

PAULINSKILL LAKE ASSOCIATION



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2015

Notes from the President

Jeff LoCascio

As I completed our outdoor preparations for the Winter a few weekends ago, I reflected on another Summer gone by. We were lucky to have both beautiful weather this Summer as well as a wonderful and fairly warm Fall. I hope all of you took the time to enjoy this beautiful community we are lucky enough to call home. We had our 2nd Community Clean Up Day and it was a huge success. Special attention was given to the dam area in preparation for our 10 Year Dam Inspection. Although we do not have the final report at this time preliminary reports looked good. As you know I'm not particularly fond of the "S" word but please remember when the snow falls, as it inevitably will, a few actions will help our snow removal teams be as efficient and cost effective as possible. To allow plows to effectively clear the roads, please do not park vehicles on the side of the road. Also, do not plow or shovel snow into the roads as it can lead to ice buildup and plows must make another pass to clear this material. Last, for future seasons, as the leaves fall please remember that part of what makes our community beautiful is the upkeep of our property and the lake. Please make sure when blowing leaves that you, or your landscaper, do not blow leaves into the lake. The Sheriff's Office was kind enough to send a SLAP team out to address some of the graffiti under the bridge.

They did a great job and hopefully this partnership will continue. This fall saw the arrest of several people responsible for some of the more pervasive graffiti in this area. We are grateful to the NJ State Police and the Sheriff's Office for their attention to this matter. Remember if you see something, say something. Report any criminal activity on PLA grounds to the police. I look forward to seeing many of you at PLA events in the coming months. Be warm, be well and enjoy your winter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Activities planned for 2015

(all dates are tentative)

- *The Spring Egg Hunt* -Sat, March 21st
- *The PLA Small Frye Fishing Contest*-Sat, May 16
- *The Adult Luau*-Sat, June 20
- *The PLA High Noon Triathlon*-Sun, Aug 30
- *The Pumpkin Float*-Sat, Oct 17
- *Christmas Caroling*-Sat, Dec 12

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Entertainment

Lisa Hanna

The PLA High Noon Triathlon was held on Monday, September 1st. and once again, we enjoyed beautiful weather. It's always a good time and so nice to socialize with other members of the Community. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a Potluck dinner together at Beach 2. A big "thank you" to all who helped with the planning and execution of this event...including the participants!

The PLA Pumpkin Float was held on October 18th at Beach 1. We had approximately 50 people present....which I believe is an all time high....at least within recent memory! Surprisingly, we had many less Jack O' Lanterns than we've enjoyed in previous years! There were a total of 12. My thanks to the Shore family, the Choma family, the LoCascio family, the Williver family, the Kepnes family, the Williams family and all who helped with this event.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will have already enjoyed the Christmas Caroling at Paulinskill Lake. I want to extend my "Thank you" to Kevin Hanna and Jeff LoCascio for stringing the lights at Beach 1 and to the Dalling family for providing the transportation for our Caroling night.

As you may already be aware, I am stepping down from my position as Trustee in charge of Entertainment. I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of the people (individuals and

families) who have so willingly given of their time and talents to help me over the last few years. It's a wonderful feeling to belong to a Community in which there are so many who are willing to pitch in and help to make lasting memories for all!

Please remember to consult the PLA Newsletter and/or our website to keep up on the latest information regarding events and activities happening in our Lake community.

And a few notes from our incoming Trustee in Charge of Entertainment, Tracey de Waal...

I am very excited to be taking over Entertainment! In addition to the fun filled events we have had in the past I look forward to adding new traditions and maybe bringing back some old ones! In order to have a fun filled calendar I will need some help- I would like to form some committees- Many hands make light work. Please email me if you would like to help. My email is dewaal.tracey@gmail.com. Here is to a fun filled 2015!!!

Buildings and Grounds

Jeff Gardner

Well now that the warmer weather is gone and winter is here the season of fun in the sun has come to an end and most of buildings and grounds is taken care of there is not too much to report on. Come spring there will be more beach

sand delivered and spread, the playgrounds will see new mulch, and a new barbecue grill will be installed at the ball field along with a spring clean up of the areas, we are always looking for help for enhancing our community. The work weekends will resume in the spring and as always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me. Happy new year!

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Environment

Cindy Tracey

Please clean up after your dog. Stillwater now has E Waste collection at the Recycling center. Do not feed the bears and deer. 812 pounds of trash was collected during the cleanup of the Paulinskill this spring. Thank you!

Leaf Etiquette

There have been many complaints about leaves this fall. Property owners blowing leaves from their property into the lake. Property owners blowing their leaves across roads onto vacant lots. Property owners blowing leaves onto other properties.

We need to be considerate with our leaves. There are many options. You can bag up your leaves and take them to SCMUA in Lafayette (Passenger type vehicles (i.e. automobiles, minivans, SUV's) shall not be charged for diminimus amounts of leaves, brush and lawn clippings. Any vehicles with two (2) or less barrels/bags (up to 110 gals/pounds) of leaves, brush or lawn clippings shall be determined as diminimus amounts and shall not be charged for disposal.) Another option is to build a compost

bin on your property to hold the leaves until they break down into compost. All you need are some posts and wire fencing. You gather your leaves up, put them into the bin and they break down quickly. You can then use the compost around your plants in the spring.

Blowing leaves into the lake causes phosphate buildup in the lake bed which causes additional weed growth. Yes leaves will naturally blow in due to the wind, but we should not be adding to this amount (and if you confine your leaves even less will naturally blow in by the wind.) Blowing leaves onto your neighboring properties (whether vacant or not) just creates work for someone else to do. And "the wind" is apt to blow them back to your property. There is also a fine in Stillwater for blowing the leaves onto state owned land, should you upset a neighbor and they turn you in.

We all need to be thoughtful of our neighbors and our lake., Snow etiquette Please do not clear your driveway by throwing your snow into the cleared roadway. I have driven down East End Road after storms and experienced this firsthand.

Membership

Lori Schutte

Please join me in welcoming the newest members of the PLA Community: Allen & Barbara Burton, Boris Markman & Larisa Niss and Debra Huddleston.

In 2014 we had 14 new families join us. We hope that all of you enjoy the beauty of 'winter at the lake'.

If you have any questions regarding your membership, feel free to give me a call.

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Ski and Boat Club

Cindy Tracey

Once again Paulinskill will require yearly registrations for all Boats, Kayaks, Canoes, Peddleboats, Paddleboards Pontoons ,Rafts and any other vessels used in the lake. We will have two different stickers, one for PLA members and one for the Campground people. Please go to the PLA Ski and Boat website and download the forms (paulinskillskiandboatclub). Please include the hull numbers for Kayaks, Canoes and Peddleboats. State registrations are required for all vessels 12 feet and over (not Kayaks Canoes and rowing hulls) include a copy with the forms. Everyone operating a power vessel needs to include a copy of their NJ boat operators license with the registration form. Please read the rules for operating boats on Paulinskill Lake.

We all need to know the rules and follow the rules to keep Paulinskill Lake a safe and fun place to be. The Ski and Boat Club offers several activities throughout the season for the community to participate in. Movies on the beach, Chili cook-off and boat parade to name a few. The Ski and Boat Club accepts donations, \$15.00 per year per family to keep these activities going. Please consider donating to this club especially if you participate in the above activities. I would like to thank Dave Williams for his hard work keeping the Ski and Boat Club going. Dave sets up the course and takes it down at the end of the season. He is responsible for the movies and Chili cook-off.

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