

March 2023 Lakemont Farms Newsletter



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President's Report

Hi Neighbors !

Hope all is well with everyone. Spring is just around the corner!

There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes getting designs and bids together for our 2023 budget projects. If you have been dealing with contractors lately you know the difficulty in getting someone to bid on a project but that has not deterred us from progressing with quotes.

Playground

We are still awaiting the plan from the engineering company that includes the required ADA ramp for facility access. We will provide a detailed plan and community update once we secure the plan.

Toddler Pool Reopening

Repairs to the plumbing for the various vacuum and return lines at the toddler pool has been scheduled for this month. Once the plumbing is corrected, the separate filter system will be upgraded to meet Allegheny County health department requirements for a children's pool.

Tennis/Pickleball Court Resurfacing

We are still searching for contractors for the tennis court resurfacing.

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. If you did not receive one or cannot get into the survey, please email me and I will get you a copy so that it can be completed manually.

Clubhouse Acoustics

You should notice a few changes inside our clubhouse. To improve acoustics we have installed window draperies and have ordered acoustic panels that will aid in the sound absorption, especially when there is a large gathering. There also have been many small functional and cosmetic improvements such as coat hooks and paint touch-ups.

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.

Pond

We are still in discussions with the township and PA DEP in regards to LF being in violation in regards to our pond dam. A meeting with all of the parties will be convened this month.

We are entertaining the idea to provide a riparian (natural) buffer around the pond. We would basically not cut the grass around the pond in a six foot deep ring. Details were provided in the survey that was sent out recently soliciting residents preferences. Like the white fence survey, if you need a copy please email me.

Yes, we have a lot of mallard ducks in our pond. In fact, way more than a pond of our size should support. To take advantage of this situation, wildlife biologists from the Pennsylvania Game Commission have made a request to allow them to temporarily trap and band the wild mallards. The board recently approved this request. The banding will occur sometime in the next few weeks. The ducks will be lured by bait, netted, banded and immediately released. This procedure will only take a few hours and only wild ducks will be banded and **none will be injured in the process**. You may see a decoy trap and yellow corn on the shoreline in the common area near the large concrete culvert. Please refrain from interfering with these items as they are there to temporarily lure the mallards to the area for trapping.

That's all for now.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 6:30. Please note the time change.

Kindest regards,

Bob Fickley

Upcoming Activities

When?	What?	Where?	Extra Info
Every Wednesday 1pm (EXCEPT MARCH 22)	Lakemont Game Day Mah Jongg featured	Clubhouse	RSVP: Nancy Provil at 412-292-0925 or nprovil@verizon.net
Thursday, March 2nd 1pm	Original Book Club	Clubhouse	RSVP: Nancy Provil at 412-292-0925 or nprovil@verizon.net
Sunday, March 5th 2pm	Theater Group	Old Schoolhouse Players (Hickory)	<i>December Things</i> RSVP: Sue Byrne at byrnesue319@gmail.com
Tuesday, March 14th 1pm	Lunch Bunch	Primanti Bros (Bridgeville)	RSVP: Lynne Johnson at lkj212@comcast.net
Wednesday, March 15th 6:30pm	Grounds Committee Meeting	Clubhouse	All Welcome!
Friday, March 17th 10am	Coffee, Conversation & Donuts! (Bring your own mug)	Clubhouse	RSVP: Eileen Crossey at 412-915-4375 or mimicrossey@gmail.com
Saturday, March 18th 7pm	Looney Bin Rejects Band	Clubhouse	Contact: Bob Fickley at 412-400-1138 or rfickley@gmail.com
Tuesday, March 21st 6:30pm	HOA Board Meeting	Clubhouse	All Welcome!
Thursday, March 23rd 1pm	Lit Ladies Book Club	Clubhouse	RSVP: Sue Byrne at byrnesue319@gmail.com
Friday, March 24th 6:30pm	Wine-Down Friday	Clubhouse	Bring a wine glass RSVP: Lynne Johnson at lkj212@comcast.net

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