April 2023 Lakemont Farms Newsletter



Lakemont Farms Website: https://lakemontfarms.info/

President's Report

Hi Neighbors!

Hope all is well with everyone. Spring has sprung!

Activities

The activities committee has been hard at work planning many community functions for all ages. There are really too many to list here, so please check out the LF website for dates and details.

We continue to work behind the scenes getting bids together and moving forward on our 2023 budget projects like improving the community entrance, spur roads, the tennis/Pickleball courts and the installation of a playground.

Playground

We have contracted, ordered and made a deposit for a safe, ADA approved, commercial grade playground. Details of this project were sent in a special emailing and discussed again at the recent March board meeting. Unfortunately because of product availability the installation will not be installed until late July.

Tennis/Pickleball Court Resurfacing

We are still searching for contractors and looking at alternative methods to repair or replace the tennis court surface.

Pools

Last Fall we had all of the faded, red warning surface markings re-painted but in a few weeks we have scheduled painters to put the second coat on the pool bottom. Weather permitting, we will be opening the pool on schedule.

As a separate project, repairs to the plumbing for the various vacuum and return lines at the toddler pool has been scheduled for early this month. Once the plumbing is corrected, our filtration and chlorination system will be upgraded to meet new Allegheny County health department requirements for a toddler pool and will be opened as soon as possible.

White Wooden Fences

A survey was recently sent out via email to solicit preferences for the repair or replacement of the wooden fences around the neighborhood. The responses showed no real favorite so the board has decided to contract for a painter to clean and paint all of the white fences in the community this Spring.

Clubhouse

If you've been to our clubhouse recently you may have noticed some changes in the way of acoustic improvements. This recent project included hanging sound absorbing drapes, attaching acoustic panels to the walls and the posting of many "vintage" Lakemont photos to soften the noise and add focal points of interest. Dimmer and remote switches were added, And coat hooks were moved to more convenient locations.

Pond

We attended a meeting with South Fayette Township management and engineers. As a result of the meeting they agreed to leverage their contacts in other departments of the PA DEP to seek some assistance with our issue. We have contacted our local state representatives for any assistance that may be available on their part.

We surveyed the neighborhood recently to inquire of creating a riparian (natural) buffer around the pond. Based on 108 responses the reply was about sixty percent for the barrier and around forty percent to leave it as it is now. Since we are not yet sure what we will have to do to the dam, and the related DEP requirements, the board decided to table the issue until sometime in the future.

The yellow "goose away" solar powered light bulb was replaced free of charge.

Due to an injury to one of the wildlife biologists from the PA Game Commission, at another banding site, the duck banding was canceled.

Due to non-residents fishing at the pond, especially with the opening of trout season in early April, we are requiring that any resident or guest that wants to enjoy this amenity will have to wear a Lakemont Farms fishing pass lanyard. We will be providing these for anyone that wants one **FREE OF CHARGE**. Wearing the lanyard is the easiest way to identify permitted fishermen. Please do not approach any non-residents if they are not wearing a lanyard. We have an agreement with the SF police department that they will handle the situation at our request.

That's all for now. There will be additional presentations at the monthly members meetings for various major projects as we proceed so your attendance is important to our overall success. We will advise you of any special meeting dates and keep you posted on the progress of each project throughout the year.

Although we normally do not have a board meeting in April we will indeed have one on April 25 at 6:30. I hope to see you there!

Kindest regards,

Bob Fickley

Upcoming Activities

When?	What?	Where?	Extra Info	
Every Tuesday 10am	Pickleball - Ladies	Tennis Court	RSVP: Nancy Provil at 412-292-0925 or nprovil@verizon.net to get added to the email chain	
Every Tuesday & Thursday 3pm	Pickleball	Tennis Court	RSVP: Pat Mangus at 412-600-9446 or patrickmangus@gmail.com to get added to the email chain	
Every Wednesday 1pm	Lakemont Game Day Mah Jongg featured	Clubhouse	RSVP: Nancy Provil at 412-292-0925 or nprovil@verizon.net	
Sunday, April 2nd 4pm Egg Hunt 4:20pm Egg Drop 4:45pm Games & Coloring 5:00pm Nuggets, Mac, Salad	Family Easter Social	Clubhouse	\$10 donation per family Click here to RSVP: Questions: Megan Kauffman at 412-352-9912 or megankauffman@gmail.com	
Thursday, April 6th 1pm	Original Book Club	Clubhouse	RSVP: Nancy Provil at 412-292-0925 or nprovil@verizon.net	
Tuesday, April 11th 12:30pm (new time)	Lunch Bunch	Cucina Bella (Lesnett Rd)	RSVP: Lynne Johnson at lkj212@comcast.net	
Wednesday, April 18th 6:30pm	Grounds Committee Meeting	Clubhouse	All Welcome! RSVP: Freda Dempster at 412-580-2536 or goldenpond30@yahoo.com	
Friday, April 19th 6:30pm	Wine-Down Friday (Bring your wine glass)	Clubhouse	Last names A-M bring appetizer Last names N-Z bring wine (\$13-15) RSVP: Lynne Johnson at lkj212@comcast.net	
Friday, April 21st 10am	Coffee, Conversation & Donuts! (Bring your own mug)	Clubhouse	RSVP: Eileen Crossey at 412-915-4375 or mimicrossey@gmail.com	
Friday, April 21st 6:30pm	After Hours Book Club (New Activity)	Clubhouse	Please bring snack to share and your drink of choice Book: "Book Lovers" -Emily Henry RSVP: Megan Kauffman at 412-352-9912 or megankauffman@gmail.com to get added to email chain	
Sunday, April 23rd 3pm	Theater Group	Carnegie Stage (25 W Main St)	Etty RSVP by April 15th: Sue Byrne at byrnesue319@gmail.com	
Tuesday, April 25th 6:30pm	HOA Board Meeting	Clubhouse	All Welcome!	
Thursday, April 27th 1pm	Lit Ladies Book Club	Clubhouse	RSVP: Sue Byrne at byrnesue319@gmail.com	
Thursday, April 27th 7pm	Paint 'n Sip (Spring scene, acrylic on canvas)	Clubhouse	Must be 21+ Supplies \$12 Limit 12 people RSVP: Freda Dempster at 412-580-2536 or goldenpond30@yahoo.com	

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