residents. The club received 60 surveys from members (roughly 25%). The turnout was good, but has room for improvement. I am optimistic that others will send in their surveys after reading our results. Remember, your opinion does matter. We are a membership driven community. Here are the results:

Overall concern for the lake community

- The number one concern for the Club was the enforcement of our rules and regulations and by-laws.
- Coming in at a close second was the Clubs roads and ditches.
- In third place was clear cutting of property.
- An even split was shared by security and water management.

Residency

- Of those who own lots, 8 residents said they plan on building in the near future.
- Almost 55% who responded have been members of the lake community for over 30 years. Four of those members have lived here for 61 plus years.

Principal reason for residing at the Lake

- Not surprisingly, natural beauty is why we are all here.

General membership meetings

- Over half said they attend the two general membership meetings and if unable to attend, mailed in their proxies.
- The membership was split on changing the meetings to Saturdays. But half requested the meeting time be changed to the morning. 10:00 a.m. was a strong favorite.

Lake Living at Its' Best

There is something special about being around water. Even if all you do is look at the lake, watch the sun rise or set on the water, or catch a lake breeze, water is a tonic for the human spirit. The Lakes provide us with a place to enjoy boating, fishing, kayaking, and canoeing. The water of our spring-fed Lakes is a great place to swim, and you only have to boat around the shore on a hot summer day to see how many people do swim.



If you haven't remitted your dues yet, please send in your payment. Because we are a private community, all road work, snow removal, insurance, and maintenance of facilities, to name only some responsibilities, are financed solely on the dues from property owners.

Management and Security

- It was a close second, but the community felt slightly stronger not to increase security. Hiring a community manager had a narrower margin. But in the end the community felt we did not need a manager.

Community Center

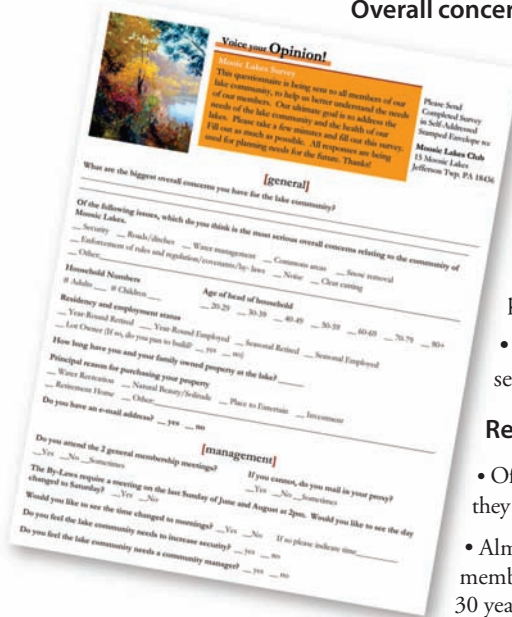
- Just under half of those who sent in their survey did use the community center. The most popular common areas are Oak, Tulake, and Maple.

Water quality

- The Clubs roads and ditches are the most serious lake health issue with a 50% vote. Second, third, and fourth place were geese, clear cutting, and weeds and algae respectively.

Again, I can't thank you enough for your comments and concerns. Developing the Five Year Plan needs everyone's input. If you can make it, please join us on June 13th at 6:30 in the community center for "Giving Back to Our Lake". We are developing three committees; Lake Plan, Water Quality, and Newsletter to help better serve the lakes needs. I hope to see you there.

Alison Bollard



REPORT FROM THE

Moosic Lakes Women's Club

As Memorial Day approaches I want to invite all the women of Moosic Lakes to join the Women's Club. This terrific organization serves as the chief fundraiser for children's activities in our community. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 7:00 to be held at the Community Center. Our purpose is great and a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing you there.

The annual Regatta will be held on Saturday, July 29th with a rain date of Sunday, July 30th. Even if you don't have children participating, I hope all members will make every effort to attend this truly fun day of activities. Remember, there is no age limit on the egg toss or watermelon eating contest.

The **annual dance** will be held on **Saturday, August 19th** at the Community Center. Please mark your calendars for this evening of fun and the best music and dancing in town!

Back by popular demand, we are working on setting a date for a **pasta dinner**. Please watch the bulletin boards for more information.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and to a delightful summer season.

Susan Hennemuth, President

Improving Our Lakes

By Joe McGraw

Our waterfront is crucial to our lake's health, acting as lungs, doormat, cafeteria, and daycare for the lake, as well as the retaining wall for the shore.

The riparian and upland zones act as our lakes doormat. This is the area 10' back from the shoreline. This area is our lakes contaminant barrier trapping fertilizers and more from entering our pristine lake waters.



The shoreline is the glue for the waterfront. The thick mix of plants, shrubs and trees forms a complex web of roots and foliage that knits the waterfront together holding the bank in place and fending off the impacts of wind, rain, waves, and ice.

The littoral zone is our own lakeside daycare. This is the area from the shoreline out until you can't see the lake bottom. As much as 90% of the lakes species pass through or live in this area.

Nature vs. grass. Many residents think a grass lawn is a thing of beauty. However, as much as 90% of the rain falling on a natural terrain is absorbed into the ground while 55% of the rain falling on a grass or a hardened surface flows directly into the lake.

Suggestions:

Avoid the use of fertilizers and consider

reducing the amount of grassy areas and let nature take back just a small portion to start. Use lime which balances the soils pH and is less harmful to our lakes instead of harsh fertilizers and pesticides.

Place hardened walkways or drives with gravel, woodchips or some other absorbent material.

Clear cutting is prohibited on club property and along right of ways. Clear cut areas must be restored to their original

natural setting.

Stone wall lakefronts should be soften and regraded to a gentle 25 degree slope to allow nature to reclaim and protect the shoreline. Letting nature reclaim just a small amount of lakefront will help in the long run.

Avoid using sand which smothers spawning areas of fish, buries mayflies in their burrows, and covers vegetation. Decaying vegetation depletes oxygen and slowly kills our lakes.

Never transfer boats from lake to lake. Boat bottoms may contain plant life which can harm our lakes eco-system by introducing non-native vegetation.

Protecting our lakes should be the number one priority of every Moosic Lakes Club resident. Together we can all preserve our lakes for generations to come.

Take a Quiz about your Property



1. How many trees have been removed from your property? ____
2. How many trees have you planted? ____
3. How many trees are you going to plant? ____

Do you think you passed the quiz?

New Community Center



at
Moosic
Lakes

Moosic Lakes Club

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

Officers & Directors

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



Come see the new playground!

This publication has been produced by the Moosic Lake Club. If you have events, workshops or any information you would like to submit for the next edition, please email the information to jim.alison@verizon.net by September 15, 2006.

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, so new owners have the opportunity to learn of membership requirements, dues, bylaws, policies & will apprise the Club of property exchange. Contact the Club at 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, please contact Frank Kane at 489-2100.

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

Jefferson Twp. Police can be contacted by dialing 911

Jefferson Twp. Sewer Authority

(570) 689-9522

Jefferson Twp. Municipal Building

(570) 689-7028



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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!