



# PAULINSKILL LAKE

Fall Newsletter 2016

## Notes From the President

### Jeff Locascio

As summer begins to come to a close, I reflect on the true meaning and purpose of our association. It is one word - community. I read one of the Merriam-Webster definitions, "a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society". I realize that I don't have to go any further than a trip to the dam on a Saturday afternoon to see a vibrant community in action.

Just the other day, a look up the lake revealed boaters socializing, skiing and otherwise having fun, while our fantastic life-guards remained vigilant over many members, old and young, swimming and sunning at the beaches. I looked behind me and I saw a family celebrating a graduation party at the ball field. I couldn't help but to think, "what a wonderful, active community we live in". I felt lucky to live and raise my family here!

As the Board of Trustees we remain focused on serving you, our community members. We depend on successful processes of the past while also looking for new innovative ways to better serve you. Sometimes change goes really well, for instance Mitch has both

reinvigorated long standing events and continues to generate new ideas for entertainment, while tried and true processes helped Cindy manage work with vendors to keep our lake algae free through one of the toughest summer's weather conditions in many years. However, some efforts don't work as well as expected. The processes that were implemented in January to assist our Treasurer and Financial Secretary deliver excellent services didn't match to what the board of trustees defined or expected. Yes, we can now accept Credit Cards but we're not where we want to be with Customer Service. We will continue to tune these processes to meet and exceed standards set in the past to best serve you, our Community.

**I hope to see you all on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting. The meeting will convene at 7PM in the Stillwater School Cafeteria.**

## Board Members

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# **Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Stillwater School.**

Our community's 2016 annual Fall meeting is scheduled for **September 17, 2016 at 7 pm**. Your presence and vote is extremely important, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

There are five (5) agenda items requiring membership vote:

1. Approval of the 2017 Proposed Operational Budget.
2. Authorize spend of \$5,000 from our Dam Account in support of the 2016 Biannual Dam inspection and update of the Emergency Action Plan. The current balance of the Dam Account is \$11,689
3. Authorize spend of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 from our Shared Reserve fund in support of the resolution of legacy sales tax obligations. The current balance of the Shared Reserve fund is \$69,887.
4. Approval to relocate gates at Beach One (1) to be closer to Paulinskill Lake Road
5. Election of Officers and Trustees.
  - a. There are three (3) officer positions and two (2) trustee positions up for election this year. Two committee chair positions will need to be filled by our trustees:
    - i. Beaches
    - ii. Environmental
  - b. The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for the following positions.
    - i. Vice President – Scott Douglas
    - ii. Financial Secretary
      1. Kimberly Williams
    - iii. Corresponding Secretary
      1. Sara Bartlett
      2. Terrie Defabritis
    - iv. Two (2) Trustees
      1. Tracey Coombs
      2. Cindy Tracey

- c. In addition to the following nominees please note that any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor at the night of the annual meeting.

Legacy Sales Tax:

While the PLA is a NJ Non-profit organization, it is still required to pay sales tax / use tax for services such as snow plowing and landscaping. Execution of the approved accounting review identified a finding related to unmet State Sales and Use tax obligations associated with snow removal. The PLA's accountant is currently working on our behalf to navigate the Voluntary Disclosure process with the State of New Jersey. We are hopeful that voluntary participation through this program may help us to limit negative consequences of missing these payments. However, since sales tax was not paid for many years we are assured that we will owe the State a significant amount of money. The current best estimate from our accountant for a settlement is approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. If we are not that fortunate, the Board will convene a special meeting of the membership when there is more information.

Beach One Gate Renovation:

The gate to the Beach One, lower parking lot is in need of renovation. The gate is difficult to open and in need of mechanical repair. The board is proposing a reconfiguration of the gate. The reconfiguration will move the gate closer to Paulinskill Lake Road and limit the number of cars that can be parked outside of the gate, after hours. The Board of Trustees would like to share the plans, discuss impact and vote whether or not to move forward with the reconfiguration. This item will be addressed from the Buildings and Grounds operational budget.

## Request for Feedback:

The board would like to gather feedback on future capital improvement projects. With direction from the membership a committee will be formed to research nominated projects and prepare for the approval process, culminating at next years annual meeting. A few current ideas are

1. Improved boat docking at Beach Two
2. Installation of docks at Beach One
3. Exploring elastomeric solutions to resurface the tennis courts
4. Playground Rehabilitation

Please come to the meeting with your vision for capital improvements.

## Candidates for Elected Positions

### Vice President

#### *Scott Douglas*

Scott and his wife Moira, moved to Paulinskill Lake in the summer of 1994. Since 1994, they have welcomed four children. They have all attended Stillwater Elementary and continued on to KRHS. Currently his eldest children attend SCCC and Appalachian State University, while his younger two finish up at KRHS. Scott worked at Schering-Plough Research Institute from 1989 to 2007 and now works for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Scott would like to bring a new set of eyes from an established resident to the PLA based on his experiences and community needs

### Financial Secretary

#### *Kimberly Williams*

Kimberly Williams, married to Dave Williams lives on South Shore Terrace for 18 years but in the lake community for 47 years. My day job is with a local Municipal Government office with includes the Finance and Building departments. I volunteer with 2 local non-profits so I understand working within a budget and with a team. I enjoy being involved with the community and helping it thrive. My hobbies are kayaking, cooking, making wine and enjoying my pontoon boat on the Paulinskill Lake.

