

PAULINSKILL LAKE ASSOCIATION



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

Notes from the President

Jeff LoCascio

Another Spring is upon us in the PLA. While the usual preparations for the upcoming summer season are on-going, I want to thank a number of people for some exceptional help and acting on new ideas. The outpouring of support and volunteerism is heartwarming this year and reminds me why the community we live in is so great. We kicked off the season with a fantastic egg hunt. While the event was postponed by a week due to weather, we couldn't ask for a better day on the day of the event. Mitch and Gretchen Mayer organized an event enjoyed by all ages and I'd especially like to thank the DeWaal family, Choma family and the Easter Bunny for helping. The next major event is the Chicken Barbeque. Last year's event was a great success, read further in the newsletter to learn more about this year's event. As with any event, your involvement is what makes for a great time. Please contact Mitch (entertainment@paulinskilllake.com) to learn how you can help out. We've also been working on grounds maintenance and improvement projects this spring. Starting with the entrance of our community on Paulinskill Lake Road, thanks to David Williams, Aaron Westra, and Jack Choma for upgrades of the flag, flag illumination light, brush clearing and planting box on the sign. The enhanced look should make us all proud. Let's wait to see what the phantom planter has in store for us this year. You've likely noticed a significant restoration effort on the docks at Beach 2. This work has been completed by the generous donation of time and materials by members and friends of the community. Thank

you to Steve Dalling, Jeff Woersching, Rich Amabile, David Williams, David Dougherty, Mitch Mayer, Tom Williver, Mike Grablutz, Jason Grablutz, Aaron Westra, Kevin Buggy, Warren Holste and the Blair Crew members who all assisted with the tear down and/or reassembly of the docks. Beyond physical improvements, your

Join us at the
PLA CHICKEN BBQ!
May 28th 2:30-6:30pm

\$10 adults
\$5 children 6-12
children 5 and under FREE

Games /Prizes for the Kids throughout the afternoon.

Kicking off the day with "Kids Fishing Contest" May 28 Starting at 9:30am-1pm

More details will be posted on the PLA website

Board of Trustees continues to look for ways to improve the processes supporting and communicating with you, our neighbors. As we've transitioned to bookkeeping at North Jersey Property Management, we've enabled the ability to collect payment of dues by credit card. Based on the number of payments, this seems to

be a welcomed option. Please be aware that to avoid passing any fees on to the association, a convenience fee of \$9.95 is charged when paying by credit card. This is the only fee and there are no hidden fees to the association or non-credit card paying members. Speaking of fees, to tackle the problem of excessive postage, badges are now being distributed as flat tags that can be attached to your keychain, lanyards or other ways that you may come up with. This simple change is saving the association over \$2.00 per mailing to our members. Additionally, Kimberly Williams and Tom Williver just hosted the first personal distribution event for the year. Please keep an eye on the website (www.paulinskilllake.com) and read Kimberly's article in this newsletter for more information on badges and badge distribution. For each and every activity mentioned above, communication is key. As a board, we're looking for better ways to proactively push information to you. Please review Kori's information about a new approach. The board has chosen to set up a text notification service and leverage the www.paulinskilllake.com as the primary means of communicating information out to you, the members. We're pushing to add more, useful information starting Michele Boyce's enhancement of the membership related information for new and existing members, alike.

Please keep an eye on the website for Michele's upcoming improvements and read Kori's article about how to subscribe to the notification service. Once subscribed the board will use the website to communicate events and information and remind you to check via a simple text

message. As I write these notes, it is clear to me that there is a lot of change going on in the PLA. I sincerely hope you, the members see the change as positive and valuable. I am also aware that with change there are sometimes hiccups as new processes are implemented and tested. If you see anything that causes you concern or you want to comment on success, PLEASE contact any board member through their email address (contained in the newsletter) to let us know how we're doing. If there is one address to remember, please remember president@paulinskilllake.com Along with the rest of the board, I am committed to making sure your voice is heard. Looking forward to the next weeks and months, keep an eye out for your board and friends preparing for additional

activities such as the chicken barbeque, swim lessons and recreational camp to name a few. Your board will also be actively planning for the annual meeting, more on that topic in the next newsletter. Before we know it, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July will be here. I'm excited about the summer season ahead of us. I'm also inspired by our member's active participation in contributing to the community, socially and physically. Please remember to get involved and thank you.

Be a part of something,

Jeff LoCascio

Get Connected!

In an effort to get real-time reminders, messages and alerts out to all of our community members, Paulinskill Lake Association has created an account with remind.com. This service will allow the board to send members text message reminders about upcoming events and other community based information (e.g. Cancellation of swim lessons due to rain or reminder regarding the Chicken BBQ.)

*I encourage all members to sign up for this service. To do so, please text **@paulins** to **81010**. This will sign you up for the service. There is no charge for signing up, however text message rates through your own carrier does apply.*

Vice President

Tom Williver

I think most of us are happy that we didn't get much snow this past winter. Spring finally has sprung and everything is starting to green up nicely.

Soon the Buoy Crew will be setting up the ski course in preparation for a beautiful skiing and boating season. If you get a chance to get out on our beautiful lake please be mindful of swimmers, kayakers, crew boats and other boaters. Thanks to a few members volunteering their time and effort the docks at Beach 2 should be finished being renovated soon.

The PLA is looking for members to form a long term planning committee so that we can continue to make our community a great place to live. If you are interested in serving on a committee or have any ideas on how to make our community better please contact myself (vp@paulinskilllake.com) or Jeff Locascio (president@paulinskilllake.com).

Have a safe and great summer.

Environment

Cindy Tracey

Please clean up after your dog. Have your septic pumped this year if your house is an even number. Please consider not applying fertilizer to your lawns, what is on the ground goes into the lake.

