



Included with this edition of the SLPOA Newsletter are the 2017 ballot for the election of the (3) open Board of Directors positions, a pre-addressed envelope to mail your ballot to Appletree Management, the POA 2016-2017 profit and loss statement and balance sheet, plus a flyer about the 2017 Swim Team.

SLPOA President's Report **By Chip Dingman**

In 2016 - 2017 we accomplished numerous projects such as; paving one mile of roads, replacing 8 road culverts, and making the last payments on both the SLPOA dump truck and the road materials shed. We also purchased a new Kubota tractor (with interest free payments) that already has saved us money for mixing and loading winter road materials. The tractor will be used for many other projects in the community that we would have had to either rent or subcontract out at a significant cost.

This year we will be finishing the paving of both Wild Meadow and Midlake Drives, replacing road culvert pipes, line and parking lot painting, numerous pothole repairs, cleaning the culvert ditches just to mention a few improvements slated for this year.

This past year we had 57 houses change ownership many of which were foreclosures that are now home owners in good standing. This is a substantial amount as most other communities are not moving even half of this amount.

I bring this to your attention to show that Sunrise Lake continues to improve and both the Real Estate Investors and private owners are looking at Sunrise Lake as a place to own.

The Board of Directors and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to the many events scheduled for this year.

Election Information

The **Meet the Candidates** meeting will be held on July 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent's Church.

All ballots must be received either by Appletree Management or placed in the locked ballot box at the SLPOA office no later than the end of the **Membership Election Meeting** to be held at St. Vincent's Church on July 22, 2017 beginning at 10 a.m. Ballots will be counted by Appletree Management at the SLPOA office immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

Please vote – Every vote counts!

2017 Community Yard Sale **By John Jamieson**

This year's Yard Sale saw decent but not perfect weather. There were about 25 sellers with a wide variety of items. Lots of youngsters were having fun during the sale and a good number of lookers and buyers showed up. We had expanded parking and tried some new traffic patterns. At the end of the sale, the field was left clean and everyone received their deposit back. Thank you to all who participated.

2017 Dumpster Day **By John Jamieson**

About 130 vehicles came to discard a wide variety of stuff. County Waste provided the disposal this year; using compacting trucks instead of dumpsters, providing 2 dumpsters for metal and recycling plus 3 extra workers to help. The line moved along well until the trucks had to go to the dump to empty and come back. There was about a half hour wait due to the Memorial Day back up at the dump. After that all went smoothly. At about 12:30 the trucks were full and we had to end the day. Everyone seemed happy with this community service.

Check out our newly organized bulletin boards located by the mailboxes. Included are local advertising, SLPOA community events as well as area happenings plus important general information.

Upcoming Events 2017

June 24 – Beginning of Summer Bash at the Pool, 2-7 p.m.

July 1 – Meet the Candidates, St. Vincent's Church, 10 a.m.

July 22 – Membership Election Meeting, St. Vincent's Church, 10 a.m.

September 2 - End of Summer Bash at the Pool, 2-7 p.m.

October 28 - Trunk or Treat

Dec 9 - Tree Lighting,

Nov/Dec - Toy and Food Drive, House Decoration Contest

The Events Committee is discussing possible plans for a July Casino trip, August Amusement Park bus trip, September bus trip to the Bronx Zoo and December Bus trip to NYC for dinner and a show. The Events Committee meets the third Thursday of the month. If you have suggestions or would like to help with any of these events come to the meeting or contact Mike DePeri at mike@sunriselake.org.

For the most up to date information check the calendar at www.sunriselake.org.

Fishing 2017 by Walter Tomilowicz

It's that time for fishing, the weather is changing and our community lakes are in good shape. Water temperature is fine and the fish are waiting for you. Some ideas and hints for you, check out your equipment: make sure your rod, reel and new line are working so you won't lose the big one! If you have a boat make sure the PA and SLPOA stickers are updated. (No gas engines in the lakes) and finally if you are sixteen years or older you must have a PA Fishing License renewed every year. P.S. use live bait this time of year and most important – Have Fun!

The Lake Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, come to the meeting or contact me at walter@sunriselake.org.

Gardening for Biodiversity

By Kris Frillmann

"In wildness is the preservation of the world" (Henry David Thoreau, 1862). As gardeners, we are just beginning to understand how choosing native plants and minimizing habitat destruction sustains our native wildlife, protecting it -- and eventually us! -- from extinction. Native plants are those which existed in North America before settlement by Europeans; PA and its neighboring states have their own native species. Alien, or exotic, plants evolved on other continents. Attractive, hardy, sometimes even deer resistant, alien plants, which include many of our most popular ornamentals, offer little or nothing to sustain our native birds, bees, butterflies and larger creatures. Many are invasive, grow aggressively, and displace native plant species. Japanese barberry is a prime example.

Three excellent sources on gardening for biodiversity, all available in the Pike County Public Library, are [Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants](#) (Douglas W. Tallamy, 2007); [A Gardener's Guide to Native Plants of Northeastern Pennsylvania](#) (Geoffrey Mehl, 2011); and [H](#)

Hobby Corner

Model Railroading

Why I like model railroads:

History is one of the reasons I enjoy the hobby of model railroads. Trains have been around since before the Civil War and have been involved in the building and growth of our country. There are hundreds of books and periodicals on the history of trains and model railroading.

I like recreating the colorful engines and freight cars of the past. The miniature modeling of scenery and buildings in and around the tracks lets you be creative and recreate a realistic scene from any time era.

If you are interested in model railroading, contact me, John Jamieson, at 570 409 6753.

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