### Corresponding Secretary

#### *Sara Bartlett*

Sara Bartlett has been a part of our community for 3 years now and is looking forward to being involved with the board. Sara is married to longtime resident Michael Young, also known as the pumpkin man, carving 100 pumpkins every Halloween! Sara grew up in NJ, graduated from Ohio University with a BFA in theatre and has lived in California, Ohio and Indiana where she raised her two children Audra & Chaz. She current teaches and directs at Veritas Christian Academy in Sparta.

#### *Terrie DeFabritis*

Hi my name is Terrie DeFabritis, I am a member in good standing and have been a member of this community for most of the time since 1961. I grew up here in the lake and have raised my six children along with some of my grandchildren. I live here with my partner Bill, my two teenage grandsons, my daughter Terrisa & her son. I have been very active in the community as a parent, EMT/firefighter and neighbor. I am retired and finding I

have more time these days as I am a life member in most of the organizations I belong to, I feel I would be a good candidate as a corresponding secretary and/or trustee chair person. I have many of the skills needed to be proficient in same.

I am a 25 year EMT who has served as secretary, lieutenant and captain; 18 year firefighter/fire police, who has served as fundraising committee/membership; ex-fire police commissioner, currently serving as treasurer/finance officer and have many other trainings and certifications.

Most of my background is volunteer and I would like to spend some of my time giving to my home community.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to the opportunity of working together with all of you

## **Trustee Positions**

### *Cindy Tracey*

Hi, my name is Cindy Tracey. I have lived at Paulinskill Lake for 31 years. I am married and have three kids, three dogs and three parrots. I have been the environmental trustee for many years and would like to continue serving this great community. Thank you.

### *Tracey Coombs*

I grew up here at Paulinskill enjoying the lake, the beaches and all that our community had to offer. My husband Dave & I love that we have been able to raise our three kids here as well. I have been the trustee in charge of beaches and recreation for the past three years. It's been a pleasure working with our outstanding lifeguard team and helping them to plan and facilitate a summer of fun filled activities. I hope to continue to serve the community in this role.

## **Beaches**

### **Tracey Coombs**

As we wrap up another beautiful summer here at the lake I'd like to thank our lifeguard team of Marissa, Heidi, Blair, Dylan, Shawn, Nick, Sarah, Gabby and Molly, for a job well done! Many kids enjoyed the summer rec program this year with Marissa and Michelle. They played a lot of games, did some crafts, scavenger hunts and plenty of swimming! Once again Blair and the girls did a fantastic job at the synchronized swim show. All the hours of practice paid off with a terrific performance followed by a delicious pot luck dinner for all. Swim day was rescheduled due to weather, but the families who made it had a blast! We

saw some outstanding sand castles in the competition, a little bit of strategy in the orange scramble, close competition in the long jump and of course the greased watermelon finale. A highlight for some was the tennis camp. It was amazing to see how quickly some of the kids progressed! I think we'll have some future tennis stars coming out of this program. If you missed any of these fun activities be sure to check the calendar for next year. As fun as all the activities were the best part of summer was seeing so many families and friends just relaxing at the beach, visiting with each other and enjoying the lake.

## **New Ways To Stay Connected!**

Find us on Facebook.... Now listed as Paulinskill Lake Association

Receive Text message reminders regarding upcoming events and happenings via the remind.com app. To sign up text the message @paulins to 81010

## **Environmental**

### **Cindy Tracey**

Please pick up after your dog, it is the law and your neighbors appreciate it.

Please keep your trash in bear proof cans, no plastic bags put out for collection, they are not bear proof. If we allow the bears to get into our garbage they will become nuisance bears and need to be destroyed.

At the time I write this letter the weather has been great and the water perfect.

Boating news:

If you have not registered your boats, kayaks, canoes, pontoons etc. please do so. Just email me at: [environment@paulinskilllake.com](mailto:environment@paulinskilllake.com)

I will email the forms to you and you can then fill out the forms and email them back to me.

## **Mark your Calendars! Upcoming Events**

*Beach Clean Up August 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Annual Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm*

*Tennis Tournament September 2016 (details to be announced)*

*Pumpkin Float October 29th*

## **Membership**

### **Michelle Boyce**

New to Paulinskill Lake? You're invited to come a few minutes early to the Annual Meeting on 9/17 to meet some of the board members. Welcome to the community!

*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.*

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*A special thank you to Plow & Hearth for donating the beautiful table and chairs now located on Beach 2*

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