Please do not feed the bear intentionally or not it is not the right thing to do, eventually these fed bears become a nuisance and will be destroyed.

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Boating Information

Cindy Tracey

Please submit your paperwork for the 2016 stickers. If you registered in 2015 and are not adding or subtracting vessels send in the short form with a copy of your NJ registration. If I have your driver's license on file I do not need another copy. Skiing hours are Weekdays 10:00am to sunset, Weekends and holidays 12:00 noon until sunset. Sunset as of July 1, 2016 is 8:31 and the days are getting shorter so by August no one should be skiing after 8:15 P.M..

All skiers must begin at the Start/ Stop and turn only at designated buoys, unless retrieving a fallen skier. No donuts around the buoys.

When more than one boat are using the course maintain a distance of at least 1000 feet between boats.

Do not pass a fallen skier unless someone from that boat signals you to pass.

All watercraft operating in the area of the ski course during skiing hours which are not engaged in waterskiing shall stay as far right as possible.

Watch your wake, slow speed (between 5 MPH and 18MPH) will raise a large wake. Above 18 MPH the wake is smaller. Large wakes are a substantial contributor to the lake silting up. Large wakes cause the sediment from the shallow parts to move to the deeper parts of the lake. Slow down or speed up.

Let's keep Paulinskill Lake safe for all boaters and property owners.

Stillwater Township is looking to hire a crossing guard for Ridge Road. Interested applicants should contact Linda at the Stillwater Township Municipal Building 973-383-9484.

Beaches

Tracey Coombs

I think everyone is excited to get this summer started, I saw some eager beach go-ers and swimmers in the lake in Mid-April! We are looking forward to a fun filled summer with many activities and special events planned! Please take a moment to cut out the list of dates below. Check our website often for upcoming events and feel free to stop at the beach and ask any of the lifeguards for more details. You can email me at beaches@paulinskilllake.com to sign up for camp, swimming lessons, tennis

lessons or synchronized swimming. (see last page of newsletter for sign up form) Or, as in the past sign up at the beaches with any guard. We are considering some changes to the tennis program, depending on the level of interest. I'd like to offer a tennis camp as well as small group and possibly private lessons. There would be an additional fee for the lessons, taught by one of our high school coaches and assisted by some current high school players. Stay tuned for more details!

June 11 Beach clean-up & set up. Join us at 9:00, coffee and bagels included

June 12 Beaches open for the season

June 14 Senior citizen summer supper. Beach 2, 6:00. Please rsvp to 862-354-3606 or beaches@paulinskilllake.com

June 20 Meeting for all interested in synchronized swimming. Beach 1, 6:00

June 27 Synchro practice begins (exact schedule determined by which group your child is in)

July 5 Swimming lessons begin, testing at 10:00 for class placement. (Mon – Thurs for 3 weeks)

July 5-8 Tentative tennis camp 9:00-12:00

July 11 Summer rec camp begins. Mon-Thurs. 12:30-4:00 (There will be three weeks, sign up for one two or all three) * * additional fee \$25 members, \$35 guests

July 21 Swim lesson awards and ice cream party.

July 30 Swim day (games, relays, races, and the always popular greased watermelon!) 10:00
Beach 1

Aug. 6 Synchronized swim show and dinner. 5:00, Beach 1

Aug. 28 Beach clean up

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2016 Badges

Kimberly Williams

All properties that are current with their membership dues will receive 2 "member badges" in the mail from North Jersey Property Management Company. Typically, badges are issued starting April 15th for the pending season - providing membership dues are paid in full. Then, badges are mailed out as membership dues are paid and processed. This process takes typically 10 business days; so, plan accordingly!! Remember, the early bird gets the worm! Also, each property in "good standing" is allowed to purchase up to 6 guest badges for \$2.00 each and up to 4 family badges for those 12 years and older living within the household for \$2.00 each. Please consider including your additional badge fee in with your annual membership fee to save on shipping/handling. Checks are to be mailed to North Jersey Property Management made out to P.L.A. with a clear note stating 1) Members name (name on the deed) and property location 2) Contact phone number 3) Number of badges requested (separated by # of Family and # of

Guest) 4) Payment in full by check (*) (*) You may pay by Credit Card; but, be aware of the convenience fee of \$9.95 per transaction. Your request will be processed typically in 10 business days. If you are a renter; please contact your landlord for badges. They are the only ones who are allowed to order badges for the property. If your badges are lost or stolen; please contact us immediately for replacement. There may be a replacement charge. If you have recently purchased a home in the community and the badges were not surrendered at the closing; please contact us immediately in order to have badges issued. Badges are not issued automatically. Please email finance@paulinskilllake.com with questions or concerns. Account balance and accounting questions should be directed to North Jersey Property Management attn. Heather. Please remember to display your badge while on P.L.A. property... Be proud to show you are a part of this great community!!!!

Membership

Michele Boyce

We would like to extend a huge welcome our newest members: Andrew Moore, Mavor Morgan, Julio Ralda, William Furo, Robert Lasala, Katie's House, Inc, Benjamin & Sarah Perramant, John & Abbee Brandsema and Hristos Kaltsas. We wish you many years of making great memories in our lake community!

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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars....

Chicken BBQ:	May 28 th
Adult Luau:	June 18 th
Tennis Tournament:	September 2016
Pumpkin Float/Carving:	October 29th

Beaches Sign Up Form

Please email the following information to Beaches@paulinskilllake.com or mail to PLA, PO Box 71, Newton, NJ 08960

Parents Name/Address/Phone Number/email

Please include children's names and ages.

Please include any and all areas of interest:

Swimming lesson - Tennis lessons - Tennis camp - Synchro - Summer Rec. week 1 2 3

Let's go green! If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please sign up at www.paulinskilllake.com.

